ITALY • JUNE 12-20, 2019

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Under the Tuscan Sun

A PERFECT WEEK IN ROME AND TUSCANY

RICH HISTORY, BREATHTAKING SCENERY, WINE & CULINARY EXPERIENCES



BOARD YOUR OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Day 1 – JUNE 12^{TH} -ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Arrival into Rome and welcomed by two highly qualified English speaking Tour Leaders.

Check in at Sina Bernini Bristol

Dolce Vita Rome Walking Tour-Private. This afternoon you and your guides will experience classic Rome in this walking tour to include the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps. Tonight enjoy a special welcome dinner at your hotel.

Day 2 - JUNE 13TH - ROME : WOW EVENT!

This morning enjoy a leisurely breakfast before a brief orientation meeting. Your guides will provide suggestions for lunch and free time before you depart for the unique experience at Castel Gandolfo, the former summer residence of the popes. This evening enjoy a dinner prepared for you at the Pagnanelli Restaurant.

3 pm depart from Hotel for an amazing **Castel Gandolfo private visit including the majestic gardens** Tour is aprox 3 hours. 6:00 pm Transfer to **Pagnanelli Restaurant for visit of cellars, sparkling aperitif.**

Including Dinner with Wine (1/2 bottle per person)

Return to Rome

Day 3 – JUNE 14TH - ROME

3 Proposals for your day in Rome: small group experiences of 20 participants per tour

COOKING EXPERIENCE (AM or PM)

Discovering local recipes in the city centre and enjoy a complete lunch paired with wine. 9.30 Walk to beautiful cooking school (20 minute walk)

Private cooking class followed by lunch with pared wine

VATICAN MUSEUM: 3 hour tour

9.30 Private Transfer and private guide will lead you in areas of most interest of the **Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica**, the tour ends inside the majestic **Sistine Chapel**

ANCIENT ROME TOUR (AM or PM): 3 hour tour

9.30 Meet your guide at Hotel for a walk through the **Roman Forum and Palatine**, **private tour of the Colosseum** (**inclusive Underground Tour**) learning myths and legends of Ancient Rome

Day 4 - JUNE 15TH: ROME -TUSCANY

Transfer with 2 luxury buses to **Tuscany** to **La Bagnaia Resort** Stop in Orvieto, Funicolar up to the city. Lunch on own and free time

Day 5-7 - JUNE 16^{TH-}18TH: *TUSCANY*

4 Proposals for your 3 days in the Tuscan countryside (4 tours daily for groups of 20 people per group, please note you will be able to choose 3 of the 4 tours - 1 tour per day)

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SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO: A private tour discovering the centre of Siena and the city tower and its treasures: Vernaccia of San Gimignano and Saffran! 9.30 Pick up at the Hotel with Luxury 28 seat Minibus 10.30 Private guided Tour of a saffron farm and lunch 15.00 Meet your guide in Siena for a cultural walk with Audio Boxes

17.00 return to the Hotel

FLORENCE Art & Accademia experience

Cultural walk with guide discovering Renaissance Florence inclusive tour of Accademia 9.00 Pick up at the Hotel with Luxury 28 seat Minibus 10.00 Meet your English speaking guide and Audio Boxes in central Florence

Suggestion for lunch (not included) Tour of Accademia (tickets included)

American Cemetery & Memorial guided Tour 16.00 return to the Hotel

MONTEPULCIANO AND PIENZA

A gourmet tour discovering the beautiful valley of Montepulciano and Pienza, home to the best Pecorino cheeses of Italy and the Nobile wine of Montepulciano. 9.00 Pick up at the Hotel with Luxury 28 seat Minibus 10.00 Tour of the town of Montepulciano 12.00 Lunch and Private guided Tour of a cheese and wine farm with beautiful terraces and breathtaking views Gelato in the cute town of Pienza 16.00 return to the Hotel

DISCOVER LAKE TRASIMENO

A beautiful journey on to the calm water of Lake Trasimeno

9.00 Pick up at the Hotel with Luxury 28 seat Minibus 10.00 Private Tour with 2 boats and a local guide, drinks included.

Stop at Isola Maggiore for lunch (lunch not included) 16.00 return to the Hotel

Day 8 – JUNE 19^{TH} : TUSCANY: WOW EVENT!

Relax at Hotel: Spa or Golf activity on own

Gala Wine Challenge Dinner presented by Filippo Bartolotta at prestigious Cecchi Winery

The International Wine Challenge is an exciting and engaging game presented by Filippo Bartolotta **"Obama's Sommelier"** Each table becomes a team. The conductor introduces the techniques of wine tasting, making all participants comfortable with the game. The team of entertainers is made up of qualified sommeliers who will entertain groups throughout the activity by sharing content and anecdotes.

The challenge usually contains four wines, two white and two red which accompany the menu. Some of the questions are about wine general knowledge and some others are specific on the wines tasted. The participants must wait until the end of the competition in order to discover the identity of the blindfolded wines. Afterwards the awards ceremony is held at the winning table. A prize will be given to the winning team.

Day 9 - JUNE 20TH: TUSCANY - FLORENCE

Transfer to Florence with 2 Luxury Buses

Board your return flight home or stay for a post extension.

MAIN PACKAGE FROM \$4,299*PP

* Pricing is per person, subject to change, and based on double occupancy.

INCLUDES: Airport transfers when arriving/departing on group transfer, 3 nights at Sina Bernini Bristol in Rome – 5 star, 5 nights at La Bagnaia Golf and Spa Resort in Siena – 5 star, Breakfast Daily, other meals where noted, Tours and activities listed, 2 special "Wow" events.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare, gratuities and insurance.

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VENICE: HOSTED PRE-TOUR OPTION

HOSTED BY JEFF AND STEPHANIE PEDERSEN

Board your overnight flight to Italy.

Day 1, JUNE 9th - Arrive Milan - Lake Garda

Tour Escort meets the group in the Milan airport and accompanies you through the entire trip.

Private coach arrives at the Milan Malpensa airport and transfers the group to your Lake Garda hotel with a visit to Sirmione en-route. Enjoy free time upon arrival in Sirmione for lunch on your own. Guide will provide lunch suggestions.

Guide meets the group in the plaza in front of the castle entrance and provides a walking tour of the village and Roman ruins.

Admission: Grotte di Catullo, Dinner on own Hotel Bell'Arrivo or similar 3 Star Hotel - Standard Room, Lake Garda, Italy

Day 2, JUNE 10th - Venice

Breakfast included at the hotel. Private Coach arrives at the hotel and transfers the group to Venice with a visit to Padua en-route. Your guide will meet you upon arrival in Padua and provide a 3 hour tour. See sights such as Prato della Valle, Basilica of Saint Anthony, the Clock Tower and more! Admission: Scrovegni Chapel.

Free time for lunch on own, then you will continue travel to Venice. Private boat arrives at the Tronchetto coach terminal and transfers the group to the hotel. Dinner on your own.

Hotel Bonvecchiati, Saturnia & International, or similar 4 Star Hotel - Standard Room, Venice, Italy. Hotel Porterage, 1 bag per person, in and out.

Day 3, JUNE 11th - Venice

Breakfast included at the hotel. Guide meets the group in the hotel lobby and provides a morning walking tour of Venice. Admission: St Mark's Basilica. Remainder of day free to explore Venice at leisure. Lunch and Dinner on your own.

Hotel Bonvecchiati, Saturnia & International, or similar 4 Star Hotel - Standard Room, Venice, Italy

Day 4, JUNE 12th - Rome

Breakfast included at the hotel. Private boat arrives at the hotel and transfers the group to the Venice rail station. Train: Venice to Rome - 1st class. Private Coach arrives at the Rome rail station and transfers group to the hotel, *Sina Bernini Hotel* and group joins the main package tour.

Pre tour Venice package from \$1,899pp

* One group transfer from Milan to Lake Garda











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CINQUE TERRE / SANTA MARGHERITA: HOSTED POST-TOUR OPTION HOSTED BY MARK COMFORT, OWNER OF CRUISE HOLIDAYS & COMFORT TOURS

JUNE 20th Cinque Terre & Santa Margherita

Your tour escort meets the group in the La Bagnaia Resort lobby and accompanies you through your entire trip. Private coach arrives at the hotel and the transfers the group to Santa Margherita with stops for Cinque Terre touring.

Your guide meets the group at the La Spezia rail station and provides a half-day Cinque Terre tour. Admission: Cinque Terre Card, includes Rail and Trail access. Visit the charming mountainside towns of Cinque Terre and enjoy the amazing vistas out over the Ligurian Sea. Free time for lunch on your own. The group reboards the private coach at the Lavanto rail station and continues travel to Santa Margherita Hotel. Dinner on your own.

Hotel Continental, Hotel Laurin, or similar 4 Star Hotel - Standard Room, Santa Margherita, Italy. Porterage, 1 bag per person, in and out.

June 21st Cinque Terre & Santa Margherita

Breakfast included at the hotel. Guide meets the group in the hotel lobby and provides a Portofino & San Fruttuoso tour. Ferry - Santa Margherita - San Fruttuoso - Portofino - Santa Margherita. Admission: Abbazia di San Fruttuoso (weather dependent - If weather prohibits access to San Fruttuoso a walking tour of Santa Margherita will be substituted) Continue by ferry to Portofino. Free time in

Portofino to explore the yachting mecca and have lunch on your own. Return to Santa Margherita by ferry. Dinner on your own.

Hotel Continental, Hotel Laurin, or similar 4 Star Hotel -Standard Room, Santa Margherita, Italy

June 22nd - Milan

Breakfast included at the hotel. Private Coach arrives at the hotel and transfers the group to Milan via Genoa. Your guide meets the group upon arrival in Genoa and provides a 2 hour city overview tour. See sights such as Christopher Columbus House, Porta Soprana, Arco della Vittoria, Palazzo San Giorgio, and more! Free time for lunch on your own. Continue travel to Milan. Guide meets the group upon arrival in Milan and provides a 2 hour city overview tour. See sights such as Sforzesco Castle, Royal Palace, Teatro alla Scala, Basilica di Sant' Ambrogio and more! Dinner on your own.

Andreloa Central Hotel, or similar 4 Star Hotel - Standard Room, Milan, Italy. Hotel Porterage, 1 bag per person, in and out.

June 23rd - Milan

After breakfast a group transfer is provided to the Milan Malpensa airport for your homebound flight.

Post tour package from \$1,949pp









