

VISIT

# Italy

**October 3-15, 2019**

from **\$3500\***

**Fully Escorted Tour.**

**Airfare not included. Please call for rates.**

**11 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATIONS**

**See Reverse Side for a Full Itinerary**

**Meal Summary:**

- Breakfast each morning, except day of arrival
- Welcome dinner with drinks in Venice
- Farewell dinner with drinks in Rome
- Dinner in Tuscany with wine
- Dinner in Sorrento
- Cooking class with dinner in Tuscany

**Transport:**

- Luxury motorcoach for transfers and sightseeing as detailed in the itinerary. Return transfer by private boat in Venice

**Inclusions:**

- English speaking Tour Director throughout
- Gondola ride in Venice (35 minutes)
- Panoramic tour of Venice by boat including Murano glass factory visit
- Private half-day guided tours in Venice, Florence, and Pompeii
- Full-day guided tours in Cinque Terre, Capri, and Rome
- Entrance fees to: The Accademia Gallery in Florence; Vatican Museums and Coliseum in Rome; Archeological area in Pompeii
- Return shuttle to Sorrento Pier, Return jet to Capri and Minibus tour of the Island
- Boat and trains for Cinque Terre
- Headphones where requested
- Return shuttle to Positano Downtown
- City Taxes
- Porterage of one suitcase
- 24-hour emergency access while in Italy

Non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 per person by check is due by July 1, 2019. Remaining Balance due by Sept 1, 2019 \*Based on 20 People Travelling



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# ITINERARY

**DAY 1 ARRIVE IN VENICE, ITALY:** Welcome to Italy!! After clearing customs and immigration you will be met by your Tour Director in the arrivals hall. Travel by water taxi to your hotel where you will enjoy a two night stay. This afternoon we will meet our Tour Director and take a boat ride to see the famous Murano Glass, the world's oldest glass blowing factory and have time to explore their spectacular showroom. We will return by boat sailing on the Grand Canal, seeing the bridges and tiny piazzas. Return to the hotel for a short rest before dinner or stroll the streets of Venice. Dinner at the hotel or restaurant close by. Hotel UNA (D)

**DAY 2 VENICE:** Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Meet with your tour director and depart to explore Venice, the romantic island and city of canals. Visit the awe inspiring marvel at Doge's Palace. Camera buffs will want to capture the many sites throughout this intriguing city including the Bridge of Sighs. We will make our way over to the Jewish Ghetto or you can wonder around St. Mark's Square and visit the St. Marks Basilica. Lunch on own. Late afternoon we will meet and take a gondola ride on the canals of Venice. Dinner on own. (B) Hotel UNA

**DAY 3 VENICE / VERONA / TUSCANY:** After breakfast at the hotel we will depart on a water taxi to meet our bus and driver for our drive to Tuscany. Along the way we will stop in Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (also the movie Letters to Juliet with Vanessa Redgrave) It's home to a 14th century house said to have Juliet's Balcony. We will also see the town market square and make a stop for lunch (on own) We will also see the Grand Arena. We will then continue to our Villa. (B) Hotel Villa Palagina

**DAY 4: FLORENCE:** After breakfast, we will travel to Florence for a morning guided walking tour: stroll down cobblestone lanes, through majestic squares and across ancient bridges, pausing along the way to visit and learn about Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the cathedral and Giotto's bell tower and the Accademia (Entrance fees and reservations are included). Florence offers the largest number of historical buildings and works of art in Italy, as well as several worldclass museums. During the afternoon on your own you might like to do a little leather, gold or clothing shopping near Ponte Vecchio. Return to the Villa, dinner and wine tasting at winery and overnight. Hotel Villa Palagina (B D)

**DAY 5 EXCURSION TO CINQUE TERRE:** Enjoy a basket breakfast this morning, as you depart early on our full-day excursion. Along the way we will stop for a visit to the Leaning Tower Pisa. Time to fall in love with the picture perfect villages of Monterosso, Manarola, and Riomaggiore, also known as the "Cinque Terre". This spectacular coastline was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and it is one of the best preserved natural and semi-natural parts of the Mediterranean. This evening, return to Tuscany. Villa Name: Palagina (B) Dinner on own.

**DAY 6:** After breakfast we will visit Siena, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni and see the true Tuscany. We will return to Villa Palagina in time for a Cooking Class and Demonstration and enjoy a wonderful 4 course dinner with wine prepared by you!!! (B D) Hotel Villa Palagina

**DAY 7 TUSCANY / POMPEII / SORRENTO:** After breakfast at the Villa, depart for Sorrento. This afternoon, along the way, making a stop at Pompeii for a guided tour of this spectacular preserved Roman city ruins, including temples of Apollo, Jupiter and the Forum. Continue on to Sorrento, check in to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of your day and evening at leisure. Hotel Name: Continental (B)

**DAY 8 AMALFI COAST EXCURSION:** This morning after breakfast, depart by coach for an unforgettable excursion traveling along the picturesque Amalfi Coast and the hills above Sorrento. Drive toward Positano, the pearl of the Amalfi Coast. Positano is synonymous with summer fashion. Its boutiques made every summer, thousands of dresses in cotton, silk, linen. The fantasy and the geniality of their creations, which colours are very simple like the green emerald, the white and the yellow, always suggest the summer fashion. Every street hides a square, where in the past people used to sell his merchandise. Later, travel to Ravello, an enchanting town high above the coast. Enjoy an orientation tour of the cities via coach and foot, exploring the steep streets, narrow alleyways, sidewalk vendor stalls and boardwalk cafes. Later, return to Sorrento and enjoy dinner at the hotel. Hotel Name: Continental. (B D)

**DAY 9 EXCURSION TO CAPRI:** Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Afterwards, depart of a full-day excursion to the Isle of Capri. Transfer to the port of Sorrento, where you board a hydrofoil that whisks you over to the Isle of Capri, the magical and colourful island which has been a favourite resort destination since the time of the Roman Republic. Visit the lovely Anacapri and explore the charming shops and chic boutiques as you stroll the island's narrow streets. Continue to see "La Piazzetta," the social heart of the island, home to the international jet set. Visit the open-air Gardens of Augustus, from where you will appreciate breath-taking views of the famous Faraglioni rocks. Later, return to Sorrento for overnight. Hotel Continental. (B)

**DAY 10 SORRENTO / ROME:** After breakfast we will leave the hotel and arrive into Rome and stay for 2 nights at the Hotel Savoy. Afternoon sightseeing at the Colosseum and Forum. Hotel Savoy (B)

**DAY 11 ROME:** This morning, it's a 10-minute drive to another country – The Vatican City! With your expert local guide you will tour the Vatican Museums, a treasure trove of ancient Greek sculptures, medieval tapestries and Renaissance paintings. Your visit culminates in the Sistine Chapel, the room where the Pope is elected. Next, you will visit St. Peter's Basilica, by far the largest church in Christendom. You will see Michelangelo's Pieta, sculpted when he was just 24, as well as Bernini's seven-story bronze canopy located above the main altar. This afternoon enjoy free time. This evening, transfer to a local restaurant where you will enjoy a farewell dinner with wine and music. Hotel Name: Savoy. (B D)

**DAY 12 ROME / USA:** After Breakfast, you will have a private group transfer to the airport for your return flight to the US. (B)