



Wendinger Travel

Presents Their

Italian Dream Vacation

visiting Isle of Capri, Rome and Tuscany

June 3 - 13, 2024

***\$5,498 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Minneapolis
With an optional Venice Extension! June 13 - 15***



Tour Highlights

- 9-nights in Romantic Italy
- Stay 3-nights in Gaeta on the Tyrrhenian Coast – visit the Isle of Capri, and delight in a Sperlonga food and wine experience
- Stay 2-nights in Rome – see Rome’s monumental sites including the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Piazza Navona, visit the Vatican Museums & St. Peter’s Basilica, and tour the Colosseum
- Stay 4-nights in Tuscany – visit Pisa’s Campo dei Miracoli, Florence’s Accademia and Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and tour the Hill Town of San Gimignano



Day by Day Itinerary

Mon., June 3 – MINNEAPOLIS / EN ROUTE

We depart Minneapolis this afternoon by scheduled service of Air Canada to begin our transatlantic overnight journey to Rome, Italy. **(I)**

Tues., June 4 – ROME / GAETA

On arrival in Rome we'll meet our Tour Manager who will accompany us throughout our vacation. Leaving the airport, we'll travel through the well-tilled fields and orchards of the Lazio countryside on our way to the Tyrrhenian Coast and the picturesque town of Gaeta, home to an intriguing history entwined with military fortifications dating back to the Romans. **(I,D)**

Wed., June 5 – GAETA (Isle of Capri)

This morning we travel further south to Naples from where we'll depart by high-speed ferry for the Isle of Capri. On arrival in Marina Grande, we'll travel to breathtaking Anacapri where our local guide will take us through the picturesque lanes and artisan boutiques of the town. Next, we set our sights on Capri, stopping along the way at the breathtaking Punta di Tragara to enjoy a scenic view of the Faraglioni Rocks. Following a brief introduction to the island's main town, free time will be set aside to explore the Piazzetta Umberto, the charming little plaza in the heart of the island. Enjoy a cappuccino at one of the cafes in the shadow of the clock tower and, of course, there is always shopping nearby. As our time on the Isle of Capri nears an end, we'll descend by funicular to Marina Grande as we prepare for our return to Naples. **(B)**

Thurs., June 6 – GAETA (Sperlonga)

A leisurely day on tour will begin with an opportunity to step Gulf of Gaeta with its golden sand and clear blue waters. Then we'll travel to the neighboring town of Sperlonga whose whitewashed houses look down on to the sea and expansive beaches. Here, we'll enjoy an ancient Roman wine tour. We'll walk the alleys, meet locals and learn everything about old food traditions and wine, followed by a food and wine experience. On our return to Gaeta, the afternoon is at leisure. Take time to stroll along the lungomare, checking out the boats in the marina and visit the Cathedral Basilica of Gaeta. Around the port you'll find an interesting tangle of streets; architecture comprising bright, bold colors mixed with archway windows. **(B,L)**

Fri., June 7 – GAETA / ROME (Monumental Rome)

This morning we depart Gaeta and travel north along the "Highway of the Sun" as we make our way to Rome, the "Eternal City" of the West and capital of the Republic of Italy. This afternoon, we'll see Rome's monumental sights starting with the famous Colosseum. Then we're headed to the world-famous Trevi Fountain. Toss a coin in the fountain, and you'll ensure your return to the Eternal City! We'll also visit the majestic Pantheon, the most extraordinary and best-preserved ancient building in Rome, before ending our tour in the



Piazza Navona, the city's most beautiful Baroque piazza containing three fountains, the most famous of which is Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers. You'll soon see why no other piazza in Rome can rival the theatricality of the Piazza Navona. **(B,D)**

Sat., June 8 – ROME (Vatican Museums & St. Peter's)

Our day begins with a visit to the Vatican Museums, where four centuries of papal patronage have resulted in one of the world's great collections of art. The Vatican's greatest treasures are its Greek and Roman antiquities highlighted by the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel featuring the Genesis and Last Judgment by Michelangelo Buonarroti. Afterward, we'll make our way to St. Peter's Square. The embracing arms of Bernini's colonnades will draw us into the Basilica, the center of the Roman Catholic faith. Although we may see hundreds of elaborate and priceless works of art in St. Peter's, none is as moving as the sorrowful Pieta, Michelangelo's masterpiece in white marble. At the end of our tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure, an opportunity to stroll down the Via dei Condotti lined with its elegant shops, and visit the Piazza Di Spagna dominated by the majestic Spanish Steps. **(B)**

Sun., June 9 – ROME / TUSCANY

This morning we return to the Colosseum for a guided tour of this masterpiece of classical architecture where fights between men and beasts, gladiatorial contests, races, and simulated naval battles took place. Afterward, we depart Rome and travel to Tuscany. With its manicured fields, rustic farms, cypress-lined driveways, and sun and wine-soaked villages clinging to nearly every hill, Tuscany is the romantic image of Italy. Our destination is the spa town of Montecatini Terme, set in the picturesque Valdinievole, an amphitheater of green hills in the heart of Tuscany. **(B,D)**

Mon., June 10 – TUSCANY (Pisa)

Today we travel to Pisa, located near the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. A tour through the Campo dei Miracoli will include a visit to the Cattedrale di Pisa. While the white, shining outside of the Cathedral truly is stunning, the same is true of its inside. Next door, we'll visit Battistero di San Giovanni which was founded on August 15, 1152. Of course, no visit to the Square of Miracles would be complete without a visit to the famous Leaning Tower. The tower's apparent flouting of the laws of gravity has attracted numerous visitors over the centuries, including the Pisan Scientist Galileo. This evening we'll take the funicular railway to the ancient fortified village of Monetcatini Alto for a sweeping view over the mountainous countryside followed by dinner in the quiet main piazza. **(B,D)**

Tues., June 11 – TUSCANY (Florence)

Julius Caesar founded the colony of Florentia in the 1st century on the north bank of the Arno. Today the city occupies both banks of the Arno River and is famous for its art treasures and glorious history. We begin with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's statue of David. Afterward, we'll visit the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and see the neighboring Baptistery of St. John. From here, we'll stroll along the Via dei Calzaiuoli and pause to admire the Piazza della Signoria with its backdrop formed by the Old Palace, before ending with a visit to the unforgettable Ponte Vecchio, the oldest surviving bridge in the city, built in 1345. As we'll soon find out, walking the streets of Florence is like taking a voyage back in time. **(B)**

Wed., June 12 – TUSCANY (San Gimignano)

A leisurely day on tour will take us on a journey through the charm of the Middle Ages and the magic of nature as we visit San Gimignano, one of the most remarkable of all the Tuscan hill towns. On arrival, we'll enjoy a walking tour of this virtually untouched medieval city-state where time seems to have stood still since the Middle Ages. Comprised of 14 towers, some over 165 feet high, all streets lead to the Piazza del Duomo where the Collegiate Church and seven towers of nobility line the majestic square. This time-



less location is also home to the famous Piazza della Cisterna, named for the bricks laid in a herringbone pattern. Leaving San Gimignano, we'll immerse ourselves in the traditional Tuscan lifestyle setting with a simple, friendly, and sincere hospitality, accompanied by a traditional wine tasting and meal of fresh local products all with a breathtaking view! **(B,D)**

Thurs., June 13 – TUSCANY / MINNEAPOLIS

Early this morning we say arrivederci to Montecatini Terme and return to Rome's Fiumicino International Airport to begin our return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our vacation to last a lifetime and celebrate the beginning of new friendships made along the way! **(B,I)**

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I = In-flight B = Breakfast L=Lunch D = Dinner



The Vacation Price Includes:

- Economy airline transportation from Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport by scheduled service of Air Canada.
- Transportation by deluxe private motorcoach with accompanying Tour Manager.
- First-class hotel accommodations.
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Airline taxes and fees totaling \$510 per person, and all taxes for included ground services.

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to the Motorcoach Driver, Tour Manager and Step-on Guides; meals other than those stated above; and Travel Protection.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. Credit cards can be accepted for payment(s); however, the vacation price reflects a 4% cash discount. Please call InterTrav at 630-377-5840 to arrange payment by credit card; 4% of the payment amount will be assessed on credit card payments. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before **Friday, March 1, 2024**. Reservation requests received after **Friday, March 1, 2024**, are subject to tour availability.

TOUR PRICING: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of October 1, 2023.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 100 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 99 and 60 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: Wendinger Travel, P.O. Box 386, New Ulm, MN 56073, or emailed to info@wendingertravel.com.

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