



9 Day Enchanting Italy
Rome - Venice - Florence
May 6 - May 14, 2011
September 2 - September 10, 2011
(other dates available)

Enjoy a magical tour of Rome, Venice and Florence. Explore the imperial city of Rome and the legacy of the powerful Roman Empire that ruled the world millennia ago. Discover the amazing art treasures of fabled Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance, and the medieval secrets of the ancient city. Visit Venice and enter a remarkable world of Renaissance architecture surrounded by water. Get lost in the cities charming labyrinth of canals, bridges and tiny piazzas. Then glide along ancient historic canals on an enchanting Gondola ride.

Escorted Package Includes:

- Flights IAD -Venice, Rome-IAD.
Other departure cities available.
- Airline fuel surcharges, fees and taxes
- 7 nights accommodations
- 2 nights Carlton, Venice - 4 star
- 2 nights Mediterraneo, Florence -3-1/2 star
- 3 nights Nova Domus, Rome - 4 star
- All transfers
- 9 meals: 7 buffet breakfasts, 3 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Additional *included* tours: Gondola Ride and Piazzas of Rome
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Insurance included



Rates: approx. \$2800.00 (depending on date) per person based on double occupancy. \$ 300.00 USD non-refundable deposit required within 10 days after reservation is made. Final payment is due 6 weeks prior to departure. Suggested payment plan \$200 15th of every month. Passport required/Visa NOT required. MC, Visa Accepted. Checks payable: Colesville Travel

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DETAILED INTINERARY

DAY 1, Tuesday - Depart the USA

Depart the USA for Italy. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey

DAY 2, Wednesday - Arrive in Venice

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your tour escort, followed by a welcome dinner

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Thursday - Venice City Tour

Today begins with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known throughout the world for its fine glasswork industry. Then, visit St. Mark's Square to begin a guided walking tour of romantic Venice. View the Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs and visit the Doge's Palace, whose facade features a massive late-Gothic gate, known as the Porta della Carta. Take the remainder of the day to explore Venice on your own

Included Tour: Gondola Ride with Music (PM)

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Friday - Pisa Sightseeing En Route to Florence

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Pisa. On arrival, view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, the Duomo, and the Monumental Cemetery. The four monuments of this extraordinary piazza make for a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. En route to Florence, visit a local Tuscan farm in the countryside for a wine tasting with local specialties. Evening at leisure

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Saturday - Florence City Tour

Today's morning tour begins with a visit to the Accademia of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's *David* is housed. Walk to the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistery's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Continue to explore the open air art museum of Signoria Square ending at Ponte Vecchio, known as the "Old Bridge." Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Florence. This evening, dine in an authentic Tuscan restaurant in the countryside.

(Optional Uffizi Gallery Tour PM, \$65): ***available for purchase Only in Italy from your tour escort. ***

Florence and the fine arts are synonymous. Gate 1's guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery provides insight to the history of the structure and its collections. Originally the private collection of the Medici family, the palazzo was opened to the public in 1765. Your tour highlights exceptional examples of Florentine painting with an aim to help you better

understand the works of masters including Giotto, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. Following the tour, enjoy a refreshment break and complimentary beverage at the museum's cafe, which features a breathtaking view of the city. Tour participation guarantees immediate entry to the Gallery, with no lengthy waits in oftentimes two-three hour queues. *** Important: Please note that the Museum has a limited maximum capacity and therefore reserves the right to restrict admission. In this case we may not be able to offer the tour. Price is based on minimum number of passengers.*

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Sunday - Sun Route Via Assisi to Rome

Today travel along the famous "Sun Route" motorway to the medieval city of Assisi, renowned for its 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis and Giotto's frescoes. Continue to your hotel in Rome

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Monday - Tour Ancient Rome

This morning, a historic tour of "ancient Rome" takes you to the Roman Forum, the political center during the Roman Republic, the triumphal Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire. Afternoon at leisure

Included Tour: Piazzas of Rome (PM)

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Tuesday - Depart for the USA

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast