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PRIVATE CUSTOM ITALY ADVENTURE
SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 6, 2024
VACATIONS BY CAROLE

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Dear Carole,
I would like to thank you for your Custom Group Journey request. We are pleased to present the following proposal for your consideration. Please carefully review all the group policy information and let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to working with your agency.

Custom Group Journey Name:	Private Custom Italy Adventure
Land Start Date:	September 27, 2024
Land End Date:	October 6, 2024
Number of Passengers:	Based on a minimum of 8 guests

Land Rates:

\$5,864.00.00 per person sharing a twin or double room
\$1,574.00 Single Supplement

Summary of Hotels:

9 nights' hotel accommodation in the following hotels, or similar:

Rome – 3 nights, 4-Star Hotel Savoy

Sorrento – 2 nights, 4-Star Hotel Gran Paradiso

Florence – 2 nights, 4-Star Hotel Kraft

Venice – 2 nights, 4-Star Hotel Ca' dei Conti

Summary of Inclusions:

Breakfast daily, except day of arrival

Luxury midi-coach for transfers and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary

Welcome dinner in a local restaurant in Rome

Visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with private English-speaking guide and skip-the-line tickets (4-hours)

Private walking tour of Roman fountains and squares with English-speaking guide (3-hours)

Visit the Colosseum with private English-speaking guide and skip-the-line tickets (3-hours)

Visit Pompeii with private English-speaking guide and skip-the-line tickets (3-hours)

Pizza Lunch in Pompeii

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Amalfi Coast Excursion

First-Class High-Speed rail from Naples to Florence
Full day private excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
Private walking tour of Siena with English-speaking guide (2-hours)
Wine tasting and lunch in Tenute Torciano, Tuscany
Private walking tour of Florence with English-speaking guide (3-hours)
Skip-the-line entrance to Accademia, Florence
First-Class High-Speed rail from Florence to Venice
Private water taxi transfers in Venice
Private walking tour in Venice with English-speaking guide (2-hours)
Skip-the-line to Doge's Palace, Venice
Gondola ride in Venice
Portfolio of electronic documents
24-hour emergency customer service while in Italy

Please Note:

- Above hotels are subject to availability at time of booking
- City taxes are not included and should be paid directly to the hotel on checking out. Taxes are approximately €3 - €5 per person per night.

Itinerary:

DAY 1 ARRIVE ROME: Welcome to Rome, Italy! After collecting your bags, you will meet with your driver in the arrivals area and shortly afterwards, transfer to your hotel in Rome. The remainder of your morning and afternoon are at leisure in Rome. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner in a local restaurant within walking distance of your hotel. (D)

DAY 2 THE VATICAN, ROMAN SQUARES & FOUNTAINS: This morning, it's a 10-minute drive to another country, the Vatican City! Meet with your expert local guide and begin your tour of the Vatican Museums, a treasure trove of ancient Greek sculptures, medieval tapestries, and Renaissance paintings. Your visit culminates in the Sistine Chapel, the room where the Pope is elected. Next, visit St. Peter's Basilica, by far the largest church in Christendom. You will see Michelangelo's Pieta, sculpted when he was just 24, as well as Bernini's seven-story bronze canopy located above the main altar. Afterwards, enjoy a guided walking tour through the Roman Squares. Starting from the Spanish Steps, we'll walk around Rome's fountains and squares and see sculptures, architecture, and paintings from the baroque era. See the world-famous Trevi Fountain, a magnificent example of baroque art. Its dramatic, natural lines and fantastical creatures embody movement and inspire a sense of triumph. Tradition says that if you throw a coin over your shoulder into the fountain, then you will eventually return to Rome. Toss in a penny and cross your fingers! Next, we visit the Pantheon (meaning temple of 'all the gods'), which was originally built as a temple to the seven deities in the state religion of Ancient Rome. The Pantheon is the biggest brick dome in the history of architecture and is considered the forerunner of all modern places of worship. It is the most copied and imitated of all ancient works. The last stop will be the magnificent Piazza Navona, known for its two highlights, the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers) by Bernini and Sant'Agnese in Agone church by Borromini. Your evening is at leisure in Rome. (B)

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DAY 3 ANCIENT ROME: After breakfast this morning, depart on a panoramic tour of Imperial Rome including the Roman Forum, Largo Argentina (where Caesar was stabbed by Brutus) and the Circus Maximus. Visit the Coliseum, reliving the brutal entertainment of the gladiators and the lions, refereed by the Emperor himself. Transfer back to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure in Rome. (B)

DAY 4 ROME / POMPEII / SORRENTO: After breakfast, meet with your private driver and depart from Rome and make your way towards Sorrento. Stop in Pompeii and discover together with your private guide the ancient ruins during a two-hour tour. Imagine a city perfectly preserved as it was on that fateful day 2,000 years ago, when ash and lava literally stopped it in its tracks. You'll see the tragic fossils of people attempting to escape along with children and dogs. Afterwards, enjoy a pizza lunch in a typical pizzeria in Pompeii. Then continue to Sorrento for overnight. (B/L)

DAY 5 AMALFI COAST EXCURSION: After breakfast, meet with your private driver and depart on a full-day excursion along the picturesque Amalfi Coast. The "Amalfi Coast Drive" is said to be the most famous scenic drive in Europe. During this tour, you will discover Positano, and Amalfi among the most beautiful villages in the South of Italy. Later, return to Sorrento where your evening is free. (B)

DAY 6 SORRENTO / NAPLES / FLORENCE: After breakfast, meet with your driver and make your way to Naples Rail Station. Board your 1st Class High Speed train to Florence. On arrival in Florence, you are met and transferred to your hotel where the remainder of your afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 EXCURSION TO SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO: After breakfast, meet with your private driver in the hotel lobby. While the ambitious city of Florence was launching the Renaissance, Siena was her "laid back" country cousin. Just 30 miles south of Florence, she is considered the best-preserved medieval city in Italy. Your guided tour will include the elaborately carved Gothic cathedral, Town Hall, and Piazza del Campo-site of the famous Palio horse race. You'll have time for lunch on your own, shopping and a little more exploration. This afternoon you will visit a typical Tuscan winery to learn about the grape, the "nose," food pairings and more importantly which glass to use! We'll enjoy a wine tasting with these special wines. Afterwards, enjoy some free time in charming San Gimignano, world famous walled town located on a hilltop, which remained intact through the centuries, renowned for its tall towers, wonderful frescoes, and many other valuable works of art. Then return to your hotel in Florence for overnight. (B/L)

DAY 8 FLORENCE / VENICE: After breakfast, meet with your private guide and begin your walking tour of Florence. Enjoy views of the majestic Duomo built in 1296, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its renowned "Gates of Paradise" doors. We follow the medieval streets to the most striking square in Florence, Piazza della Signoria, home of Santa Croce Church, and Michelangelo's final resting place. Visit the Academia to see many sculpture masterpieces, including the magnificent David by Michelangelo. After your walking tour, transfer to Florence Rail Station where you board your 1st Class High Speed train to Venice. On arrival in Venice, meet with your English-speaking assistant and transfer by water taxi to your Venice hotel. (B)

DAY 9 VENICE: This morning, meet your private guide and start your exclusive private tour of "The Floating City". In Venice, everything and everyone floats. One floats luxuriously with such a sense of freedom, never tormented by traffic or even the sounds of honking horns. Admire the City on Canals full of extraordinary architectural masterpieces. St. Mark's Square, the great Byzantine Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and an inside visit of the Doge's Palace. Then, you can't really say you've visited Venice without having taken a gondola ride, the city's means of transport par excellence. Symbol of elegance, tradition and discovery, the gondola will allow you to admire majestic architectural masterpieces overlooking the water and beautiful views, from an unprecedented view. Your evening is free in Venice. (B)

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DAY 10 VENICE: Morning transfer to Venice Airport for your return flight home. (B)