

A Taste of Italy

June 2014

This custom designed tour includes:

- 12 Night stay in Historic Picturesque Italy
- 4 Major attraction areas
- Minimal travel/bus time while in Italy



Estimated \$ 4,450 (price after Jan 15, 2014)
Itinerary and prices subject to change
based on participation and air travel availability



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1st day: MIAMI – ROME - SORRENTO

Arrival to Rome. After customs formalities private bus transfer to Sorrento. Overnight at hotel

2th day: SORRENTO - CAPRI — SORRENTO

Breakfast at hotel. Bus transfer to the port and departure by ferry to Capri. The Island of Capri is one of the most picturesque and visited locations in Campania. Its unique beauties were celebrated in ancient times and later published for the world in Homer's works: Odysseus (known in Latin as Ulysses) sailing past the island, narrowly escaped the fate of those who hear the voices of the Sirens. Thus the island has a mythical charm, as well as its natural treasures, through the writings and legends of Ancient Greece. Its breathtaking landscapes and beauty stretch from the rocky caves around the island to the edge of the horizon, and has been an inspiration to poets, lovers and travelers throughout the centuries. Traditional Lunch/dinner at restaurant. In the afternoon departure to Sorrento. Overnight at hotel. *Optional: boat ride to the Blue Grotto: it depends on weather conditions, it would better to confirm on the spot*



3rd day: SORRENTO — AMALFI — POSITANO – SORRENTO



Breakfast at hotel. Departure from hotel for a full day guided tour to Amalfi coast. Visit Amalfi with its wonderful views, white houses onto the rocks opposite the Saint Andrew Cathedral, and the main square which is also the town centre. Amalfi is made of alleys and steps, it is 57 steps to get in the Cathedral of St. Andrew. A great view can be enjoyed from the "Atrium" of the Cathedral showing little alleys and hidden corners of Amalfi. Departure to Positano. The town of Positano showcases fabulous coastal views on the renowned Amalfi Coast. The picturesque settlement is suspended vertically on the face of a cliff and is popular for its artists and writers. Positano is also known as a pedestrian town due to its thousands of avenues, stairways and hidden corners that are prosperous with the

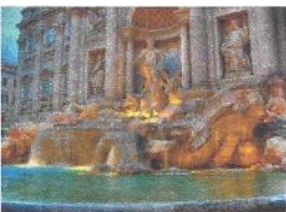
ambience of mystery. The small town has many sophisticated gift stalls and retail stores and is acknowledged by tourists as an appealing fashion brand on its own. Positano is a perfect place to buy footwear and sandals. When around the Amalfi coast, try out the popular "Limoncello", an alcoholic drink made from lemon. Traditional dinner, Overnight at hotel in Sorrento.

4th Day: SORRENTO- POMPEI -ROME

Breakfast at hotel. Private bus transfer to Pompei. Half day guided tour of the archeological site. Famous at the global level, the excavations of Pompeii is the only archaeological site in the world, along with that of Herculaneum, capable of returning visitors a Roman town, whose life has remained firm to a distant morning in 79 AD, an era from which the Vesuvius decided to erupt. The town owes its exceptional state of preservation the way in which it was buried. Departure to Rome. Overnight at hotel..



5th Day: ROME



Breakfast at hotel. Departure from hotel for a full day guided tour to the capital city of Italy. Sightseeing of the most important site it Colosseo, Foro Romano, Castel Sant'Angelo, Piazza Navona with its fountain, masterpiece of Bernini, Pantheon, Trinita dei Monti and the Fontana di Trevi, the famous fountain from Fellini's "La dolce Vita". Overnight at hotel.

6th Day : ROME (Vaticano)

Breakfast at hotel. Departure from hotel for a half day guided tour of Vaticano, starting from Piazza San Pietro, masterpiece of Bernini, the Basilica and Vatican Museum. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner with traditional menu. Overnight at the hotel.

7th day: ROME- CHIANTI - FLORENCE

Breakfast at hotel. Direct transfer to Tuscany in Chianti area one of the most beautiful in the whole region, as well as the most well-known and appreciated by visitors from across the world. The borders of the Chianti region are not clearly defined but in general it extends over the provinces of Florence and Siena, covering all of the area between the two cities. The Chianti wine area extends further beyond the two cities, all around Florence and even toward Arezzo, Pistoia and Montepulciano. Chianti offers a unique landscape, with green, gentle hills covered with wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, characteristic parishes and countryside homes in stone. Arrival in the afternoon. Wine tasting at a famous estate. Overnight at hotel.



8th day – FLORENCE

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy a guided half day tour of Florence. Florence is small and immense and at the same time, is an open air museum grown more beautiful over the centuries; a treasure chest enclosed by ancient walls that safeguard grandiose masterworks of art and architecture so close that you can

touch them. From its magnificent position, the city sits at the feet of the Appennine Mountains in a valley that opens onto the Arno Plain. Its buildings and monuments tell stories of art, war and life. Its streets, today crowded with tourists, are the same ones through which Leonardo da Vinci walked. Afternoon at your leisure. Feel free to visit the many museums and Renaissance historical monuments. Dinner included. Overnight at hotel

9th day – FLORENCE – SIENNA- SAN GIMIGNANO



Breakfast at hotel. Start this day with a tour of nearby Sienna, capital of Tuscany and a World Heritage site; renowned for its medieval architecture, fine cuisine and for its Palio horse races. Proceed to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano – Also a World Heritage site. Late afternoon rapid train ride to Venice. Overnight at hotel.

10th day: VENICE

Breakfast at hotel. HD guided classic walking tour to discover the charm and the splendor of the city unique in the world. Starting from the ancient districts in *Santa Croce* and *San Polo* towards *Rialto* area with its characteristic fish and vegetables market, along the *Grand Canal*, to reach *St. Mark's Square*, with the most famous monuments of Venice: the splendid *Basilica*, the *Renaissance Tower* and *Doge's Palace*. Piazza and Basilica San Marco, Ponte dei Sospiri, Palazzo Ducale, Ponte di Rialto. Afternoon at leisure in order to visit museums or to enjoy a drink in Piazza San Marco. Dinner and overnight at hotel.



Optional: afternoon or evening gondola ride (from € 130,00 per gondola - max 6 persons)



11th day: VENICE - TRIESTE - TREVISO or surroundings

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer by boat to Venice Tronchetto and departure by bus to Trieste, guided tour of Trieste, located between the sea and the hills of Carso, beautiful and fascinating, she does not like to show off, although she conquers her visitor at first sight. "Tergeste," as Trieste was named during the Roman era, is to be discovered on foot, to fully taste her richness and to breathe, through her streets, buildings and monuments, her 2000-year-old history and the castle of Miramare on the tip of the promontory of Grignano. Its position overlooking the sea, provides the possibility to enjoy a wonderful view over the Gulf of Trieste. The Castle is surrounded by a beautiful park with valuable botanical species where one can relax. A noble residence commissioned by Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian of Habsburg, its interiors feature sumptuous original furniture. Departure to Treviso. Overnight at hotel.

12th Day: TREVISO — Boat RIDE LAGUNA VENETA - TREVISO

Breakfast at hotel. Tour to Murano, Burano and Torcello. Across the Lagoon you will discover Venice islands and their secrets: Murano, known worldwide for its glass masterpieces. Here you will have the chance to visit one of its glass workshops and see a glass master at work. Burano lace and Torcello fascinating history. Pass beyond the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, with its imposing church designed by Andrea Palladio between 1566 and 1610, go beside the gardens of Venice and sail along the Lido (the beach resort of Venice). Lunch. Private transfer to hotel. Farewell dinner. Overnight at hotel.

13th Day TREVISO — VENICE AIRPORT - LISBON (PORTUGAL)

Breakfast at hotel. Direct transfer to the airport and departure to Lisbon. Dinner with show in Lisbon. Overnight at hotel.

14th Day LISBON – MIAMI Transfer to airport and departure for Miami.