

# Flavors of Italy

With KJAZZ host,  
**Jerry Sharell**



October 18 - 27, 2024

*"You may have the universe if I may have Italy."*  
Giuseppe Verdi

How would you like to embark on a mesmerizing ten-day journey through the enchanting landscapes of Italy? Travel with me, KJAZZ host Jerry Sharell, and a like-minded group of fellow jazz lovers and immerse yourself in the harmonious blend of art, food, wine, and the soulful melodies of jazz as we traverse the cultural tapestry of "Bella Italia." Follow in the illustrious footsteps of Verdi, Michelangelo, and Da Vinci, tracing their legacies through the cobblestone streets of Tuscany and Umbria, where jazz notes mingle with the whispers of history.

Join KJAZZ in celebrating the transcendent power of the arts in "Bella Italia," a journey which will be infused with the magic of jazz! Spaces are limited, so reserve your place today and embark on a journey of a lifetime.

## TRIP AT A GLANCE

3 Nights Bologna (*Italy's Culinary Capital!*)  
3 Nights in Montecatini, Tuscany  
3 Nights Eternal Rome, Province of Lazio



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## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

With renowned KJAZZ host, **Jerry Sharell!** ❖ Three lively jazz concerts ❖ A jazz concert in Rome with legendary bassist, **Pat Senatore!** ❖ A tour of Bologna's Museum of Musical Instruments and Bologna University ❖ Walk in the footsteps of Verdi and Puccini ❖ Explore the colorful food markets of Bologna ❖ Visit a producer of Balsamic Vinegar in Modena ❖ The spa town of Montecatini, Tuscany ❖ Tuscan Hill Towns ❖ Wine, cheese, balsamic vinegar and olive oil ❖ Guided visits of the Uffizi and Accademia Museums in Florence ❖ Guided tours in Rome ❖ Time for self-discovery ❖ Travel with like-minded friends of KJAZZ

## IT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ With legendary KJAZZ on-air host Jerry Sharell!
- ✓ Fully guided by an expert Italian, bi-lingual Earthbound Expeditions guide
- ✓ Special jazz concerts throughout your journey, including a concert in Rome with renowned jazz bassist artist, Pat Senatore, former owner of Pasquale's, in Malibu!
- ✓ Airport transfers upon arrival and departure in Italy (on October 18 and 27<sup>th</sup>)
- ✓ An audio whisper system provided on most walking tours (*when available*)
- ✓ Private guided museum tours by local experts
- ✓ Nine nights of accommodation in charming, centrally located hotels (4 star)
- ✓ Transportation from Bologna to Rome by private motor coach
- ✓ All breakfasts, plus nine multi-course meals featuring regional specialties (*with wine provided with dinner*)
- ✓ All entrance fees as listed in your tailor-made KJAZZ custom itinerary
- ✓ Gratuities for your driver, guide and local guides
- ✓ Entertaining Italian lessons en-route
- ✓ Alumni appreciation discounts applied toward future expeditions

**Not Included:** Roundtrip air tickets, trip insurance and any items not mentioned in your custom KJAZZ itinerary.

## TRIP FACTS

10 Days/ 9 Nights (land)  
\$6,350 Per Person based on Double Occupancy  
\$1,975 Single Supplement  
Trip begins in Bologna on October 18, 2024  
Trip ends in Rome on October 27, 2024



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*Your journey begins in Italy's Culinary Capital, Bologna*

## *Your Journey Begins!*

### **Day 0: Thursday, October 17 - Depart the USA for Bella Italia**

Say *arrivederci* to the USA and make your way to Italy. Remember, you'll need to depart on or before October 17, 2024 to arrive in time to start the trip in Bologna.

### **Day 1: Friday, October 18 - Arrive in Italy's Culinary Capital, Bologna!**

*Buongiorno!* Upon arrival in Bologna, you'll be greeted at the airport and escorted to your beautiful, centrally-located hotel. Check in is at 3pm. If arriving early, we suggest that you drop off your bags at the hotel and head out for a traditional *passeggiata* (afternoon stroll) with the locals or relax in one of the town's many colorful cafés. This evening, meet your guides and KJAZZ host Jerry Sharell for a welcome to Italy feast featuring regional specialities.



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*"Life is a combination of magic and pasta."*

*Federico Fellini*

### **Day 2: Saturday, October 19 - Culinary Delights!**

Your day of gourmet delights begins when you meet your knowledgeable English-speaking guide in the city center of Bologna. Rich with architecture, history, student life and artisanal products, your guide will show you a fascinating side of Bologna most tourists never discover. Together we will visit the historic medieval market, a one-of-a-kind foodie experience! See (and sample) the huge rounds of mortadella, flavorful *ciccioli* and sausages and mouth-watering cheeses. Your culinary tour will include a tasting of Prosciutto di Parma and the celebrated, Balsamic Vinegar of Modena and of course, Parmigiano Reggiano cheese—all locally produced.

Then, it's a short stroll over to the University of Bologna. Here we'll tour one of the world's oldest and most beautiful anatomical theatres. Your guide will be happy to leave you at one of Bologna's wonderful trattorias for some of their famous filled tortellini pasta.

This evening, enjoy a special jazz outing! *Sleep in Bologna (B, L)*

### **Day 3: Sunday, October 20 - A Culinary Tour Expedition & Antique Cars**



After breakfast our journey continues through the Po River Valley to Modena. This historic region is known as "Emilia-Romagna." And the area is home to so many culinary specialties that have led to Italy's worldwide fame: Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, Parma ham, traditional balsamic vinegar from Modena, Culatello salami, tagliatelle and tortellini pasta. Who hasn't heard of at least one of these? Your culinary tour will include a tasting of Prosciutto di Parma and the celebrated, Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. After an included multi-course feast we are off to the world-renowned Ferrari Museum! Note: The Province of Emilia Romagna, was also the home to opera star Luciano Pavarotti, opera composer, Giuseppe Verdi and film maker, Federico Fellini!

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#### Day 4: Monday, October 21 - A Day with Michelangelo and Da Vinci

This morning we'll drive the short distance to bustling Florence. Though teeming with tourists, Florence is still well worth the intellectual and physical effort, for inside the city walls lies one of the world's greatest collections of paintings, architecture and sculpture. Simply said, the city contains the entire history of the Renaissance. Works by Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Brunelleschi and their fellow masters sit side by side in the Florence's world-renowned galleries.

This morning, journey into the world of Botticelli, Raphael and Michelangelo with a privately guided visit of the Uffizi Art Gallery followed by time for an independent lunch.

This afternoon we'll tour the Galleria dell'Accademia which houses Michelangelo's celebrated *David* and his unfinished and powerful *Slaves*, along with works by Perugino, Giambologna, and Botticelli.

In the late afternoon we depart bustling Florence for the tranquil Tuscan hill town, Montecatini. *Sleep in renowned Tuscan Spa Town, Montecatini (B, D)*

#### Day 5: Tuesday, October 22 - The Tuscan Hill Town of Lucca

Today, it's a short drive to one of Tuscany's most charming hill towns, Lucca! Together, we'll walk in Puccini's footsteps by visiting the very home where Puccini was born and Torre del Lago where the great master lived and worked. Puccini is buried inside a small chapel inside the villa.

For lunch, we will dine in a restaurant loved and frequented by Puccini himself. The afternoon is yours to explore the little alleyways, cafes and shops of charming Lucca. This evening you'll be treated to a special jazz performance.

*Sleep in the spa town of Montecatini (B, L)*



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*Spend a day exploring the Tuscan hill town of Lucca*

*“Open my heart and you will see graced inside of it, “Italy.”*

*- Robert Browning*

**Day 6: Wednesday, October 23 - Hill Towns, Vineyards & Hot Thermal Waters**

Enjoy a relaxing morning in Montecatini. Take a hike up to the old town or visit one of the many spas, shops or cafés before meeting your guide and host for an outing to a nearby winery. Here we'll learn first-hand what makes Tuscan wines so unique and loved the world over. A delightful Tuscan lunch is included today.

*Sleep in Montecatini (B, L)*

**Day 7: Thursday, October 24 - All Roads Lead to Rome**

En-route to Rome today, we'll enjoy a special wine tasting and country lunch. In the late afternoon we arrive in Rome.

True to the adage “all roads lead to Rome,” our journey brings us to the capital. If you love ancient history, colorful markets and world-class museums, you will surely fall in love with Rome. Enjoy an independent dinner upon your arrival. *Sleep in Rome (B, L)*

**Day 8: Friday, October 25 - In the footsteps of Julius and Augustus**

Today we set off to explore what was once the political heart of the Roman Empire. In doing so, we will literally be walking in the illustrious footsteps of Julius, August, Nero and Trajan. Accompanied by a local historian, we'll stroll down the via Sacra from the Capitoline Hill to the Coliseum. After, enjoy an included lunch together. The afternoon is yours to relax or you may choose to continue to explore the many sights of Rome. Tonight, enjoy a special jazz outing. *Sleep in Rome (B, D)*



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*Enjoy an in-depth walking tour of historic Rome*

**Day 9: Saturday, October 26 - Colorful, Vibrant Neighborhoods**

Enjoy a fascinating walk across what was once ancient Rome (it's not as big as you might think). Our local guide will highlight the history and architecture of the gorgeous Campo di Fiori (flower market), Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and Fountain of Trevi.

And since many of our fellow travelers have a very early morning flight to catch the following day, let's enjoy a hearty multi-course farewell feast in a charming trattoria in the heart of Rome. Are you wishing to visit the Vatican Museum and Saint Peter's Cathedral? This afternoon would be the perfect time to do so. Your guide will be available to assist you with information about additional sites you might want to visit. Enjoy a special jazz outing in Rome. *Sleep in Rome (B, L)*

**Day 10: Sunday, October 27 - Return Home with a Lifetime of Memories**

Your KJAZZ journey to Italy concludes today after breakfast. You may wish to spend an additional night or two in Rome. (B) *Buon Viaggio!*

~ Itinerary is Subject to Change ~

**QUESTIONS & RESERVATIONS**

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## *Meet Your Host!*



### **The legendary, Jerry Sharell**

With a stellar history and hit-making track record, Jerry F. Sharell's experience in the entertainment industry has brought success with each endeavor. In addition to that success, Sharell brings unmatched passion, creativity and drive for what he does.

For 13 years Sharell has hosted and produced "Weekends with Sinatra & Sharell" (Saturday 10pm - Midnite/Sunday 10am - Noon). As a lifetime fan he has become an "expert" on the life and the recording history of Mr. S. The Sharell show streams "live

nationwide" and has regular listeners in North and South America, Italy and Russia!

For five years from '87 to '92 Sharell was Sr. Vice President, Talent Marketing at Westwood One, Inc., a radio network specializing in syndicated radio shows and events. He contracted and supervised more than 300 radio concerts that featured superstars including: Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, John Mellencamp, Frank Sinatra, George Michael, Bonnie Raitt, Rod Stewart, U2 and others. Sharell also served as Executive Producer for the televised Billboard Award Show (Fox-TV) of '92.

From '83 to '87 Sharell headed the MCA Video Distribution system and became Sr. Vice President of MCA Home Video. He was responsible for the marketing of many of Universal Pictures' video hits including Scarface, Back to the Future and Out of Africa.

In '73, he was hired by David Geffen to manage the Asylum Record label which then merged with Elektra Records. In his ten years at the label he served in Senior Executive positions in areas of creative services, international relations, artist development and promotion while helping to establish the careers of: The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, Carly Simon, Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, The Cars, Queen, Motley Crue, Grover Washington Jr., Bread and many others.

He and his wife, Gigi, live in Woodland Hills, California. He has three children and two grandchildren. Sharell is past president of City of Hope, Entertainment Division and a voting member of The Recording Academy for 46 years and a member of AFM/Los Angeles. They are excited to share the stunning sights and flavors of Italy with KJAZZ listeners! You can read Jerry's full bio at: <https://kkjz.org/programming/hosts>



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*Enjoy three jazz concerts in historic settings*

## *Know Before You Go!*

**Reservations and Deposits:** A \$500 per person deposit is needed to confirm your space on this journey. You can make a credit card deposit online or by phone. Once the deposit is processed, a deposit packet is emailed with pertinent journey details. Deposits are refundable, minus a \$150 per person cancellation fee, for 60 days from the processing date or until 90 days prior to departure, whichever comes first. Deposits made 90 days prior to a trip departing are not refundable. Final payment is also non-refundable, which is why we strongly urge guests to purchase travel insurance.

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