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- Anonymous



# ITALY 2023

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for a taste of the same trip (2019  
with students)

6 CITIES in ITALY

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SAILBOAT TO ALBANIA  
or GREECE (Optional)

25 May - 15 Jun 2023  
(Tentative +/- 1-2 days)



**St Peters Basilica, Vatican on the Tiber River  
Rome**

**25 May Depart from Chicago  
to ROME**

# **ROME**

## **History, Art, Culture**

### **25th**

#### **Arrival in Rome,**

Afternoon and Evening on your own  
Options: Shopping at Via Del Corso

Outdoor Dinner in Campo Di Fiori and a group walk  
to Trevi Fountain and the Roman Pantheon

Dancing at Shari Vari

Return to Hotel on your own.

### **26th**

10 AM visit to Vatican  
See Pope Francis for Angelus Blessing  
Visit to St Peters Basilica  
All day on your own to explore Rome  
Multiple Options Include: Hop In Hop Off  
Bus tour to see more of Rome or targeted  
visits to Colosseum or Sistine Chapel

With an early start a visit to both  
Colosseum and Sistine Chapel are possible:  
there are always long lines at both.

### **28th**

Free Morning to relax.

Night train to Trento





**Seceda Mountain**  
**Puetz - Odle Mountain Range, South Tyrol**  
**Dolomite Alps**

# TRENTO

## Landscape and Alpine Lakes

### 29th

Arrival in Trento

Stay at Grand Hotel Trento  
 Via Vittorio Alfieri, 1, 38122 Trento, Italy.  
 Phone: +39 0461 271000

(Kennedys and several celebrities have stayed at the Grand Trento Hotel)

Dinner in Trento Town Square -  
 Traditional Austrian Meal

### 30th

All day Chartered bus visit to the Dolomite Alps  
 Mountains – Peak Pordoi or Odle Mountain Ranges of  
 the majestic Dolomite mountains.  
 Cable car to the top of mountain. Time on your own.  
 Snack locations available at most cable car stops.  
 Options to hike along the Odle Mountain Range/Enjoy  
 views.  
 (Mountain weather is unpredictable – carry a light  
 thermal/jacket)  
 5 PM Evening Return to Trento  
 8.00 PM Pizza dinner together in Trento town

### 31st

Visit to Mezzacorona Winery ITour and Interaction  
 with Business Leaders of the Wine Industry and  
 wine maker.  
 Wine tasting of Pinot Grigio and Mezzacorona  
 creations.  
 Visit to a farmer and his Vineyard in the Pinot Grigio  
 valley  
  
 Visit town square by night.  
 Dinner in Trento town square.  
 Gelato at Muro. at the Trento town square



# BOLOGNA Business & Industry

31st  
Early morning  
departure from  
Trento to Bologna

1st

All day visit to  
Lamborghini production facility,  
Ferrari Museum  
Ducati Factory.  
Lunch together at Ferrari restaurant. on  
your own

Stay at AC Hotel Bologna

Grand Bolognese multicourse dinner.

2nd

Free morning to explore Bologna and  
shopping at Bologna.

Train to Venice





Ferrovia Bridge  
Grand Canal, Venice

## VENICE

# Canals, Glass, Splendor

### 2nd

Arrival at Venice. Taxi to Hotel.  
Stay at Four Points by Sheraton

4 PM Visit to Venice Island – Grand Canal ride to San Marco Square. Walk the Venetian Alleys to Ferrovia Bridge, Dinner near Ferrovia bridge and night boat via Grand Canal“Venice by night”.

### 3rd

Cappucino and croissants  
9.00 AM Visit to Glass industries of Murano  
- Tour of Gino Mazzucato – of the oldest Venetian glass blowers.  
Afternoon on your own  
Murano Island Souvenirs, Jewelry  
Main canal of Murano.

5 PM Boat to Burano Island for an Evening  
in Burano and group dinner.  
Boat to Venice Island and return to hotel

A night at San Marco Square.

### 4th

Free morning/lunch in Venice on your own.  
Options: Gondola rides, trip to Lido Venice Film festival location, or souvenir shopping at Venice island, or rest.

PM meet at lobby for departure for Calabria





# CALABRIA

## Farms, Food, Life

### 5th

Arrival in Cosenza by train

Check into Hotel Ariha  
Via G. Marconi, 59, 87036 Quattromiglia CS,  
Italy.+39 0984 401010  
Dinner at Rosso Pomodoro Restaurant.  
Gelato In Cosenza

### 6th

Meet at Lobby at 11.00 AM for Full day visit to Pizzo and Tropea towns along the Mediterranean Coast. Tropea beach – Panoramic Views and all afternoon Sun, Sea and Sand on your own, 7 PM dinner at Tropea Pizzeria dinner and Return stopover at Pizzo town to enjoy the world famous Turfufo Icecream. ...

### 7th

Morning and afternoon on your own to visit relatives/friends. Visit to Marano Marcasato.

Evening 7 PM Grand Dinner at Fattoria Bio Farm restaurant. (0 km concept - everything served on table, from farm.



# 8th

Bus to Lecce

Taxi to village of Carpignano.  
 Stay at Le Muse Hotel, Prov. le 212  
 Carpignano Salentino - Cursi, Km 0,800,  
 73020 Carpignano Salentino LE, Italy.  
 Phone:+39 328 662 2773  
 Multi-Course Lunch at LeMuse restaurant.  
 Rest.  
 Evening visit to Otranto Fort  
 (An active fort city with cathedral, shopping,  
 salento souvenirs)  
 Dinner on your own: Options: SOFISH,  
 Several other restaurants in alleys of  
 Otranto.

## SALENTO

### Sun Sea Sand

# 9th

9 AM visit to Palama Wineries at Cutrofiano.  
 Visit to vineyard with Winemaker Michele  
 Palama to learn about techniques of their  
 plant growing and natural enemies of the  
 vineyard/Wine tasting.

Grand Lunch at Stanzia Farm – 0 KM  
 restaurant. Tour of ancient olive oil producing  
 cellars and farm to table restaurant.

Evening on your own.  
 Optional: Late night visit to Mestrale Outdoor  
 Club in Otranto Fort..

# 10th

Beach Day - Cliff Jumping at Poesia Della Roca  
 Relax all day sun and sand at Torre Dal Orso Beach  
 Evening grand appetizer dinner at Barrique Restaurant  
 (seafood and sea plants)

# 11th

8 AM FREE DAY - Multiple Options -  
 Farm restaurant, a day to relax,  
 Visit to Sant Andrea and Specciu beaches on the  
 Adriatic Coast  
**8 PM Dinner at a Carpignano home/Cook with  
 Carpignano families**  
**Optional: Late night departure to Torrepali for 2 AM  
 fishing trip with local fisherman**

# 12th

7.30 AM Breakfast at hotel and van to Torrepalli  
 village on the Adriatic. All day boat ride along with  
 Adriatic Coast – cave pools, swimming, cliff jumping.  
 View the point where the Adriatic and Ionian seas  
 meet.

Grand Multi-Course lunch at Andreas Fish restaurant  
 with catch of the day! Celebrating Krahns special  
 occasion! Drive back to Carpignano. Rest.

Italy trip ends. 12th morning departure to  
 BRINDISI/BARI airport. For Greece: Continue





# Optional

## SAILBOAT to GREECE or ALBANIA - Mediterranean Boat Life & Islands

Othoni Island, Westernmost island of Greece  
**Legend has it that Ulysses was kept captive here, under the Muse Calypso for 7 years**

### 12th June

Late night mini bus to Santa Maria de Leuca  
Board midnight Sailboat to Greece for a display of the stars and sailing by night across the Adriatic  
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### 13th

7.30 AM Arrival in Greek Islands (Othoni)  
Sun and Sand on your own  
Dinner at an Othoni restaurant.  
Options include renting scooters in the island of Othoni. Overnight sail to Albania

### 14th

7.30 AM Arrival in Italy. Check into LeMuse Hotel

Evening at Carpignano village's 454th Annual Celebrations with the centuries old community of Carpignano. . Town Procession celebrating the 452nd anniversary of the village of Carpignano. Fireworks, celebrations. Exchange of keys of the city between Madonna and village saint  
Dinner at village square. .

### 15th

7.30 AM Chartered Bus Departure from Brindisi or Bari to Chicago



# Cities, towns, villages Culture, Art, Cuisine, Industry 1 Amazing trip!



## ITALY - 6 CITIES

Total - \$5700 per person ALL INCLUSIVE.

This includes: return Flight to Italy from Chicago, (est: \$1500),

All hotel and B&B stays-double occupancy, (Single add \$1000)

All transportation including chartered buses, trains and buses between cities and Taxi to Brindisi/Bari airport

All dinners - Multicourse dinner each night, lasting a few hours

Children Under 2: Free (Only Cost of Air ticket)

Children 2-4: Estimate: \$3800 (Individual tickets/seats in train/bus/flight/meals. Hotel stay with parent)

Children 5-11: Estimate: \$4700 (Individual bed in hotel)

Not Included: Costs/activities during the time on your own, and tips. When on your own, a small size of pizza or a quick meal during sightseeing and lunch should not cost more than a few euros. . n

## COSTS

### GREECE/ALBANIA SAILBOAT

\$850

Midnight departure on 12th June to Greece or Albania. Return 14th July AM.

2 nights in 45 ft sailboat, includes sailing costs, fuel, and group beach meals in Greece or Albania. Coffee and cooked meals on boat .

Expectation to help with lights sailing duties, fishing for tuna to cook and cooking in boat.

Includes one additional night stay (14th June) in Italy,.





## OPTIONS

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NORTHERN ITALY - 11 days  
ROME - TRENTO - BOLOGNA - VENICE  
25 May to 4 June  
All Incl \$3700

SOUTHERN ITALY - 9 days  
CALABRIA - LECCE (Includes Venice)  
5 June - 15 June  
All Incl \$3400

SAILBOAT TO GREECE or ALBANIA (OPTIONAL) FROM LECCE 12-14 JUNE  
\$850





# WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

## DEPOSIT/INSTALMENTS for full trip

Mar 15: \$1500 - Commit to trip. Book group Flights

April 15: \$2000 - Book Hotels/In country transportation

May 15: \$2250 All other logistics

May 20: \$850 (if joining sailboat to Greece)

(45 foot sailboat across the Adriatic from Lecce to Small Greek/Albanian Islands

Experience rustic Mediterranean boat life with fishing and cooking pasta on the boat)

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