



ITALY!

May 5 - 15, 2024

*** Milan * Venice * Florence * Tuscany * Rome ***

A place full of stunning sites, and iconic cities at the pulse of Italy's vibrant culture, both past and present. Our 11 Day Escorted Tour of Italy will include Milan; a metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region, a global capital of fashion and design. Home to the national stock exchange, it's a financial hub also known for its high-end restaurants and shops. Rome; known as the Eternal City, has attracted visitors for over 2,000 years. It is one of the most romantic cities in the world, boasting an attractive mix of grandiose sights — the likes of the Colosseum, Roman Pantheon and Forum — and bustling city life. Florence; home to Chianti wine, the Medicis and the Strozzi; Michael Angelo's David, Elba Island, where Napoleon was exiled; and the legendary cities of Florence and Pisa. Tuscany; is the fertile crescent of Italy where art, history and the pleasures of life shine on. Venice; from its unmatched romantic vibes to its historical heritage to its indisputable beauty, there is no other city like Venice. The "Queen of the Adriatic" is composed of a maze of islands, canals, and bridges, which hide magnificent buildings, historical landmarks of great artistic and cultural importance, as well as charming restaurants and squares. There are no cars in Venice, but you won't need them anyway, since "The City of Bridges" is best explored on foot.

Landscapes that will take your breath away, rich history, and delicious food, your trip to Italy will be nothing short of unforgettable.

Traveling to Italy with Champion Services Travel will make for a unique vacation. Our tours offer custom packages, and tour experiences to destinations uncovering the *African Diaspora! Let's learn together a little "AFRO-ITALY!"*

This Fabulous 11nigt & 11 day Package is Available at
\$4,495 per person, based on double occupancy (SINGLE, \$5,495)

A Champion Travelers Event!!!

A \$500 nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit per person to reserve your space...

Second deposit of \$1,500 pp is due: Jul 15, 2023 and Final Payment is due: Feb 15, 2024!

Cancel Terms: Initial \$500 deposit is Nonrefundable/Nontransferable – Full \$2000 deposit is

*under penalty as of Aug 15, 2023, and under full penalty starting Mar 15, 2024! * Monthly Payments are welcome!*

A valid Passport not expiring before 6months after your return home. For Italy entry requirements, visit <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations/europe/italy> Travel Protection Insurance is required for travel to Italy. A Visa is not required for US Citizens to enter. Airline Taxes & fees are subject to change without notice per the travel industry. Fares, itinerary and schedules are also subject to change without notice.
Triple & Quad accommodations are not an option. Optional Business Class Air Upgrade starting at \$5,000 pp in addition to the package cost; see agent for details.

PACKAGE INCLUDES: R/T Air from Dulles International Airport, All Transfers, SFC & DLX Hotel Accommodations, Breakfast & Dinner daily, and other meals where mentioned, Escorted Tours w/ English speaking tour guides in modern air-conditioned coaches * Milan * Venice * Florence * Tuscany * Rome * Tours of Famous & Historical Italy Sights, including a Gondola Ride, Leaning Tower of Pisa and the "Black Madonna", a lunch hosted by a Tuscany family and more! 2024 notices & updates to come. Children under 12 not accepted. Not Included: Transportation to/from US Airport, domestic flights outside of the Washington, DC area, Passport, Tipping, things of personal nature and meals not mentioned. **Prices & Itinerary are subject to change without notice** * **Photos taken by CST are the property of CST and may be used in our future advertisements, and publications.**

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ITALY “KNOW-B-4-U-GO”

Passport & Visa: You must have a valid passport with at least four (4) blank pages and must not expire before 6 months after the date of return. **Visas** are not **required** for US Citizens for visits lasting less than 90 days. We recommend you carry a copy of your Passport with you, and leave one home with your loved ones.

POST COVID: Italy entry information, visit, <https://it.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/> - We continue to advise you exercise a high degree of caution. All COVID-19 related entry restrictions into Italy have been lifted. Face masks are required on public transport. Face masks aren't required but are recommended inside enclosed public spaces.

Packing: Average Italy temperatures in May range from low to high 70s with possible temperature drop or increase by 4 degrees. We recommend you pack your clothing color-coordinated, and in layers, for easy peel-off or put-on! The clothing type recommended is light & cool; hand sanitizer & hand wash, comfortable walking shoes, sandals, sunglasses, and a hat. For flying, we also recommend you bring any medication and or medical supplies needed. A “Neck-Roll” may make your flight more rewarding! Pack smart so that you are not overburdened with lugging too many pieces of luggage. We want you to have an easy-breezy journey! PLEASE ALERT CST OF ANY DIETARY NEEDS AND OR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT YOU MAY NEED TO CARRY AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION!

Country Time Zone: Italy 6 hours ahead of US-EST

Carrying Money: It is the personal choice of each traveler to carry the amount of money you wish for meals not mentioned in the itinerary, shopping, etc.; recommendation-minimum \$50 per person per day should be sufficient, only a suggestion; you may wish to spend more or less. *Most major credit cards are accepted in establishments.*

Money Exchange: The Currency in Italy is the Euro. When exchanging money upon arrival, make sure that you have clean, crisp bills. Exchanging traveler's checks **can** be difficult. Make sure to keep the receipts so that you can exchange any leftover Dirhams back at the end of your trip. Or even better, spend everything while you're there so you can avoid being hit twice for fees.

Using your Credit Cards: When it's possible to pay for goods and services by **credit card**, MasterCard and Visa are accepted, but rarely **American Express**. Diners Club and Discover **cards** may not be accepted throughout **Italy**. Euros are by far the easiest foreign *currency* to exchange and are often accepted as payment.

Gratuities: It is customary as a group to offer gratitude for our Tour Guides, Drivers & Land handlers. The recommended amount for tipping is \$12 per person per day (10-days on ground & handling = \$120 per person... ***we ask that you expressly adhere to the following: place your \$US-Dollars in a sealed envelope with your name and amount on the outside of your envelope for collection upon arrival at the first hotel check-in.*** Please understand your gratuity covers the handling of 1 piece of luggage. Expect to pay \$1 per extra baggage handled for you.

Eating food & Drinking water in Italy: Most all foods in Italy are safe to eat, especially their cooked foods, peeled fruits & vegetables. Uncooked foods, like salads, are not recommended, due to them being washed in tap water. Street foods are very delicious, however, be selective in your choices. Drink only bottled water. Bottled water is widely available throughout Italy and is affordable. You can brush your teeth with tap water; however, we suggest using bottled water.

Do I need Vaccinations?

Immunizations are not a requirement for US Citizens traveling to Italy. US citizens should be up to date on childhood immunizations. Consult with your physician if you have concerns.

Phone Adapters & Power Converters: Do I need Power Adapters (USA to Italy)?

Yes, Electrical Power Adaptors are needed for Italy; the power sockets are of type C and E. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



International Adaptor Samples:



Make sure to invest in a Universal Adaptor; can be purchased online at Walmart, Staples, and or most electronic stores. The cost is minimal.

How do I dial an International Phone Number from the USA? *(This information is best left for your family at home)*

Italy Country Code: +39, then the number provided



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Your Cell Phone: You may be able to use your own cell phone while in Italy. Check with your cell phone provider for international usage, activation, and per-minute rates. Purchasing a rental phone in this country may be expensive. FYI: there is a new "AP" that is also FREE, called WhatsApp Messenger. It lets you message and call friends and family. Switch from SMS to WhatsApp to send and receive messages, calls, photos, videos, documents, and Voice Messages. Cell phone to cell phone... you and your loved ones will have to download this app to your cell phone to communicate... check it out.

What do I dial in an Emergency?

Italy Police: dial 112 from mobile phones

Lufthansa Air: North American passengers in economy class can check two pieces of baggage at no charge; business class travelers are allowed three bags and cannot exceed 50 pounds, 8 ounces in weight; the sum of the length, width, and height cannot exceed 79.9 inches. <https://www.lufthansa.com/us/en/homepage> - We strongly ask that you check only one piece of luggage as the storage area on the motor coaches is limited. And only one bag handling is covered in the gratuity. Prepare to pay \$1 for each additional bag to be paid directly to the person handling your bags.

US Embassy Italy:

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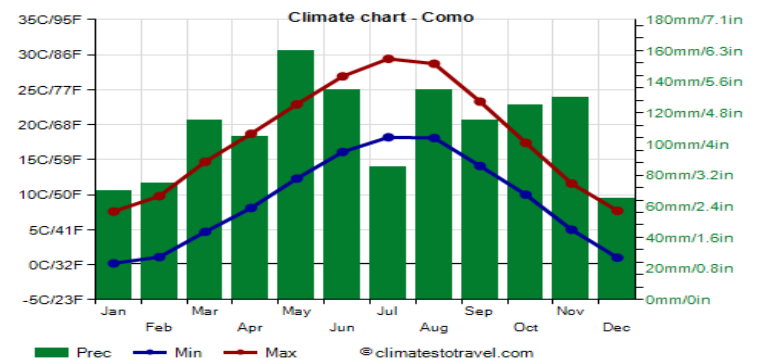
Extra Spending Money:

- Meals not included in itinerary, average \$20 & up depending on selection and location
- Shopping & personal purchases are at your own discretion
- Extra pieces of luggage handled outside of the 1 bag per person included.
- Bottled water & selective beverages outside of what will be provided to us in the country on our tour and dining days.

➤ *An updated "KNOW-B-4-U-GO" will be issued before our departure*

WEATHER CHART FOR ITALY >>>>>>>>

(Average temps for both are 70)



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