

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY



12 Days/10 Nights featuring:
Venice~Florence~Rome~
Tuscany~Assisi & Sorrento



2016 Departures:
March & Nov. at \$TBA*
April at \$TBA*
Early May & Sept. at \$TBA*

*Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change). Rate are for payment by credit card. See back for discount cash/check rates.

OUR GRAND TOUR OF ITALY ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~ITALY: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Italy (via intermediate city) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – FLORENCE~MONTECATINI: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Arrival at Florence Airport where we will be met by our Tour Escort, who will assist with our transfer. En route we will enjoy a scenic morning drive to Montecatini for check in at the first-class *Hotel Columbia* (or similar). The remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening, we will gather for a Welcome Dinner and orientation at our hotel. Hotel Website: <http://www.hotelcolumbia.it/english>. Dinner and overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – FLORENCE: After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a full-day guided sightseeing tour of Florence, including a walking tour of the historic city center and a visit to the famous Academia Museum, site of Michelangelo's monumental statue – *David*. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – VENICE: After breakfast, we will take a full-day excursion to Venice. Arrive in Tronchetto and depart on a private boat to the isle of Murano for visit to a local glass factory, then continue by boat to the famed Piazza San Marco. There we will meet our local guide for a sightseeing tour of the historic center of Venice. After the guided tour, there will be free time for shopping, browsing, or perhaps taking a gondola ride. Late dinner upon our return to the hotel in Montecatini. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – SIENA~SAN GIMIGNANO: After breakfast, we depart for Siena. We will drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti. Once in Siena, our escort will lead us to Piazza del Campo, through the narrow streets, past medieval towers and walls. One of the notable highlights of Siena is San Domenico, which holds the relics of St. Catherine. We will next visit San Gimignano, often described as "the most famous small town in Italy." This charming medieval hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Montecatini. (B, D)

DAY 6 – MONTECATINI~ASSISI~ROME: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart for Rome, with a stop in Assisi to view St. Francis' Cathedral and have some free time to browse the city. Upon arrival in Rome -- "The Eternal City" -- we will check in at the first-class *Hotel Central Park* (or similar). There will be time to rest, relax, shop, and freshen up. Hotel Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/romcp-courtyard-rome-central-park>. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ANCIENT & MODERN ROME: Breakfast is at our hotel, followed by day-long city sightseeing tour. In the morning, we will visit the glorious remains of Ancient Rome, birthplace of modern civilization and capital of the Roman Empire and learn how Julius Caesar and many almighty Emperors conquered the world and thrived in the heart of the Roman Forum. We will see the Colosseum and you can discover the grandeur, the glory, and bloody past of this amphitheater. Then we will continue with visits to the Forum, the Palatine Hill, the Emperors' Palace, the Capitol, the Senate and much more. Time for lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will meet up for a tour of "Modern Rome" and we will walk along into the historic center of the city and the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Montecitorio, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Back to our hotel, where dinner is included this evening. (B, D)

DAY 8 – VATICAN CITY: Breakfast is included this morning, and then we'll transfer to Vatican City, first touring the Vatican Museums, a group of the most impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures. We will see awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. Included will be The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms and The Sistine Chapel, which houses Michelangelo's "The Last Judgement". Later on, we will enter St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Church in Christendom. It was built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Unsurpassed in beauty, a monument to the long history of the Catholic Church, to which pilgrims come from around the world. St. Peter's is the grandest of the world's churches. Marvel at Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy. Before dinner, we'll have time at leisure, to explore, shop, or sit in one of the outside cafes and watch the world go by. Dinner is included at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 – ROME~POMPEII~NAPLES~SORRENTO: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we say goodbye to Rome! We stop for a guided tour of Pompeii, destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD and, today, the some of the best preserved ruins of Roman times. Next on our agenda is a guided panoramic sightseeing tour of the famous port city of Naples. Arriving in Sorrento, we will check in at the *Hotel Michelangelo* (or similar). Hotel Website: <http://www.michelangelohotel.it>. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 10 – THE AMALFI COAST: After breakfast, we will take an excursion along one of the most scenic roads in the world – *The Amalfi Drive!* Our first stop will be above Positano, one of Italy's most famous and elegant resorts. We will continue our drive through the ancient marine republic of Amalfi. There will be some free time to visit the beautiful Cathedral of St. Andrew, explore the town or browse and shop. Stop for lunch (on our own). In the afternoon we will visit Ravello. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 11 – THE ISLE OF CAPRI~SORRENTO: After breakfast, we will visit the beautiful Isle of Capri! Our excursion begins with a ferry ride across the Bay of Naples to Capri, where we will enjoy a guided sightseeing tour, with its very chic shops, hotels, and restaurants lying along winding streets. The main square, Piazza Umberto, has a pretty white church and several open-air cafes where we can sit and watch the world go by. Afternoon return to Sorrento, by ferry, for some free time to shop for that last-minute gift or explore on our own. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 12 – SORRENTO~NAPLES~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer to the Naples Airport to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR GRAND TOUR OF ITALY INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ✦ Round-trip regularly scheduled transatlantic flights Boston-Intermediate City-Naples and return with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while aloft. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ✦ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a deluxe, temperature-controlled, private motorcoach.
- ✦ 10-nights' accommodations as indicated on the front, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$520 per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Breakfast (B) each morning and dinner (D) each evening.
- ✦ Comprehensive sightseeing package, as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✦ Professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour, and expert English-speaking guides as required.
- ✦ All meal and beverage taxes, as well as gratuities to bellmen.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$350 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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