

# ITALY



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# WELCOME TO *Central Holidays* ITALY

Join us on our exploration of Bellissima Italy!

Our creative and insightful product planners are thrilled to present a selection of wonderful and exciting itineraries, including the Italian classics such as Venice, Florence and Rome, as well as Italy's treasures yet to be discovered such as Sicily, Puglia, Emilia Romagna, Umbria, Piedmont, and the Veneto.

As you peruse through these pages, you will find that these new destinations offer a wealth of discoveries, and that our itineraries offer in-depth exploration of the places we visit. With more than 45 years of experience in crafting itineraries for Italy, we pride ourselves in presenting a rich portfolio of escorted tours with guaranteed departures, and suggested itineraries for independent travelers such as exclusive Chauffeur-driven programs, hosted city stays, honeymoon vacations, and a wide range of programs focusing on culinary experiences.

Customized group travel has been our specialty since Central Holidays foundation in 1972. Our destination specialists are always ready to design a program what would be a perfect fit for your group's interests, tastes, and budget. We also invite you to book your air with Central Holidays. We know which flights work best with your Central Holidays itinerary, and we can offer them at a specially negotiated rate. For more information on **Group Travel Experiences**, visit us at our website: [www.grouptravelexperiences.com](http://www.grouptravelexperiences.com).

**Journeys**, our newly established brand is here to cater to your savvy clientele looking for an upscale and sophisticated tailor-made travel experiences. Visit us at our website at [www.chjourneys.com](http://www.chjourneys.com).

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With an ever-growing range of destinations and exclusive experiences, our family of brands offers a virtually unlimited range of travel programs— escorted, independent, culinary, religious programs, honeymoon, fly-drive, ocean and river cruises, across Mediterranean, and Latin America.

We look forward to welcoming you in our destinations.

## ***The Team at Central Holidays***

# Special Offers & Discounts



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SAVE \$100 per couple on per person purchase of minimum \$1,501 and maximum \$3,000

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(\*) all brochure programs

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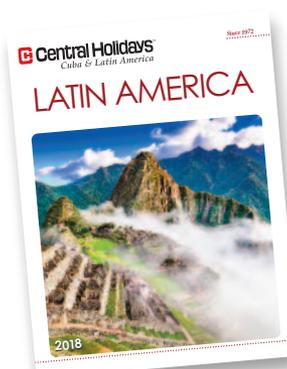
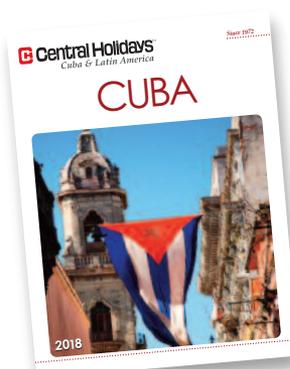
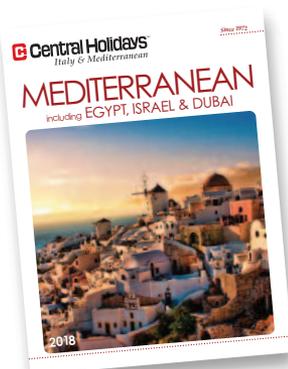
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## OUR JOURNEYS CONTINUE...



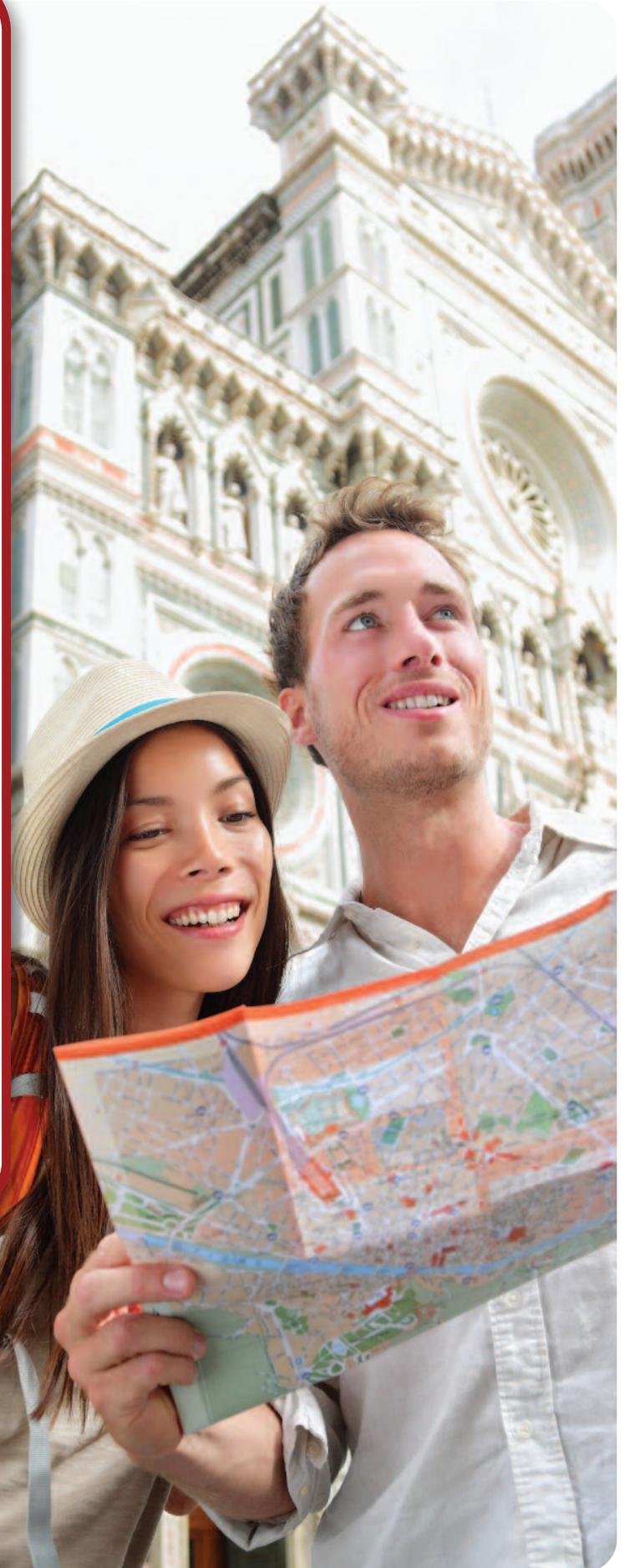
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# Italy



# Italy



## What inspires you when you think of Italy?

Embarking on a culinary journey to savor the best in Italian cooking delights with a hands-on cooking course in Italy...taking-in the sweet serenade of a gondolier as you glide along the enchanting waterways of Venice...living like a local with a stay in a villa or a castle of your own...immersing yourself into the incredible art and architecture of the imperial cities... relaxing in the Tuscan countryside...exploring the village life of Italy... or simply joining the locals on an evening *passaggiata*.

Central Holidays will show you Italy in a different light, and will introduce you to authentic local experiences, as well as of the off-the beaten path sites such as Lecce, Bolzano, Cortona and Ragusa, to name a few. Our programs have been recognized for their in-depth explorations of the places we visit, cultural connections, personalized service, and inclusive value.

We are proud to announce a launch of four new escorted tours covering the regions from awe-inspiring Dolomites to the fairy-tale village of Alberobello:

- Tuscany, Cinque Terre & The Lakes
- In the Footsteps of Italy's Culinary Traditions
- Legendary Amalfi Coast & Undiscovered Trulli Villages
- Italian Vistas, From Tuscany to Dolomites

In addition to our rich portfolio of escorted tours, we also offer unlimited range of travel programs for independent travelers such as honeymoon, hosted programs, fly and drive, and exclusive chauffeur-driven programs. We can design an independent vacation to the finest detail around your interest, taste, and budget, and we can create customized programs for groups, small and large.

Join us on our 2018 discovery of Italy!

# Central Holidays Difference

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- 45 years of expertise in designing travel programs to Italy
- Itineraries focused on authentic local experiences
- Exceptional local Guides and Tour Directors
- Personalized service and Inclusive Value
- Wide selection of tours and programs



# Escorted Tours

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Central Holidays offers a rich portfolio of escorted tours with a selection of wonderful and exciting itineraries from the Italian classics such as Venice, Florence, Rome, and Amalfi to Italy's less known treasures such as Cinque Terre, Bolzano, Lecce, and Orvieto. Here are some of our tours most celebrated features:

- Accommodation at charming centrally located hotels
- Comprehensive sightseeing program
- Dining at typical local restaurants serving authentic Italian food
- Cultural experiences such as visits to local farms, and countryside estates

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# Customized Groups

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Customized group travel has been Central Holidays' specialty since our foundation in 1972. Since then we have been delivering memorable travel experiences for special interest groups, and have always been recognized for our highly personalized service, creativity and attention to details. Here are some thought-inspiring topics to consider, or feel free to offer your suggestions and let our destination specialists design a perfect program for your group:

- History & Culture
- Art & Architecture
- Culinary Programs
- Religious Programs

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# Independent Travel

Our creative team of program planners are here to listen and work with you in designing your vacation around your interest, taste, and budget. We offer a wide range of suggested itineraries which can be further customized to fit your style of travel. Here are some samples of the type of travel we can provide:

- Hosted programs
- City Stays
- Travel by Rail
- Fly & Drive programs

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- Friends & Family Travel
- Milestone Celebrations
- Romance & Honeymoon
- Food & Wine

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# TUSCANY, CINQUE TERRE & THE LAKES

9 Days FROM \$2,298

**NEW!**



Landscape in Tuscany

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Pistoia • (2) Santa Margherita • (3) Stresa



Ⓝ - No. of overnight stays

══ - By motorcoach

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Savor the timeless beauty of Tuscany, Italy's most storied region, during your 3-night stay at the lovely Villa Cappugi in the countryside outside of Pistoia
- Visit Florence, a living monument to the Renaissance and a crown jewel of Tuscany
- Explore the mesmerizing art and medieval architecture of Siena and San Gimignano
- Discover the villages of Cinque Terre, dramatically perched along the 11-mile stretch of Italy's Ligurian coast
- Travel by boat to Portofino, a former fishing village, now a trendy town brimming with sleek yachts and priceless *palazzi*
- Enjoy magnificent views of the crystal blue Lake Maggiore nestled amid the Italian Alps
- Cruise to the Borromean island of Isola Bella and visit a 17-century palazzo with its extravagantly landscaped gardens

**DAY 1 | THU | FLORENCE | PISTOIA** Arrive at Florence airport and transfer to your hotel located in the Tuscan countryside just outside of Florence. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for our welcome dinner. (D)

**DAY 2 | FRI | PISTOIA | SIENA | CHIANTI CLASSICO | SAN GIMIGNANO | PISTOIA** This morning we travel to Siena through Tuscany's rolling hills and Chianti's Vineyards. Explore the maze of narrow streets and alleys around the Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's oldest and most spectacular public squares that is famous for the Palio bareback horse race. Lunch today in the Chianti territory gives you the opportunity to learn about local wines and culinary specialties during a wine tasting session followed by lunch. In the afternoon visit medieval San Gimignano known for its soaring towers. Delve into town's center, called "Medieval Manhattan;" stroll the quaint alleyways and its colorful pottery shops and small museums; and sample one of the best Italian gelato's on the triangular-shaped Piazza della Cisterna. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon. (B,L)

**DAY 3 | SAT | PISTOIA | FLORENCE | PISTOIA** This morning, depart for a full day excursion to Florence. The tour begins at Michelangelo square with its breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Your walking tour takes you to Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria, and the church of Santa Croce. You will also visit the Accademia Gallery to view Michelangelo's world-famous "David" statue. The tour concludes with a visit to a leather shop where you will learn about traditional leather gilding. Lunch at leisure gives you the opportunity to delve into Florence's Tuscan food scene. In the afternoon, take time to enjoy the city center, Ponte Vecchio and opportunities for shopping in the abundant Florentine boutiques and shops. This evening you will share in a splendid included dinner at your villa in Pistoia. (B,D)



Interior of the Duomo di Siena



Wine tasting

**DAY 4 | SUN | PISTOIA | CINQUE TERRE | SANTA MARGHERITA** Depart Pistoia this morning and drive through the Tuscan Apennine hills towards the Italian Riviera's rugged coastline. Revel in the day of exploring Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Starting in La Spezia, you will visit the most picturesque villages along the coast. See Riomaggiore, where the famous "Love Trail" (La via dell'Amore) begins; Vernazza, referred to as the most beautiful of these villages; and Monterosso, known for its well-developed fishing and cultivating on terraces. The area is acclaimed for the production of its light and refreshing white wines and fresh basil used in authentic green pesto sauce. Opt to try some of these local specialties as you venture off for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, journey north and check in at your hotel on the Italian Riviera. (B)

**DAY 5 | MON | SANTA MARGHERITA | PORTOFINO | SANTA MARGHERITA** After breakfast, head to the port and board your vessel to the spectacular resort town of Portofino. Once a simple fishing village, Portofino today is a trendy vacation hot-spot, brimming with countless sleek and palatial mega-yachts. Enjoy free time to explore this breathtaking coastal gem and savor lunch on your own. Return to your hotel in the afternoon. (B)

**DAY 6 | TUE | SANTA MARGHERITA | MILAN | STRESA** Check-out of your Italian Riviera hotel and embark on today's adventure, stopping first in Milan. Depart on an insightful city tour, starting at the 15th century Sforza Castle where you can admire the frescoes painted by Leonardo Da Vinci. Continue along to the world famous Opera House

## NEW TUSCANY, CINQUE TERRE & THE LAKES



Manarola town, Cinque Terre



Florence aerial with Duomo

La Scala, founded by Empress Maria Theresa of Austria in 1778. Take time to explore this vibrant cosmopolitan city at leisure and enjoy lunch on your own. Later in the afternoon, head to Stresa in the Italian Lakes District and check in to your hotel. (B)

**DAY 7 | WED | STRESA | LAKE MAGGIORE | STRESA** Today's exciting activities are truly a feast for the eyes, sure to include unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory for a lifetime! Enjoy the day cruising and taking in the views of Lake Maggiore. Visit the Borromean Island of Isola Bella where you will tour its stunning 17th-century palazzo and extravagantly landscaped gardens, then savor a special lunch there. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure for you to explore at your own pace. (B,L)

**DAY 8 | THU | STRESA | LAKE ORTA | STRESA** Rise and shine to a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the off-the-beaten path village of Orta. Often referred to by Milan's locals as "La Cenerentola" or Cinderella, it is perceived by many to be the secret but superior sibling of the well-known and larger lakes of Como and Maggiore. Explore Orta San Giulio, taking in the center's beautiful architecture, village vistas along its steep slopes, and lush wooded area that set it apart from many of the area's other islands. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before sharing in a special farewell dinner. (B,D)

**DAY 9 | FRI | STRESA | MILAN TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Transfer to the airport for your return flight home with amazing memories to cherish and share of your diverse travels throughout Italy! (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 8 nights
- 13 included meals consisting of:
  - 8 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at a farmhouse in the countryside
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 2 dinners at the hotel
  - 1 gourmet dinner with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
- Wine, mineral water, 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 Florence, including the Accademia Gallery
  - Visit local farm in Chianti region for wine tasting
  - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Excursion to Cinque Terre
  - Excursion to Portofino
  - Tour of Milan, including a visit to La Scala
  - Excursion to Borromean island of Isola Bella, including a visit to 17th-century palazzo
  - Excursion to Lake Orta
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



Village of Portofino



Architecture of Italian home in Stresa

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Pistoia	3	Villa Cappugi	First class
Santa Margherita	2	Park Hotel Suisse	First class
Stresa	3	Hotel Regina Palace	First class

## 2018 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)
12-Apr	20-Apr	\$2,448	9-Aug	17-Aug	\$2,498
3-May	11-May	\$2,448	23-Aug	31-Aug	\$2,498
17-May	25-May	\$2,448	6-Sep	14-Sep	\$2,448
31-May	8-Jun	\$2,448	20-Sep	28-Sep	\$2,448
14-Jun	22-Jun	\$2,448	27-Sep	5-Oct	\$2,448
28-Jun	6-Jul	\$2,498	11-Oct	19-Oct	\$2,298
12-Jul	20-Jul	\$2,498	18-Oct	26-Oct	\$2,298
26-Jul	3-Aug	\$2,498	25-Oct	2-Nov	\$2,298

Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$754

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$90

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ITALY'S CULINARY TRADITIONS

**NEW!**

10 Days FROM \$2,748



Historic town of Orvieto, Umbria

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Rome • (2) Montepulciano • (1) San Gimignano • (2) Parma • (2) Padua



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

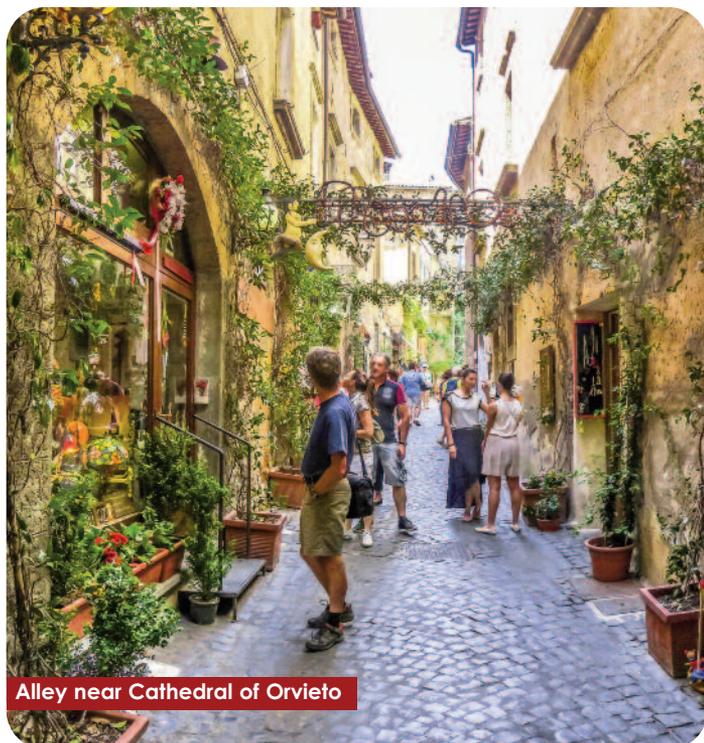
- Traverse the rolling hills of olive groves and vineyards of Tuscany & Umbria, and enjoy the everyday beauty and easy charm that welcomes you at every corner in these regions
- Explore the charming towns of Emilia Romagna and their devotion to fine foods
- Venture out to Campo dei Fiori in Rome for food sampling ending with delicious artisanal gelato
- Sample Parma ham and Parmesan cheese, and learn about the production of these fine Italian delicacies
- Attend a cooking demonstration at Culinary Art Institute in Orvieto, and enjoy a delicious lunch afterwards
- Experience the glories of ancient Rome, and discover the magic of intricate beauty of Venice

**DAY 1 | TUE | ROME** Arrive Rome and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a lovely local restaurant. (D)

**DAY 2 | WED | ROME** After breakfast, embark on a city tour of Rome highlighting the main districts and iconic sights of the city. Explore ancient Rome through the Circus Maximus Palatine hill with a stop at the Colosseum. Your local guide will introduce the traditions and culinary arts during Roman Times. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or book an optional tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to skip the long entry line and discover the artistic masterpieces inside, including Michelangelo's famed ceiling. This evening, savor a culinary adventure through Campo dei Fiori, Trastevere, the historical Jewish Ghetto, and Piazza Navona. During tonight's walking tour you will meet vendors, taste local specialties and live the ambiance just like a Roman, rounding out the night's fun at a famous local Gelateria for delicious artisanal Gelato. (B,D)

**DAY 3 | THU | ROME | ORVIETO | MONTEPULCIANO** This morning, depart for Tuscany and stop en route in Orvieto, famed for its Duomo, wines, and the Culinary Art Institute Zeppelin. Meet your local chef for a private cooking class, followed by a delicious lunch. In the afternoon drive through Umbria and the southern Tuscan hills to Montepulciano. Arrive at your hotel late in the afternoon. (B,L)

**DAY 4 | FRI | MONTEPULCIANO | CORTONA | PIENZA | MONTEPULCIANO** Rise and shine with breakfast at your hotel then drive to Cortona where much of the popular movie "Under the Tuscan Sun" was filmed showcasing the spectacular region's lush countryside, narrow meandering roads, and quaint piazzas. Tour the medieval buildings of this early Etruscan hilltop settlement's historic center. Continue to Casale il Podere, a full-working Tuscan farm, for light lunch featuring fresh ingredients and produce from the farmhouse itself and from other local organic farmers. At your leisure this afternoon, explore Pienza, a tiny village in the Orcia Valley widely known as the "ideal city of the Renaissance." Late afternoon return to Montepulciano. (B,L)



**DAY 5 | SAT | MONTEPULCIANO | SIENA | CHIANTI CLASSICO | SAN GIMIGNANO** This morning, a scenic drive through gentle rolling hills dotted with lush vineyards, green olive trees and sunflowers fields, will take you to Siena, a medieval city made up of yellow-ochre buildings, terracotta rooftops and green shutters. Learn about the world's oldest bank, spectacular Duomo and Piazza del Campo, a shell shaped 12th century square and site of the 600 year old bi-annual Palio horserace. Later, explore the heart of the Chianti Classico, the oldest wine region in the world that sits just South of Florence and North of Siena. Enjoy a wine tasting at a castle in Chianti then head to San Gimignano for check in. Enjoy a Tuscan barbeque dinner at your hotel that features a splendid 360 degree view of the Chianti hills and the medieval Tuscan city. (B,D)

**DAY 6 | SUN | SAN GIMIGNANO | MODENA | PARMA** Welcome the day with a morning drive through the Appenine hills to Modena, world renowned as a culinary haven and famous for being the home base of Ferrari. Here you will visit one of the area's famed balsamic vinegar producers followed by a pasta-making demonstration and traditional lunch to savor the tasty local eats. In the afternoon drive to Parma and check in to your hotel, centrally located in the heart of the old town and perfectly positioned for exploring on your own. (B,L)

**DAY 7 | MON | PARMA** Travel through the province's hilly zone and take in some of Italy's finest flavors and aromas with private tastings at Parmigiano cheese and Prosciutto di Parma establishments. Visit

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Italian traditions

a working cheese farm and taste delicious, fresh Parmigiano-Reggiano. Next on the day's activities, head to a Parma ham farm and sample world-renown prosciutto di Parma. Later tour Parma's historic old town centered around the Cathedral, the Baptistery and the Bishop's Palace. This evening, enjoy the opportunity to delve into the highly diverse enogastronomy of Parma on your own. From

mushrooms and mountain bread, to dishes featuring berries and chestnuts, to amazing hams, salamis and cheese, as well as delicious pasta and rice dishes – Parma food scene is waiting for you. (B)

**DAY 8 | TUE | PARMA | VERONA | PADUA** Depart Parma this morning and head to Verona, a medieval gem dotted with ornate palazzi and renowned as the setting for three of Shakespeare plays. It truly seems impossible to separate Verona from the Romeo and Juliet love story. Today your tour takes you to see the house believed to be Juliet's, thought to have inspired the famed balcony scene, and to see Baroque buildings, Renaissance palaces, and beautiful churches. In the afternoon Verona's famed enogastronomy shines with a prosecco tasting experience followed by dinner in a countryside estate. After dinner transfer to Padua for check in at your centrally located hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 9 | WED | PADUA | VENICE | PADUA** After breakfast, depart on a full day tour to explore the iconic city of Venice. Delve into the treasures of Venice on foot exploring such world famous sights as the Basilica of St. Mark and its renowned piazza, Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison. See the spectacular canals and waterways that make up this unique city-scape. Check out the fish market near the Rialto and take time to explore on your own with the afternoon at leisure. Return to Padua and join with your fellow travelers and friends to share in a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 10 | THU | PADUA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Transfer to Venice Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



City of Verona

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 9 nights
- 17 included meals consisting of:
  - 9 buffet breakfasts
  - 3 gourmet lunches
  - 5 gourmet dinners
- Wine, mineral water, 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
  - Tour of Rome, including the Colosseum
  - Walking tour of Orvieto and Cortona
  - Visit to Pienza and Padua
  - Cooking class at the Culinary Art Institute in Orvieto
  - Visit the local farm in Tuscany for cheese sampling
  - Walking tour of Siena, including the famous Cathedral
  - Visit the local estate in the Chianti region for wine tasting
  - Visit the local estate near Modena for olive oil tasting
  - Walking tour of Parma and Verona
  - Visit the Parmesan cheese farm in Parma
  - Visit the local estate near Padua for a Prosecco tasting
  - Walking tour of Venice, including the Doge's Palace
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



Orvieto Cathedral



Cooking class

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

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Montepulciano	2	Ertruria	First class
San Gimignano	1	Villa San Paolo	First class
Parma	2	Du Parc	First class
Padua	2	Sheraton	First class

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Single Supplement: \$826

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$98

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# LEGENDARY AMALFI COAST & UNDISCOVERED TRULLI VILLAGES

**NEW!**

9 Days FROM \$2,598



The Trulli houses of Alberobello in Apulia

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Rome • (3) Sorrento • (3) Savelletri di Fasano



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the glories of Rome and Vatican City from the ancient Colosseum to the Sistine Chapel
- Spend the day on the Amalfi Coast and enjoy the magical landscape of dramatic cliffs overhanging a beautiful sea
- Visit the most outstanding example of a troglodyte settlement in Matera, and unique trulli buildings in Alberobello, both of which are UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Discover the lovely baroque town of Lecce, known as “the Florence of the South”

**DAY 1 | SUN | ROME** Morning arrival into Rome’s Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Here you’ll be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure to explore “The Eternal City” at your own pace.

**DAY 2 | 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 share in a special dinner with wine in a lovely Roman restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 3 | TUE | ROME | NAPLES | POMPEII | SORRENTO** After breakfast 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 the restaurant located in your hotel is included. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | WED | SORRENTO | POSITANO | AMALFI | RAVELLO | SORRENTO** Leave Sorrento in the morning and head towards the spectacular Amalfi Coast. 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 amazing vistas of the picture perfect coast and the Bay of Salerno. Take time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B,L)

**DAY 5 | 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 6 | FRI | SORRENTO | MATERA | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO** This morning we depart Sorrento for Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993. Your tour of Matera will guide you through the city of the caverns, entrenched villages, peasant houses carved in the rock, frescoed rocky churches, grand Romanesque, and Baroque churches, and notable noble palaces. Take advantage of free time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. Later, we drive to Savellettri di Fasano and check in our lovely old-world countryside hotel. (B)

**DAY 7 | SAT | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO | ALBEROBELLO | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO** Today embark on an insightful sightseeing experience to explore the unique architecture of the ancient white-washed trulli stone houses found in the town of Alberobello. Savor an authentic lunch at Ristorante Trullo D’oro. This afternoon, stop in Cisternino for fresh olive oil tasting. (B,L)

**DAY 8 | SUN | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO | LECCE | OTRANTO | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO** After breakfast depart for Lecce, a city with few diverting Roman remains and a wealth of fine architecture scattered about an appealing old town, stopping at a local winery for a wine tasting session at a well renowned estate. Your guided city tour will introduce you to the beauty of Lecce, a mini Baroque masterpiece. Its narrow winding streets offer a kaleidoscopic mix of long-range vistas, alluring glimpses, and playful perspectives that have long enchanted visitors. In the afternoon head towards Otranto, for a guided tour of Italy’s easternmost town. The imposing castle, thick perimeter walls, and robust towers dominate much of the town, giving way to a small port. This evening, join us for a farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 9 | MON | SAVELLETRI DI FASANO | BARI TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Transfer to Bari airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

### PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Rome	2	Donna Camilla Savelli	First class
Sorrento	3	Majestic	First class
Savellettri di Fasano	3	Masseria Torre Coccaro	First class



Villa Rufolo gardens in Ravello

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 8 nights
- 14 included meals consisting of:
  - 8 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 gourmet lunches with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 2 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 2 dinner at the hotel
- Wine, mineral water, 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
  - Tour of Rome, including the Colosseum, Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
  - Orientation tour of Naples
  - Guided tour of Pompeii
  - Amalfi Coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
  - Guided tour of Matera, Lecce & Otranto
  - Visit to Alberobello
  - Wine and olive oil tasting at local estates
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax

### 2018 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)
15-Apr	23-Apr	\$2,798	29-Jul	6-Aug	\$2,898
29-Apr	7-May	\$2,848	12-Aug	20-Aug	\$2,998
6-May	14-May	\$2,848	26-Aug	3-Sep	\$2,848
20-May	28-May	\$2,848	9-Sep	17-Sep	\$2,848
3-Jun	11-Jun	\$2,848	16-Sep	24-Sep	\$2,848
17-Jun	25-Jun	\$2,848	30-Sep	8-Oct	\$2,698
1-Jul	9-Jul	\$2,898	7-Oct	15-Oct	\$2,598
15-Jul	23-Jul	\$2,898	21-Oct	29-Oct	\$2,598

Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$794

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$90

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# ITALIAN VISTAS: FROM TUSCANY TO THE DOLOMITES

13 Days FROM \$3,298

**NEW!**



View of San Gimignano

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Pistoia • (2) Santa Margherita • (3) Stresa •  
(2) Bolzano • (2) Venice



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Savor the timeless beauty of Tuscany, Italy's most storied region, during your 3-night stay at the lovely Villa Cappugi in the countryside outside of Pistoia
- Visit Florence, a living monument to the Renaissance, and a crown jewel of Tuscany
- Discover the villages of Cinque Terre dramatically perched along the 11-mile stretch of Italy's Ligurian coast
- Travel by boat to Portofino, a former fishing village, now a trendy town brimming with sleek yachts and priceless *palazzi*
- Enjoy magnificent views of the crystal blue Lake Maggiore nestled amid the Italian Alps
- Cruise to the Borromean island of Isola Bella and visit a 17-century palazzo with its extravagantly landscaped gardens
- Travel north to Bolzano, set amid the soaring landscape of the Dolomites and see the Otzi Iceman glacial mummy who lived 5,300 years ago

**DAY 1 | THU | FLORENCE | PISTOIA** Arrive at Florence airport and transfer to your hotel located in the Tuscan countryside just outside of Florence. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Gather this evening for our welcome dinner. (D)

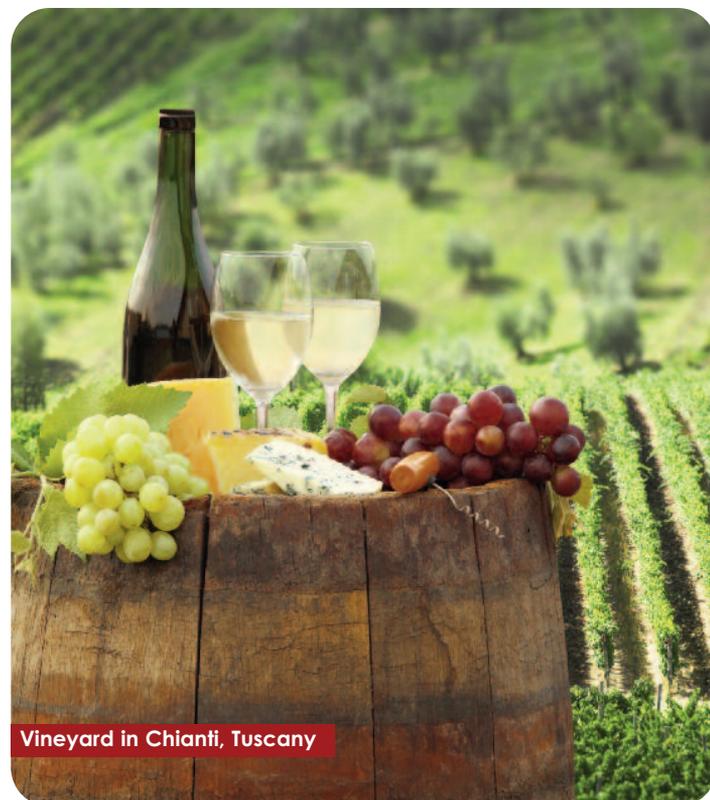
**DAY 2 | FRI | PISTOIA | SIENA | CHIANTI CLASSICO | SAN GIMIGNANO | PISTOIA** This morning we travel to Siena through Tuscany's rolling hills and Chianti's Vineyards. Explore the maze of narrow streets and alleys around the Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's oldest and most spectacular public squares that is famous for the Palio bareback horse race. Lunch today in the Chianti territory gives you the opportunity to learn about local wines and culinary specialties during a wine tasting session followed by lunch. In the afternoon visit medieval San Gimignano known for its soaring towers. Delve into town's center, called "Medieval Manhattan;" stroll the quaint alleyways and its colorful pottery shops and small museums; and sample one of the best Italian gelato's on the triangular-shaped Piazza della Cisterna. Return to your hotel late in the afternoon. (B,L)

**DAY 3 | SAT | PISTOIA | FLORENCE | PISTOIA** This morning, depart for a full day excursion to Florence. The tour begins at Michelangelo square with its breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Your walking tour takes you to Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria, and the church of Santa Croce. You will also visit the Accademia Gallery to view Michelangelo's world-famous "David" statue. The tour concludes with a visit to a leather shop where you will learn about traditional leather gilding. Lunch at leisure gives you the opportunity to delve into Florence's Tuscan food scene. In the afternoon, take time to enjoy the city center, Ponte Vecchio and opportunities for shopping in the abundant Florentine boutiques and shops. This evening you will share in a splendid included dinner at your villa in Pistoia. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | SUN | PISTOIA | CINQUE TERRE | SANTA MARGHERITA** Depart Pistoia this morning and drive through the Tuscan Apennine hills towards the Italian Riviera's rugged coastline. Revel in the day of exploring Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Starting in La Spezia, you will visit the most picturesque villages along the coast.



View of Siena city



Vineyard in Chianti, Tuscany

See Riomaggiore, where the famous "Love Trail" (La via dell'Amore) begins; Vernazza, referred to as the most beautiful of these villages; and Monterosso, known for its well-developed fishing and cultivating on terraces. The area is acclaimed for the production of its light and refreshing white wines and fresh basil used in authentic green pesto sauce. Opt to try some of these local specialities as you venture off for lunch on your own. In the afternoon, journey north and check in at your hotel on the Italian Riviera. (B)

**DAY 5 | MON | SANTA MARGHERITA | PORTOFINO | SANTA MARGHERITA** After breakfast, head to the port and board your vessel to the spectacular resort town of Portofino. Once a simple fishing village, Portofino today is a trendy vacation hot-spot, brimming with countless sleek and palatial mega-yachts. Enjoy free time to explore this breathtaking coastal gem and savor lunch on your own. Return to your hotel in the afternoon. (B)

**DAY 6 | TUE | SANTA MARGHERITA | MILAN | STRESA** Check-out of your Italian Riviera hotel and embark on today's adventure, stopping first in Milan. Depart on an insightful city tour, starting at the 15th century Sforza Castle where you can admire the frescoes painted by Leonardo Da Vinci. Continue along to the world famous Opera House La Scala, founded by Empress Maria Theresa of Austria in 1778. Take time to explore this vibrant cosmopolitan city at leisure and enjoy lunch on your own. Later in the afternoon, head to Stresa in the Italian Lakes District and check in to your hotel. (B)

## NEW ITALIAN VISTAS: FROM TUSCANY TO THE DOLOMITES



Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore

**DAY 7 | WED | STRESA | LAKE MAGGIORE | STRESA** Today's exciting activities are truly a feast for the eyes, sure to include unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory for a lifetime! Enjoy the day cruising and taking in the views of Lake Maggiore. Visit the Borromean island of Isola Bella where you will tour its stunning 17th-century palazzo and extravagantly landscaped gardens, then savor a special lunch there. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure for you to explore at your own pace. (B,L)

**DAY 8 | THU | STRESA | LAKE ORTA | STRESA** Rise and shine to a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the off-the-beaten path village of Orta. Often referred to by Milan's locals as "La Cenerentola" or Cinderella, it is perceived by many to be the secret but superior sibling of the well-known and larger lakes of Como and Maggiore. Explore Orta San Giulio, taking in the center's beautiful architecture, village vistas along its steep slopes, and lush wooded area that set it apart from many of the area's other islands. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, and tonight join us for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 9 | FRI | STRESA | BRESCIA | BOLZANO** After breakfast depart Stresa for Bolzano. Along the way, visit Cantine Al Rocola, a countryside estate in Franciacorta, for wine sampling and delicious lunch. After lunch enjoy the spectacular views as you journey along the shores of Lake Garda towards Bolzano, a city that is more Teutonic than Italian, with parks that line the towns' two rivers, Tyrolean-style houses and preference for Germanic dialect. Remainder of the day and evening are at leisure. (B,L)

**DAY 10 | SAT | BOLZANO** After breakfast, take a cable car to view the 19-peak Dolomites. Join in a walking tour of the historic center of Bolzano. A highlight of the tour is a visit the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano to see the remarkably preserved remains of

the "Otzi Iceman" glacial mummy, a man who lived around 5,300 years ago and whose body was preserved in glacial ice until it was discovered by hikers in 1991 at an elevation of over 10,000 feet in the Ötztal Alps. Take time to explore with an afternoon at leisure. Tonight's included dinner will give you another amazing opportunity to enjoy a culinary treat at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 11 | SUN | BOLZANO | VERONA | VENICE** Today we explore Verona, a medieval gem dotted with ornate palazzi renowned as the setting for three of Shakespeare plays. It truly seems impossible to separate Verona from the Romeo and Juliet love story. Your tour takes you to see the house believed to be Juliet's, thought to have inspired the famed balcony scene, and to see Baroque buildings, Renaissance palaces, and beautiful churches. After free time to delve into the city on your own, we drive to Venice and check in at your hotel. (B)

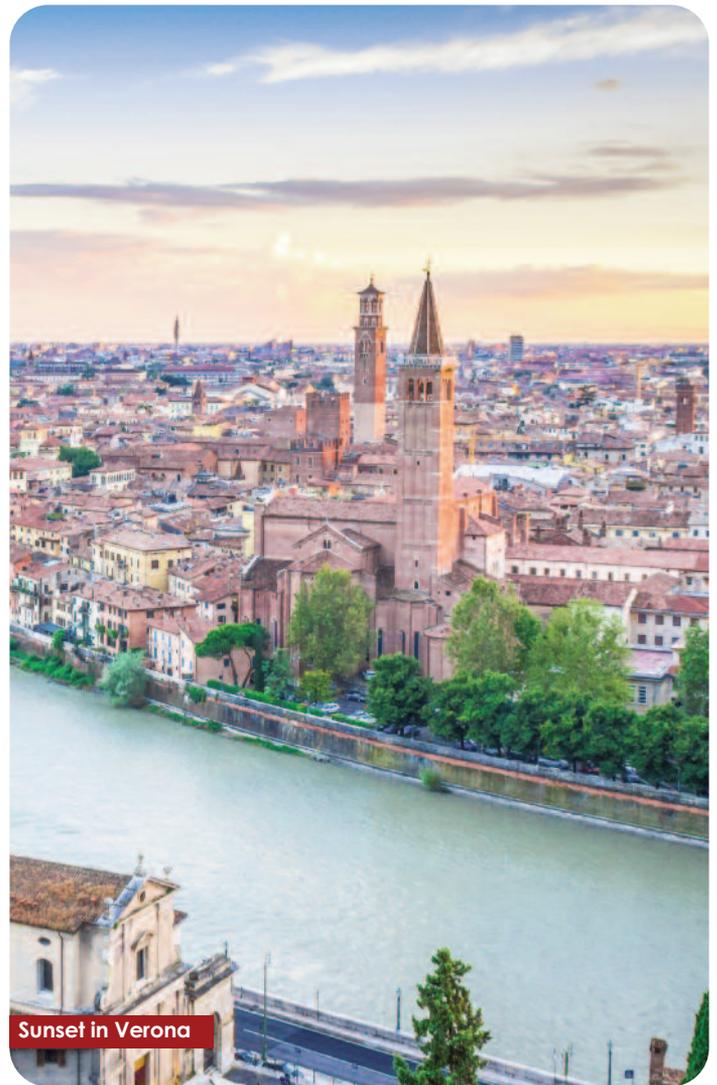
**DAY 12 | MON | VENICE** The excitement continues today with a morning tour of Venice, the city of magnificent marble palaces on a lagoon. Just like its world-famous Carnevale, Venice thrives on mystery and awe, from the secret passageways that riddle Gothic Palazzo Ducale, to the esoteric powers of the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute, and to Saint Mark's Basilica, recognized as one of the most refined and accomplished works of Byzantine craftsmanship in the world. Afternoon is at leisure with enough time for more sightseeing, shopping, and exploring. Gather tonight to share a special farewell dinner. (B,D)

**DAY 13 | TUE | VENICE TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Transfer to the airport for your return flight home with thrilling and inspired new experiences to share and remember of your time enjoying the treasures of Italy. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 12 nights
- 20 included meals consisting of:
  - 12 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 lunches at a farmhouse in the countryside
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 2 dinners at the hotel
  - 3 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
- Wine, mineral water, 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 Florence, including the Accademia Gallery
  - Visit local farm in Chianti region for wine tasting
  - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Excursion to Cinque Terre
  - Excursion to Portofino
  - Tour of Milan, including a visit to La Scala
  - Excursion to Borromean island of Isola Bella, including a visit to 17th-century palazzo
  - Excursion to Lake Orta
  - Tour of Bolzano, including a visit to the Museum of Archeology which houses Otzi, the Iceman
  - Walking tour of Verona
  - Walking tour of Venice, including the Doge's Palace
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



Sunset in Verona



Castle Mareccio, Bolzano

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Pistoia	3	Villa Cappugi	First class
Santa Margherita	2	Park Hotel Suisse	First class
Stresa	3	Hotel Regina Palace	First class
Bolzano	2	Scala Stiegl	First class
Venice	2	Cavalletto	First class

## 2018 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)
12-Apr	24-Apr	\$3,398	9-Aug	21-Aug	\$3,498
3-May	15-May	\$3,398	23-Aug	4-Sep	\$3,498
17-May	29-May	\$3,398	6-Sep	18-Sep	\$3,398
31-May	12-Jun	\$3,398	20-Sep	2-Oct	\$3,398
14-Jun	26-Jun	\$3,398	27-Sep	9-Oct	\$3,348
28-Jun	10-Jul	\$3,498	11-Oct	23-Oct	\$3,298
12-Jul	24-Jul	\$3,498	18-Oct	30-Oct	\$3,298
26-Jul	7-Aug	\$3,498	25-Oct	6-Nov	\$3,298

Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$986

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$110

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# SPLENDORS OF SICILY

8 Days FROM \$1,998



Village of Ragusa

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Palermo • (1) Agrigento • (1) Ragusa • (3) Taormina



# - No. of overnight stays

— - By motorcoach

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover legendary tales, art, history and time-honored traditions in Sicily's capital of Palermo
- Delve into the enchanting beauty of Taormina's Greek-Roman amphitheater with its spectacular views of Giardini di Naxos and Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe
- Savor local flavors with tasting experiences of locally produced olive oil, chocolate, and sweet Marsala wines
- Explore UNESCO World Heritage sites including Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, the town of Modica known for its chocolate still made in the traditional way, and Noto, part of the "Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto"
- Journey to the towns where "The Godfather" trilogy was filmed, Savoca and D'Agro Valley

**DAY 1 | FRI | PALERMO** After your morning arrival into Palermo's Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

**DAY 2 | SAT | PALERMO** This morning enjoy a tour of Palermo featuring the Massimo Theater, Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans, and the Cathedral housing the shrine of Santa Rosalia. The last stop will be at the Abbey of Monreale, an Arab-Norman Cathedral built in the 12th century famous for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics and the adjacent Benedictine cloister. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or to take an optional tour of Cefalu', a picturesque fishing village outside of Palermo. (B)

**DAY 3 | SUN | PALERMO | ERICE | MARSALA | AGRIGENTO** This morning we take a breathtaking scenic drive up to the medieval town of Erice. After the Elymians settled here, it became an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets, each cobbled with rectangular stones, and take some time to stop by one of the famous homemade pastry shops selling delicacies such as marzipan candies and pistachio pastries. After enjoying an olive oil tasting session and lunch accompanied by Marsala wine at a local farmhouse, we will travel along a coastline mostly made up of salt pans built back in roman times. Overnight in Agrigento. (B,L)

**DAY 4 | MON | AGRIGENTO | RAGUSA** This morning enjoy a guided tour of "The Valley of the Temples", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the main archaeological treasures of the Mediterranean, this site is immersed in a rural landscape of rare beauty characterized by the presence of century-old olive and almond trees. Your guided walking tour will cover about one mile in a mostly downhill direction, with stops along the "Via Sacra" (holy pathway) to admire the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Herakles and ruins of the Temple of Zeus. In the afternoon we continue to Ragusa. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 5 | TUE | RAGUSA | MODICA | NOTO | ORTIGIA (SYRACUSE) | TAORMINA** Today's first stop will be in Modica, a quaint historic town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Boasting some very fine Baroque architecture, picturesque views and historic sites, Modica is also known for its chocolate. Rich, dark and crumbly, it is produced in a traditional method imported from the New World by Sicily's Spanish overlords. After a chocolate tasting session in one of the most prestigious chocolate maker, we resume our journey to Noto, part of the "Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the enchanting island of Ortigia, the old town center of Syracuse. Highlights of Ortigia are the cathedral square with its church built over an ancient Greek temple and the beautiful promenade with its panorama over the sea and the natural bay of the town. Dinner and overnight in Taormina. (B,D)

**DAY 6 | WED | TAORMINA** Morning at leisure to relax, or to take an optional excursion to the slopes of Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center including the Greek/Roman amphitheater with breathtaking views looking over the bay of Naxos (B)

**DAY 7 | THU | TAORMINA | SAVOCA | D'AGRO VALLEY | TAORMINA** Today enjoy a once in a lifetime experience: the "Godfather" tour. See the real Sicily while exploring Savoca and D'Agro Valley, the towns and area that served as location when filming the "The Godfather" trilogy. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, bid arrivederci to your travel companions during a festive farewell dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a fashionable restaurant. (B, D)

**DAY 8 | FRI | TAORMINA | CATANIA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to Catania Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

### PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Palermo	2	Plaza Opera' or Principe Di Villafranca	First class
Agrigento	1	Della Valle	First class
Ragusa	1	Poggio del Sole	First class
Taormina	3	Capotaormina	First class



Temple in Agrigento

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- 12 included meals consisting of:
  - 7 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at a local farmhouse
  - 2 dinners at hotel
  - 2 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
  - Tour of Palermo featuring Quattro Canti, Cathedral and Monreale
  - Visit of Erice, Noto, and Syracuse
  - Olive oil tasting in Marsala and chocolate tasting in Modica
  - Tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
  - Walking tour of Taormina and visit of the Amphitheater
  - Tour of the D'Agro Valley and "Godfather" filming locations
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- 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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20-Apr	27-Apr	\$1,998	10-Aug	17-Aug	\$2,348
27-Apr	4-May	\$1,998	17-Aug	24-Aug	\$2,348
4-May	11-May	\$1,998	24-Aug	31-Aug	\$2,348
11-May	18-May	\$1,998	31-Aug	7-Sep	\$2,248
18-May	25-May	\$2,098	7-Sep	14-Sep	\$2,248
25-May	1-Jun	\$2,098	14-Sep	21-Sep	\$2,248
1-Jun	8-Jun	\$2,098	21-Sep	28-Sep	\$2,248
8-Jun	15-Jun	\$2,248	28-Sep	5-Oct	\$1,998
15-Jun	22-Jun	\$2,248	5-Oct	12-Oct	\$1,998
22-Jun	29-Jun	\$2,248	12-Oct	19-Oct	\$1,998
29-Jun	6-Jul	\$2,248	19-Oct	26-Oct	\$1,998
6-Jul	13-Jul	\$2,248	26-Oct	2-Nov	\$1,998
13-Jul	20-Jul	\$2,268	2-Nov	9-Nov	\$1,998
20-Jul	27-Jul	\$2,268	9-Nov	16-Nov	\$1,998

Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$489

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$45

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# MAGNIFICENT ITALY & THE AMALFI COAST

12 Days FROM \$3,098



Grand Canal in Venice

## 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

**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 Baptistry 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)



**Campo Square and Tower in Siena**

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**Aceto balsamico di Modena**

## MAGNIFICENT ITALY & THE AMALFI COAST



Florence with Skyline, enjoying Italian pizza



Flag-lined street in Assisi

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

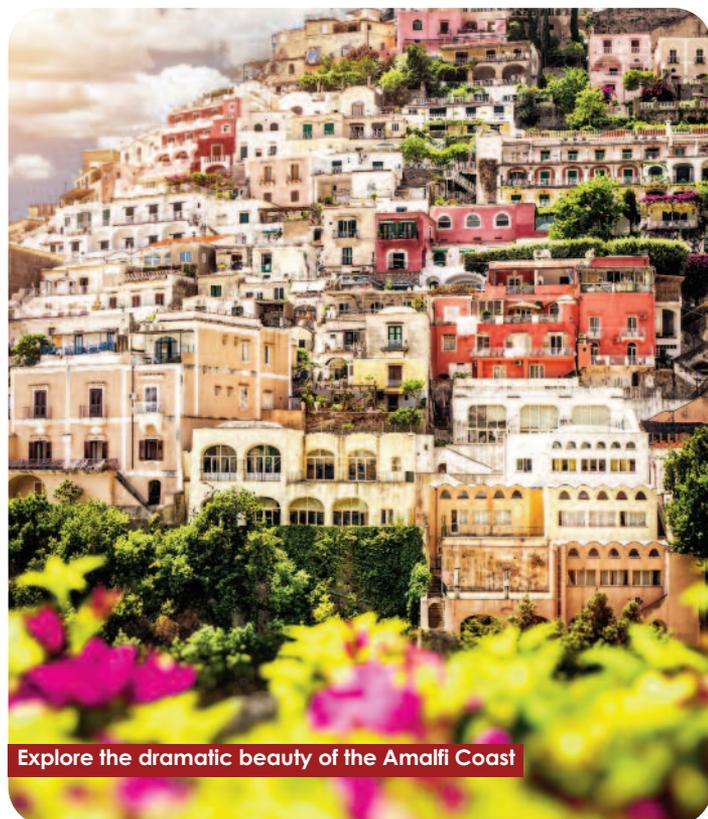
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  - Amalfi coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
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Relax on the chic island of Capri



Explore the dramatic beauty of the Amalfi Coast

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

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Sorrento	3	Majestic	First class

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18-Jun	29-Jun	\$3,598	15-Oct	26-Oct	\$3,498
25-Jun	6-Jul	\$3,598	22-Oct	2-Nov	\$3,498
2-Jul	13-Jul	\$3,468	29-Oct	9-Nov	\$3,498
9-Jul	20-Jul	\$3,468	5-Nov	16-Nov	\$3,298
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Guaranteed departures in Red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$950

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$105

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# ITALY'S SOUTHERN SPLENDORS

14 Days FROM \$4,098



Piazza Navona, Rome

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Rome • (3) Sorrento • (2) Palermo • (1) Agrigento •  
(1) Ragusa • (3) Taormina



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live the old world meets modern pulse of Rome from its ancient ruins to its lively piazzas and tantalizing trattorias
- Discover the near endless treasures of Vatican City from Michelangelo's masterful paintings in the Sistine Chapel to gems in Vatican Museums, to the grandiose St. Peter's Basilica
- Explore the remarkably preserved ruins of Pompeii, city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago
- Journey along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, stay in Sorrento, and cross the Bay of Naples to the Isle of Capri
- Travel back in time as you delve into the Sicilian cities of Taormina and Agrigento
- Take-in the majestic views of the largest active volcano in Europe, Mt. Etna.
- Enjoy tasting experiences of chocolate, olive oil, and sweet Marsala wine in Sicily, and explore the towns where "The Godfather" trilogy was filmed

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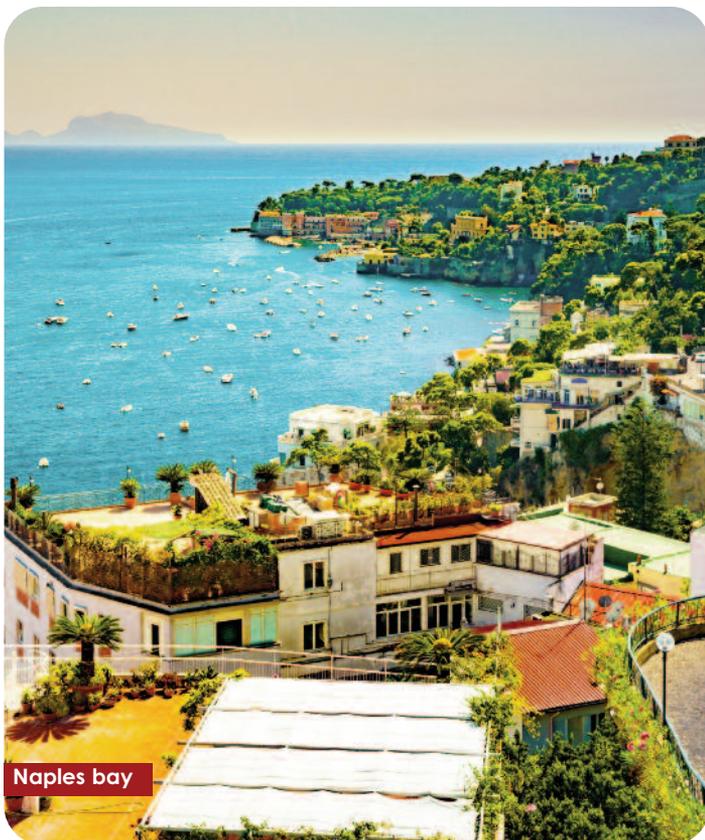
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Fruit stand in Sorrento



Naples bay

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**DAY 7 | FRI | SORRENTO | NAPLES | PALERMO** Today we say goodbye to Sorrento. Transfer to Naples airport for your flight to Palermo (not included). Arrival in Palermo and transfer to your hotel. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 8 | SAT | PALERMO** This morning enjoy a tour of Palermo featuring the Massimo Theater, Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans, and the Cathedral housing the shrine of Santa Rosalia. The last stop will be at the Abbey of Monreale, an Arab-Norman Cathedral built in the 12th century famous for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics and the adjacent Benedictine cloister. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or to take an optional tour of Cefalu', a picturesque fishing village outside of Palermo. (B)

**DAY 9 | SUN | PALERMO | ERICE | MARSALA | AGRIGENTO** This morning we take a breathtaking scenic drive up to the medieval town of Erice. After the Elymians settled here, it became an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets, each cobbled with rectangular stones, and take some time to stop by one of the famous homemade pastry shops selling

## ITALY'S SOUTHERN SPLENDORS



Small town of Ravello



Baroque Town of the Val di Noto

delicacies such as marzipan candies and pistachio pastries. After enjoying an olive oil tasting session and lunch accompanied by Marsala wine at a local farmhouse, we will travel along a coastline mostly made up of salt pans built back in roman times. Overnight in Agrigento. (B,L)

**DAY 10 | MON | AGRIGENTO | RAGUSA** This morning enjoy a guided tour of "The Valley of the Temples", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of the main archaeological treasures of the Mediterranean, this site is immersed in a rural landscape of rare beauty characterized by the presence of century-old olive and almond trees. Your guided walking tour will cover about one mile in a mostly downhill direction, with stops along the "Via Sacra" (holy pathway) to admire the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Herakles and ruins of the Temple of Zeus. In the afternoon we continue to Ragusa. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 11 | TUE | RAGUSA | MODICA | NOTO | ORTIGIA (SYRACUSE) | TAORMINA** Today's first stop will be in Modica, a quaint historic town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Boasting some very fine Baroque architecture, picturesque views and historic sites, Modica is also known for its chocolate. Rich, dark and crumbly, it is produced in a traditional method imported from the New World by Sicily's Spanish overlords. After a chocolate tasting session in one of the most prestigious chocolate maker, we resume our journey to Noto. Part of the "Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto", a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the enchanting island of Ortigia, the old town center of Syracuse. Highlights of Ortigia are the cathedral square with its church built over an ancient Greek temple and the beautiful promenade with its panorama over the sea and the natural bay of the town. Dinner and overnight in Taormina. (B,D)

**DAY 12 | WED | TAORMINA** Morning at leisure to relax, or to take an optional excursion to the slopes of Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center including the Greek/Roman amphitheater with breathtaking views looking over the bay of Naxos (B)

**DAY 13 | THU | TAORMINA | SAVOCA | D'AGRO VALLEY | TAORMINA** Today enjoy a once in a lifetime experience: the "Godfather" tour. See the real Sicily while exploring Savoca and D'Agro Valley, the towns and area that served as location when filming the "The Godfather" trilogy. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, bid arrivederci to your travel companions during a festive farewell dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a fashionable restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 14 | FRI | TAORMINA | CATANIA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to Catania Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 13 nights
- 22 included meals consisting of:
  - 13 buffet breakfasts
  - 3 dinners at hotels
  - 4 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 1 lunch at a local farmhouse
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  - Amalfi Coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
  - Tour of Palermo featuring Quattro Canti, Cathedral and Monreale
  - Visit of Erice, Noto, and Syracuse
  - Olive oil tasting in Marsala and chocolate tasting in Modica
  - Tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
  - Walking tour of Taormina and visit of the Amphitheater
  - Tour of the D'Agro Valley and "Godfather" filming locations
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
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"IL Padrino" Godfather Tour



Street cafe in the Taormina

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

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Rome	3	Donna Camilla Savelli	First class
Sorrento	3	Majestic	First class
Palermo	2	Plaza Opera or Principe Di Villafranca	First class
Agrigento	1	Della Valle	First class
Ragusa	1	Poggio del Sole	First class
Taormina	3	Capotaormina	First class

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Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)  
 Single Supplement: \$984  
 Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$120  
 (\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.  
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# ITALY'S NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

9 Days FROM \$2,294



Gondolas in Venice

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

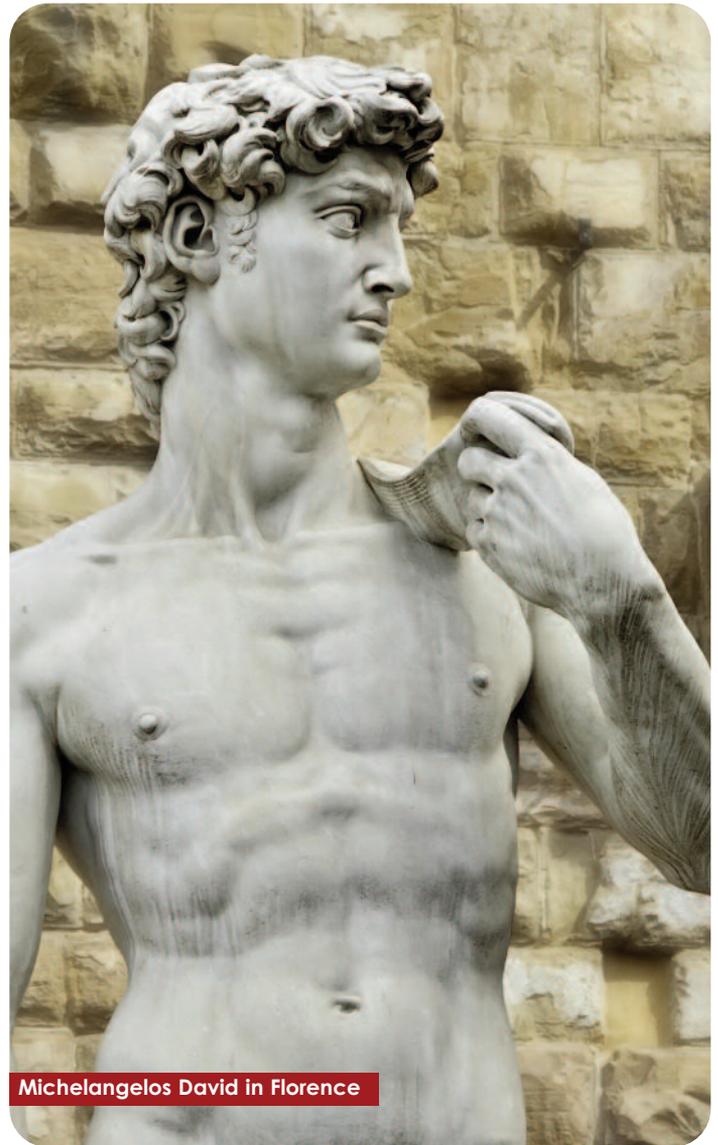
- Marvel at the magic of Venice from the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square
- Sample local favorites of Lambrusco wines and balsamic vinegar with lunch in Modena
- Explore the Renaissance city of Florence and the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano
- Enjoy a private wine tasting experience at Magione Castle
- Tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Delve into Rome from the Roman Forum and the iconic Colosseum to the Eternal City's piazzas and trattorias

**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)

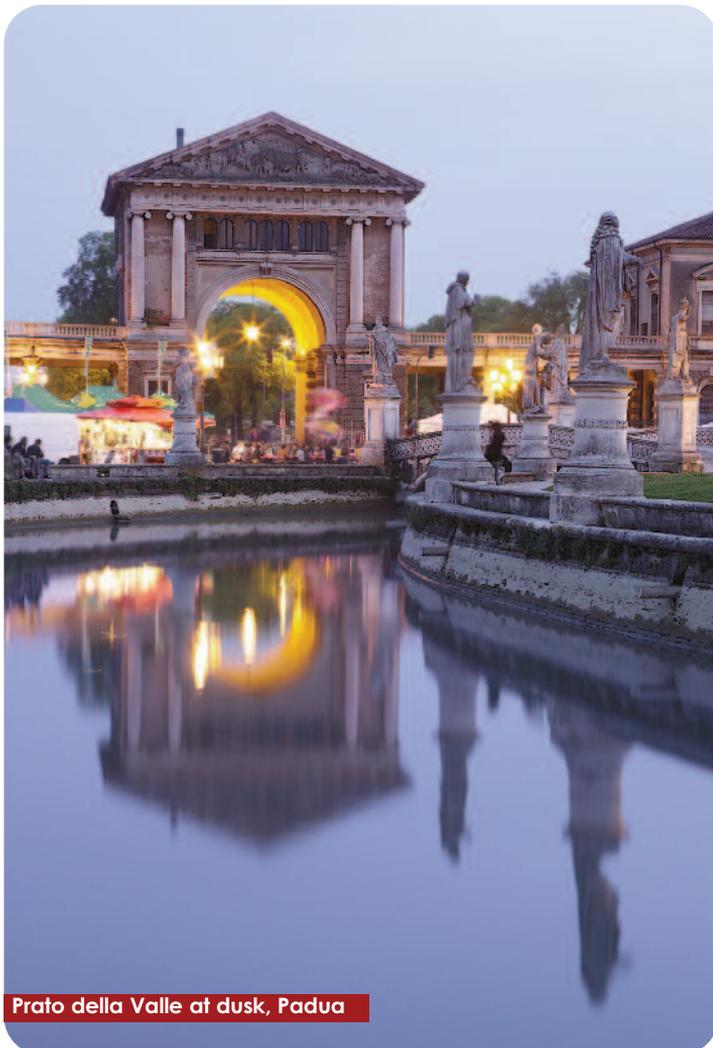
**DAY 2 | TUE | VENICE** Your morning tour of Venice is on foot and will highlight the Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison. Afternoon is at leisure with enough time for more sightseeing, shopping or relaxation. (B)

**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)



Michelangelos David in Florence



Prato della Valle at dusk, Padua

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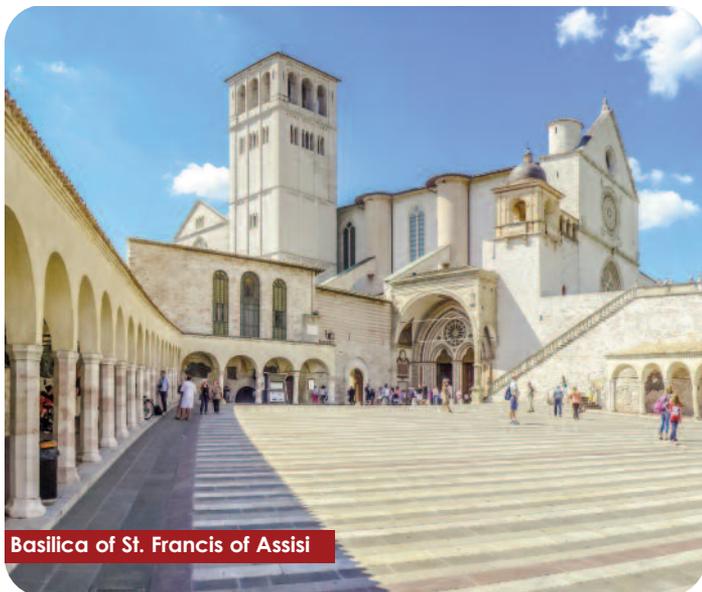
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## ITALY'S NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS



Piazza del Campo in Siena



Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

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# BEST OF ITALY

10 Days FROM \$2,398



Ponte Vecchio bridge in Florence

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Florence • (3) Rome • (3) Sorrento



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the Renaissance city of Florence on a walking tour and see the world-famous "David" at the Accademia
- Explore the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano on a full day excursion
- Enjoy a private wine tasting experience at Magione Castle
- Tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Discover Rome and Vatican City from the Colosseum to the Sistine Chapel and beyond
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**DAY 1 | WED | FLORENCE** Morning arrival into Florence's Peretola Airport. Here you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to allow you to get acquainted with the city where the Renaissance reached its highest point.

**DAY 2 | 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 Baptistry 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 3 | 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 4 | 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 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 at the castle and 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)



Landscapes of San Gimignano

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**DAY 6 | 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 7 | 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)



Loggia del Porcellino market, Florence

## BEST OF ITALY



Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi



Hand made ceramic souvenirs

**DAY 8 | 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. Enjoy time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B,L)

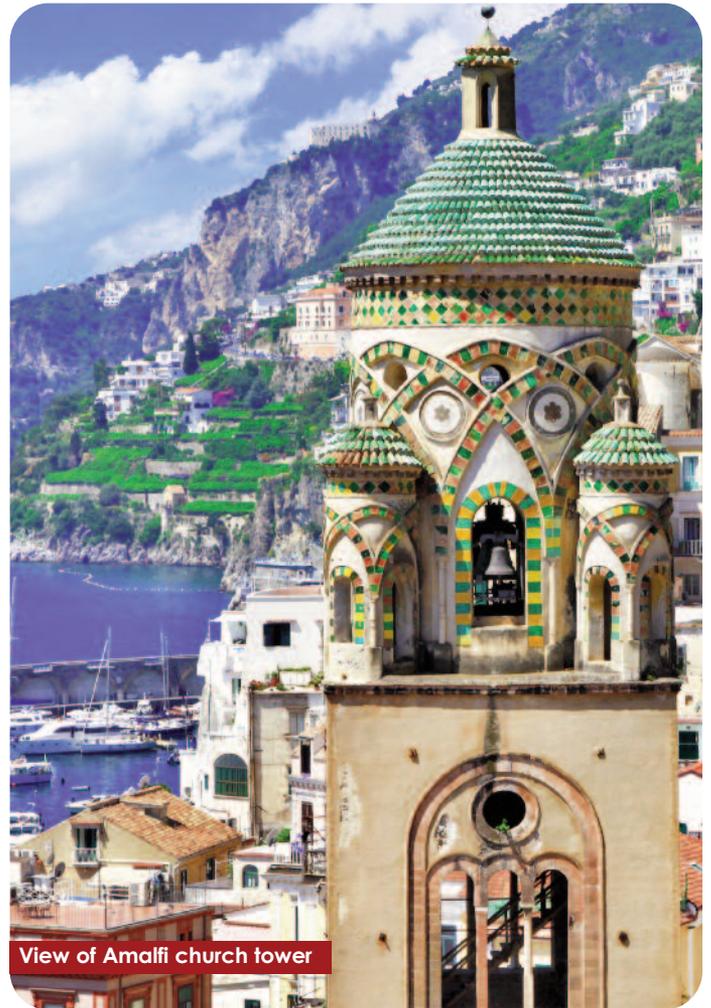
**DAY 9 | THU | SORRENTO | CAPRI | SORRENTO** A morning jetfoil whisks you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri, where you will ascend to the Piazzetta, visit the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus, and still have free time for lunch and some shopping before returning to Sorrento. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 10 | 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 9 nights
- 15 included meals consisting of:
  - 9 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 dinner at hotel
  - 3 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
- 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 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, 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 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



View of Amalfi church tower



Spanish Steps, Rome

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Florence	3	Rivoli or Adriatico	First class
Rome	3	Donna Camilla Savelli	First class
Sorrento	3	Majestic	First class

## 2018 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price (*)
28-Mar	6-Apr	\$2,698	25-Jul	3-Aug	\$2,598
4-Apr	13-Apr	\$2,698	1-Aug	10-Aug	\$2,648
11-Apr	20-Apr	\$2,798	8-Aug	17-Aug	\$2,648
18-Apr	27-Apr	\$2,898	15-Aug	24-Aug	\$2,648
25-Apr	4-May	\$2,898	22-Aug	31-Aug	\$2,648
2-May	11-May	\$2,898	29-Aug	7-Sep	\$2,798
9-May	18-May	\$2,898	5-Sep	14-Sep	\$2,898
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23-May	1-Jun	\$2,898	19-Sep	28-Sep	\$2,898
30-May	8-Jun	\$2,898	26-Sep	5-Oct	\$2,898
6-Jun	15-Jun	\$2,898	3-Oct	12-Oct	\$2,848
13-Jun	22-Jun	\$2,848	10-Oct	19-Oct	\$2,798
20-Jun	29-Jun	\$2,848	17-Oct	26-Oct	\$2,798
27-Jun	6-Jul	\$2,748	24-Oct	2-Nov	\$2,798
4-Jul	13-Jul	\$2,748	31-Oct	9-Nov	\$2,698
11-Jul	20-Jul	\$2,698	7-Nov	16-Nov	\$2,598
18-Jul	27-Jul	\$2,598	14-Nov	23-Nov	\$2,398

Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$772

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$90

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# ITALY'S SUNBELT, ROME & THE AMALFI COAST

7 Days FROM \$1,698



Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Rome

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Rome • (3) Sorrento



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the fascinating diversity of Rome and the Sorrentine Peninsula from the Eternal City's ancient ruins, piazzas and trattorias, to the postcard perfect Amalfi Coast
- Step back in time to days of warriors and gladiators in the Colosseum and Roman Forum and embark on a privately guided tour of Vatican City's Sistine Chapel
- Explore the remarkably preserved ruins of Pompeii, city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago
- Stay in Sorrento, enjoy a cruise along the Amalfi Coast, and visit the South's splendid towns of Positano, Ravello, and Amalfi
- Take a jetfoil across the blue Bay of Naples for adventuring in the fabled Isle of Capri

**DAY 1 | SAT | ROME** Morning arrival into Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Here you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2 | 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 3 | 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)

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**DAY 5 | 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. Enjoy time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B, L)

**DAY 6 | 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 7 | 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 6 nights
- 10 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 dinner at hotel
  - 2 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
- 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
  - Tour of Rome, including the Vatican Museums Sistine Chapel, and the Colosseum
  - Orientation tour of Naples
  - Guided tour of 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 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
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- Hotel taxes and service charges
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Villa Rufolo gardens in Ravello

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

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21-Apr	27-Apr	\$1,848	18-Aug	24-Aug	\$1,848
28-Apr	4-May	\$1,968	25-Aug	31-Aug	\$1,848
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Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$492

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$60

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.

# GRAND TOUR OF ITALY & SICILY

19 Days FROM \$5,598



Touring the Grand Canal in Venice

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome • (3) Sorrento •  
(2) Palermo • (1) Agrigento • (1) Ragusa • (3) Taormina



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live the enchantment of Venice from the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square
- Share in tasting experiences of Lambrusco wines and balsamic vinegar with lunch in Modena
- Marvel at the Renaissance City of Florence and the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano
- Tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Discover Rome's treasures, visiting the Roman Forum and the iconic Colosseum and enjoying The Eternal City's piazzas, trattorias, and modern city pulse
- Journey south to Naples and the celebrated Amalfi coastline to Positano and on to the romantic isle of Capri
- Delve into the mystery and mystique of Sicily in Palermo, Marsala, Agrigento, and beyond!

**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 Baptistry 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



Colosseum in Rome

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 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 at the castle and 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)

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Outside restaurant in Florence, view of Statues

## GRAND TOUR OF ITALY & SICILY



Street of Anacapri town on Capri island

**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 | NAPLES | PALERMO** Today we say goodbye to Sorrento. Transfer to Naples airport for your flight to Palermo (not included). Arrival in Palermo and transfer to your hotel. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 13 | SAT | PALERMO** This morning enjoy a tour of Palermo featuring the Massimo Theater, Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque Architecture, the Palace of the Normans, and the Cathedral housing the shrine of Santa Rosalia. The last stop will be at the Abbey of Monreale, an Arab-Norman Cathedral built in the 12th century famous for its magnificent Byzantine mosaics and the adjacent Benedictine cloister. Balance of the day is at leisure to relax or to take an optional tour of Cefalu', a picturesque fishing village outside of Palermo. (B)

**DAY 14 | SUN | PALERMO | ERICE | MARSALA | AGRIGENTO** This morning we take a breathtaking scenic drive up to the medieval town of Erice. After the Elymians settled here, it became an important religious site associated with the goddess Venus. Wander through its ancient streets, each cobbled with rectangular stones, and take some time to stop by one of the famous homemade pastry shops selling delicacies such as marzipan candies and pistachio pastries. After enjoying an olive oil tasting session and lunch accompanied by Marsala wine at a local farmhouse, we will travel along a coastline mostly made up of salt pans built back in roman times. Overnight in Agrigento. (B,L)

**DAY 15 | MON | AGRIGENTO | RAGUSA** This morning enjoy a guided tour of "The Valley of the Temples", a UNESCO World Heritage site. One of the main archaeological treasures of the Mediterranean, this site is immersed in a rural landscape of rare beauty characterized by the presence of century-old olive and almond trees. Your guided walking tour will cover about one mile in a mostly downhill direction, with stops along the "Via Sacra" (holy pathway) to admire the Temple of Concordia, the Temple of Herakles and ruins of the Temple of Zeus. In the afternoon we continue to Ragusa. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 16 | TUE | RAGUSA | MODICA | NOTO | ORTIGIA (SYRACUSE) | TAORMINA** Today's first stop will be in Modica, a quaint historic town and UNESCO World Heritage site. Boasting some very fine Baroque architecture, picturesque views and historic sites, Modica is also known for its chocolate. Rich, dark and crumbly, it is produced in a traditional method imported from the New World by Sicily's Spanish overlords. After a chocolate tasting session in one of the most prestigious chocolate-maker, we resume our journey to Noto. Part of the "Late Baroque towns of the Val di Noto", a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to the enchanting island of Ortigia, the old town center of Syracuse. Highlights of Ortigia are the cathedral square with its church built over an ancient Greek temple and the beautiful promenade with its panorama over the sea and the natural bay of the town. Dinner and overnight in Taormina. (B,D)

**DAY 17 | WED | TAORMINA** Morning at leisure to relax, or to take an optional excursion to the slopes of Mt. Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Taormina's charming city center including the Greek/Roman amphitheater with breathtaking views looking over the bay of Naxos (B)

**DAY 18 | THU | TAORMINA | SAVOCA | D'AGRO VALLEY | TAORMINA** Today enjoy a once in a lifetime experience: the "Godfather" tour. See the real Sicily while exploring Savoca and D'agro Valley, the towns and area that served as location when filming the "The Godfather" trilogy. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, bid arrivederci to your travel companions during a festive farewell dinner with delectable cuisine and sparkling wine in a fashionable restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 19 | FRI | TAORMINA | CATANIA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to Catania airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



Cathedral, Palermo

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 18 nights
- 31 included meals consisting of:
  - 18 buffet breakfasts
  - 3 dinners at hotel
  - 6 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 2 gourmet lunches with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
  - 1 lunch at a local farmhouse
- 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 and wine tasting at Magione Castle
  - Visit of St. Anthony's Basilica in Padua
  - Walking tour of Florence, including the Accademia
  - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Tour of Assisi and visit of St. Francis Basilica
  - Tour of Rome, including the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and the Colosseum
  - Orientation tour of Naples, including a visit of Pompeii
  - Amalfi coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the gardens of Caesar Augustus
  - Tour of Palermo featuring Quattro Canti, Cathedral and Monreale
  - Visit of Erice, Noto, and Syracuse
  - Olive oil tasting in Marsala and chocolate tasting in Modica
  - Tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
  - Walking tour of Taormina and visit of the Amphitheater
  - Tour of the D'Agro Valley, visit "Godfather" filming locations
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 82)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



The Cathedral of Syracuse in Ortigia

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Venice	2	Cavalletto	First class
Florence	3	Rivoli or Adriatico	First class
Rome	3	Donna Camilla Savelli	First class
Sorrento	3	Majestic	First class
Palermo	2	Plaza Opera or Principe Di Villafranca	First class
Agrigento	1	Della Valle	First class
Ragusa	1	Poggio del Sole	First class
Taormina	3	Capotaormina	First class

## 2018 TOUR DATES & PRICES

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26-Mar	13-Apr	\$5,898	23-Jul	10-Aug	\$5,848
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Guaranteed departures in red (see General Information & Conditions on page 82)

Single Supplement: \$1,444

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$210

(\*) Price is per person based on double occupancy.

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available.



Arancini - traditional food in Sicily

# DELUXE PRIVATE

## ESCORTED PROGRAM



**ITALY** is the ideal destination to discover with family and friends and experience those "remember when" moments you'll hold dear to your heart for the rest of your life.

Considered by many the best and most convenient way to travel with family & friends, enjoy your worry-free vacation while you sit back and relax in your private deluxe minivan or minibus. Your professional English speaking driver & guide will take care of guiding you through Italy with maximum flexibility and comfort, offering you the best sites and the best travel experience.

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## PER VEHICLE DAILY RATES FROM

Vehicle/Seating Capacity	min. 3 days rental	min. 4 days rental	min. 5 days rental	min. 6 days rental
2-5 pax	\$1,227	\$1,152	\$1,000	\$974
6-8 pax	\$1,375	\$1,292	\$1,121	\$1,091
9-15 pax	\$1,524	\$1,431	\$1,241	\$1,208
16-18 pax	\$1,673	\$1,571	\$1,362	\$1,325

Vehicle/Seating Capacity	min. 7 days rental	min. 8 days rental	min. 9 days rental	min. 10 days rental
2-5 pax	\$911	\$865	\$855	\$846
6-8 pax	\$1,021	\$965	\$954	\$945
9-15 pax	\$1,130	\$1,078	\$1,065	\$1,055
16-18 pax	\$1,238	\$1,191	\$1,177	\$1,166

Vehicle/Seating Capacity	min. 11 days rental	min. 12 days rental	min. 13 days rental	min. 14 days rental
2-5 pax	\$840	\$834	\$829	\$825
6-8 pax	\$937	\$931	\$926	\$921
9-15 pax	\$1,047	\$1,040	\$1,034	\$1,029
16-18 pax	\$1,156	\$1,148	\$1,142	\$1,136

# WHEN IN ROME

Soak in the Roman culture as you stroll past ancient ruins, absorb the impressive architecture, explore everything from Imperial temples to early-Christian churches and medieval bell towers to Baroque basilicas and playful piazzas, or taste the mouthwatering regional delicacies at a local trattoria. Visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain...and Vatican City's Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square. Italy's renowned capital city is a constant among "top ten" lists of places to visit that welcomes, embraces, and captivates travelers at every turn.



Trevi fountain by night in Rome

Travel In Style FROM \$2,279

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided half day tour of Imperial Rome, including entrance fee for the Colosseum
- Private guided half day tour of Trastevere area
- Private Rome by night tour, including three course dinner at a local restaurant
- "The Great Beauty" private guided full day tour, including a visit of Cinecitta' Studios
- Private guided half day Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel's tour, including entrance fee
- Three day "Roma Pass," including free entry to two museums/archeological sites, free use of city's public network and events' discounted tickets
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Rome: Donna Camilla Savelli

Travel In Luxury FROM \$2,962

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Deluxe class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided half day tour of Imperial Rome, including entrance fee for the Colosseum
- Private guided half day Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel's tour, including entrance fee
- Private guided full day excursion to Roman Castles, including lunch at a local restaurant
- "The Flavors of Rome" private guided half day tour, including gelato, Roman pizza tasting and lunch at a local restaurant
- Three day "Roma Pass," including free entry to two museums/archeological sites, free use of city's public network and events' discounted tickets
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Rome: Bernini Bristol

Travel In Simplicity FROM \$829

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Tourist class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Full day tour of Classical and Imperial Rome, including entrance fee for the Colosseum and lunch
- Full day tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and Christian Rome, including entrance fees and lunch
- Rome by night tour with dinner
- Three day "Roma Pass," including free entry to two museums/archeological sites, free use of city's public network and events' discounted tickets
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Rome: Siviglia

# WHEN IN FLORENCE

Delve into this magical and magnificent city known for its arts, history and culture - From Brunelleschi's Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio to Michelangelo's David at the Accademia and the city's breathtaking view from Pitti Palace overlooking the famous Boboli Gardens, Florence inspires and delights at every turn. In Florence, you'll find amazing Renaissance architecture, world-renowned paintings and sculptures, fine leatherwork and jewelry, plus sumptuous food, wine, and culture brimming with historical attractions such as the Piazza della Signoria, the Baptistery, the Duomo Cathedral, and much more.



River and famous basilica in Florence

Travel In Style FROM \$1,743

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided half day walking tour of Florence with visit of Accademia, including entrance fee
- Private guided full day excursion to Siena, Monteriggioni, San Gimignano and Pisa
- Private Chianti wine tour with typical Tuscan dinner
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Florence: G.H. Cavour

Travel In Luxury FROM \$2,876

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Deluxe class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided half day walking tour of Florence with visit of Accademia, including entrance fee
- Private full day excursion to Lucca, Forte dei Marmi and Pisa
- Private "The Essence of Tuscany" full day excursion to Greve, Castellina in Chianti, Montalcino, Montepulciano, including lunch and wine tastings
- Private full day excursion to Umbria: Perugia, Assisi and Lake Trasimeno
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Florence: Villa Medici



Ponte Vecchio in Florence

Travel In Simplicity FROM \$702

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Tourist class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Half day city tour, including entrance fee for the Accademia
- Full day excursion to Siena, San Gimignano, Chianti region and Pisa, including wine tasting and lunch
- Half day tour of Florence and its hills by electric bike, including wine and local produce tasting
- Shopping excursion to Gucci and Prada outlets
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Florence: Paris

Independent Programs. A selection of different hotels, room category, additional nights, transfers and optional tours are available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.

# WHEN IN VENICE

Experience this famed island city of enchanting palaces, bridges and canals boasting such renowned sites as the Basilica of St. Mark, Bridge of Sighs, and Doge's Palace. Venice is where beauty, charm and romance combine effortlessly along its narrow streets, waterside cafes, and in its main square – Piazza San Marco where locals and travelers intermingle and enjoy. Along the Grand Canal, take a Gondola ride and see some of the most beautiful palaces in Europe. For a captivating look at each island's unique offerings, visit nearby Murano, famous as Italy's glassmaking capital, and Burano, acclaimed for its picture-perfect colorful houses and hand-made lace.



Gondola on Canal Grande

## Travel In Simplicity FROM \$705

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Tourist class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- City walking tour
- Half day excursion to the Islands of Murano and Burano
- Venice mysteries and ghosts tour
- Gondola tour followed by dinner
- Three day "Vaporetto Waterbus Pass," including unlimited travel on all the services, both waterborne and on land
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Venice: Ambassador Tre Rose

## Travel In Style FROM \$1,742

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided walking city tour followed by a gondola tour
- Private guided tour of the Doge's Palace, including entrance fee
- Private "wine and cicchetti" tour
- Private excursion to the islands of Murano and Burano
- Three day "Vaporetto Waterbus Pass," including unlimited travel on all the services, both waterborne and on land
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Venice: Saturnia

## Travel In Luxury FROM \$2,516

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Deluxe class hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private guided walking city tour followed by a gondola tour
- Private guided full day excursion to Vicenza and Verona
- Private "wine and cicchetti" tour
- Three day "Vaporetto Waterbus Pass" including unlimited travel on all Tre services, both in water and on land
- Private half day guided walking tour followed by "Mask-Making" class
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotel:  
Venice: The Bauer



Santa Maria della Salute cathedral on Canal Grande

Independent Programs. A selection of different hotels, room category, additional nights, transfers and optional tours are available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.

# ITALY BY RAIL

Pursue your dreams and experience Italy at your own pace with Central Holidays' Rail programs where we plan all of the main details of your trip, but YOU set the pace. Simply relax and enjoy it all, traveling between your selected cities and towns by deluxe rail. Make your way from destination to destination in comfort on board Italy's splendid trains as you gaze upon spectacular views and vistas that are sure to take your breath away. Choose your hotel accommodations, guided sightseeing tours, excursions, and activities to create your ideal vacation by rail tailored to your every interest and whim.



Manarola village, Cinque Terre

## Lake Como & Art Cities

12 Days FROM \$1,500

(3) Lake Como • (2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 11 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Half day city tour of Venice
- Half day city tour of Florence
- Half day city tour of Rome
- Transportation Como to Venice by First class rail
- Transportation Venice to Florence by First class rail
- Transportation Florence to Rome by First class rail
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:

Lake Como: Barchetta Excelsior

Venice: Saturnia    Florence: G.H. Cavour    Rome: Donna Camilla Savelli



Super fast passenger train

(#) No. of overnight stays

## Rome, Pompeii & The Amalfi Coast

7 Days FROM \$801

(3) Rome • (3) Sorrento

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Half day city tour of Rome
- Transportation Sorrento to Rome via motorcoach, including visit to Pompeii excavations and lunch
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:

Rome: Siviglia    Sorrento: Villa di Sorrento

## Venice, Florence & Rome

9 Days FROM \$961

(2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 8 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Half day city tour of Venice
- Half day city tour of Florence
- Half day city tour of Rome
- Transportation Venice to Florence by First class rail
- Transportation Florence to Rome by First class rail
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:

Rome: Siviglia    Florence: Paris    Venice: Ambassador Tre Rose

## Rome, Florence & Cinque Terre

10 Days FROM \$1,434

(3) Rome • (3) Florence • (3) Cinque Terre

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 9 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Half day city tour of Rome
- Half day city tour of Florence
- Transportation Rome to Florence by First class rail
- Transportation Florence to Monterosso via La Spezia by First and Second class rail
- Three day Cinque Terre Train Card
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:

Rome: Donna Camilla Savelli    Florence: G.H. Cavour    Cinque Terre: Marina

# PICTURESQUE AMALFI COAST

7 Days FROM \$1,819



Amalfi Coast

## HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Minori



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the coastal lifestyle of Mediterranean sunshine, amazing scenery, and gastronomic delights along the Amalfi Coast
- Live the experience of a lifetime staying in the seaside town of Minori, sampling limoncello, visiting local artisans shops, and taking part in an inspired cooking class followed by dinner
- Marvel at the medieval architecture and modern day life in the UNESCO World Heritage towns of Amalfi and Ravello
- Explore the remarkably preserved ruins of Pompeii, a city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago
- Visit Sorrento for authentic “pizza napoletana” and cross the Bay of Naples via jetfoil for some adventuring in the breathtaking Isle of Capri
- Delve into the past in Salerno and Paestum, featuring one of the best collections of Greek temples in Western Europe

**DAY 1 | NAPLES | AIRPORT OR RAILWAYS STATION | MINORI** Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Minori, an attractive and uncrowded seaside town at the center of a wide cove on the Amalfi Coast. A resort-like retreat among aristocratic Romans who came for the sunshine and dramatic scenery, Minori retains its identity as a laid-back fishing village. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (D)

**DAY 2 | MINORI** This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Minori. Dubbed “the town of good taste” for its gastronomic delights, Minori is known for its terraced gardens that stagger up the rugged hillsides filled with citrus trees. The lemons are used to make some of the tasty pastries sold in shops throughout the Amalfi Coast, but also in the production of limoncello, the area’s famous liqueur. After a tasting of limoncello in a local factory, you will continue your tour with a visit of local artisans shops producing ceramics and other typical products of the area. Time to rest before taking part in a cooking class held by the hotel chef, followed by dinner. (B,D)

**DAY 3 | MINORI | AMALFI | RAVELLO | MINORI** Today, depart for a full day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage towns of Amalfi and Ravello. Amalfi was once a powerful town, and the first Sea Republic in Italy. Part of the town was destroyed by a tsunami in the 14th century. Walk through the town and see examples of Moorish influenced medieval architecture, such as Saint Andrew’s Cathedral (Duomo) and the Cloister of Paradise. Amalfi is also known as a maker of a hand-made thick paper called “bambagina” popular with artists. Continue to the nearby charming town of Ravello, which was founded in the 5th century as shelter against the barbarian invasions. By the 9th century, the town was an important trading power. Later in the afternoon, return to Minori. Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | MINORI | POMPEII | SORRENTO | POSITANO | MINORI** A full day filled with captivating sights. Drive to Pompeii, a prosperous Roman town buried under a thick layer of ash 2,000 years ago. A guided walk through the remarkably preserved ruins of temples, houses, gardens and public buildings will be a fascinating and moving experience. Continue to Sorrento for a pizza lunch in a local restaurant before your walking tour of this lovely resort town. On our way to Minori we will stop for a view of Positano, a town of fishermen’s white houses clustered around the glazed tiled dome of its church and overlooking the turquoise Mediterranean water. Dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 5 | MINORI | CAPRI | MINORI** This morning, weather permitting, a jetfoil will whisk you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri. Ascend by funicular to the “Piazzetta”, the town center and where extravagance is the non-noticed norm. The magic of the island is everywhere. Walk by spotless narrow streets. Gaze at boutique displays. Sit at an open air cafe for lunch on your own, before returning to the pier by funicular and boarding the jetfoil back to the mainland. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)



Village of Minori



Mozzarella di Bufala

**DAY 6 | MINORI | SALERNO | PAESTUM | MINORI** Today’s excursion will be to the lively port town of Salerno. During medieval times the town’s medical school was among the most advanced. In recent history, Salerno was the site of the Allied landing in September 1942. Continue to Paestum, one of the best collections of Greek temples in Western Europe, and see the 2000 year old Doric Temples. Next, visit a “Mozzarella di Bufala” factory to learn about the mozzarella making process, and to sample some of it. Return to Minori. Farewell dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 7 | MINORI | NAPLES RAILWAY STATION OR AIRPORT TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to Naples airport or railway station. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel for 6 nights
- 13 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 pizza lunch at local restaurant
  - 6 dinners at hotel
- Wine and mineral water during pizza lunch
- Assistance of a professional local representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Tour of Minori
  - Visit of a limoncello factory with tasting
  - Cooking class in Minori
  - Tour of Amalfi and Ravello
  - Tour of Pompeii, Positano and Sorrento, including entrance fees for Pompeii
  - Tour of Capri and Anacapri
  - Tour of Salerno and Paestum, including entrance fees for Paestum
  - Visit of a “Mozzarella di Bufala” factory with tasting
- Round trip transfers from Naples airport or railway station to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

### PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Minori	6	Villa Romana	First class

### PRICED FROM

First class hotels: \$1,819

Price is per person, based on double occupancy.

# THE JEWELS OF SARDINIA'S EMERALD COAST & CORSICA

7 Days FROM \$3,296



Ancient coastal citadel of Bonifacio

## PRIVATE DELUXE PROGRAM

(3) Emerald Coast • (2) Bonifacio • (1) Emerald Coast



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into Sardinia at leisure and get to know the treasures of "The Emerald Coast"
- Sail to La Maddalena Archipelago's sparsely settled islands scattered in the stretch of sea between Sardinia and Corsica
- Head out via chauffeur-driven car transfer to experience the wine-making process at a family run vineyard in Arzachena and enjoy a private wine tasting experience
- Have an adventure in Corsica as you discover its mountainous terrain, splendid beaches, and charming villages with your own professional driver and guide
- Embark on a private tour of the medieval village of Bonifacio, built over towering cliffs, and savor an authentic area recipes at a local restaurant

**DAY 1 | EMERALD COAST** Arrival in the “Emerald Coast”, Sardinia's region heralded as much for its celebrity vacationers as for its wild beauty. Here, in this natural paradise, you will spend the next few days. This 35 mile long coastline is washed by aquamarine waters, the air is heady with the scents of oleanders and myrtle trees, the landscape is dotted with rock formations sculpted by the Mistral, and the beaches, each one more beautiful than the next one, are fringed with strawberry trees

**DAY 2 | EMERALD COAST | LA MADDALENA NATIONAL PARK | EMERALD COAST** After breakfast, you will be transferred by private car to the port. Here you will embark on a sailing boat for an unforgettable journey to the Maddalena Archipelago, one of the most stunning locations in the whole of the Mediterranean. This constellation of 62 islands boasts pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters. Lunch on board and private transfer back to your hotel are included. (B,L)

**DAY 3 | EMERALD COAST | ARZACHENA | EMERALD COAST** Morning at leisure to relax, before departing for Arzachena for a private visit of the Surrau Winery. Designed as a place where art would merge with nature, its main building has transparent facades that complement the beautiful landscape of the over 40 acres of farmland mostly cultivated with vineyards. During your guided tour, you will learn about the winemaking process and how the vineyards are cultivated and harvested. After your wine tasting session you will be taken back to your hotel. Tonight enjoy a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | EMERALD COAST | BONIFACIO** This morning your private driver will take you to the port where you will embark to Corsica, an island of primitive beauty with superb beaches and picturesque hillside villages. Upon arrival, your private driver will take you to your hotel in Corsica. The afternoon is at leisure for you to get acquainted with the people, culture and customs of this unique Mediterranean island. (B)

**DAY 5 | BONIFACIO** This morning you will be taken on a private tour of Bonifacio, a medieval village built over towering cliffs. The tour will end with lunch in a local restaurant. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax. (B,L)

**DAY 6 | BONIFACIO | EMERALD COAST** This morning you will be transferred to the port for your ferry back to Sardinia. Upon arrival, your private driver will take you to your hotel, for your last night in Sardinia. (B)

**DAY 7 | EMERALD COAST TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Say “arrivederci” to Italy or extend your stay. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



Costa Smeralda, Sardinia

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 9 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch on sailing boat
  - 1 dinner at local restaurant in the Emerald Coast
  - 1 lunch at local restaurant in Bonifacio
- Full day excursion on sailing boat to La Maddalena National Park, including chauffeur-driven car transfers
- Private wine tasting session at Surrau Winery, including chauffeur-driven car transfers
- Private guided tour of Bonifacio
- Private car transfer from Emerald Coast hotel to port
- Private car transfer from port to hotel in Bonifacio
- Private car transfer from hotel in Bonifacio to port
- Private car transfer from port to Emerald Coast hotel
- Ferry tickets Santa Teresa di Gallura/Bonifacio/ Santa Teresa di Gallura
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PRICED FROM

Deluxe and First class hotels: \$3,296

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:  
 Emerald Coast: Cala Granu Resort  
 Bonifacio: U Capu Biancu

A selection of different hotels, room category, additional nights, transfers and optional tours are available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.



Costa Smeralda, Sardinia

# THE TIMELESS ELEGANCE AND WINE ROUTES OF VENETO

7 Days FROM \$2,019



Landscape with vineyards in Veneto

## HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Rivarotta Pasiano Pordenone



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Get to know the Veneto region from the magnificent Dolomites to the Venetian Lagoon to the city of Venice, sampling its acclaimed vintages and culinary treats all along the way
- Delve into the world's only "authentic" Prosecco region firsthand in Treviso
- Savor delicious authentic Italian meals and sample Veneto wines at superb tastings and sommelier lead experiences
- Live the enchantment of Venice from the Bridge of Sighs and Palazzo Ducale to St. Mark's Square and beyond to her captivating waterways, churches, and wine history
- Tour a winery in Venice, enjoy a prosciutto factory and restaurant in San Daniele del Friuli, and sample a "spritz" aperitif in Oderzo
- Stay in a storied Italian countryside residence turned hotel and join in a hand-on cooking class with the chef

**DAY 1 | VENICE | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** Arrive in Venice and transfer to your hotel in Rivarotta Pasiano Pordenone. Once a Benedictine convent dating back to 1000, Villa Luppis was first extended in 1200 by Camaldolese monks. Immersed in a five hectares private park, this elegant country residence is the ideal starting point to discover the Veneto region. Richly decorated in both natural and man-made treasures, its varied landscape ranges from the Venetian lagoon near the Adriatic Sea to rolling hills dotted with world renowned vineyards, and stretching up into the magnificent Dolomites mountain range. Tonight enjoy a welcome drink followed by a gourmet dinner at the hotel. (D)

**DAY 2 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE | TREVISO | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** Start your day with a visit of the lovely city of Treviso. Featuring breathtaking vistas in the foothills of the Alps, overlooking the surrounding valleys, Treviso has become popular with wine aficionados and travelers who wish to explore Italy's distinctive and only "authentic" Prosecco region firsthand. Once considered "the Garden of Venice", Treviso is a peaceful and idyllic town full of romantic canals, elegant bridges and arcaded streets. Free time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon you will be enjoying a wine tasting session at a local winery, once the prestigious residence of the Doge Giustiniani. Tonight enjoy a gala dinner accompanied by live music at your hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 3 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** The day is yours to relax by the pool or to enjoy some retail therapy. The McArthur Glen designer outlet village is just 15 minutes away from your hotel (transportation will be provided). Take advantage of an additional 10% discount while shopping famous Italian and international brands such as Armani, Valentino, Gucci and many more. Tonight enjoy a wine tasting session held by the hotel's sommelier in the original 13th century ice cellar. Its shelves, stairwells and platforms were built to easily store and access the extensive collection of bottles, with the whites being kept below the reds, where the temperature is lower. End the day with a gourmet dinner at the hotel's restaurant of your choice. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE | VENICE | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** Your visit of the Veneto region wouldn't be complete without a guided tour of Venice, the city of magnificent marble palaces on a lagoon. Just like its world-famous Carnevale, Venice thrives on mystery and awe, from the secret passageways that riddle Gothic Palazzo Ducale, to the esoteric powers of the Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute, and to Saint Mark's Basilica, recognized as one of the most refined and accomplished works of Byzantine craftsmanship in the world. This afternoon visit a local winery. See the barrel-stocked cellars and learn about the Veneto's wine history and its typical grape varieties before enjoying a wine tasting session accompanied by homemade appetizers served up with expert insights from your winery host. Dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 5 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** This morning, join the Villa's chef for a hands-on cooking class featuring traditional northern dishes, and then sit down to lunch. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, you will be driven to the lovely nearby town of Oderzo. Enjoy a "spritz" aperitif, a longtime staple of local bars, before having dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)



Villa Luppis



Visit San Daniele prosciuttificio

**DAY 6 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE | SPILIMBERGO | SAN DANIELE DEL FRIULI | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE** This morning you will visit the Mosaic School in Spilimbergo. Established in 1922, it currently has a student population of about 100, with students coming from about 20 countries. Next stop will be in San Daniele del Friuli for a visit of a Prosciuttificio (ham factory). San Daniele ham is the pride of the area, and is well known all over the world by gourmets who appreciate its sweet and refined taste, the delicate flavor and the perfect balance between its winning taste and genuine nutritional properties. The thighs are obtained from pigs that are bred and reared exclusively in ten regions of central-northern Italy and fed according to a strict diet outlined by disciplinary regulations before being slaughtered. Enjoy lunch in the prosciuttificio restaurant, before heading to Villa Manin. The centennial history, the grandiosity and the charm of the whole ensemble with its unbreakable tie between the building and the historical garden, contribute to making this residence the most significant example of the culture of the Venetian villa in the region. Here you will visit the Armory, a museum housing a splendid collection of weapons and armors from different parts of the world. Tonight enjoy a delicious barbecue-style dinner at your hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 | RIVAROTTA PASIANO PORDENONE | VENICE TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 6 nights (superior room)
- 14 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at hotel
  - 1 lunch at prosciuttificio (ham factory)
  - 5 dinners at hotel
  - 1 dinner at local restaurant
- Assistance of a professional local representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Guided tour of Treviso
  - Two visits of local wineries followed by wine tasting sessions
  - Round trip transportation to the Designer Outlet Village, including 10% additional discount shopping card
  - Wine tasting at hotel
  - Guided tour of Venice
  - Cooking class at hotel
  - Spritz aperitif in Oderzo
  - Visit of the Mosaic School in Spilimbergo
  - Visit of a San Daniele prosciuttificio (ham factory)
  - Visit of Villa Manin's Museum
- Round trip transfers from Venice airport to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PRICED FROM

First class hotels: \$2,019

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:  
Rivarotta Pasiano Pordenone: Villa Luppis

# TRUFFLES, WINES, AND CHOCOLATES OF UMBRIA

7 Days FROM \$2,739



Arena in Gubbio

## HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Gubbio

### UMBRIA

⑥ Gubbio  
● Perugia

● Rome

### ITALY

⑥ - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Tuscan-like region of Umbria and its lush landscapes, olive groves, and vineyards that produce rich oils and world-famous wines
- Discover Perugia and its ancient past dating back to the Etruscan civilization
- Attend a cooking class and learn the secrets of Umbrian Cuisine under the hotel chef's guidance
- Venture out with a truffle hunter and his dogs on his daily truffle hunt in the unspoiled Umbrian forests
- Meet the local artisans in their studios and learn about the ancient art of pottery

**DAY 1 | ROME | GUBBIO** Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Gubbio, the oldest town in the Umbria region as shown by the Tables of Gubbio housed in the City Museum and the Roman Theatre's ruins. Rich in historical and artistic heritage as well as in ancient traditions that can be found intact in its folklore and products, Gubbio is a town of ochre colored houses, tiled rooftops, towers and narrow cobbled streets. Tonight enjoy a gourmet dinner at your hotel, a most beautifully restored 17th century monastery. (D)

**DAY 2 | GUBBIO** In the morning you will join a truffle hunter and his dogs on his daily truffle hunt in the unspoiled Umbrian forests. Learn during this unique experience all there is to know about two main types of truffles ("tartufi" in Italian): the precious black truffle - *Tuber melanosporum*, and the summer black truffle - *Tuber aestivum*. Afternoon at leisure to relax or to enjoy your included 50 minutes body message at the hotel's spa. (B)

**DAY 3 | GUBBIO** Meet with your guide after breakfast. As you stroll through a maze of streets, alleys and staircases surrounded by fortified walls, you will meet local artisans in their studios who will teach you about the ancient art of pottery, wood engraving and iron works. After a salumi and cheese tasting you will continue your tour with a visit of St. Francis church and San Martino neighborhood. You will then stop by the Bargello Fountain, also known as "Fontana dei Matti" (Fountain of the Madmen) as folklore has it that if you complete three laps around the fountain you officially become a lunatic. Continue to the impressive Piazza Grande home to Palazzo dei Consoli, a towering Gothic building of limestone lined with narrow arched windows. The tour will end with dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | GUBBIO | PERUGIA | GUBBIO** This morning we head to Perugia, the region's capital city. After a wine tasting session held at a charming estate dating back to the 13th century, you will enjoy a visit of the chocolate factory known for its production of the "Baci Perugina". The tour will end with a visit of Perugia. The town's Etruscan past is present in the massive Etruscan walls, while the Medieval and Renaissance past is present in the elegant buildings that dot the city. Return to Gubbio in the late afternoon. (B)

**DAY 5 | GUBBIO** Today learn the secrets of the Umbrian cuisine under the hotel chef's guidance. After class, you will be invited to feast on the dishes you have prepared as you take your seat at the table for lunch. Rest of the afternoon to relax at the hotel's spa or to visit, on your own, the Sant'Ubaldo Monastery, a basilica perched upon the summit of Mount Ingino amid olive orchards, chestnut trees and wild flowers. For a unique experience, take the open air funicular that travels along a wire hanging over the rocky hill. (B,L)

**DAY 6 | GUBBIO** During the Renaissance, Gubbio's strategic position and the dominance of wealthy and politically important families greatly contributed to the development of arts and crafts. At that time, the fame of Gubbio pottery increased enormously thanks to Mastro Giorgio's lustre plates which are among the most relevant pieces of Italian Renaissance art. Today, enjoy a pottery class and learn all there is to learn about this unique and traditional technique. Free afternoon to shop and to relax while enjoying your 25 minute facial at the hotel's spa. Tonight enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 7 | GUBBIO | ROME TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



Wine and chocolates of Umbria

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Deluxe class hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 10 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at hotel
  - 2 dinners at hotel
  - 1 dinner at local restaurant
- Assistance of a professional local Representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Truffle hunting tour (during certain time of the year the truffle hunting tour might be substituted with 1.25 hour stone massage at hotel spa)
  - Tour of artisanal shops in Gubbio followed by salumi and cheese tasting
  - Full day excursion to Perugia including wine tasting and visit of Perugina chocolate factory
  - Cooking class at hotel
  - Pottery class at a local artisan's workshop
  - 50 minutes body message, 25 minutes facial and access to spa facilities at hotel
- Round trip transfers from Rome airport to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Gubbio	6	Park Hotel Ai Cappuccini	Deluxe class

## PRICED FROM

Deluxe class hotels: \$2,739

Price is per person, based on double occupancy.

# THE JEWELS OF THE AMALFI COAST

7 Days FROM \$2,257



Positano on the Amalfi coast

## PRIVATE DELUXE PROGRAM

(3) Sorrento • (3) Positano



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live the magic of the Amalfi Coast with your own private driver and tour guide on-hand to offer you the most personalized experience every step of the way
- Take a jettfoil across the blue Bay of Naples for adventuring in the fabled Isle of Capri
- Explore the remarkably preserved ruins of Pompeii, city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago
- Savor the flavors of Naples, known for some of the best pizza in the world!
- Enjoy stays in Sorrento and postcard perfect Positano
- Visit the splendorous, coastal towns of Ravello and Amalfi that sit perfectly perched between the sea and the sky

**DAY 1 | SORRENTO** Arrival in Sorrento and balance of the day at leisure to walk around this lovely resort full of villas, gardens in bloom, and hotels overlooking the Gulf of Naples.

**DAY 2 | SORRENTO | CAPRI | SORRENTO** A tour guide will be with you all day to provide transfers to the pier for a jetfoil crossing to the fabled isle of Capri. The magic of the island is everywhere. Walk by spotless narrow streets. Gaze at boutique displays. Sit at an open air cafe of the celebrated 'piazzetta' where extravagance is the non-noticed norm. Travel over the cornice road to Anacapri, the little village atop the island, and soak in its quiet, cool passageways. Weather permitting you will be rowed into the Blue Grotto (not included). The spectacle of light refractions, turning the water into azure-blue colors is astounding. Lunch in a local restaurant is included. (B,L)

**DAY 3 | SORRENTO | POMPEII | NAPLES | SORRENTO** A full day filled with captivating sights. Drive to Pompeii, a prosperous Roman town buried under a thick layer of ash 2,000 years ago. A guided walk through the ruins will be a fascinating and moving experience. After Pompeii, journey to Naples for a visit of this vibrant and unique city lying in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius. A savory Pizza and Sfogliatella lunch will bring you back to the 21st century. (B,L)

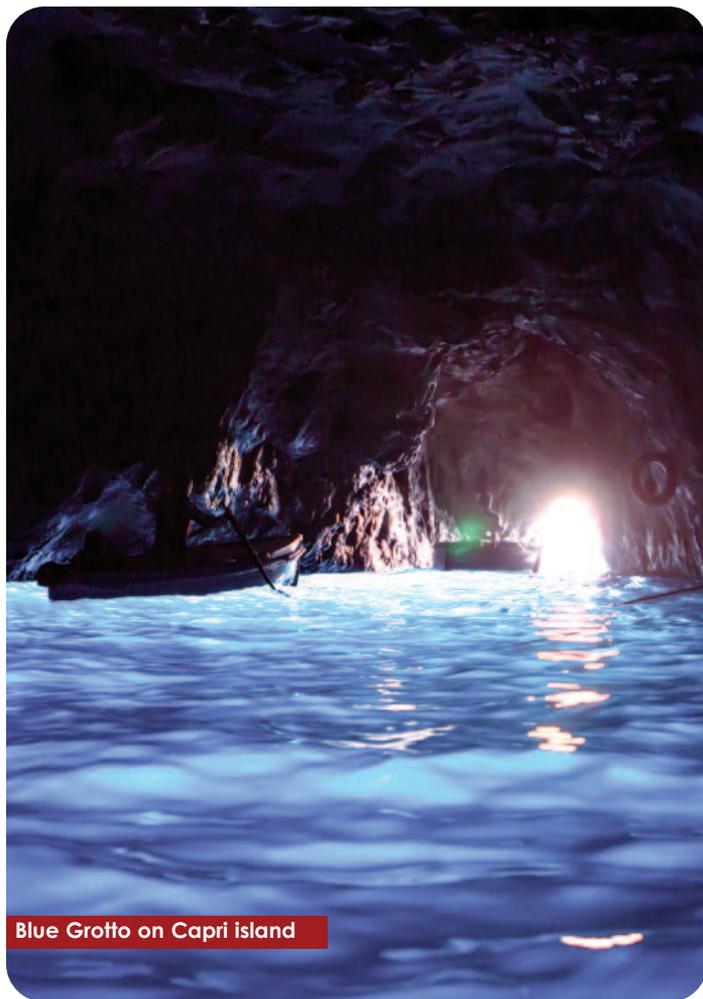
**DAY 4 | SORRENTO | POSITANO** Today you will be transferred to Positano, a town of white fishermen's houses clustered around the glazed tiled dome of its church and overlooking the turquoise Mediterranean water. After settling at the hotel, start exploring this lovely resort. (B)

**DAY 5 | POSITANO | AMALFI | RAVELLO | POSITANO** Today travel along the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The "Costiera Amalfitana" is widely considered Italy's most scenic stretch of coastline, a landscape of towering bluffs, pastel-hued villages terraced into hillsides, precipitous cornice roads, luxuriant gardens, and expansive vistas over turquoise waters and green-swathed mountains. Arrive in Amalfi, a great seafaring republic that gave the world the oldest maritime code, the Amalfi Tables. After your guided tour and lunch in a local restaurant, continue to Ravello, a lovely town enjoying a stunning location, seeming almost suspended between the sea and the sky. (B,L)

**DAY 6 | POSITANO** Full day at leisure to relax on the beach or to browse along the streets that go up and down the hills. At night, enjoy Positano's lively and romantic night scene. (B)

**DAY 7 | POSITANO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Say "arrivederci" to Italy or extend your stay. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner



## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 9 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 lunches at local restaurants
  - 1 pizza & sfogliatella lunch at local restaurant
- Private full day excursion to Capri, including jetfoil tickets and guided tour of Capri and Anacapri
- Private full day excursion to Pompeii and Naples, including guided tours and entrance fees
- Private full day excursion to Amalfi and Ravello, including guided tours
- Private car transfer from Sorrento to Positano
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PRICED FROM

First class hotels: \$2,257  
Deluxe class hotels: \$3,163

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on the following hotels:  
Sorrento: Villa Garden, Excelsior Vittoria  
Positano: Eden Roc, Le Agavi

A selection of different hotels, room category, additional nights, transfers and optional tours are available. Program's validity and/or some included features may vary.

# TRADITIONS AND FLAVORS OF THE ROMAN CUISINE

7 Days FROM \$3,432



Park and villa Aldobrandini in Frascati, Castelli Romani

## HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Frascati



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live like a local with a 6-night stay just on the Alban Hills overlooking Rome in a town called Frascati, a summer stay favorite of the city's nobility through the centuries
- Savor the flavors of Rome with included meals in authentic Italian restaurants including acclaimed, "Osteria di San Cesario"
- Delve into the remains of ancient Tusculum, destroyed by the Roman Empire in 1191
- Learn the secrets of Roman cuisine participating in a cooking class lead by renowned a Frascati culinary pro
- Explore the two volcanic lakes areas of Nemi and Albano – historic vacation spots of Caligula and Nero and home to Pope's the summer residence
- Visit the oldest historic winery in the region, learn how it's produced and enjoy a wine tasting experience
- Discover Slow Food Movement techniques visiting local farms that produce honey, herbs, and cheese and sample these homegrown treats

**DAY 1 | ROME | FRASCATI** Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel in Frascati. Just south of Rome, in the Alban Hills, lies a string of hill towns nestled among vineyards called "Castelli Romani" - "Roman Castles". Frascati, a summer haunt for the Roman elite and subsequent nobility through the centuries, offers good food, fresh white wines and captivating views of Rome at a distance. This afternoon get acquainted with this lovely town during a guided walking tour. See the magnificent 16th century Villa Aldobrandini with its impressive flat-fronted façade and gardens, a fine example of an early Italian Baroque garden, the beautiful Cathedral, and the many restaurants and cantinas that line the streets and alleys before heading back to the hotel to enjoy a delicious meal. (D)

**DAY 2 | FRASCATI | GROTTAFERRATA | FRASCATI** Today's tour starts with a visit of the Abbey of San Nilo in Grottaferrata. Founded in 1004 by St. Nilus himself and completed a few years later by St. Bartholomew the Younger, it remains one of Italy's most important centers of Byzantine culture. From here, a panoramic road winds its way uphill through beautiful scenery to the remains of ancient Tusculum. A favorite resort of Cicero, Tusculum was the birthplace of Cato the Elder. Destroyed by Rome in 1191, its ruins are overgrown and include an amphitheater, a theater, the forum, a wellhouse, and a stretch of the old town walls. Enjoy a picnic (weather permitting) or lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight dinner is at the renowned "Osteria di San Cesario", a restaurant that specializes in the deepest-rooted culinary traditions of the Roman countryside. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3 | FRASCATI** This morning you will learn the secrets of the Roman cuisine during a cooking class held by Frascati's very own resident, culinary coach and food blogger, Mrs. Josephine (Jo) Donghi. Jo will guide you in making your own authentic Italian lunch in a creative and fun way. The rest of the day is yours to explore Frascati's alleys and browse the many artisans, goldsmiths, antique shops and boutiques. A feature of Frascati is its "cantina", or as they are known locally, "fraschette". They're essentially places where you can buy and drink wine, and can bring your own food. During summer nights the fraschette put their tables outside on the paved roads, and it seems like the whole town sits on these benches drinking, talking and laughing beneath the stars. (B,L)

**DAY 4 | FRASCATI | NEMI | ARICCIA | CASTEL GANDOLFO | FRASCATI** Start your day with a visit of Nemi. Perched high above Lago di Nemi, the smaller of the two volcanic lakes in the area, Nemi was the center of a cult to the goddess Diana in ancient times, and the favorite holiday spot of the emperor Caligula and Nero, who used to orchestrate refined sumptuous banquets and feasts on luxuriously rigged rafts. Today it's a popular getaway from Rome, and famous for its wild strawberries that grow in the nearby woods. Next you will visit the Chigi Palace in Ariccia, a masterpiece by Bernini. Planned in the 1600s as official residence for Cardinal Flavio Chigi, it is remarkable not only because of the artworks hosted there, but because of the unique preservation of its paintings, sculptures and furnishings. Ariccia is also known for its "porchetta", a whole spit roast pork. Enjoy a light lunch accompanied by local wine before continuing on to Castel Gandolfo. Summer residence of the pope, Castel Gandolfo is a peaceful little town built on the shores of Lake Albano, the largest volcanic lake in the area. Time to stroll around the town before heading back to your hotel. (B,L)

**DAY 5 | FRASCATI | MONTE PORZIO CATONE | FRASCATI** This morning tour starts with a visit to the "Scattered Museum of Wine", a quaint little museum in Monte Porzio Catone, a town named after Marcus Porcius Cato the Elder, Roman Consul, born in Tusculum and author of the treatise De Agri Cultura, (circa 160 BC). The museum was opened in 2000 and houses a collection of wine-making utensils and equipment. You will then proceed off the beaten track to visit the oldest historic winery in the Region. Here you will meet with people who are passionate about the wine they produce, learn about the history of wine, get to know more about the importance of "terroir" and discover how to taste wine. Return to Frascati and the rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Tonight dinner at a local restaurant is included. (B,D)



Shaved truffles over pasta

**DAY 6 | FRASCATI** This morning tour will take you to three agribusinesses that belong to the Slow Food organization, and will introduce you to the different techniques used by these local farmers. Our first stop will be a hill-top honey bee farm where you will learn about honeybees and the wonderful world of honey. From there, we will go to the Erba Regina country estate, that specializes in cultivating a wide variety of herbs and whose farming techniques are closely monitored by the Botanical Department of a Roman university. Last, we will visit a cheese farm where you will be given a demonstration in cheese making and sample some of the cheeses. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure for independent activities. Tonight enjoy dinner at a typical restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 7 | FRASCATI | ROME TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 6 nights
- 12 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 lunches at local restaurants
  - 1 picnic lunch
  - 1 dinner at hotel
  - 2 dinners at local restaurants
- Assistance of a professional local representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Walking tour of Frascati
  - Half day excursion to Grottaferrata and Tusculum
  - Cooking class
  - Full day excursion to Ariccia, Nemi and Castel Gandolfo
  - Half day excursion to Monte Porzio Catone with wine tasting
  - Visit of cheese factory, honey farm and Erba Regina country house
- Round trip transfers from Rome airport to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PRICED FROM

First class hotels: \$3,432

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on the following hotels:

Frascati: Hotel Flora

# ART TREASURES, FOOD AND WINES OF TUSCANY

7 Days FROM \$2,991



Vineyard in Chianti, Tuscany

## HOSTED PROGRAM

(6) Pistoia



# - No. of overnight stays

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live the timeless beauty of Tuscany, Italy's most storied region, with a six night stay in Pistoia
- Delve into the Renaissance city of Florence on a walking tour of Florence and see the world-famous "David" at the Accademia
- Explore the mesmerizing art and architecture of Siena, and San Gimignano
- Marvel at the iconic leaning tower of Pisa and discover the walled city of Lucca
- Get to know the Chianti region and sample its acclaimed vintages at a lunch and wine tasting experience
- Walk in the footsteps of Leonardo da Vinci on an insightful walking tour

**DAY 1 | FLORENCE OR PISA | PISTOIA** Upon arrival proceed to baggage claim. After clearing customs, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel in Pistoia. With its medieval streets and irregularly-shaped piazzas, prestigious palaces and small tower-houses, unexpected series of churches and cloisters, Pistoia is perfect for travelers who appreciate elegance and refined beauty. A welcome drink will be followed by dinner at the hotel. (D)

**DAY 2 | PISTOIA | FLORENCE | PISTOIA** After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to Pistoia railway station where you will board your train to Florence. Start your tour with a visit of the Accademia, famous worldwide for housing one of Michelangelo's masterpieces - the "David". From the classic elegance of the Brunelleschi's Duomo and Baptistry to the magnificent Piazza della Signoria and the breathtaking city view from the famous Boboli Gardens, Florence inspires and delights at every turn. Your walking tour will take you through streets and piazzas lined up with elegant Renaissance-style buildings and gorgeous marble sculptures, fine leather and jewelry stores, and restaurants serving local delicacies. Return to Pistoia by train and transfer to your hotel. (B)

**DAY 3 | PISTOIA | SIENA | SAN GIMIGNANO | PISTOIA** Today you will spend an unforgettable day savoring the essence of Tuscany. A scenic drive through gentle rolling hills dotted with lush vineyards, green olive trees and sunflowers fields, will take you to Siena, a medieval city made up of yellow-ochre buildings, terracotta rooftops and green shutters. Learn about the world's oldest bank, spectacular Duomo and Piazza del Campo, a shell shaped 12th Century square and site of the 600 year old bi-annual Palio horserace, before heading to San Gimignano. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, San Gimignano is nicknamed "the Medieval Manhattan". Of the original 72 towers that centuries ago graced its skyline, today only 13 remain. Time to roam the picturesque streets and squares, to browse the local shops and to try an award-winning gelato before heading back to Pistoia. Tonight enjoy dinner at a local "pizzeria" in Pistoia. Overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | PISTOIA | PISA | LUCCA | PISTOIA** Today you will visit two more Tuscan treasures: Pisa and Lucca. Gateway to the Tuscan hills, Pisa is a medieval city of architectural masterpieces, and in its heyday, one of Italy's most powerful maritime republics. Native son Galileo Galilei may be long gone, but students still come here to study at the prestigious university where he once taught. During your guided tour you will see Pisa's symbol - the Leaning Tower. Originally intended as a bell tower it's the most well-known of the buildings comprising the Campo dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles. Site of Galileo's gravitational experiments, the tower began to tilt even before it was finished and the angle has increased alarmingly. Elsewhere in the complex, you will visit the magnificent Cathedral with its dark grey marble and white stone geometric patterns later imitated all over Tuscany, and the Baptistry, a perfect example of transition from the Romanesque to the Gothic style. Continue to the walled city of Lucca. Once a Roman town and birthplace of Italian composer Giacomo Puccini, Lucca is known as "the city of the hundred churches". Your guided tour will take you to the city center where well preserved Middle Age palazzos are complemented by Art Nouveau shops embellished by delicate facades. Return to Pistoia for dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 5 | PISTOIA | CHIANTI | PISTOIA** Today's tour will be an exploration of the heart of the Chianti Classico, the oldest wine region in the world that lies just South of Florence and North of Siena, amid a rolling carpet of lush green hills, sentinel cypress trees, ancient olive groves and sunflowers and poppy fields. An included lunch at a local restaurant and wine tasting will make this experience a memorable one. Return to Pistoia in the late afternoon. Overnight at the hotel. (B,L)



Pistoia Cathedral

**DAY 6 | PISTOIA | VINCI | PISTOIA** Today your local guide will take you on a walking tour of Pistoia. See the Romanesque church of S. Andrea, the Ospedale del Ceppo with the famous Giovanni della Robbia's startlingly colorful frieze, Piazza del Duomo with its cathedral, baptistry and intact medieval buildings, and Piazza della Sala, home to a typical Italian food market. After lunch at a local "trattoria" you will enjoy a guided tour in the footsteps of Leonardo da Vinci, the most brilliant mind of all times! Painter, artist, architect, sculptor, anatomist, scientist, inventor, engineer, and musician, he is considered one of the greatest geniuses of mankind. Tonight enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7 | PISTOIA | FLORENCE OR PISA TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 6 nights (Deluxe Room with Balcony)
- 12 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 lunches at local restaurants
  - 3 dinners at hotel
  - 1 pizza dinner at local restaurant
- Assistance of a professional local Representative
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows:
  - Full day excursion to Florence
  - Full day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Full day excursion to Lucca and Pisa
  - Full day excursion to Chianti region
  - Wine tasting
  - Half day tour of Pistoia
  - "In the footsteps of Leonardo Da Vinci" tour
- Round trip transfers from Florence or Pisa airport to hotel
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## PRICED FROM

First class hotels: \$2,991

From price is per person, double occupancy, and based on following hotels:  
Pistoia: Villa Cappugi

# HONEYMOONING IN ITALY



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## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Flowers at hotel
- Bottle of Spumante at hotel
- Three course dinner

## HONEYMOON PACKAGE

\$439 per couple

Note: Available for stays in Rome, Florence, Venice, Sorrento, Positano, Taormina, La Spezia, Lake Como

# VILLAS, CASTLES & HOMES



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Castello Pietraio



Castello di Meleto



La Canonica di Cortine

# SECRETS OF THE ITALIAN CUISINE



Italian cuisine

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## An Umbrian Cooking Experience

3 Days FROM \$625

(2) Orvieto

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 2 nights
- 6 included meals consisting of:
  - 2 buffet breakfasts
  - 2 lunches after cooking classes
  - 2 dinners at local restaurant
- Wine, mineral water and coffee with meals
- Visit of Orvieto's food market
- Two four-hour cooking classes
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## A Ligurian Food & Wine Experience

5 Days FROM \$2,019

(4) La Spezia

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 4 nights
- 7 included meals consisting of:
  - 4 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 lunch at local restaurant in Camogli
  - 1 lunch at local restaurant in Monterosso
  - 1 lunch in Montemarcello
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Cinque Terre
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Camogli, Portofino and Chiavari
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Montemarcello and Sarzana
- Wine tasting in Rio Maggiore
- Wine tasting in Chiavari
- Wine tasting in Sarzana
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges



Zucchini Plant Flowers Frittelle



Limoncello Tiramisu

## Parma Food & Wine Experience

4 Days FROM \$2,556

(3) Parma

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 3 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Torrechiara, including a guided tour of the Torrechiara Castle
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Polesine – “Giuseppe Verdi Lands”
- Wine tasting accompanied by local produce
- “Culatello” tasting
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

## A Sicilian Food & Wine Experience

4 Days FROM \$2,356

(3) Palermo

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 3 nights
- 5 included meals consisting of:
  - 3 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 dinner at local restaurant in Palermo
  - 1 lunch at local restaurant in the Madonie Park
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to the Madonie Park and Polizzi Generosa
- Private chauffeur-driven excursion to Erice and Trapani
- Sweets and desserts tasting
- Pastries and biscuits tasting
- Olive oil and wine tasting
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

(#) No. of overnight stays

Independent Programs. Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Programs' validity and/or some included features may vary.

# TREKKING ON SICILIAN VOLCANOES: ETNA AND AEOLIAN ISLANDS

7 Days FROM \$1,940



Trekking in Sicily

## TREKKING PROGRAM

(3) Nicolosi • (1) Stromboli • (1) San Vincenzo  
• (1) Acireale



# - No. of overnight stays

**SICILY** is renowned for art and culture – from its surrounding sea and its coasts, to the sun, the food, the wine and the warmth of its people. Sicily also offers unique and unforgettable experiences with its mountains – Mount Etna and the Aeolian Islands' volcanoes. This trek will take you away from the usual tourist routes, offer great contrasts, unforgettable landscapes and the opportunity to explore the lava flows and the craters of Etna. You can admire the eruptive activity on Mt. Etna's lesser known side, and the wondrous sulfur formations of Vulcan and the incredible rocky necropolis of Pantalica.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- 18 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 6 lunches
  - 6 dinners
- Roundtrip transfers to/from Catania airport
- Accompaniment and assistance by a volcanologist
- Transfers during the course of the program by private minibus, jeep or speed boat
- Transport of equipment and personal luggage by minibus
- Use of safety equipment and first aid
- Insurance for mountain rescue

# TREKKING ON THE AMALFI COAST

7 Days FROM \$2,490



Trekking in Amalfi

## TREKKING PROGRAM

(6) Amalfi Coast



# - No. of overnight stays

The **AMALFI COAST** is a stretch of coastline south of Naples and has been designated by UNESCO and is renowned throughout the world for its natural beauty. It takes its name from the town of Amalfi, the central core, not only geographically but also historically. Capes, fjords, coves and caves dot the landscape with its breathtaking views. This tiny strip of territory of Salerno is the sum of many peculiarities that co-exist harmoniously with each other. There is never enough sun, sea and beautiful landscapes to fully represent the soul of the territory.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodations for 6 nights
- 12 included meals consisting of:
  - 6 buffet breakfasts
  - 6 dinners
- Roundtrip transfers to/from Naples airport
- Accompaniment and assistance by a mountain guide
- Transfers during the course of the program by minibus
- Use of safety equipment and first aid
- Insurance for mountain rescue

# FLY & DRIVE PROGRAMS



Italian Lakes



Sicily



Puglia



Piemonte



Umbria

Coast along autostradas, quaint village lanes, winding coastal roads, and beyond – taking as much time as you would like to discover your destinations of choice. With our popular Fly/Drive packages you'll explore amazing cities and charming towns at your own pace in an authentically rich way. We work diligently with our offices overseas to secure car rentals discounted as deeply as 50 to 60 percent off local rates, preferred hotel accommodation choices, the best sightseeing tours, and so much more for you to enjoy each place you visit with itinerary elements and stops along the way based on your interests as you travel at your leisure.

## Tuscany

6 Days From \$532

(2) Montecatini Terme • (3) Siena

## Piemonte

6 Days From \$609

(2) Biella • (3) Turin

## Umbria

6 Days From \$662

(2) Gubbio • (2) Perugia • (1) Orvieto

## Puglia

6 Days From \$707

(3) Selva Di Fasano • (2) Bari

## Italian Riviera

6 Days From \$735

(3) Santa Margherita Ligure • (2) San Remo

## Sicily

6 Days From \$742

(2) Taormina • (1) Agrigento • (2) Palermo

## Italian Lakes

6 Days From \$810

(2) Lake Maggiore • (2) Lake Como • (1) Lake Garda

## Sardinia

6 Days From \$1,098

(2) Cagliari • (3) Emerald Coast

(#) No. of overnight stays

### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Hotel accommodation for 5 nights
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Car rental -Category C. Car Rental includes unlimited mileage, CDW (Collision Damage Waiver), TP (Theft Protection), Third Party Liability (including passengers), airport surcharge, 24 hour-a-day road assistance, VAT (Value Added Tax), AAO (Additional Driver)
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges



# SKI WITH WORLD ON SKIS



## Ski with World on Skis from the peaks of the Alps to the Dolomites...

Italy welcomes skiers to their alpine paradise! After all, the southern rim of the Alps is Northern Italy's backyard. To the west is Mont-Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, which reaches an altitude of over 4000 meters, and the famed Matterhorn that straddles the Italian-Swiss border. To the east, ski aficionados find a unique landscape characterized by the fascinating Dolomite range, one of the most beautiful and picturesque mountain lines in the world. To the south the long range of the Apennines runs along Italy from end to end.

With so much to choose from, skiers of all levels will find their ideal alpine experience amidst the sweeping landscapes, breathtaking views, spectacular food and wines, quaint towns, rich culture and warm hospitality that brings travelers to Italy time and time again.

When you have finished skiing, remember that Italy's nightlife offers just as many options. Take a low-key passeggiata (stroll to see and be seen dressed to the hilt), enjoy the finest in authentic dining, partake in the merriment at an old-world café/bar, or dance the night away in a disco. Step outside the main cities and take in the magnificent views of churches, castles and monasteries serving as a contrast to the wild beauties of nature.

Whether you prefer the well-known ski pistes and grandiose landscapes of the Dolomites with Cortina, Madonna di Campiglio, Val di Fassa, and Val Gardena or are more intrigued by destinations like Sestriere in the West Alps or Pila with its unmatched views of the Alps from Mont Blanc to the Grand Combin and from the Matterhorn to Monte Rosa, the ski travel specialists at World On Skis work with you to create the ski vacation of your dreams.

Additionally, our Pre- and Post- Extensions offer the best of both worlds by combining a number of exquisite experiences for an ultimate, tailor-made, dream vacation. Consider Cruising the Italian Lakes or basking in the Sunbelt of Italy after your days in the snow...Embark on a Grand Tour of Italy – traveling in the comfort and convenience of one of our deluxe motor coaches – chock full of activities, excursions, sightseeing and value-added inclusions...savor a gastronomic extravaganza with a Cooking Class program...Venture on your own romantic escapade under the Tuscan Sun. On the slopes and off – Italy beckons!

# Our Other Destinations

Austria  
France  
Switzerland

Germany  
U.S.  
Canada



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## Italy Ski Resorts\*



## New Adventures Ski Groups

Free-ride Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa

Nordic Skiing in Engadina

Ski Safari Dolomite

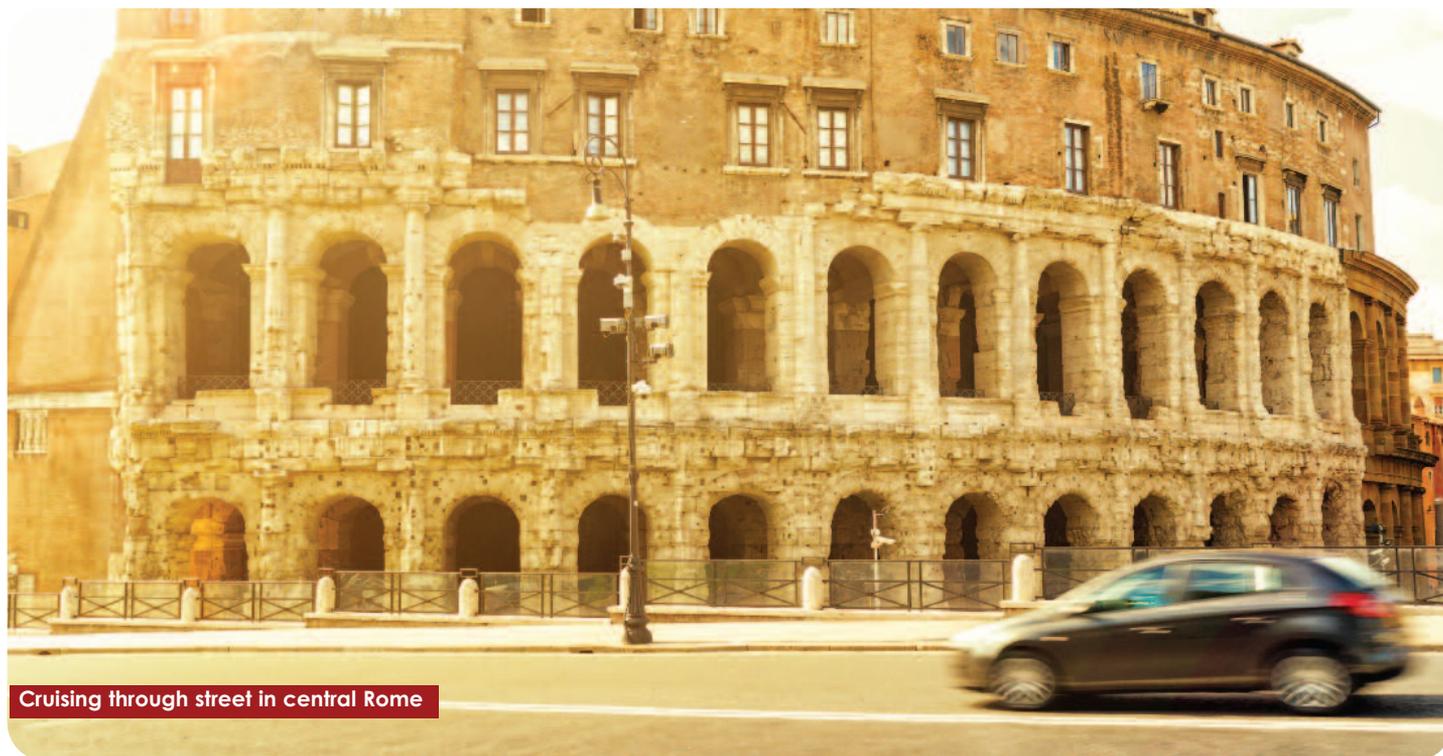
Ski Safari in Austria:  
From the Stubai Arlberg

Snow Shoes in South Tyrol:  
The Highlands and Fanes Sennes

\*Other ski resorts are available on request



# CAR RENTAL



## PROMOS & SPECIAL RATES

- For rentals between April 1 and June 30, 2018 and August 21, 2018 and March 31, 2019. Must be booked between October 1, 2017 and February 28th 2018.
- For rentals between September 12 and December 16, 2018. Must be booked between August 1 and November 15, 2018.
- Early Bird discount rates. Call for details

## RENTAL INFORMATION

- The minimum rental age required is 25 years. Age 23 and 24 are charged €16.50 per day (plus tax), up to a max. of 10 days
- An international driver's permit is mandatory. You may apply for an international driver's license online at: [www.aaa.com/vacation/idpapplc.html](http://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpapplc.html)
- Rental rates are based on a 24-hour basis with a grace period of 29 minutes. Rentals exceeding the grace period are subject to extra fees and are to be paid locally
- For rentals longer than 90 days, the opening of a new rental agreement is required
- Restrictions apply for international drop off and might be subject to additional fees
- Restrictions for rentals in the island of Sardinia apply and might be subject to additional fees
- GPS, infant seats, ski racks, and snow chains may be available on request and are to be paid locally
- Extension of rentals or upgrades to a larger car group requested outside of the US must be paid locally
- In addition to the voucher, client must be in possession of at least one major credit card at the beginning of the rental to cover any incidental charges not covered by the voucher, such as refueling. Debit cards are not accepted.
- Additional rental requirements may apply

## CAR RENTAL INCLUDES FEATURES

- Free unlimited mileage
- CDW (Collision Damage Waiver). Deductible: € 500
- TP (Theft Protection). Deductible: € 800
- Second driver fee. Driver must meet license requirements.
- Third Party Liability also covering passengers
- Location/airport service charge
- 24-hour-a-day roadside assistance
- VAT (Value Added Tax)
- Road Tax
- Local city and highway maps

Restrictions: Rates are subject to change without notice. Bookings are confirmed by category and car model cannot be guaranteed. Fleet models and features such as passenger seating, luggage capacity and number of doors may vary.

**GROUP (B)**



From **\$27**  
**Fiat Panda**  
or Similar  
Economy,  
2-3 Door

5 Passengers  
2 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (C)**



From **\$31**  
**Lancia Y**  
or Similar  
Economy,  
4-5 Door

5 Passengers  
1 Large Suitcase, 1 Small Suitcase  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (D)**



From **\$43**  
**Fiat 500L**  
or Similar  
Compact,  
4-5 Door

5 Passengers  
1 Large Suitcase, 2 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (E)**



From **\$53**  
**Fiat 500X**  
or Similar  
Midsize,  
4-5 Door

5 Passengers  
2 Large Suitcases, 1 Small Suitcase  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (F)**



From **\$59**  
**Jeep Renegade**  
or Similar  
Midsize,  
Wagon/Estate

5 Passengers  
2 Large Suitcases, 1 Small Suitcase  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (H)**



From **\$86**  
**Ford Transit**  
Custom  
or Similar  
Premium,  
Passenger  
Van

9 Passengers  
6 Large Suitcases, 3 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (I)**



From **\$43**  
**Fiat 500**  
Automatic  
or Similar  
Mini Elite,  
2-3 Door

4 Passengers  
1 Large Suitcase, 1 Small Suitcase  
Automatic Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (J)**



From **\$64**  
**Volvo V60**  
or Similar  
Standard,  
Special

5 Passengers  
2 Large Suitcases, 2 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (L)**



From **\$97**  
**Ford Galaxy**  
or Similar  
Full-Size,  
Passenger Van

7 Passengers  
2 Large Suitcase, 3 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (N)**



From **\$49**  
**Ford Focus SW**  
or Similar  
Compact,  
Wagon/  
Estate

5 Passengers  
1 Large Suitcases, 2 Small Suitcases  
Manual Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (R)**



From **\$97**  
**Opel**  
Insignia  
or Similar  
Midsize,  
SUV

5 Passengers  
3 Large Suitcases, 2 Small Suitcases  
Automatic Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (R6)**



From **\$97**  
**Audi A4**  
Midsize Elite,  
Special

5 Passengers  
3 Large Suitcases, 1 Small Suitcase  
Automatic Transmission  
Air Conditioning

**GROUP (Y)**



From **\$53**  
**Fiat 500L**  
Automatic  
or Similar  
Compact,  
4-5 Door

5 Passengers  
1 Large Suitcases, 2 Small Suitcases  
Automatic Transmission  
Air Conditioning



**Countryside of central Italy**



# Customized Group Travel

Customized group travel has been our specialty since Central Holidays foundation in 1972.

For 45 years we have been delivering memorable travel experiences for special interest groups, and have always been recognized for our highly personalized service, creativity, and attention to detail.

Our dedicated group of destination specialists are always ready to design a program that would be a perfect fit for your group's interests, tastes, and budget.

We pride ourselves in offering theme tour itineraries focusing on history & culture, art & architecture, food & wine, hiking & trekking, skiing, and various others.

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# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**1. ACCEPTANCE:** The purchase/payment of any travel services offered by Central Holidays constitutes a contractual arrangement between the Passenger and/or Travel Agent (all together as "You") and SGI US LLC (dba CENTRAL HOLIDAYS & Affiliated Brands) and represents your acceptance of SGI US LLC Terms & Conditions. You are required to read and acknowledge Terms and Conditions on our website before making any reservation with us. Payment of deposit and/or final payment will be considered as full acceptance of our Terms and Conditions herein reported and fully disclosed on our website. Each passenger understands that CENTRAL HOLIDAYS will be accepting that passenger's reservation in trust upon such passenger's acceptance of the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this brochure and on our website.

**2. TOUR PRICES/PRICE GUARANTEE:** Prices for escorted tours are quoted per person in USD, and are based on official rate of exchange at the time of printing of this brochure. Central Holidays reserves the right to modify the rates due to unexpected external factors not forecasted at the time of printing. No refunds will be given for any unused portion of the tour whether because of customer's choice, operational reasons, bad weather, or any other factor.

In case of a human or computer billing error, Central Holidays reserves the right to re-invoice for the correct amount. A full refund will be made to passengers not wishing to pay increases provided the passengers' written cancellation is received by us within 5 business days after price increase notification. We do not breakdown costs of individual services included in the itinerary.

**ESCORTED TOURS -** We will make every effort to operate all guaranteed departure dates as listed in our brochure, however there might be an occasion when it will be necessary to consolidate departures due to the lack of participants booked on a given date. Any changes of such nature will be communicated with the clients no later than 45 days prior to their departure date. At that time a client will have an option to either accept an alternate departure date, or to cancel the tour in which case a client will be entitled to a full refund. Central Holidays will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the re-issuance and/or cancellation of an airline ticket, only if an airline ticket has been purchased through Central Holidays. Furthermore, Central Holidays reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, and hotels as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to passengers. Any added expense will be covered by Central Holidays.

**3. INVOICING:** You are responsible for verifying everything on your invoice is accurate and complete, including dates of travel, options selected, and that each name matches the relevant passport. Central Holidays cannot accept responsibility if we are not notified of inaccuracies within 5 days of sending out the invoice. Changes are subject to the fees and penalties noted below. In the case of billing errors, Central Holidays reserves the right to re-invoice you with correct pricing.

**5. PAYMENTS & CANCELLATIONS:**

**• DEPOSITS:** A \$250 per person non-refundable deposit (\$100 non-refundable deposit for Car Rental) is required at the time of booking and NO request will be acted upon until a deposit is received. In some cases, additional deposits are required due to suppliers' policies. Passengers will be advised at the time of booking of these payment requirements. We honor most major credit cards. No third party credit cards will be accepted. In addition, we also accept personal checks or agency checks. Deposits can be conveniently made by phone. Payment of the deposit indicates you have read and accepted these Terms & Conditions. Your booking is not confirmed until the deposit has been processed by Central Holidays and you receive a confirmation invoice.

**• FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment with credit cards requires our signed Credit Card authorization form duly signed by the credit card holder. Other restrictions may apply. Final payment is due 60 days prior to commencement of first service, with some limited exceptions, as noted below. Central Holidays reserves the right to cancel a booking if payment is not received in due time and cancellation penalties will be applied accordingly.

**• LATE PAYMENTS:** Payments made after the due date are subject to \$50 late payment fees.

**• CANCELLATION PENALTIES & CHANGE FEES**

- ✓ For Land-Related services on Escorted tours, customized FIT packages, Hosted packages and Independent packages:
- Cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure: \$250 per person fee.
- Cancellations between 59 and 22 days prior to departure: 25% of the land package.
- Cancellations between 21 and 15 days prior to departure: 40% of the land package.
- Cancellations between 14 and 8 days prior to departure: 60% of the land package.
- Cancellations 7 days or less prior to departure: 100% of the land package.
- No refunds will be made on any unused portion/services of the tour package.

- ✓ **Cruises:** Cancellation fees will be communicated at the time of booking.
- ✓ **Villas/Castles & Home Rentals:** Cancellation Fees will be communicated at time of booking.

**• Car Rental:**

- Cancellations received up to 15 days prior to departure: \$25 per car
- Cancellations received 14 days or less prior to departure: \$50 per car
- No refunds for any unused portion of 3 days or less.
- For unused rentals of 4 days or more, unused portions may be refunded minus a \$25 handling fee.

✓ **Rail Tickets:** Rail Tickets and Rail Passes (electronic and paper) are non-refundable (or refundable with fees), non-transferable, and cannot be exchanged without penalties once issued, nor replaced if lost - unless other conditions are noted.

**E. CHANGE FEES** Due to the expense incurred in making any changes, a \$50 per person fee (\$25 for car rental) will be assessed for each change made on deposited bookings up to full payment due date. This includes changes made to passenger's name, hotel, departure/return dates, itinerary and air or ground transportation. A change of tour date and name changes on ESCORTED, INDEPENDENT AND CRUISE PACKAGE TOURS, and CAR RENTALS within full payment date are treated as a cancellation. In addition, any changes to the air portion, at any time, may be subject to additional charges as imposed by the respective airline.

**TRAVEL INFO & RESTRICTIONS**

**A. AIR ARRANGEMENTS**

**SEAT ASSIGNMENT AND SPECIAL REQUEST:** Please note that - as per airline rules - these seats assignments are not guaranteed. The Airline has the right to modify and reassign, at their own discretion, the seats already assigned and reassign them at check-in time. Central Holidays declines any responsibility and will not accept any complaint related to these procedures.

Some airlines are charging for seat reservations. These fees - if applicable - are at the expense of the passengers and are never included in our quotations.

Once you have checked-in, it is your responsibility to work with the airline directly to reach your final destination or to make any alternate arrangements including possible changes on the return portion of your trip. In case you miss your flight or a connection, you must work with the specific airline and make all the possible arrangements to reach your final destination.

Central Holidays will not be responsible for any additional expenses you may incur because of flight cancellations, flight delays or rescheduled and/or diverted or missed flights after airport check-in.

**OWN FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS:** If you purchase your own flight tickets from companies other than Central Holidays, we cannot be held responsible for the cancellation fees of air ticket/s, in case we may cancel a departure for any reason whatsoever. If you wish to purchase your own flight tickets with a third party, we suggest you purchase airline tickets that allow you to make changes or cancellations of flights subject to minimum penalties - none of such penalties are the responsibility of Central Holidays.

**B. VISA & PASSPORTS** U.S. Citizens require a valid US passport. Non-U.S. citizens should consult their travel agent or consulate. All passengers are responsible for ensuring they have the proper travel documents and **MUST CHECK** with the respective consulates or visa agency to determine whether any visas are required. Passengers are also responsible for the validity of their passport and we suggest checking with U.S. Department of State Rules/Regulations. Central Holidays will not be held responsible for any passport and/or visa negligence on the part of passengers.

**C. REFUNDS & COMPLAINTS**

All claims must be received in our Customer Relations Department either by email or USPS to our offices within 30 days after scheduled return date and will be promptly acknowledged. However related processing, verifications and settlements may take up to 60 days or longer. It is the responsibility of the client to document potential claims at the Point of Service in order for claim/refund consideration. When requesting a refund by e-mail for non-provided services, claimant must return the original service voucher by mail for said non-provided services in order for this request to be evaluated and eventually settled. Complaints regarding a hotel's standards or amenities should be addressed directly with the hotel's management (Point of Service). Refunds are not normally considered if hotels are not given an opportunity to address those complaints locally.

Central Holidays will not be responsible for any additional expenses you may incur because of flight cancellations, flight delays, rescheduled and/or diverted flights, and missed flights after airport check-in. Please submit your claim directly to the airline. However, Central Holidays does not guarantee airline response.

Refunds are processed to the credit card(s) originally used for payment on the booking. These terms may not be changed by anyone other than an authorized representative of Central Holidays and must be documented by you in writing to

Customer Relations. Central Holidays is not obliged to guarantee promises (written or verbal) made by local hotel staff, tour guides, or any other persons not under the direct employ of Central Holidays.

**D. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**a. Waiver Responsibility:** Central Holidays, a division of SGI US, LLC, 250 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ 07074, its and their employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively, "Central Holidays") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, guides or trip leaders, food service providers, equipment suppliers, ground operators, etc., including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the Central Holidays name. Central Holidays is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under its control. Without limitation, Central Holidays is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation, any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, whether or not it uses the Central Holidays name, which is, to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Central Holidays is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, insolvency, or default of any third party, attacks by animals, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control.

**b. Treatment of State Warnings:** In the case of a government issued warning, we will provide our utmost consideration to the severity of the warning and accomplish everything possible to safeguard the well-being of our passengers. We reserve the right to evaluate each booking on a case-by-case basis for potential refund/cancellation fees, re-scheduling of tours or itineraries and postponements. Be aware that during your participation on vacations operated by Central Holidays, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control, including but not limited to: the hazards of traveling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation; forces of nature; political unrest; acts of lawlessness or terrorism; and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Central Holidays assumes no liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. While Central Holidays will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken, by agreeing to participate in a vacation and/or optional excursions, you agree you will hold Central Holidays harmless regarding any provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care rendered. Central Holidays is not responsible for such risks and dangers that may arise beyond our control. Payment of your deposit indicates you accept these risks and dangers and agree to hold Central Holidays harmless for such.

**c. Errors and Omissions:** Payment of deposit and/or issue of final documents shall be deemed your consent to the Terms and Conditions herein. Each passenger understands that CENTRAL HOLIDAYS will be accepting that passenger's booking in trust upon such passenger's acceptance of the Terms and Conditions as outlined in this brochure and our website. Terms and Conditions listed are those in effect at time of printing and will remain until replaced. Any new or re-issue of Terms and Conditions will replace all previous versions. No person, other than an authorized representative of CENTRAL HOLIDAYS is authorized, by a document in writing, to vary, add or waive any term or condition in this brochure, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

All transport onboard ship is provided subject to the terms and conditions of the Passenger Contract that you will receive with your final documentation. The Passenger Contract on cruise ships is governed by international law and may be subject to the Athens Protocol on Limits of Recoverable Damage as determined by the International Monetary Fund.

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**d. ARBITRATION:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms & Conditions, to this Tour Agreement, to this brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Moonachie, New Jersey in accordance with the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association then existent. In any such arbitration the substantive (but not procedural) law of New Jersey will apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

## COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAMS

All Central Holidays passengers purchasing LAND ONLY packages receive complimentary arrival and departure transfers on the arrival and departure day of their tour at the times specified here below.

Any passengers whose flight times do not coincide with the transfer timings here below may choose to book and purchase a transfer.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

• Flight numbers and timings need to be communicated in writing at time of booking. Any change to the flight information must be communicated to Central Holidays. Central Holidays will do anything possible to accommodate the schedule change only if notified in writing at least 72 hours prior, and providing that the new scheduled arrival/departure time does not interfere with the complimentary transfers schedule.

• Passengers that did not communicate their flight information at time of booking, may be accommodated based on local availability only. Space is available on a first come first serve basis until maximum capacity is reached.

• All transfers are based on group transfers. No refund is due for missed transfers or to passengers not using this service.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Passengers purchasing Air & Land packages will be provided with transfers regardless of arrival/departure time.

Passengers arriving before or leaving after the scheduled tour day may also book and buy a transfer providing that they also purchase the additional pre & post tour hotel night/s from Central Holidays.

City	Meet & Greet for arrival transfer (*)	Departure transfer time/s from hotel
Venice	1st transfer: 10:00am	9:00am
	2nd transfer: 12:00pm	
Florence	12:00pm	
Rome	1st transfer: 8:00am	1st transfer: 7:00am
	2nd transfer: 10:00am	2nd transfer: 10:00am
Sorrento to Naples		1st transfer: 4:00am 2nd transfer: 9:00am
Palermo	1st transfer: 11:00am	
	2nd transfer: 4:00pm	
Taormina to Catania		1st transfer: 8:00am 2nd transfer: 11:00am
Naples to Sorrento	12:00pm	
Savelltri di Fasanò to Bari (BRI)		7:00am
Stresa to Milan (MXP)		8:00am
Padua to Venice (VCE)		8:00am

(\*) In order to be entitled to the complimentary arrival transfer, passengers need to have collected luggage and cleared customs before above indicated time/s, as Central Holidays Representative will leave the airport arrival hall at indicated time/s, and will not wait after above indicated time/s.

# 2018 CALENDAR

## January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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