ITALY NORTH & SOUTH DELUXE SMALL GROUP TOUR

October 6-17, 2024

Visit Lake Como, Venice, Florence, Rome, Amalfi Coast, & Capri All in one great trip!

> Price per person based on 2 to a room \$4295.00 Single Supplement \$1100.00

Our Jtinerary!

Oct 6- Depart home for Milan, Italy.

Transportation to JFK Airport included. Flight to Milan to be advised closer to the departure. Dinner and Breakfast enroute. Meals -BD

Oct 37-Lake Como

Transfer from Milan Airport to Lake Como. Lake Como is one of the biggest lakes with a surface of 145 sq km and the deepest lake in Europe with a depth of 410 m. It is located in the northern region of Italy, near Milan. The lake has a bizarre "Y" shape with three extremities: the northern with Colico, the southeast with Lecco and the southwest with Como.

Welcome dinner this evening.

Overnight – Lake Como – Hotel Borgo Antico https://www.borgoanticohotelcomo.it/ or similar Meals - D

Oct 8- Lake Como

Lugano, Bellagio and Cruise Experience from Como

Visit two countries and two famous lakes in one day with this day trip from Como. Traveling with a Tour Leader, you'll first visit Lugano in Switzerland to sample Swiss chocolate and admire Lake Lugano. Then, you'll return to Italy where a visit to Lake Como's beautiful Bellagio beckons. Ample free time in each town is included, along with a prebooked Lake Como ferry ride and sights of Cadenabbia di Griante, lakeside villas, gardens, and more.

- Save time with prebooked transport to explore Switzerland and Lake Como
- Combine free time in Bellagio and Lugano with commentary as you travel
- Ride a ferry across Lake Como to see the elegant towns from the water

Overnight – Lake Como

Meals - B

Oct 9- Venice & Gondola Ride with Serenade

Depart Lake Como for the Milan Train Station. Italy Rail from Milan to Venice. Upon arrival we will transfer to our hotel by speedboat. This afternoon enjoy a gondola ride with music followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight - Venice - Sant Antonin https://antoninvenice.com/ or similar

Meals-BD

Oct 10- Half Day to Murano & Burano

After sailing past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, the Public Gardens, the tip of Sant'Elena and the famous Lido beach resort, the boat arrives in Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry.

Here we stop for around 40 minutes to visit to one of the factories. The second stop is at the picturesque island of Burano, famous not only for its lace but also for the fishermen's houses painted in bright colors. The stop will last about 30 minutes.

Overnight – Venice

Meals – B

Oct 11- Florence Walking Tour with Local Guide

Transfer from our hotel to transportation to Florence.

Upon arrival we will have a walking tour of Florence with a local guide.

Overnight -Florence – Hotel Monna Lisa https://www.monnalisa.it/it/la-nostra-storia or similar Meals B

Oct 12-San Gimignano, Siena and Wine Tasting with Lunch in Tuscany!

The village of SAN GIMIGNANO, the Chianti area and the Medieval town of SIENA are situated in the heart of our beautiful Tuscany. The first stop of our tour is the village of San Gimignano, a magnificent example of a Medieval urban centre that is a UNESCO world heritage site. Here you will have free time to visit the village and its splendid squares, palaces, churches and the magnificent towers. We will stop by a typical Tuscan winery where you will visit the cellars and have lunch and wine tasting. In the afternoon we continue on to Siena. You will surely appreciate the architectural styles of the Cathedral and of the Town Hall in the Piazza del Campo, scenery of the world famous PALIO race.

Meals – BL

Overnight – Florence

Oct 13- Ancient Rome

This morning we are off to Rome. Upon arrival we will enjoy our afternoon Ancient Rome Tour. Enjoy the historic tour of ancient Rome begins at the legendary Roman Forum, the central area of the city from which ancient Rome developed. On to the mighty Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire that seated over 50,000, where gladiator contests and public events were attended by the rich, the poor and by the Emperor himself. Enjoy this afternoon a walking tour of the Eternal City's grand piazzas that begins at the Spanish Steps and continues to the legendary Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the baroque Piazza Navona.

Dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

Overnight – Rome - Hotel dei Borgognoni <u>https://www.hotelborgognoni.com/en/4-stars-hotel-rooms-rome-centre</u> or similar

Meals - BD

Oct 14- Vatican City

This morning we will visit the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's incomparable Sistine Chapel. Stroll throughSt. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade to St. Peter's Basilica. Stand in awe as you view Michelangelo's Pieta. This highly-finished marble sculpture depicts the body of Jesus in the arms of Mary after the Crucifixion -- considered to be among the most compelling of all works of art in the Western world.

Overnight – Rome

Meals - B

Oct 15-Positano and Amalfi Coast

We will visit Positano and Amalfi, a beautiful seaside city on the Amalfi Coast. Enjoy some shopping and some5time for lunch on own.

Overnight Sorrento- Hotel Nice https://www.hotelnice.it/ or similar

Meals - B

Oct 16– Isle of Capri & the Blue Grotto*weather permitting.

Enjoy a full day tour to the enchanting and picturesque Isle of Capri - it will be a highlight! Blue Grotto weather permitting. Here, you'll walk through the narrow lanes of Anacapri, with its chic boutiques and shops offering tastings of the island's famous Limoncello. Then, to La Piazzetta (Piazza Umberto I) where everyone gathers to socialize and to the Gardens of Augustus, towards the top of the island, a natural paradise, from where you can see splendid views of the sea and the famous Faraglioni rock formations, one of the island's natural wonders. After a lovely day in Capri, return to Sorrento Overnight – Sorrento Meals – BL

Oct 17- Farewell to Italy and our flight home from Rome. Meals - BL

Inclusions in above prices:

- Airfare
- First Class Hotel Accommodations based on twin share.
- All transfers and transportation are by private air-conditioned vehicles * any individuals traveling outside of group arrangement must organize own transfers.
- Group tour manager throughout the land tour.
- Tours, sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary.
- All applicable taxes
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- (10 Breakfasts-B 2 Lunches-L 4 Dinners-D)

Exclusions in above prices:

- Seat selection
- Personal items
- Optional Tours
- Meals unless listed in itinerary Airline baggage fees

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Travel Insurance is \$395.00 additional

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^{**} Our hotels and itinerary may change but all inclusions and class of hotel will stay the same.