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12 Days • 14 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's *David*, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Milan, Choice on Tour

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Days 2 – 4 | Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome |
| Day 5 | Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia |
| Days 6, 7 | Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence |
| Days 8, 9 | Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice |
| Days 10, 11 | UNAHOTELS Scandinavia Milano, Milan |

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Day 1: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 Overnight Flight Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Arrive Rome, Italy Your tour begins today in Rome, the “Eternal City.”

Day 3: Thursday, June 8, 2023 Rome Enjoy time to get to know the place where your journey begins. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, June 9, 2023 Rome - Vatican Museums - St. Peter's Basilica On a locally guided tour of the Vatican Museums* explore Papal palaces, halls and galleries housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt and Etruscan Italy, as well as statuary from classical Greece and Rome. Admire the Gallery of Maps and works by great Renaissance masters such as Perugino, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant Last Judgement. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Later this afternoon, take in views of the River Tiber, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum during a panoramic drive back to your hotel. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, June 10, 2023 Rome - Assisi - Perugia Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the Piazza IV Novembre or visiting medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B)

Day 6: Sunday, June 11, 2023 Perugia - Cortona - Florence Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and medieval architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the “Cradle of the Renaissance” – and visit the world-famous Academy Gallery* to see Michelangelo's *David*. (B)

Day 7: Monday, June 12, 2023 Florence - Optional Excursion This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistry, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Florence - Venice Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch.



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This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 Venice - Murano Island - Venice - Optional Excursion See Venice from the water and take a boat** to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic center of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a serenaded gondola ride. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, June 15, 2023 Venice - Milan Travel to Milan. Then, **it's your choice!** Take in some of the city's iconic sights on a walking tour. View the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery before visiting the Duomo* – a Gothic cathedral that is the third largest in Europe **-OR-** join a local guide for a tour of the *Quadrilatero della Moda*, Milan's high-fashion district, including visits to some of the city's best ateliers and fashion stores. This evening,

celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant, featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, June 16, 2023 Milan Enjoy a day of leisure. (B)

Day 12: Saturday, June 17, 2023 Milan - Tour Ends Depart for home with many wonderful memories. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

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Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

**On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Modest dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

*All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If the Academy Museum is featured in your itinerary on a Monday, reservations will be made to visit the museum on an alternative day.

Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Academy Gallery Museum and the Duomo in Milan. Due to heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm). While cloakrooms are available they are not secured and in some instances such as the Vatican Museums, your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered.

Some departures may be accommodated in Malpensa, close to the International Airport when hotels in Milan city center are unavailable due to citywide trade fairs.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. On this tour, some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Venice and Florence which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.



Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of December 01, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 08, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until December 08, 2022.

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Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Venice

Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise

\$75 USD

Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways. Partake in one of Venice’s most famous pastimes – a gondola cruise. Take a pleasant stroll toward the Grand Canal to board your gondola. As you relax in your elegant watercraft, your gondolier navigates the Grand Canal as well as smaller side canals. Admire the scenery as you listen to the melodic voice serenading you in true Italian style – just like in those romantic Italian movies! This option operates weather-permitting. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Rome

Roman Serenade

\$100 USD

Enjoy a pleasant serenade with dinner in Trastevere, a charming, bohemian district where Rome’s locals often frequent. Indulge in a hearty, traditional, three-course menu complete with wine. As you savor the delicious tastes of Italy, talented performers entertain you with folk songs. This lively, fun-filled evening will be an unforgettable part of your visit to Rome and an engaging immersion into Italian culture. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



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