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Highlights... Rome, Colosseum, Assisi, Perugia, Siena, Florence, Chianti Winery, Venice, Murano Island, Lugano, Switzerland, Como

Day 1: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Overnight Flight Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Rome, “The Eternal City.”

Day 2: Thursday, March 5, 2015

Rome, Italy - Tour Begins You arrive in Rome today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Friday, March 6, 2015 Rome

This morning, enjoy a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, the famous Piazza Navona and a visit to the Colosseum. This afternoon it’s your choice! Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica*, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, March 7, 2015 Rome

- Assisi - Perugia Ease your way into the local culture as your tour manager teaches you a few key phrases of the native language. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you are off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy, the Piazza IV Novembre, and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B, D)

Day 5: Sunday, March 8, 2015 Perugia

- Siena - Florence A scenic journey through Tuscany’s graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. You will be delighted by its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena with its great shops and outdoor cafes. Arrive in Florence and enjoy some free time before departing for dinner. (B, D)



Day 6: Monday, March 9, 2015
Florence In Florence, the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance,” visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s incredible statue of *David*. During your cultural tour of Florence you’ll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce Afterwards, learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making at a family-owned leather shop before visiting a local gold shop for an informative explanation of Florentine gold. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

Day 7: Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Florence - Venice Start your day with a trip to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region with its very own 12th century castle. Learn about Tuscany’s famous wines and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing over the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117

tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 8: Wednesday, March 11, 2015
Venice - Murano Island - Venice
Your day begins with a boat trip (weather permitting) to Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration.** Next, return to Venice and visit charming St. Mark’s Square, the lively hub of the city’s activity and events. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour of the area featuring St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. (B, D)

Day 9: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Venice - Lugano, Switzerland - Como, Italy - Milan Malpensa Today you travel to the picturesque Italian Lake district. Cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Lugano to enjoy beautiful views of Lake Lugano with excellent shopping opportunities. Returning to Italy, spend time in the elegant town of Como. Lake Como’s charm is tied to its beautiful villas, lush gardens and spectacular views. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a



farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, March 13, 2015 Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends Your tour ends in Milan Malpensa this morning. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Massimo D'Azeglio Hotel, Rome
Day 4	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 5, 6	Best Western Hotel Rivoli Florence, Florence
Days 7, 8	Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice
Day 9	Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

When the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day.

*Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

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

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

Lake Como

Lake Como Cruise

\$50 USD

Take a cruise on beautiful Lake Como, the fjord-like jewel of Northern Italy. Elegant villas, vineyards and gardens line the shores of this pristine paradise, where the rich and famous seek solace. You'll sail across the waters that fill the glacially-carved valley as your guide introduces you to Como's sights and lore. This is a locale where rugged peaks ring the deep blue water; lakeside villages perch at the water's edge; and olive, chestnut and walnut groves cover the gentle slopes. It's an experience sure to be the highlight of your vacation to Italy! This option operates weather permitting. Duration of the cruise is approximately 45 minutes. Transportation not required as option is within walking distance. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 20 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Rome

The Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica

\$85 USD

The Vatican Museums are not only home to one of the world's greatest collections of art, but also to the world-famous Sistine Chapel. Priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt, Etruscan Italy and cultures around the world are preserved in the Vatican's palaces, galleries, halls, and rooms. Follow a local expert guide on a three hour, in-depth visit through this vast collection. Highlights include the Gallery of Maps, the Gallery of Tapestries, and of course, a visit to the Sistine Chapel. The chapel's famous ceiling frescoes took Michelangelo four years to complete. His brilliant Last Judgment, which rests on the altar wall, was a topic of controversy for centuries. Other walls feature paintings by Pietro Perugino, Sandro Botticelli, Cosimo Rosselli, and Domenico Ghirlandaio. Your final stop will be at St. Peter's Basilica, one of the most important churches in Christendom, and until recently, the largest in the world. Price includes admission and the use of headphones inside the museum. It is highly recommended to book this optional tour in advance of your tour departure. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



Rome by Night

\$85 USD

"Dine with the Tenors" at a very popular Roman restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty, traditional, four-course menu complete with wine. As you enjoy the delicious tastes of Italy, talented performers serenade you with favorite arias from best-loved operas. This lively, fun-filled evening will be an unforgettable part of your visit to Rome and an engaging immersion into Italian culture. After dinner, embark on the enchanting Rome by Night tour, seeing the famous landmarks of the "Eternal City" illuminated against the night sky. See the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Victor Emmanuel Monument, and many other highlights. Remember your evening of Italian romance and charm with a souvenir opera CD – one per couple and one for singles. Please note: Gratuities are included. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Florence

Tuscan Feast

\$85 USD

This evening, set off on a scenic drive to nearby Galluzzo, a historic town famous for its Carthusian monastery which rests upon one of the beautiful hills surrounding Florence. Prior to dinner, enjoy an after-hours visit to this 14th-century monastery – La Certosa*. Revel in the beauty that lurks inside and experience the monastery’s magnificence as you learn about monastic daily life. Then, your evening of fun continues at one of the area’s most popular dining establishments. Experience an authentic and traditional dinner – served family-style! Savor local wines and Tuscan food and enjoy the entertainment. It’s a memorable – truly Italian – evening out that you won’t want to miss! Gratuities are included. *Visit to the monastery may not be possible when weddings are taking place. *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Venice

Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise

\$75 USD

Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways, when you partake in one of Venice’s most famous pastimes – a gondola cruise. Take a pleasant stroll toward the Grand Canal to board your gondola. As you relax in your elegant watercraft, your gondolier navigates the Grand Canal as well as smaller side canals. Admire the scenery as you listen to the melodic voice serenading you in true Italian style – just like in those romantic Italian movies! This option operates weather permitting. Duration of the gondola cruise is approximately 35 minutes. Gondolas hold 5 to 6 passengers. Transportation not included and in most cases not required as option is usually within walking distance. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.



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✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Lake Como Cruise <i>This option operates weather permitting. Duration of the cruise is approximately 45 minutes. Transportation not required as option is within walking distance.</i>	50.00
	The Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica <i>Price includes admission and the use of headphones inside the museum. It is highly recommended to book this optional tour in advance of your tour departure.</i>	85.00
	Rome by Night <i>Please note: Gratuities are included.</i>	85.00
	Tuscan Feast <i>Gratuities are included. *Visit to the monastery may not be possible when weddings are taking place.</i>	85.00
	Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise <i>This option operates weather permitting. Duration of the gondola cruise is approximately 35 minutes. Gondolas hold 5 to 6 passengers. Transportation not included and in most cases not required as option is usually within walking distance.</i>	75.00

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