

The Venetian canals. Michelangelo's *David*. The churches of Rome. Experience the art and culture of Italy that have been admired worldwide for centuries.



ITALY'S ARTISTIC HERITAGE

DAY 1: VENICE MAINLAND

Arrive today in Venice. Meet your Tour Director upon passing through customs and depart for Venice, a powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers from around the world. This evening enjoy dinner at the HARD ROCK CAFÉ. (D)

DAY 2: VENICE MAINLAND

Enter the city in style by PRIVATE BOAT for your tour with a Local Guide (with Whisper headsets). Highlights of your walking tour are ST. MARK'S SQUARE and its BASILICA, the CLOCK TOWER, lavish DOGES' PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS, where doomed prisoners caught their final glimpse of the world. Also watch skilled GLASSBLOWERS fashion their delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. This afternoon walk through the Venice fish market to see the local way of life followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 3: VENICE-VERONA-FLORENCE

Stop in Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See Juliet's balcony and stroll around the lovely market square. Continue on to Florence. This evening, enjoy a festive PIZZA PARTY dinner at a local restaurant, where an Italian chef demonstrates just how Italian pizzas are made! (B,D)

DAY 4: FLORENCE

During your walking tour with a Local Guide (featuring Whisper headsets), visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS and see Michelangelo's celebrated David and the magnificent CATHEDRAL. Admire Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," sculpture-studded Signoria Square, and see a leather-making demonstration. The afternoon, join our optional excursion to Pisa or take advantage of free time to enjoy world class shopping. (B,D)

DAY 5: FLORENCE-ASSISI-ROME

This morning, depart for Assisi. During your walking tour with a Local Guide, visit ST. CLARE'S CHURCH and ST. FRANCIS' BASILICA, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humility, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. Hear about monastic life and view the priceless frescoes adorning the walls of the church. Continue to Rome for a late

afternoon arrival. A guided walking tour takes you to some of the city's most famous monuments. Admire the Spanish Steps, Via Condotti, Piazza Navona, Parliament, and Pantheon. (B,D)

DAY 6: ROME

Sightseeing with your Local Guide (including Whisper headsets) starts with a visit to the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment. Continue to monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA. Cross the Tiber and visit the COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. (B,D)

DAY 7: ROME

A full day to enjoy Rome at your own pace, or join our full day optional excursion to Pompeii. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a farewell dinner to celebrate the success of your trip to Italy. (B,D)

DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME

Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (B)

CUSTOMIZE YOUR ITINERARY BY ADDING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Visit Naples & Pompeii
- See the Magic of Rome including the Catacombs
- Excursion to Capri
- Excursion to Pisa
- Learn to be a Gondolier
- Gondola Serenade
- Venice Ghost Walking Tour

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VALUE

8 Days/7 Nights

Priced from
\$1759 US per double

WHAT'S INCLUDED

More Features

Visits to special attractions per itinerary

Meals

7 breakfasts

7 dinners

Hotels

7 nights hotel accommodation in moderate first class or superior tourist class hotels

Airport Transfers

Group airport transfer included upon arrival and departure

Standard Amenities & Services

Professional Student Discoveries Tour Director throughout. Private transportation via air-conditioned motorcoach.

Note: Arrival and departure times may modify this itinerary.

