MAGNIFICENT ITALY & THE AMALFI COAST
12 Days FROM $3,001

ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM
(2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome • (3) Sorrento

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
• Marvel at the magic of Venice from the Bridge of Sighs and Doge’s Palace to St. Mark’s Square
• Sample local favorites of Lambrusco wines and balsamic vinegar with lunch in Modena
• Explore the Renaissance city of Florence and the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano
• Enjoy a private wine tasting experience at Magione Castle and tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
• Discover Rome and Vatican City from the Colosseum to the Sistine Chapel and beyond
• Journey south to Naples and the celebrated Amalfi coastline to Positano and on to the romantic Isle of Capri

For more information, call: 800-935-5000 or visit: www.centralholidays.com
DAY 1 | MON | VENICE Morning arrival into Venice’s Marco Polo Airport. Here you’ll be met and transferred to your hotel in Venice. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a popular restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 | TUE | VENICE Your morning tour of Venice is on foot and will highlight the Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison. Afternoon is at leisure with enough time for more sightseeing, shopping or relaxation. (B)

DAY 3 | WED | VENICE | PADUA | MODENA | FLORENCE This morning depart Venice and stop in Padua to visit the Basilica of St. Anthony and its art, including the large bronze works of Donatello. Continue your scenic drive to Modena where you’ll be treated to a special balsamic vinegar tasting session plus lunch, featuring local specialties and Lambrusco wine. After lunch continue to Florence, the home of Michelangelo. (B,L)

DAY 4 | THU | FLORENCE Your morning tour takes you to Michelangelo Square for a panoramic view of the city. Then visit: the Accademia to see Michelangelo’s original “David” statue, Giotto’s Bell Tower, the Baptistery with its “Gates of Paradise” doors, Signoria Square and Santa Croce Church. Enjoy your afternoon to explore the treasures of Florence on your own or embark on an optional tour to Pisa featuring a dinner at an authentic farmhouse and winery in the enchanting Tuscan countryside. (B)

DAY 5 | FRI | FLORENCE | SIENA | SAN GIMIGNANO | FLORENCE After breakfast today, head out for a day of discovery to Siena and San Gimignano. Medieval Siena, known for its famed Palio horse races and expansive central Il Campo Plaza, awaits your exploration. Visit Siena’s Duomo, considered to be one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Italy. In San Gimignano, stroll the old world center and take in the fascinating architecture and towers that offer amazing views of the city and the surrounding valley. Tonight we will share in a delicious dinner at an acclaimed local restaurant near your Florence hotel. (B,D)

DAY 6 | SAT | FLORENCE | MAGIONE | ASSISI | ROME Morning departure for Rome. Drive through the serene Tuscan and Umbrian countryside, passing by the shores of Lake Trasimeno with a stop at the Magione Castle, presently the private residence of the Prince and Grand Master of Sovereign Military Order of the Knights of Malta. Here a wine expert will lecture on the vinification process that takes place at the castle, followed by a delicious tasting of the varieties of wines produced there and a light lunch. Continue to Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy your guided tour of St. Francis Basilica. Arrive in Rome in the late afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 7 | SUN | ROME Rome is filled with monuments, fountains, antiquities and other sites worth exploring. Use this free day to discover, on your own, all the Eternal City has to offer. Take an optional tour or discover why Roman trattorias are famous for their fine cuisine. (B)

DAY 8 | MON | ROME This morning, experience a very special privately guided tour of the priceless collection of art and treasures in the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Then proceed to the Piazza Venezia and Roman Forum, with a stop at the Colosseum – a testament to the greatness of Rome’s past. Continue your full day tour by viewing the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Great Synagogue, Isola Tiberina and Castel Sant’Angelo. Tonight bid arrivederci to Rome at a special dinner with wine in a lovely Roman restaurant. (B,D)
DAY 9 | TUE | ROME | NAPLES | POMPEII | SORRENTO
This morning drive south to Naples for an orientation tour of the city. Before heading to Sorrento, stop in Pompeii, the ancient city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago, for a guided tour of the remarkably preserved ruins of temples, houses, gardens and public buildings. Then drive along the spectacular coast road of the Bay of Naples to Sorrento, the famous resort town of orange and lemon groves. Dinner at your hotel restaurant is included. (B,D)

DAY 10 | WED | SORRENTO | POSITANO | AMALFI | RAVELLO | SORRENTO
Leave Sorrento in the morning for Positano. Brief stop at the Belvedere to enjoy a unique view of Moorish architecture blended with pastel colored houses. Weather permitting, board a motorlaunch and cruise along the coast to Amalfi for a walking tour of the old town. Continue to Ravello. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant with spectacular views of the Amalfi Coast and the Bay of Salerno. Free time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B,L)

DAY 11 | THU | SORRENTO | CAPRI | SORRENTO
A morning jetfoil whisks you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri, where you will ascend to the Piazzetta, visit the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus, and still have free time for lunch and some shopping before returning to Sorrento. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 12 | FRI | SORRENTO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)
Morning transfer to Naples’ Capodichino Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner
INCLUDED FEATURES
• First class hotel accommodation for 11 nights
• 19 included meals consisting of:
  - 11 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 gourmet lunches with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
  - 1 dinner at hotel
  - 4 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
• Wine, mineral water and coffee or cappuccino served with meals at hotels and restaurants
• Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
• Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour
• Complete program of sightseeing tours and excursions with entrance fees
  - Walking tour of Venice, including the Doge’s Palace
  - Balsamic vinegar tasting in Modena
  - Visit of St. Anthony’s Basilica in Padua
  - Walking tour of Florence, including the Accademia
  - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Wine tasting at Magione Castle
  - Tour of Assisi and visit of St. Francis Basilica
  - Tour of Rome, including a visit to the Colosseum, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
  - Orientation tour of Naples including a visit to Pompeii
  - Amalfi coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
• Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 90)
• Baggage handling
• Document holder and luggage tags
• Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
• Hotel taxes and service charges
• City tax

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Guaranteed departures in red

2019 SMALL GROUP TOUR DATES & PRICES

WE NOW OFFER SMALL GROUPS!
ADDITIONAL INCLUDED FEATURES
• Group size up to 16 people
• “Welcome Souvenir” in Venice
• Bottle of wine in the room in Venice
• Visit of Bacari wine bars to sample Venice’s famous “cicchetti” dishes
• Visit of Florence Market, including a gift card with a value of 25 euro to spend at one of the many stores
• Gelato stop at Vivoli, the oldest gelateria in Florence
• Cappuccino break during city tour in Rome
• Visit of a gelato factory in Rome
• Pizza lunch in Pompeii
• Limoncello tasting in Sorrento
• Neapolitan pastries tasting on the Amalfi Coast
• Free wi-fi on bus
• One bottle of water on bus daily

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City | Nts. | Hotels            | Cat.
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Venice | 2   | Cavalletto       | First Class
Florence | 3   | Mediterraneo     | First Class
Rome   | 3   | Mediterraneo     | First Class
Sorrento | 3   | Majestic Palace or Villa Crawford | First Class

General Information:
Single supplement: $950
Reduction for third person sharing twin-beded room: $105
Price is per person based on double occupancy
Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available