



ROME (4 nights) | UMBRIA (1 night) | FLORENCE (3 nights) | BOLOGNA(1 night) | PADUA (3 nights) | VENICE (Day Trip)

Sunday, May 31 – Rome: Welcome Dinner in the Historic Center. Rome by Night.

Participants should plan to arrive at Rome Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) by 2:00PM. Private drivers will meet participants and drive them to our hotel, located within the **historical center** of Rome. In the evening, we gather for a **Welcome Drink** followed by a **Welcome Dinner** at a local Roman restaurant. After dinner, enjoy a walking tour, **Rome by Night**, admiring the Eternal City's iconic landmarks bathed in evening light.

Welcome Drink and Dinner included.

Monday, June 1 – Rome: Villa Farnesina and Raphael's Frescoes, Caravaggio Masterpieces Preserved *in Situ*. Hospital of Santo Spirito in Sassia and the Lancisiana Library.

Our morning begins with a visit to **Villa Farnesina** in Trastevere, the splendid **Renaissance villa** built in 1506 for Agostino Chigi, the Pope's banker, adorned with exquisite frescoes by **Raphael** and other masters. After this special visit, we'll walk to the historic center for a guided tour and visit of the **San Luigi dei Francesi** and **Basilica Sant'Agostino** churches which reveal four celebrated paintings by **Caravaggio**, still housed in the churches that commissioned them (*in situ*). We conclude the morning at **Santa Maria Sopra Minerva** to admire **Bernini's Elephant and Obelisk** and **Michelangelo's Risen Christ** sculpture. Lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, we'll have a private guided tour of the historic **Hospital of Santo Spirito in Sassia**, where the magnificent 15th century corridors of the **Corsie Sistine** (Sistine Wards)—400 feet long and 52 feet high—still showcase original **Renaissance frescoes**. Here, we'll visit the **Historical Museum of Sanitary Arts** with its amazing collection of anatomical preparations and medical devices dating back to the ancient Romans. We'll explore architectural highlights including **Palladio's Tempietto**, the **Palazzo del Commendatore**, and the **Lancisiana Library**, established in 1714 by Pope Clement XI's physician for the instruction of young medical scholars. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Tuesday, June 2 – Rome: The Archeological Site of Ostia Antica and Lunch. The Baths of Diocletian.

With our private guide and bus, we travel to **Ostia Antica**, the ancient port city of Rome at the mouth of the Tiber. Once a bustling hub of commerce, Ostia is today celebrated for its archaeological site with remarkably **preserved architecture, splendid frescoes, and intricate mosaics**, offering a rare window into Roman urban life many centuries ago. We'll then enjoy a very special **group lunch** in the nearby **medieval borgo**.

After lunch, we'll return to Rome to explore the remarkably preserved **Terme di Diocleziano (Baths of Diocletian)** - once the largest bathing complex of the ancient world, constructed between **298 and 306 AD**. We'll also visit the incredible **Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels and Martyrs**, a masterpiece ingeniously built within the ruins of the Baths during the 16th century and designed by **Michelangelo** himself! Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Lunch included.

Wednesday, June 3 – Rome: University La Sapienza - Museum of the History of Medicine and Museum of Pathological Anatomy. The Borghese Gallery.

Today we explore the **University of Rome "La Sapienza"**, visiting two distinctive museums that trace the evolution of medical science. The **Museum of the History of Medicine** leads us through centuries of healing traditions—from apothecary and the alchemist's workshops to rooms displaying votive offerings dating from the Greco-Roman era through the Middle Ages. The collection continues into modern times with exhibits on pharmacology and electroencephalography. Next, the **Museum of Pathological Anatomy** displays an extensive collection of anatomical specimens, many drawn from autopsy and surgical cases. Among them include some **900 examples of congenital heart defects**, illustrating the study of disease through the centuries. In the afternoon, we'll visit the **Galleria Borghese**, renowned for its collection of **Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces**, including sculptures by **Bernini** and **Canova**, and paintings by **Caravaggio, Raphael, and Titian**. Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.



Thursday, June 4 – Depart to Umbria: Mummies of Ferentillo and Food and Wine Experience.

In the morning, we'll depart by private bus to the beautiful **Umbrian** countryside. Our first stop will be in the lush **Valnerina Valley**, near the picturesque village of **Precetto**, to visit the **Museum of the Mummies of Ferentillo**. Housed in a Romanesque crypt beneath the Church of St. Stephen, the mummies date from 16th-century burials, preserved remarkably after exhumation.

Afterward, we'll continue to a **historic winery in the Montefalco area**, renowned for its **Grechetto** and **Sagrantino** grape varieties, where we'll enjoy a guided tour of the estate followed by a **wine-pairing lunch**. Following lunch, we'll arrive at our **villa accommodation**, nestled in the Umbrian countryside, where you'll have an opportunity to enjoy the serene surroundings. In the evening, guests will have the opportunity to visit the **charming hilltop village of Montefalco** and enjoy dinner at leisure.

Lunch included.

Friday, June 5 – Depart to Florence: The Cosmic Magnet, Tour of Historic Florence. Tuscan Dinner.

In the morning, we'll depart by **private bus to Florence**. On the way, we'll stop in **Foligno** to visit the extraordinary **Calamita Cosmica (Cosmic Magnet)**, a monumental work by Italian artist **Gino De Dominicis**. This colossal human skeleton—**24 meters in length** and distinguished by its bird-like beak—is dramatically displayed within a **former church**, creating a powerful dialogue between art, space, and spirituality.

Afterward, we'll continue our journey to **Florence**. Upon arrival, we'll check in at our **centrally located hotel** and take some time to relax before setting out on a **private walking tour of Florence's historic center**, an ideal introduction to the city's Renaissance splendor. Later in the evening, we'll gather for a **special Tuscan dinner**, savoring the authentic flavors of **traditional regional cuisine**.

Dinner included.

Saturday, June 6 – Florence: La Specola Museum, Michelangelo's Crucifix and David.

In the morning, we'll visit **La Specola**, the extraordinary **Natural History Museum of the University of Florence**, founded in **1775** and recognized as the **oldest scientific museum in the world**. Its renowned collection includes more than **500 exquisitely detailed 18th-century wax anatomical models**, among them **26 full-body specimens** that vividly illustrate the intersection of art and science during the Enlightenment.

We'll then continue to the **Basilica of Santo Spirito** to admire the **wooden crucifix sculpted by a 17-year-old Michelangelo**, created as an expression of gratitude for the monks who granted him access to human cadavers for **anatomical dissection and study**.

In the afternoon, we'll visit the **Galleria dell'Accademia**, where we will engage in an in-depth study of **Michelangelo's David** from an **anatomical perspective**, exploring the artist's unparalleled understanding of the human form. Enjoy the remainder of the day and evening at leisure.

Sunday, June 7 – Florence: Medici Chapels, and Bargello Museum.

Our morning begins with a **private guided tour of the magnificent Medici Chapels**, a monumental complex adjoining the **Basilica of San Lorenzo**, one of Florence's oldest and most historically significant churches. Conceived both as a place of worship and as a **grand mausoleum for the Medici dynasty**, the chapels unite **Michelangelo's sculptural mastery** with **Baroque opulence**, offering a profound testament to the artistic and political legacy of Florence's most powerful family.

We then continue to the **Bargello Museum**, a former medieval palace now home to some of Italy's finest **collection of Renaissance sculpture**. Here, we'll admire masterpieces by **Donatello**—including his celebrated **bronze David**—alongside exceptional works by **Michelangelo, Verrocchio, Cellini, and Giambologna**. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure.



Monday, June 8 – Depart to Bologna. Hospital of San Giovanni di Dio, Bologna Walking Tour and the University of Bologna Anatomy Theater.

The morning begins in Florence with a **private tour of the Hospital of San Giovanni di Dio**, one of the most significant landmarks in the history of healthcare. Founded in **1387** through the generosity of the **Vespucci family**, the hospital has recently been restored as a museum dedicated to Florence's **artistic and medical heritage**—and we'll be among the first to explore its remarkable collections!

Following our visit, we'll **travel by private bus to Bologna**, where guests will have time to relax upon arrival. Later in the afternoon, we'll enjoy a **guided walking tour of the historic city center**. Our day's activities include one of the highlights of our program—a visit to the **400-year-old anatomy dissection theater** at the **Palazzo dell'Archiginnasio** of the **University of Bologna**, founded in **1088** and recognized as the **oldest university in the Western world**. We'll also visit the **Stabat Mater Room**, home to groundbreaking scientific works, including **Galileo's 1632 *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems***, which confirmed the heliocentric model of the universe. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Tuesday, June 9 – Depart to Padua. Anatomical Waxes and University Library and the Scrovegni Chapel.

In the morning, still in Bologna, we'll explore the **Luigi Cattaneo Anatomical Wax Museum**, renowned for its remarkable collection of both **normal and pathological human anatomy** at the **Institute of Normal Anatomy**. We'll then continue to the **Palazzo Poggi Museum** of the **University of Bologna**, home to a notable series of **18th-century anatomical wax models** that reflect the scientific and artistic achievements of the period. Between visits, we'll enjoy a **tour of the *Aula Magna***, the grand original library of the **Institute of Sciences**—Bologna's **first public library**, inaugurated in **1756**, and a magnificent example of the city's intellectual and architectural heritage.

In the afternoon, we'll **travel by private bus to Padua**. After checking in at our centrally located hotel, our day concludes with a short visit to the **Scrovegni Chapel**, **Giotto's 14th-century masterpiece**. It is widely regarded as one of the **most complete and influential fresco cycles in European art**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Wednesday, June 10 – Excursion to Venice. The Scuola Grande di San Marco. Venice at Your Leisure.

In the morning, we'll take a **30-minute local train to Venice**, followed by a **private boat ride through the Venetian Lagoon** to the magnificent **Scuola Grande di San Marco (Great School of St. Marco)**. Rebuilt in the **15th century**, its **Renaissance façade** exemplifies a perfect harmony of classical proportion and intricate marble ornamentation. Inside, we'll explore the **Museum of the History of Medicine**, located in a marvelous building whose chapel contains four extraordinary paintings by **Tintoretto** and houses an exceptional collection of **antique manuscripts and medical instruments**. Our visit also includes the **Historic Pharmacy**, the **Museum of Pathological Anatomy**, and the adjoining **church of San Lazzaro dei Mendicanti**. The **afternoon is free** to experience Venice at your own pace—perhaps visiting **St. Mark's Square and Basilica**, crossing the **Rialto Bridge**, or sampling traditional **cicchetti** (Venetian tapas) in a **bacaro** (local wine bar)! Guests can **return to Padua by train** at their leisure.

Thursday, June 11 – Padua: Basilica of St. Anthony, Palazzo del Bo, University of Padua, Morgagni Museum. Arrivederci Dinner.

In the morning, we will enjoy a private guided tour of the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**, which, besides the Altar bronze masterpieces by **Donatello**, includes a mausoleum honoring prominent anatomists and scientists of the **University of Padua**. The tour continues at **Palazzo del Bo**, the university's historic seat, where we'll see **Galileo's lecture podium** and the **world's oldest permanent anatomy dissection theatre**, dating to 1595.

In the early afternoon, we'll have a private visit at the **Morgagni Museum of Pathological Anatomy** that reveals a wide range of anatomical specimens from the 17th–19th centuries, illustrating the evolution of medical treatment to the modern day. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, we'll gather for an **Arrivederci Italia Dinner**—a festive farewell celebrating the richness of Italian culture, cuisine, and camaraderie.

Dinner included.

Friday, June 12 – Conclusion of Program.

Hotel check-out. Group transfers from the hotel to Marco Polo Airport, Venice.



REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name 1 (**should match passport**) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Full Name 2 (**should match passport**) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Primary Cell Phone _____ Primary Email _____

For single person registration (for double occupancy room), I request to share room with: _____

Type of room: ☐ *Twin (2 beds)* ☐ *Double (1 king/queen)* ☐ *Single Room (extra charge)*

Dietary Restrictions _____

Note: The Program requires a moderate amount of walking by participants, on average, 2 – 3 miles day

Terms and Conditions

Package Includes:

- A dedicated professional **Tour Leader** (English/Italian bi-lingual) will accompany the group, coordinate all activities and provide **24/7 onsite assistance for the entire experience**.
- Historical insight and scientific expertise provided by **Professor Kevin Petti, Ph.D.**
- **12-night accommodation** at comfortable **4-star hotels** (double occupancy): Rome – 4 nights, Umbria - 1 night, Florence - 3 nights, Bologna - 1 night, Padua - 3 nights.
- **Daily buffet breakfast** at hotels with local products.
- **Welcome Drink** reception (on arrival night in Rome).
- **3 Three-Course Dinners** with wine: May 31, June 5, June 11.
- **2 Wine and Food Tasting Experiences** (Lunch): June 2, June 4
- **All Private guided tours**, as described in the Itinerary.
- **Entrance tickets to all venues and museums** specified in the Itinerary, with skip-the-line reservations if available.
- **Private bus transportation** for all intercity travel (Rome to Umbria; Umbria to Florence; Florence to Bologna; Bologna to Padua).
- Public transportation where needed in the Itinerary.
- Private transfers (with minimum of 2 program participants/vehicle) from **Rome Airport (FCO)** to our hotel in Rome on arrival day.
- Private group transfers (with minimum of 6 program participants/vehicle) from our hotel in Padua to **Venice Airport (VCE)** on departure day.
- City tax at all hotels and tax and tips for all services identified in the Itinerary.

Package Does NOT Include:

- Flight tickets to/from Italy
- Travel insurance
- Fees for passports, and, if applicable, visas
- Meals, drinks or personal extras not explicitly stated in the 'Package Includes' section above
- Excursions and any other activities not listed in the Itinerary

**Price & Payments (in US Dollars)**

- The price of the Package as described is **\$5,950** per person in a double occupancy room (2 people/room). There are a **minimum** of 18 participants and a **maximum** of 22 participants. Accommodation in a **single room** (1 person/room) has an extra charge of **\$1,850** (very limited availability).
- Deposit and Final Payment:**
 - A **deposit** of **\$1,500** per person is required to secure participant's place by **December 15, 2025**. The deposit may be paid by check, Zelle bank transfer or with a credit card – please indicate your preference at the bottom of this page. **Your registration is not complete until your deposit is received.**
 - Please print (or take photo of) your completed Registration Form (pages 4-5) and email to Michael Tuosto at Exclusively Italian.** Alternatively, please email Michael Tuosto a request to have this Form be sent in electronic format.
 - Contact Details (Michael Tuosto):** email: michael@exclusivelyitalian.com – phone: 1-619-208-0902
 - The balance of payment is due on **March 1, 2026**.
 - Checks:** Please make checks payable to "Exclusively Italian". Payments are accepted in US dollars only. Mail to:
Michael Tuosto – Exclusively Italian
4080 Goldfinch St. Unit 1
San Diego, CA 92103

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to cancel this trip for any circumstances beyond its control, including if there are fewer than 18 participants. In this case, a full refund will be provided. No refunds are provided for unused portions or services of the trip for any reason. The trip is sold as a package only. Below is the cancellation/refund policy. Cancellations accepted in writing only.

Payment Due Date	Amount	Cancellation/Refund
December 15, 2025	\$1,500 Deposit/Participant	Once the program reaches the minimum number of registered participants, the deposit becomes non-refundable.
March 1, 2026	\$4,450/Participant	50% of this payment is refundable until March 30, 2026. From April 1, 2026, the entire payment is non-refundable.

Not Included

All items of a personal nature, meals and other services or transportation not specified in the 'Package Includes' section.

Travel Insurance

To protect your trip investment, **the purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended** to cover unforeseen events such as trip cancellation and/or interruption, emergency medical expenses, loss of baggage or trip delay. We would be happy to provide the names of Travel Insurance companies and additional information regarding Travel Insurance.

DISCLAIMER

All arrangements covering accommodation, transportation, tours, transfers and all other services arranged for this trip, are made on the explicit understanding that Exclusively Italian LLC and/or Laura Bianconcini or Dr. Kevin Petti act only as an intermediary and as such admit no liabilities whatsoever for any loss, damage, delay or injury to persons or property arising out of, or in any connection with any act of neglect or default however caused, either directly or indirectly by the principals or persons or their agents or servants, who shall provide such hotel accommodation, transport, tours, transfers or all other services provided. Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to change accommodations, activities and services specified in the Itinerary at any time, for any reason, and replace them with others of the same category and/or value.

- ☐ I have read, understand, and accept all the above Terms & Conditions.
- ☐ I will mail a check (or send a Zelle bank transfer) for \$1,500/participant as a deposit to secure my Registration.
- ☐ I request to pay \$1,500/participant by credit card as a deposit to secure my Registration. (Note: if you select this option, you will receive an email from our credit card processor that will allow you to securely enter your credit card details).
- ☐ I request a Single Room accommodation for an extra fee of \$1,850.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____