

TRI-STATE TRAVEL



Italy "*Bellissimo*"

September 14-23, 2020

Boarding in Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa and Moline & Galena, Illinois

Partnering with Plus 55 Club

TO MAKE A RESERVATION, PLEASE CONTACT US AT 1-800-779-4869

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ **12 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and wine tastings**
- ❖ **Deluxe Transportation for local touring with full time Tri-State Tour Director**
- ❖ **Cities of Rome, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Greve in Chianti, Bellagio**
- ❖ **Walking tour of Rome**
- ❖ **"The Three" Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica**
- ❖ **Basilica Cateriniana San Domenico**
- ❖ **Siena Cathedral**
- ❖ **Florence, and the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, Galleria dell'Accademia**
- ❖ **Como Cathedral**
- ❖ **Venice's - Doge's Palace, Santi Giovanni e Paolo's church, Square of Saints Mark Basilica**

Your Tour Price*:

Including current airfare (all rates quoted are in US Dollars):

\$5,599.00 per person – 2 to a room (1 queen bed)

\$6,699.00 per person – single

Note: names and spelling thereof must **match exactly as it appears on passports.**

Incorrect information will be subject to deviation fees and penalties. Credit card payments will be assessed a 3% processing fee.

*A valid passport that is more than 6 months from expiration on the date of return to United States

Your Tour Includes: 8 Nights' Accommodations, All Airport Transfers, Round Trip Coach Class Airfare: Chicago O'Hare/Rome & Venice/Chicago O'Hare, Wine Tasting, All Attractions as Highlighted per the itinerary, Luggage Handling for One Suitcase Not to Exceed 50 Lbs. and one small carry-on per person, Taxes and Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, and Step-on guide

Not Included: Travel Protection Plan, Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Tour Director and Motorcoach Driver, or Items of a Personal Nature

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Day #1 Monday September 14, 2020

This afternoon we transfer to Chicago O'Hare International for our direct overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

Day #2 Tuesday September 15, 2020 Arrive Rome Italy

Upon arrival this morning in Rome our private motorcoach will provide a transfer from Rome's Fiumicino International Airport to our 4 Star hotel. This afternoon we get acquainted with our local guide and enjoy a 2-hour walking tour of Rome. This evening dinner will be at a local restaurant, 3-course meal, including 1 glass of wine.

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Day #3 Wednesday September 16, 2020 Vatican, Sistine Chapel, St Peter's Basilica

Rome is the capital of Italy, also known as the Eternal City. This beautiful town boasts an ancient history long more than two and a half thousand years, stately buildings of the past, monuments of the greatest Italian artists of all times and countless masterpieces in terms of art, architecture and culture, as well as a unique aura. So, it is why Rome is one of the most visited cities in the world. We'll meet our local guide this morning for a half-day tour of the Vatican including "The Three", the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the city including many of the most popular attractions: the historic Coliseum, art/sculpture museums and sample the taste of Italy at the many fine restaurants.

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Day #4 Thursday September 17, 2020 Siena, Tuscany, Florence

Today as we travel to Florence via the wine country of Tuscany most famous for its reds, but also one of the best spots in the country for driving along Cyprus-lined roads, past rolling green hills and golden fields dotted with sunflowers. It's the side of Tuscany we love most. We'll stop in Siena Italy where a local guide will join us for a walking tour, visiting the Basilica Cateriniana San Domenico and an included admission to the beautiful Siena Cathedral. This afternoon we experience Tuscany at its best in the quaint village of San

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Gimignano with a tour, (Tasting of 4 Wines) experience, and sample of local snacks. We continue to Florence, Italy and our accommodations for the next three nights.

(B, Wine Tour & Tasting)

Day #5 Friday September 18, 2020 Florence Touring, Basilica, David

Virgil Thomson, American composer stated; "In Paris, you learn wit, in London you learn to crush your social rivals, and in Florence you learn poise." This morning our guide joins us (Whisper System Headsets included) to explore Florence. Experience the beauty and majesty of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore. Then we visit one of the most recognized figures in all of Italy, the Galleria dell'Accademia (Statue of David). Our guide will also be pointing out many of the unique attractions and restaurants we can explore on our own for the balance of the afternoon and evening.

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Day #6 Saturday September 19, 2020 Chianti, Tuscany Countryside

Today we will be exploring another of Italy's popular wine regions in Chianti. We will have lunch and visit a winery in the famous Greve-in-Chianti: included in our tour will be lunch and the tasting of three of Chianti's most noted wines, (Chianti) such as the prestigious Castello Vicchiomaggio wine, an upper valley white blend and a medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. We then return through the scenic Tuscany countryside to our hotel and the evening free to enjoy great food and spirits of the region.

(BL & Wine tasting)

Day #7 Sunday September 20, 2020 Modena, Lake Como

We depart Florence and journey to Modena, Italy noted for its medieval history, auto-making prowess (as home base of both Ferrari and Maserati) and its famous balsamic vinegar. Although we will not have the opportunity to drive a Ferrari, we will be having a delightful lunch at a quaint little batch producer of the country's famous Balsamic Vinegar and of course tasting. Our travels take us into the beautiful resort area known as Lake Como, a popular retreat for aristocrats and wealthy people since Roman times.

(BL & Tasting)

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Day #8 Monday September 21, 2020 Bellagio & Lake Como

Breakfast included - enjoy a morning stroll with your tour escort through Lake Como including a visit to the Como Cathedral, one of the last gothic cathedrals built in Italy. Next, we board a ferry from Como to Bellagio, Italy with time to explore the quaint shops, amazing villas and breathtaking views. Later this afternoon we ferry back to the mainland for an evening free to enjoy all the beauty and charm of this resort city.

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Day #9 Tuesday September 22, 2020 Venice

"Italy will never be a normal country. Because Italy is Italy. If we were a normal country, we wouldn't have Rome. We wouldn't have Florence. We wouldn't have the marvel that is Venice." –Matteo Renzi, former Italian prime minister. "Journey to Venice" awaits us when we transfer to our Private Boat from the Tronchetto to downtown Venice. Our personal guide will join us for a 3-hour walking tour of Venice. Along the way see major sights such as Basilica, Doge's Palace, Santi Giovanni e Paolo's church, Square of Saints Mark Basilica and many more highlights of Venice. After time to freshen up at our hotel we enjoy dinner at local restaurant, 3 course meal, including 1 glass of wine.

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Day #10 Wednesday September 23, 2020 Welcome Home

This morning a private boat provides transfer to our waiting motorcoach to the Venice International Airport for our direct flight back to the United States and home. *"When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go! "Bellissimo Italy"*

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To assist the traveler in understanding the general physical activity levels associated with a tour we have assigned a Physical Activity Rating to each program. We hope this will be a benefit to you in choosing a "Worry Free Vacation". Level 4: Walking associated with several city blocks, including airport terminals and security lines, climbing stair wells on sightseeing cruise boats and observation areas that may not be equipped with elevators and handling your own luggage, hills and aggregate walking paths associated with national parks, high altitude or sandy beaches.