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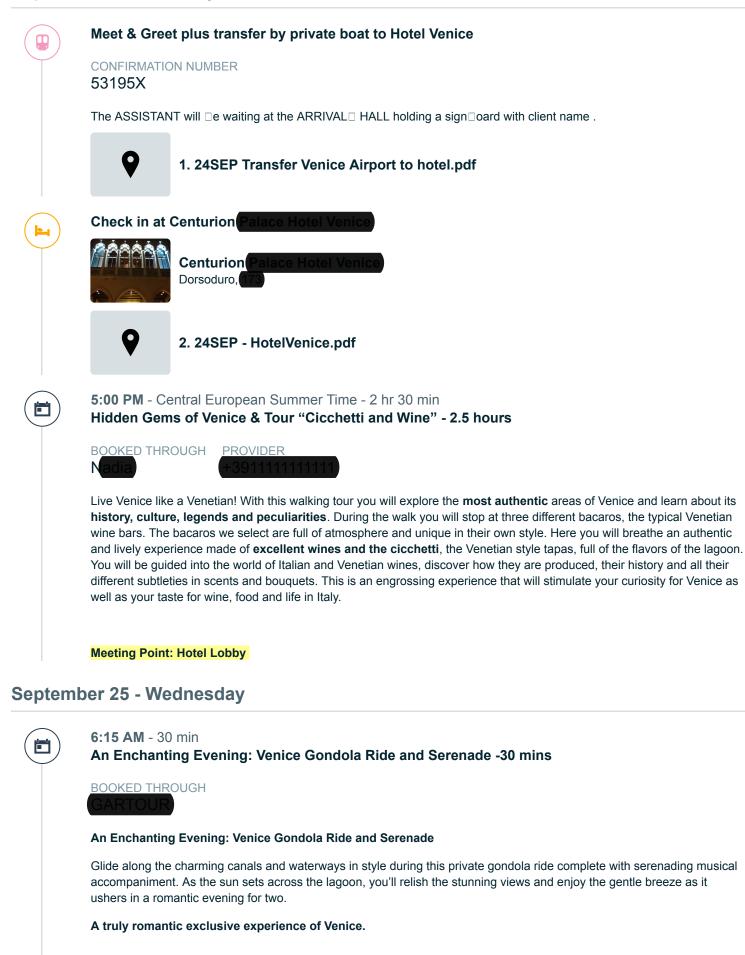
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Trip Summary

	September 24 - Tuesday
	Meet & Greet plus transfer by private boat to Hotel Venice - 1. 24SEP Transfer Venice Airport to hotel.pdf
	Check in at Centurion Palace Hotel Venice - Centurion Palace Hotel Venice 2. 24SEP - HotelVenice.pdf
5:00 PM	Hidden Gems of Venice & Tour "Cicchetti and Wine" - 2.5 hours
	September 25 - Wednesday
6:15 AM	An Enchanting Evening: Venice Gondola Ride and Serenade -30 mins
10:00 AM	Original Venice Walk & Doge's Palace - Small Group Tour - 3. 25SEP - Basilica Skip the Line.pdf, 4. 25SEP - Doge's Palace.pdf
	September 26 - Thursday
	Check out at Centurion Palace Hotel Venice - Centurion Palace Hotel Venice
	Transfer by boat from Hotel to Train Station
	Train to Florence
	Luggage on hold with driver or luggage service
11:30 AM	Renaissance & David Walk Florence Tours - Private tour
	Transfer from Florence to hotel
	Check in at Villa Le Barone Hotel Panzano - Villa Le Barone Hotel Panzano
	September 27 - Friday
11:00 AM	Chianti Wine tour - Colle Beretto
	September 28 - Saturday
	Day at leisure
	September 29 - Sunday
	Siena & San Gimigano - Private tour with transfer
	September 30 - Monday
	Check out at Villa Le Barone Hotel Panzano - Villa Le Barone Hotel Panzano
	Transfer to Train Station - private
	Train to Rome
	Transfer from Train Station to Hotel
5:00 PM	Exciting group gastronomic tour in Trastevere - small Group
	Check in at Hotel
	October 1 - Tuesday
7:00 AM	Early Visit to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, & St. Peter's Basilica - small group
7:00 PM	COLOSSEUM BY NIGHT TOUR WITH UNDERGROUND SMALL GROUP - based on availability
	October 2 - Wednesday
9:00 AM	Catacombs & the Appian Way Tour - Private Tour
	October 3 - Thursday
	Check out at Hotel Lunetta Roma - Hotel Lunetta
	Transfer from Hotel to Airport



Highlights of An Enchanting Evening: Venice Gondola Ride & Serenade include:

- Take in picturesque sights from the unique vantage point aboard a gondola
- · Be steered through the most charming canals of Venice by a gondolier
- · Enjoy being serenaded by professional musicians
- Experience the romance and magic of Venice

Shared experience with 6 guests per gondola

Meeting point: Campo Santa Maria del Giglio (in front of The Gritti Palace Hotel)

Walking directions from Hotel to Meeting Point

Please note that this tour runs on shared gondolas (up to 6 passengers each). The musicians will not necessarily play on your gondola.

10:00 AM - 2 hr

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Original Venice Walk & Doge's Palace - Small Group Tour

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- · Explore St Mark's Square, once the epicenter of the wealthiest and most powerful city in Europe
- See the splendor of St Mark's Basilica, encompassing a millennium of illustrious history
- Hear about the struggles to save this city from slowly disappearing beneath the dazzling waters of the Adriatic Sea
- Experience what "La Serenissima" signifies, and has signified, to Venetians throughout the centuries
- Step in the footsteps of the condemned and take in the splendid views of the aptly-named Bridge of Sighs
- Experience the pomp and pageantry of the magnificent Doges and hear about their outlandish lifestyles
- Enter the Doge's Palace, embodying one of the grandest propaganda campaigns ever seen in history
- Hear how the Doges masterminded one of the biggest tragedies in the history of western culture then profited from it

MEETING POINT: IN FRONT OF CAFE' FLORIAN - PIAZZA SAN MARCO

WALKING DIRECTIONS FROM HOTEL TO MEETING POINT

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September 26 - Thursday



Transfer by boat from Hotel to Train Station

Train to Florence Tickets to be issued

Luggage on hold with driver or luggage service

Driver:

11:30 AM - Central European Summer Time - 3 hr Renaissance & David Walk | Florence Tours - Private tour

BOOKED THROUGH PROVIDER Francesca



Enjoy an intimate walking tour through the historical city center of Florence that include complimentary head-phones so that you can follow every word of your "LIVE" expert Florence Tour Guides commentary. This small group Florence walking tour, limited to a maximum of 14-people, follows a delightful route through the back-streets of Florence to see and discuss all the major land marks of the city.

During the Original Renaissance walking tours of Florence you will see and discuss the Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Davanzati, Palazzo Strozzi, the Duomo (Cathedral of Florence), Giotto's Bell Tower, Baptistery, Vasari Corridor, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio and many other important sites that will assist your expert Florence Guide narrate the history of Florence over the centuries.

Pay particular attention to the Renaissance period when Florence was heralded as the "New Athens". And when the world looked to Florence for inspiration in the fields of Art, Science and Philosophy. Relive those incredible years in the history of Florence, and learn about the notorious Medici Family and other famous personalities that played there role in the birth of the Renaissance as one of our expert Florence Tour Guides provides a lively and entertaining lecture style tour of Florence.

Skip the line tickets, walk straight into the Accademia where you'll enjoy an in-depth discussion on Michelangelo's David other works by the genius of the Renaissance. You'll appreciate the art and history backgrounds of our Licensed Expert Guides as they reveal the secrets behind one of Italy's most celebrated works of art. This small group walking tour of Florence will finish inside the Accademia allowing you to discover other precious works on display.

Transfer from Florence to hotel

Check in at Villa Panzano Half Board accommodation. Room, breakfast, dinner and service included



Villa Panzano San Leolino, Panzano in Chianti, Toscana, Italia

September 27 - Friday



11:00 AM - 2 hr 45 min Chianti Wine tour -

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In the heart of the Chianti Classico the routes linked to wine and history unfold. Discover our wines in their natural habitat, accompanied by good table of Tuscan specialties is an unforgettable experience that combines taste and beauty. Wake up in the morning surrounded by vineyards and breathe the ancient scent of history, stroll through the rows in places suspended in time, enjoy a family welcome.

This is what happens in

le Bereto, an ancient village in the center of the Chianti Classico.



enjoy tasting sessions of Colle Bereto

Bereto wines, all guided by the manager, B

In addition to the various parts of the cellars and the vineyards, you can see the traditional olive press and the storeroom for oil-jars where we make our extra virgin olive oil.

Enjoy wine Paring Lunch included

Includes private transfer to and from hotel

September 28 - Saturday



Day at leisure

September 29 - Sunday

Siena & San Gimigano - Private tour with transfer

BOOKED THROUGH PROVIDER Claudia Meucci +3934026554

A great tour will take you to discover Siena with its extraordinary historical and artistic heritage and its unique landscapes. Your dedicated guide will lead you to Piazza del Campo, a large shell shaped square, where many medieval and perfectly preserved buildings stand: the Public Palace with its 14th- century bell tower known as the Mangia Tower, which is one of the tallest ancient towers in Italy (88 meters) and the Cappella di Piazza (1352), built to thank the Virgin by those people who had survived the Black Death. In the middle of the square you will see the Gaia Fountain, the first public fountain, which is a mixture of Gothic tradition and Renaissance innovations. Twice annually (July 2nd and August 16th) in Piazza del Campo it is held the Corsa del Palio, the famous horse races of medieval origin in which the various contrade" face. Then you will visit the Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral, whose interiors house some Pinturicchio's frescoes and Michelangelo's statues, and the magnificent Baptistery (16th century) with its hexagonal baptismal font made from marble, bronze and enamel: this is a main example of the early 15th- century Renaissance sculpture created by the cooperation of the most well-known artists of that time (one of them was Donatello). Than you will visit San Gimignano, a small Tuscan town with a perfectly preserved center dated back to the Middle Ages, except for some 19th and 20th- century renovations. The village stands on a high hill in Val d'Elsa, surrounded by almost two kilometers long walls with five Entrance Gates. Walking through alleys and little streets where the time seems to have stopped, you will admire the Church of Collegiata (the Cathedral), a 12th- century church with a nave and two side aisles and totally frescoed walls, including valuable works by Benozzo Gozzoli; the Chapel of Santa Fina, inside the Collegiata, a real Renaissance jewel, which is famous for its fresco cycle by Ghirlandaio; Piazza della Cisterna, with a monumental travertine well in the middle of the square; the Cathedral Square, with the Palazzo Comunale, the Loggia del Comune and the 54 meters high Torre Grossa, which is the tallest one in the town. Notice that San Gimignano had over seventy towers in the Middle Ages, while only thirteen are left nowadays. Local typical products are the saffron and the Vernaccia wine, which has been appreciated since Dante's time.

September 30 - Monday



Transfer to Train Station - private

Transfer from Train Station to Hotel

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5:00 PM - Central European Summer Time - 3 hr 30 min
Exciting group gastronomic tour in Trastevere - small Group
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A magnificent gastronomic tour of Rome, that will start in Rome's historic food center, Piazza Navona. The culinary journey will take you to other important food areas in Rome: the Jewish Ghetto, Campo de' Fiori and Trastevere. With its ivy-coated buildings and cobblestone streets, Trastevere is Rome's chic and bohemian neighbourhood and it hosts some of the best restaurants serving typical Roman cuisine. You will walk some of Rome's most beautiful streets, visiting celebrated bakeries, delicatessens and wine bars. You will taste some typical Roman specialties such as suppli, steaming rice balls oozing mozzarella, or pizza 'al taglio' where the baker cuts you a piece of pizza from a long strip. After walking and tasting, sit and relax in a typical romantic trattoria in Trastevere. Taste different pastas accompanied with fantastic local wines. At the end, you will visit a gelateria for a classic Italian gelato. The perfect ending to a gastronomic feast.

Check in at Hotel Lunetta Roma



October 1 - Tuesday



7:00 AM - 3 hr 30 min Early Visit to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, & St. Peter's Basilica - small group

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Vatican City

Vatican City is a world-famous attraction, so it can get heavily crowded, especially in high travel season. Avoid rubbing shoulders (and throwing elbows) with the masses and enjoy a well-paced tour with a knowledgeable guide to get an exclusive experience one hour before the museum opens to the public.

Masterpieces

Take your time being awestruck while learning about the art and political history of grand tapestries, statues, paintings, maps, delectable tile work flooring, and amazing frescoes that adorn the ceilings of each corridor.

Sistine Chapel

Then, make your way to the Sistine Chapel where you will witness Michelangelo's famous masterpiece on the ceiling of chapel with your own eyes.

St. Peter's Basilica

As if that wasn't enough, you will then skip the line to enter St. Peter's Basilica and be swept away by the beauty of the architecture and the original art it holds (Michelangelo's *Pieta*, among others) and learn about the church's secrets and stories.

You'll never be happier you didn't sleep in.

Includes pick up from hotel

Driver will pick you up at the hotel and you will meet the guide at the entrance of the Vatican Museums

7:00 PM - 2 hr 30 min COLOSSEUM BY NIGHT TOUR WITH UNDERGROUND | SMALL GROUP - based on availability

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This tour is only available of certain dates - TBD

- Encounter the Eternal City's ancient wonders at night, without the crowds.
- Explore beneath the amphitheater floor of the Colosseum Underground.
- Energize yourself beforehand with our optional pizza making class.

Tour description

***Please note** that due to recently introduced legislation **children aged 6 and under** are unable to participate in the Colosseum by Night Tour. Those with children over 6 are required to provide an identity document confirming their age.

Enjoy an intimate **night visit of the Colosseum** with **VIP direct access to the Colosseum Underground**. Explore the Colosseum without any queues or crowds for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Stand below the **arena floor** as you look up at the world's most famous amphitheater surrounding you. Envision the events that took place on the arena floor, where gladiators once fought to the death in pursuit of freedom and glory. Then descend with your group of like-minded adventurers into the **Colosseum Underground** to discover the secrets and mechanisms below the stage floor.

Your guide will meet you in **Largo di Torre Argentina** where you will embark on a journey through the history of Rome. Away from the daytime tourism hustle and bustle, this night tour is the best way to explore the Eternal City. Under a starstudded sky, your expert guide will enliven your evening, bringing to life the sights you see with vivid accounts of their histories and secrets.

Start at the Pompey's Theatre in the Largo di Torre Argentina

Often overlooked by tourists, this temple complex in the middle of Rome's center was the site of one of history's most infamous events. For it was among one of the rooms attached to the **Theater of Pompey** that **Julius Caesar**, the Roman Republic's most notorious dictator, was **assassinated** on the **Ides of March**, 44 BC.

Then make the short journey to the Capitoline Hill

The Capitoline Hill is among the most famous of the Seven Hills of Rome. Once home to the ancient **Temple of the Capitoline Triad**, which now lies buried into the rock, it has since taken on another purpose. Its Palazzo Senatorio, designed by Michelangelo, lies at the heart of Roman politics, flanked by the famous Capitoline Museums and their unparalleled ancient collections.

Pause to take in the night view of the Roman Forum

The Capitoline Hill affords Rome's best view of the **Roman Forum**. This vast meeting space in the valley between the Palatine and the Capitoline was truly the pulsating political and economic heart of ancient Rome.

Journey past the Imperial Forums to the Colosseum

Running along the Via dei Fori Imperiali are a number of other public spaces built by successive Roman emperors. We'll marvel at the incredible **Trajan's Column**, a triumphal monument illustrating the emperor's victorious campaigns against the Dacians, and **Trajan's Market** - the world's first shopping mall. Our night walk will take us past the imposing **Temple of Mars the Avenger** in the **Forum of Augustus**, dedicated after Augustus had avenged the murder of his father - Julius Caesar.

The adventure concludes at the Roman Colosseum

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Your exclusive VIP access grants you direct access to the Colosseum Arena where your guide will bring the bloody stories of its combatants to life. Then we descend into the darkness of the Colosseum Underground to learn more about engineering ingenuity and mechanisms of this majestic arena. It was on the sands above where you stand that gladiators and beasts fought desperately for their lives, to the cacophony of baying crowds and the entertainment of the masses. Take in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the Colosseum in the dead of night, where the ghosts of its fallen can be more easily felt.

Meeting Point Largo Argentino between Rosso Pomodoro pizzeria and Teatro Argentina

Directions to meeting Point

October 2 - Wednesday



- Escape Rome's bustling center for a calming countryside retreat.
- Marvel at the monuments and tombs lining this ancient road.
- Descend into a catacomb's depths to explore underground Rome.

The **Catacombs and Appian Way Tour** takes you on a journey down the **Via Appia Antica**, the oldest and most **legendary road** leading to Rome. Driving down it is a **sensory treat**. Surrounded by millennia-old monuments and folding green fields, the Appian Way is perhaps the only place in Rome where time has stood still for over 2,000 years.

The Appian Way has a rich legacy of **ancient Roman history**. Because burials were forbidden within the city walls, the deceased were brought here to be laid to eternal rest. **Modest inscriptions** stand side by side with **towering burial structures**. Running alongside the road are several catacombs, each of which houses thousands of ancient remains.

Pass by the Circus of Maxentius and Mausoleum of Romulus.

This **enormous imperial palace** stood safely outside the city. It was the home of the emperor **Maxentius**, **rival** (and ultimate victim) of the emperor **Constantine**. One of the best preserved structures in Rome, the site also contains the **Mausoleum of Romulus**, Maxentius' son, who died tragically young by drowning in the Tiber.

Journey down the Appian Way.

This beautiful country road is lined with pine trees, large green pastures, ancient monuments. Traveling down it you can easily forget how close you are to Rome's center. But although you're surrounded by life, don't forget about the miles of catacombs beneath you. For the last part of the tour, we'll be visiting one of these.

Descend into the depths of one of the Appian Way Catacombs.

Burials along the **Appian Way** date back to the earliest days of Rome. But the most atmospheric and worthwhile Catacombs were early **Christian** cemeteries. You'll be visiting one of these, exploring their darkened corridors with your expert guide. The bodies are long gone, but the catacombs make for a **fascinating visit**, **helping us understand** the importance of Christianity in ancient Rome. Some are heavily **decorated** while others are plain, an indication of the hierarchy of the catacombs.

Meeting Point: Hotel Lobby

October 3 - Thursday

Check out at Hotel Lunetta Roma



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Transfer from Hotel to Airport