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DISCOVER ITALY

Escorted by Yolanda of Wooster Street Travel
October 4th – October 18th, 2018 (14 days and 13 nights)

Contact Yolanda for Pricing

TRAVEL DAY – October 4th, 2018: Departing from USA to Rome, Italy

Bus to NYC Airport will depart from Wooster Street Travel office at 12:30 pm. If you cannot make it to the office by that time, you will have to have your own transportation to JFK. Our flight, AZ # Alitalia departs at TBD (USA time) and arrives in Rome at TBD am (Italian time) October 5th, 2018. Meals and refreshments will be served on the flight.

DAY 1 - October 5th, 2018: ARRIVE IN ROME

Arrival as mentioned above. Once luggage is retrieved on your own, we will meet and proceed to our motor coach. Before long we are on our way. The balance of the day is free to either relax or explore Rome on your own. Tonight, we enjoy a **Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant (included)**. (B/D)

DAY 2 - October 6th, 2018: ROME /ASSISI/ ROME

This morning we depart bright and early, after breakfast, for the medieval city of Assisi – birthplace of St. Francis. To get to our destination, we will journey through the rolling hills, the scenic vineyards and post-card perfect scenery of Tuscany into the gentle landscapes of the Umbria region. Upon arrival, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** and visit the Basilica of St. Francis where highlights of the Giotto's world famous frescoes hang, depicting the pious life of St. Francis. **For lunch, you are on your own** to enjoy some Umbrian cuisine. After lunch, we will head back to our hotel in Rome. **For Dinner, we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant(included)**. (B/D)

DAY 3 – October 7th, 2018: ROME / VATICAN MUSEUM

After an early breakfast, we depart our hotel this morning for a very special, **privately guided tour with our Local Guide** of the priceless collection of art, maps and tapestries of the **Vatican**. We'll tour **Raphael's rooms**, decorated with frescoes **by the artist, Raphael**, whose paintings inspired the revolutionary style of the high **Renaissance**. The scene on the ceiling is literally a painted Bible and the story of humanity, a task that took four years of mental and physical anguish. The scene of the "**Last Judgment**" painted 30 years later behind the main altar, is a powerful and dark expression of the moment of final judgment. We return to our hotel, where the balance of the day is free. **This evening, we enjoy a festive farewell dinner with entertainment at a local restaurant (included)**. (B/D)

DAY 4 – October 8th, 2018: ROME / SANTA MARIA A VICO / GIOIA / FAICCHIO / SORRENTO

This morning we depart bright and early after breakfast for **Sorrento** which sits high on a beautiful plateau where we are greeted by the **sapphire blue gulf of Naples** and the **Majestic Mount Vesuvius**. En-route, we will stop in **Santa Mara a Vico, Yolanda's home town** for a sip of espresso and a delicious Italian pastry - sfogliatella. Then we journey to the small village of **Faicchio** and have a **late Lunch /early Dinner hosted by Yolanda**. After our sumptuous lunch, we continue to our final destination: beautiful Sorrento for the next 3 nights. The rest of the evening will be free to stroll the streets of Sorrento, and perhaps try the Limoncello, specialty drink of the region. (B/L)

DAY 5 – October 9th, 2018: SORRENTO / POSITANO / AMALFI / SORRENTO

Today we depart bright and early, after breakfast to meet our **Local Guide** who will show us a day we will remember for a lifetime. Our coach will take us to a wonderland of small villages, via the spectacular "**Amalfi Drive**", the most famous road in Italy, affording spectacular views of the sea and coastline. Our first stop will be **Positano** where we can stroll the village and have a sip of espresso or gelato. We will then board a private boat to take us to the **town of Amalfi**. We'll stop to relax and have a **nice lunch on your own**. After lunch, we can stroll through the cobblestone streets, and either do some shopping, sip a cappuccino or just watch the passers-by. As the sun sets, we'll return to Sorrento, filled with the warm memories and dreams of "Bella Italia". **Tonight, we will enjoy Dinner at a Local Restaurant (included). (B/D)**

DAY 6 – October 10th, 2018: SORRENTO / CAPRI / SORRENTO

Today, we depart bright and early after breakfast where we meet our **Local Guide** on a **private coach** which will transfer us to the Sorrento pier. We board the high-speed hydrofoil to the fabled island of **Capri**. After a scenic funicular ride and a tour of the "**Gardens of Augustus**", you will have time for shopping in the town of Capri before we board the hydrofoil back to Naples. **Lunch will be on your own**. In Naples, we will have an orientation tour of the city before we return to Sorrento. **Dinner will be included at the hotel. (B/D)**

OPTIONAL -CAPRI: An optional tour on a private boat around the Island of Capri

DAY 7 – October 11th, 2018: SORRENTO / CALABRIA (overnight)

Visit Scilla (more to come)

DAY 8 – October 12th, 2018: CALABRIA / GIARDINI NAXOS (TAORMINA)

Today, after breakfast, we depart for the Giardini Naxos . We will then have free time to browse the boutiques or stop in at a local café. **Lunch will be on your own**. Later that day, we will arrive in Giardini Naxos and get settled into our hotel for the next 2 nights. **Dinner is at the hotel or a local restaurant(included). (B/D)**

DAY 9 – October 13th, 2018: GIARDINI NAXOS – EXCURSION TO MT. ETNA

Today, after breakfast, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** and board our motorcoach to enjoy the scenic drive through orchards, vineyards, and forests up to the western slope of epic Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. From your vantage point at 6,500 feet, observe an unreal landscape of extinct craters and rivers of solidified lava with. **Lunch is on your own**. After lunch, board our motorcoach to visit the "Pearl of Sicily" -Taormina: a beautiful, cliff-hanging, old world resort town. Here we will enjoy a wonderful walking-tour of this tantalizing town – **Dinner will be in local Restaurant(included). (B/D)**

DAY 10 – October 14th, 2018: GIARDINI NOXAS/ SIRACUSA

This morning bright and early, after breakfast, we depart for our next destination: the beautiful town of Siracusa. Along the way, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** and make a stop in Caltagirone, a city most famous for the production of **pottery**, particularly **maiolica** and **terra-cotta** wares. The main landmark of the city is the 142-step monumental Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte, built from 1608 in the old part of the town. The peculiarity is that each step is decorated with different hand-decorated ceramics, using styles and figures derived from the millennial tradition of pottery making. Lunch in on your own. Late afternoon, we will arrive at our hotel in Siracusa for a two-night stay. **Dinner will be at the HOTEL(included). (B/D)**

DAY 11 – October 15th, 2018: SIRACUSA

This morning after breakfast, we depart for Syracuse we meet our **Local Guide**. Syracuse is birthplace of the mathematician Archimedes and once a powerful Greek port whose fleet was feared throughout the Mediterranean. It has attracted famous visitors such as the philosopher Plato and, later, the Apostle Paul, who converted its citizens to Christianity. We will visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park dated 5th-century BC which host the sparkling white Greek Theater, the Garden of Paradise, the Ear of Dionysus, the Altar of Hieron II, the Roman Amphitheater, and the Cordmakers' Cave. **Lunch will be on your own/ Dinner is at the hotel (included)(B/D)**

DAY 12 – October 16th, 2018: SIRACUSA/ AGRIGENTO / PALERMO

This morning, bright and early after breakfast, we will journey to our final destination for our last 2 nights. Along the way, we will stop in Agrigento, a town built on a hillside facing the sea which is famous for its magnificent “Valley of the Temples.” There, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** for a tour of the Valley including the Temples of Castor, Pollus, Zeus, Concord, and Hercules. We will also see the Tomb of Theron and the Porta Aurea. **Lunch is on your own.** After lunch, we travel to our final “resting spot” – a hotel in Palermo. **This evening’s dinner will be included at the Hotel. (B/D)**

DAY 13 – October 17th, 2018: PALERMO

This morning, bright and early after breakfast, we meet our **Local Guide** and embark on a tour of this marvelous city. We will visit the Quattro Canti, a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture, the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel, and the cathedral. We will also visit the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale where we will admire a 12th century Cathedral, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle of the Old and the New Testament and the Cloisters I Romanesque Duomo that is one of the finest Norman Cathedrals in Italy. Its mosaics rival those of Monreale. Both cathedrals are dominated by colossal mosaic figures of the Byzantine Pantocratic Christ. **Lunch will be on your own.** Later we will return to our hotel and begin to prepare for our departure the next day back to the USA with many wonderful memories. **Our farewell Dinner will be a Local Restaurant (included). (B/D)**

DAY 14 – October 18th, 2018: DEPARTING PALERMO FOR USA

This morning we bid “ARRIVEDERCI PALERMO” as we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. Flight #. Departure from airport is (Italian time) and arrives (US Time). We should arrive back in Hamden at the Wooster Street Travel parking lot by TBD.

Please join me for a wonderful 14-day tour of Italy.

A summary of the itinerary follows:

3 nights	Rome
3 nights	Sorrento
1 night	Calabria
2 nights	Taormina
2 nights	Siracusa
2 nights	Palermo

Tour Features Include:

- Bus from Wooster Street Travel – Hamden to the airport round trip.
- Round Trip coach airfare via Alitalia (transfers included).
- 13 nights accommodations at Tourist Class hotels or similar with private bath or shower.
- Continental or buffet breakfast daily (depending upon hotel's service)
- 1 Lunch including wine (1/4 bottle pp) and mineral water (1/2 bottle pp) and coffee; 1 in Fiacchio – Yolanda's treat.
- 11 dinners at local restaurants or hotels including wine (1/4 Bottle pp) and (1/2 bottle mineral water pp) and coffee as described above. (1 in Rome Welcome Dinner), 3 Sorrento) 1 Calabria) 2 Taormina) 2 Siracusa , 2 Palermo (Farewell Dinner).
- Guided tours conducted by licensed local guides:
 - Rome Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel
 - Day Trip Assisi
 - Sorrento , Positano ,Amalfi, Capri
 - Calabria Scilla
 - Taormina – Mount Etna, Walking Tour of City, and Greek/Roman Amphitheater
 - Siracusa , Agrigento – Valley of the Temples
 - Palermo
- Transportation by private, deluxe air conditioned motorcoach through the trip:
- Professional English Speaking Local Guide for sightseeing
- Portage of one (1) piece of luggage per person entire trip. Must be no more than 28 inches and can **not** exceed 50 pounds
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- **This tour does not include gratuity for bus driver, tour escort, and local guides.**
- **This tour will be escorted by YOLANDA.**
- **Optional tours will be at own expense and must be 25 people minimum.**

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\$500.00 non-refundable deposit plus Insurance (see below for price) per person is required with reservation. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for this tour.

Please return this reservation form along with your non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 + insurance -payable by check to Wooster Street

Name: _____ Roommate:

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

The balance in full is due by **June 25th, 2018. After final payment is made, there will be no refunds under any conditions (100% penalty applies). In case of illness, medical documentation will be needed to support the claim which will be submitted to the insurance company.**

Wooster Street Travel strongly suggests to our clients to purchase travel protection and trip cancellation insurance. The amount will be either \$300 pp/double or \$375 pp/single.

Land prices are based on the current Euro to US dollar rate of exchange and are subject to change with major market fluctuations. Exchange rate adjustments, if warranted and drastic, will be determined prior to collection of final payment.

Signature _____ Date _____