

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY



**** Upgraded Hotel Package ****
12 Days/10 Nights
Featuring

**Venice ~ Florence ~ Rome ~
Tuscany ~ Assisi ~ Sorrento**



Departures:
March & November at \$3369*
April at \$3769*
Early May & October at
\$3879*

*Rates are per person twin occupancy and include \$679.85 in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change). Rates are for payment by credit card; see back for discount cash/check rates.

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED

Must be valid for 3 mos. past return date

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!"* Upon arrival at Florence Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. En route we will enjoy a scenic morning drive to Montecatini for check in at the first-class *Hotel Nizza & Suisse* (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://grand-hotel-nizza-suisse.h-rez.com>. 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, including a walking tour of Piazza San Marco, a visit to the Doge's Palace, and walking across the Bridge of Sighs, which connects to the Piombi Prisons. Lunch is on our own in Venice. The remainder of the afternoon is free for exploring on our own and shopping and browsing. Late dinner upon our return to the hotel in Montecatini. 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 Palatino* (or similar). There will be time to rest, relax, shop, and freshen up. Hotel Website: <http://www.hotelpalatinoroma.com>. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ANCIENT & MODERN ROME: After breakfast at our hotel, we will take a day-long city sightseeing tour. In the morning, we will have our "Ancient Rome" guided tour, featuring the most famous monuments of Ancient Rome, and in the afternoon, following time for lunch (*on our own*), we'll meet up for a tour of Modern Rome. By the time our day winds to a close, we will have seen the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, and so much more! Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – VATICAN CITY: After breakfast, we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Raise your eyes to see Michelangelo's *Creation* and the famous *Last Judgment*. Lunch is on our own. In the afternoon we'll be transferred to the Spanish Steps for shopping, browsing, or exploring on our own. Late afternoon transfer back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight. (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, WITH UPGRADED HOTELS, TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International 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 flights Boston-Intermediate City-Florence and Naples-Intermediate City-Boston with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.
- * Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- * 10-nights' accommodations throughout the tour, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA. *Limited availability -- may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- * Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily.
- * Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- * All transfers and touring via a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- * Services of a full-time professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- * English-speaking tour guides where applicable.
- * All local taxes and fees, and gratuities to bellmen.
- * Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS 75 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from **www.durgantravel.com** or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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