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Journey to Volterra and Vampire Legends - Italy July 4-9, 2009

If Florence wasn't enough of a draw, now Twilight has given us another reason to travel to this stunning part of Italy. The Volturi, one of the oldest vampire covens in the world of Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight*, have chosen the perfect setting to spend their eternity in Volterra, a charming hilltop village in central Tuscany.

Highlights of our Journey to Volterra trip include :

- Guided tours of Volterra and Sienna
- Visit to Accademia to visit Michelangelo's David – Bella's Edward
- Discussion of Vampire myths along with movie viewing
- Lunch at medieval restaurant in Sienna – just like Carlisle would have enjoyed
- Vampire-themed Farewell Dinner with entertainment
- Wine-tasting

Trip Itinerary:

Day 1 - July 4, 2009

Your journey begins at Florence Airport where you will be met by a Fan Trips™ representative. Our private coach will transport us from the airport to Volterra. Along the way we'll stop for lunch. Take the afternoon to rest from your journey at our hotel's swimming pool and spa.

In the evening, we'll enjoy a welcome dinner and discussion about our exciting days ahead.

Hotel – the 4-star Park Hotel le Fonti is nestled among the Tuscan hills and is just a 10 minute walk from the center of Volterra. It has two restaurants, an American bar, two outdoor swimming pools and air conditioned rooms.

Day 2 - July 5, 2009

After breakfast we'll head off for a guided walking tour of Volterra. Maybe you'll be the first to identify the perfect location for the Volturi's lair. In the afternoon we'll take an excursion to locations surrounding Volterra.

You are free to explore Volterra on your own tonight for dinner but be sure to be back in time for our Vampire Movie Night. Snuggle down for a night of scary projections.

Day 3 - July 6, 2009

After breakfast, we'll enjoy a full day excursion Private coach for full day excursion to Sienna and San Gimignano.

In Sienna we'll start off with a half day guided tour before our special lunch. Imagine how Carlisle would have dined at this medieval restaurant which serves food based on original recipes found in an old manuscript.

After lunch we'll travel to San Gimignano for a brief visit to the Museo della Tortura located, appropriately, in the medieval Torre del Diavolo (Devil's Tower). This small museum documents the collection with detailed descriptions of each instrument, its intended use and

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Day 3 - July 6, 2009 (continued)

whether it is still used today. The Volturi's methods of torture and death pale by comparison to those used by the Italian Inquisition.

Return to Volterra where we'll have a break before dinner at the hotel.

Surrounded by olive groves and the vineyards of Chianti, Siena is one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany. Set on three hills, the city is drawn together by winding alleyways and steep steps, while the Piazza del Campo stands at its heart, and the Duomo and St Maria della Scala serve as additional cultural landmarks. Siena is one of Italy's best preserved medieval towns, located in the heart of Tuscany.

San Gimignano is a small walled medieval hill town in the province of Siena, Tuscany, north-central Italy. It is mainly famous for its medieval architecture, especially its towers, which may be seen from several kilometers outside the town.

Day 4 - July 7, 2009

We'll enjoy breakfast and then set out for a day of exploration in Florence! You cannot visit Tuscany without sampling some of their fabulous wines. We've planned a stop enroute from our journey to Florence today for wine tasting at a local winery. Before settling into our hotel, we'll have a short panoramic tour of Florence to help orient you to this world-class city.

Enjoy Florence on your own this afternoon and have an early dinner before our evening activity.

As a special treat tonight we will enjoy a discussion Vampire Myths from their origin to today by walking through a variety of books, movie trailers and the widely held popular beliefs and hearsay which made the myth itself intriguing and scary at the same time. Our lively discussion will be led by a University of Florence professor who is an expert in vampire myths.

Day 5 - July 8, 2009

After breakfast, we'll take time to gaze upon Michelangelo's David, preserved in the Accademia Gallery, and imagine the beauty that Edward is to Bella. Once we've had our fix of masculine magnificence, there is plenty of time to enjoy all the other art treasures which the Accademia holds.

The remainder of the day is yours to investigate the excellent shopping that Florence offers, unrivalled art museums, fantastic food and wine or just strolling in the historic streets and alleyways.

Tonight's Gala Farewell dinner has been created especially for Twilight Fan Trips™. Forget those spooky images of vampires; tonight we will be treated to the "eye candy" image of vampires as envisioned by Stephenie Meyer. Imagine Bella's 18th birthday party without the broken glass. Don't forget your costumes for this unforgettable night!

Day 6 - July 9, 2009

For those not extending your stay in Florence, we will provide one group transfer to Florence Airport for your return journey home.

Trip Includes and Price – coming soon

Extension to Dracula's Lair in Romania – coming soon

Extension in Tuscany – coming soon