LIVING LINE DANCE

Tuscany & Line Dance Combo

April 7th – April 17th in 2025

At a glance

Package with following benefits:

- 2 Nights Florence 4* hotel, 8 nights Montecatini Terme 4* hotel
- Airport transfers: Florence to hotel and back from Montecatini Terme-Florence Airport
- Half board (includes Italian breakfast and 3-course Italian dinner. Drinks not included)
- Guided city walk Florence with English speaking guide (about 3 hrs)
- Bus transfer to Montecatini Terme
- 3 Full Day Excursions with local English speaking guides:
 - Full day excursion by bus to Pisa and Lari. Includes a visit to a pasta factory, guided city tour in Pisa (about 2 hrs)
 - Full day excursion to Lucca and Vinci (birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci). Includes guided city tour in Lucca (about 2 hrs), an oil tasting and little snack
 - Full day excursion to Siena and to the Chianti wine region. Includes guided city tour in Siena (about 2 hrs), wine tasting and snack
- Tour guides and line dance instructors: Daniel Trepat (World Champion, choreographer and dance teacher) along with Chloe Ourties. Line dance workshops in Montecatini Terme (beginner-intermediate levels). Daniel and Chloé are your personal group guides and instructors for the entire travvel.
- Time for own activities
- Includes all local taxes, city bus permits and, local travel guides (tips not included)

Not included:

- Flights
- Entries
- Travel or health insurances
- Lunch, drinks
- Tips

Your hotels

4* Hotel Florence:

TOP location in the heart of the city. Directly in the historic center of Florence, surrounded by monuments, churches and palaces, all interesting sights within walking distance, near the Mercato di San Lorenzo.

Rooms: 55 rooms with air conditioning, minibar, soundproof windows, WiFi telephone, satellite TV and hairdryer

Facilities: lounge, bar, 24-hour reception, elevator, conference room and terrace

Coach parking: guests can get on and off at the hotel

4* Hotel Montecatini:

Family-run, just a few steps from the thermal park and a short walk from the elegant historic center of Montecatini, the hotel consists of two adjoining buildings.

Rooms: a total of 99 classically furnished rooms with air conditioning/heating, satellite TV, telephone, safe, fridge, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi

Facilities: restaurant with Tuscan and Mediterranean cuisine, bar, elevator, elegant hotel lobby with lounge area, reading room, veranda, panoramic terrace, conference and event rooms, garden, outdoor pool (seasonal)

Coach parking: unloading and loading in front of the hotel

Your Travel Company

Living Line Dance has been organizing exclusive and unique line dance trips in Europe and the United States since 2010, mainly for German, Austrian and Swiss guests. Vacations are specifically tailored for line dancers who not only love to dance, but also love to be immersed in a country's culture and flavor.

Who is Living Line Dance? Two German ladies: Daniella Fischer and Doerte Gerlach. Both have been running a publishing house since 1998 and publish the only printed line dance magazine in the world: Living Line Dance.

Living Line Dance has maintained good contacts with reliable hoteliers and organizers for many years. Daniella and Doerte have developed relationships with line dance event directors and instructors worldwide. They visit the proposed locations in advance, making sure accommodations are suitable for an unforgettable line dance vacation.

Your dance teacher and travel guides

Daniel

Daniel was born in Blanes, Spain. At 9 years old he moved to The Netherlands, started dancing in a country dance club after having seen a country line dance demonstration. His first teaching experience was in 2004 at his Mother's line dance school, moving on to teach and perform around the world under the guidance of line dance personalities Roy Verdonk, Darren Bailey and Raymond Sarlemijn. Daniel went on to compete at the highest level of line dance, winning the Megastar division on multiple occasions at the WCDF (World Country Dance Federation) World Championships. He is also the recipient of many other awards for top instructor, choreographer and line dance personality. Daniel loves to teach and share his knowledge and passion for dance with other people. Since 2011, he has accompanied almost all US tours and other Living Line Dance tours as a teacher and has acquired extensive knowledge in the supervision of groups.

Chloé

Chloé, originally from Toulouse, France, fell in love with line dancing at 12 years old after watching her mother's club demo. She began competing at 16, finding it a way to express herself and grow outside her comfort zone. Over the years, her passion for line dance has only intensified, leading her to reach the highest divisions at the GOLD organization. In 2017, she moved for 5 years to The Netherlands to pursue her Master studies in International Tourism, and train with renowned teachers like Roy Verdonk and Daniel Trepat. Chloé also started couple dancing with Daniel opening a new chapter in her dance journey. They now became life partners and travel the world together, teaching line dance workshops, training competitors, and performing shows in various dance styles. Together, they have also developed their skills in West Coast Swing and compete now in the Rising Star division.

Cost

Per Person in Double: 2899, Euro (only 2 persons in double possible) Per Person in Single: 3498, Euro

20% payment due 7 days after booking

Per Person in Double: 580, Euro Per Person in Single: 700, Euro

Balance of payment due 60 days before travel (by 02/06/25)

Per Person in Double: 2319, Euro Per Person in Single: 2798, Euro

Payment in Euro only by credit card, Apple or Google Pay

Cancellation fees

Until Feb. 6th 2025	20% cancellation fee
Feb. 7th - Feb. 21st	50% cancellation fee
Feb 22nd - March 7th	70% cancellation fee
March 8th / no show	100% cancellation fee

Flights

When booking, you can request a quote for flights. A member of staff from our US partner agency NONSTOPTRAVEL will then take care of everything for you.

If you want to book flights yourself, please make sure you wait until you receive a "GO FOR FLIGHTS" email from us. It will arrive when the minimum number of participants for the trip has been reached. Please do not book flights in advance!

Flight bookings are at your own risk. Living Line Dance will not reimburse any costs in the event of cancellation of the trip, e.g. due to forces of nature, war, political instability or similar. We recommend booking rebookable or cancelable flights.

Group size: Minimum guests: 20, Maximum 28

The trip is an exclusive trip of Living Line Dance Germany. Living Line Dance International – <u>www.your-linedance-holiday.com</u> E-Mail: <u>travel@living-linedance.de</u>

Preliminary schedule, subject to change

Sunday, April 6th /2025

Departure from the USA

Monday, April 7th 2025

Welcome to Italy! Arrival in Florence, transfer to the hotel. Dinner in a nice restaurant within walking distance of the hotel if the flight arrives early enough. Otherwise: good night to be rested tomorrow!

Tuesday, April 8th 2025

Buongiorno with a nice breakfast, followed by a welcome talk with the dance teachers and travel guides Daniel Trepat and Chloé Ourties at the hotel. The day is at leisure, after all, you have a long journey behind you! The hotel is located in the heart of Florence. Stroll around! Eat ice cream! Marvel! Admire the buildings! Try an espresso - Florence is the espresso capital of the world! Maybe a little nap? In the evening: welcome dinner with Daniel & Choé in a nice restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.

Wednesday, April 9th 2025

Check out after breakfast and start your Italian adventure. Explore Florence on foot with a local guide. The cultural metropolis and art city of Florence must be visited on every trip to Tuscany. Florence Cathedral dominates the skyline and, together with the Campanile and the Baptistery, forms one of the most incredible works of art in the world. The Palazzo Vecchio uniquely embodies the austerity and beauty of the city and the pride and stability of the Florentines. Our registered guide will show you the most interesting sights in the old town, after which there will be enough time to admire the jewelry stores on the Ponte Vecchio or enjoy an Italian coffee, for example.

In the afternoon: departure to Montecatini Terme. Dinner at the hotel and Let's Dance! A beautiful dance room for workshops and social dancing is available in the hotel for the entire time. Daniel & Chloé have prepared the first workshop and will adapt to your dance wishes.

Thursday, April 10th 2025

Dance Day No 1! Workshops in the morning and free time in the afternoon. The hotel is within walking distance of the elegant city center of Montecatini. Dinner and dance party in the evening.

Friday, April 11th 2025 - Full Day Excursion Pisa and Lari

Today is a full-day excursion to Pisa and Lari. Let yourself be seduced by the charm of the ancient maritime republic. In Pisa, we will visit the most important buildings in the Square of Miracles, such as the impressive cathedral, the Baptistery and, of course, the world-famous Leaning Tower, which is considered a landmark. Off to visit the pretty little village of Lari, nestled on a hill between cypresses, olive groves and vineyards. Have you always wanted to know how spaghetti is made? Today is your day! We'll visit the famous Martelli micro-pasta production

facility, where you'll get a fascinating insight into the processes used to turn wheat into spaghetti in a small family business.

In the evening: dinner at the hotel and dance party.

Saturday, April 12th 2025

Dance Day No. 2! Workshops with Daniel and Chloé in the morning, the afternoon is free. Perhaps you would like to visit the Parco delle Terme near the hotel today? Let yourself drift. There is also an ice cream parlor near the hotel . You should try the ice cream!

In the evening: dinner at the hotel and costume dance party "Italian evening". Green-white-red, these are the colors of the Italian flag. Dress in these colors and have fun!

Sunday, April 13th 2025 – Full Day Excursion Lucca and Vinci

Today's excursion takes us to Lucca and Vinci. Lucca is also known as the city of 100 churches and the birthplace of the composer Giacomo Puccini. Interesting sights such as the Cathedral of San Martino await you here. Get to know the impressive architecture of this city, which is also known as the open-air museum of Tuscany, and its extremely well-preserved medieval city walls.

You will also visit the place where Tuscany's most famous son, Leonardo da Vinci, was born. Enjoy a walk through the characteristic narrow streets of Vinci and visit the extremely interesting museum (admission extra), which is dedicated to the life of Leonardo da Vinci.

In the evening: dinner at the hotel and dance party.

Monday, April 14th 2025

Dance Day No. 3! Workshops with Daniel and Chloé in the morning, the afternoon is free. We recommend that you perhaps try the cable car to Montecatini Alto today (ticket extra). The cable car route is approx. 3500 ft. long and covers a difference in altitude of 650 ft., the descent is approx. 10 minutes from the hotel. From the top in Montecatini Alto you have a breathtaking view over the Tuscan countryside. Small restaurants and stores invite you to linger and stroll around.

In the evening: dinner at the hotel and dance party.

Tuesday, April 15th 2025 – Full Day Excursion Siena and the Chianti Valley

Today's travel by coach takes us to Siena and the Chianti Valley. The local tour guide will meet us in Siena and show us the main sights of this important city of art. The main feature of the city is the Piazza del Campo, the shell-shaped square where the famous Palio horse races take place every year. The imposing cathedral is another beautiful sight that we will see on our tour. In the afternoon, we head out into the countryside and take a trip to the Chianti Valley. This hilly landscape with its olive groves, cypress-covered vineyards and castles enchants all visitors and you will experience the harmonious play of colors with your own eyes that only exists in this region. Of course, we will also taste the valley's famous wine!

In the evening: dinner at the hotel and dance party.

Wednesday, April 16th 2025

In the morning, repetitions of all the dances learned in the workshops. The afternoon is yours for shopping, strolling and ... packing.

In the evening: Farewell dinner and party with a little dance show from Daniel and Chloé at the hotel

Thursday, April 17th 2025

Transfer to Florence and departure to the USA. Arrival in the USA on Thursday 4/17/2025.