



SC BAR

Presents



June in Italy

June 4 – 14, 2008

ITALY AT LEISURE

11 days including air flights, or 10 days in Italy (Rome to Milan)

Vacation Overview



Overnight for three nights in Rome, three nights in Florence, Two nights in Venice and one night in Milan.

This is the perfect 11-day LeisureStyle vacation to see Italy's highlights in the most comfortable way. You also have the option of extending your stay in Rome or Milan. Ask us for hotel rates for adding pre-or post "Italy at Leisure" nights.

Three nights in Rome with a special welcome dinner and with sightseeing including St. Peter's, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum, and the Forum. The centrally located hotel gives you the opportunity to also explore this fabulous city on your own. On the way to Florence visit the square in Siena and picturesque San Gimignano.

The three nights in Florence, again with a centrally located hotel, do not only feature sightseeing including a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to admire Michelangelo's David, but also allow visits to the Leaning Tower of Pisa and splendid Verrazzano Castle where you will learn about the Chianti wines and enjoy lunch.

Two nights in Venice, again in the center, include not only visits to St. Mark's and Doges' Palace with the Bridge of Sighs, but also an unforgettable Venetian Lagoon Cruise to the islands of Murano and Burano. Stop in Verona, to take pictures of Juliet's Balcony, before ending in Milan with a visit to the magnificent Gothic Duomo.

Itinerary

Day 1 – June 4, 2008

Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 - Arrival in Rome, Italy – June 5, 2008

Time to rest or start exploring the Eternal City. At 6 p.m. meet your Tour Director and traveling companions and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner with wine in one of Rome's lively restaurants. (D)

Day 3 Rome – June 6, 2008

Sightseeing with your Local Guide starts with a visit to the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgement. 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. This afternoon time to explore the city on your own, relax, or join your local guide for an optional walk that takes you to the magnificent marbled Trevi Fountain, Navona Square, the well-preserved Roman Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, and finishes with a Roman dinner party. (BB)

Day 4 At Leisure in Rome – June 7, 2008

Full day to savor la dolce vita and enjoy independent activities. If you feel like traveling, join an optional excursion to Pompeii, the Roman city both destroyed and preserved by a volcanic eruption in 79 A.D. (BB)

Day 5 Rome-Siena-San Gimignano-Florence – June 8, 2008

First stop this morning is in Siena. Walk through ancient, narrow lanes to PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, site of the biannual Palio, Sienna's spectacular medieval-style horse race. Then continue through unforgettable landscapes of gently rolling, vine-clad hills for a stop in hilltop San Gimignano, the most picturesque of Italy's perfectly preserved medieval towns. Afterwards on to Florence, the splendid capital of Tuscany and birthplace of the Renaissance. (BB,D)

Day 6 Florence – June 9, 2008

Follow your Local Guide to the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS with Michelangelo's celebrated David and the magnificent CATHEDRAL, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," and sculpture studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Afternoon for independent sightseeing and browsing through the shops. Florentine leather goods and gold jewelry sold by the ounce are attractive buys. Tonight, why not try the culinary delights of a fine Florentine restaurant? (Wednesday departures will have the program of days 6 and 7 reversed, as the Academy is closed on Mondays.) (BB)

Day 7 Florence – June 10, 2008

Excursion to Pisa and Verrazzano Castle. A fast journey will bring you to Pisa. Here take your pictures of the amazing Leaning Tower, 180 feet high and no less than 12 feet out of the perpendicular. Today's highlight: hear about the fine art of blending four types of grapes to obtain the famous Chianti Classico at VERRAZZANO CASTLE; enjoy WINE TASTING and lunch before returning to Florence. (BB,L)

Day 8 Florence-Venice – June 11, 2008

Morning drive through the wooded Apennine Mountains to Venice, a powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers from around the globe. Enter its glittering maze of islands, canals, and bridges in style by PRIVATE BOAT to meet your Local Guide. Highlights of your walking tour are ST. MARK'S SQUARE and the BYZANTINE BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE, and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Then enjoy Venice at your own pace or join an optional gondola ride. (BB)

Day 9 Venice – June 12, 2008

Murano and Burano Islands Excursion. Start your day with an unforgettable Venetian LAGOON CRUISE to the islands of Murano and Burano. Glide past the islands of San Giorgio and Santa Elena, and along the banks of the famous Lido. In Murano watch skilled GLASSBLOWERS

fashion their delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Then continue on to the picturesque fishing village of Burano, renowned for its bright pastel-colored houses and for its lacemaking. Take pictures of traditional fishing boats, still used by the island inhabitants, and enjoy an included lunch. Return to Venice in the early afternoon. (BB,L)

Day 10 Venice-Verona-Milan – June 13, 2008

Stop in Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See Juliet's Balcony and stroll around the lovely market square. Don't miss the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater. Built in the 1st century A.D., it is now the magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Then on to the dynamic city of Milan, hub of Italy's economic miracle with its famous Scala Opera House, glass domed GALLERIA, and magnificent GOTHIC DUOMO. An optional farewell dinner may be the perfect way to celebrate the success of your Italian vacation. (BB)

Day 11 – June 14, 2008

Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (BB)

Note: You have the option of extending your stay in Rome or Milan, ask us for hotel rates for adding pre-or post "Italy at Leisure" nights.

Vacation Highlights / INCLUDED FEATURES

ROME

Welcome dinner; guided sightseeing including headsets; visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the Colosseum and Roman Forum

SIENA

Orientation including Piazza del Campo

SAN GIMIGNANO

Orientation

FLORENCE

Guided sightseeing including headsets, visit Michelangelo's David, the cathedral, and Signoria Square

PISA

Picture stop at the Leaning Tower

VERRAZZANO CASTLE

Wine tasting and lunch

VENICE

Private boat ride, guided sightseeing including headsets, visit St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doges' Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs

MURANO AND BURANO

Lagoon cruise and island visits including glassblowers' demonstration in Murano

VERONA

Orientation including Juliet's Balcony and the Arena

MILAN

Orientation, visit the Galleria and the Duomo

INSIDE VISITS

Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges when applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

9 buffet breakfasts (BB); 2 lunches (L) including one with wine tasting in Verrazzano Castle and one with wine in Burano; 2 three-course dinners (D), including a special welcome dinner with wine in Rome

SUPERIOR HOTELS

ROME Grand Hotel Beverly Hills (F) or Ludovisi Palace (F), FLORENCE Jolly (F) or Starhotels Michelangelo (SF), VENICE Residence Palazzo Selvadego (F) or Starhotels Splendid Suisse (SF), MILAN Starhotels Ritz (F)

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers are included if your airfare is booked through the tour operator. If independent air arrangements are made, transfers can be purchased from the tour operator as long as you arrive and depart on the scheduled arrival/departure

[Optional Excursions](#)

Here's a list of optional excursions you can enjoy during your vacation. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

Availability is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. **Optional excursions can only be purchased when you're on vacation and are not sold in advance.** Some information provided might be in a foreign currency, you can use our online currency converter for exchange rate information.

[CITY: Florence](#)

Tuscan Dinner

Drive out to the Tuscan Hills to enjoy a traditional Florentine meal, including drinks, in a picturesque country setting.

Approximate value: EUR 50 per person

Renaissance Dinner

In the magnificent setting of Palazzo Borghese, enjoy a four-course dinner with wine served by waiters wearing costumes inspired by the great Florentine banquets of the 15th century. Original Renaissance music, ballets, and a jester will add to the cheerful evening.

Approximate value: EUR 51 per person

Highlights of Uffizi Gallery

Admire the world's greatest collection of Italian and Florentine art. The GALLERY showcases works by Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, and Michelangelo.

Approximate value: EUR 36 per person

[CITY: Rome](#)

Excursion to Tivoli with Dinner

Leave Rome for a guided visit of the famous VILLA ADRIANA or the VILLA D'ESTE GARDENS and FOUNTAINS in Tivoli, followed by a typical country-style dinner with wine, spumante, and music.

Approximate value: EUR 75 per person

Full-Day Excursion to Pompeii

A scenic drive along the Highway of the Sun takes you past the famous Abbey of Montecassino and Naples for a guided visit of POMPEII, both destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

Approximate value: EUR 94 per person

Excursion to Ostia Antica

Ostia Antica at the mouth of the Tiber is the home port for ancient Rome's conquest of the Mediterranean. Your local guide relates the surprisingly sophisticated urban life of more than 2,000 years ago as you visit a Roman theatre, an ancient mill, and the luxurious Forum Baths. Note: Comfortable walking shoes are advised.

Approximate value: EUR 45 per person

Roman Highlights and Dinner

A guided walking tour takes you to some of the most famous monuments. Admire the Spanish Steps, Via Condotti, Piazza Navona, Parliament, and Pantheon. Later this evening enjoy a four-course dinner at a popular Roman restaurant. Drinks included.

Approximate value: EUR 63 per person

The Catacombs and St. Paul Outside the Walls

This guided tour takes you to the 4th-century basilica ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS and the CATACOMBS.

Approximate value: EUR 36 per person

CITY: Venice

A Venetian Night Out

Travel by private water taxi along the splendid Grand Canal with its elegant palaces to a fine Venetian restaurant, and taste four mouth-watering courses of local specialties and wine. Later there's time to explore and absorb the romantic and unique atmosphere of Venice by night.

Approximate value: EUR 66 per person

Gondola Serenade

Enjoy a serenaded ride in a traditional gondola (for 6 people), gliding through centuries-old canals, under famous arched bridges, and past lavish palaces and quaint piazzas.

Approximate value: EUR 40 per person

Note: the US Dollar is approximately \$1.37 per 1 Euro
i.e 40 Euros equals \$55 USD

Prices:

Note: These prices do not include airfare or transfers.

\$2718 per person based on double occupancy

One person in a room:

\$2718 + \$512 single supplement = **\$3230**

Note: this amount subject to change until 10/1/07 when 2008 rates are released

Three people in a room:

\$2718 per person - \$40 triple reduction per person
= **\$2678 per person**

Note: this amount subject to change until 10/1/07 when 2008 rates are released

Note: If more than 10% of the group is singles or triples, this occupancy is on request

Optional Travel Protection Insurance:

\$119 per person or "cancel for any reason" @ \$149 per person. Cancel up to 24 hours in advance of your US departure time and receive future Globus travel vouchers.

Airfare:

Sample fares from Columbia or Charleston are \$1500-\$1800 for this time period.

Deposit Information

\$200 per person for the land tour plus optional insurance.

Airfare will need to be paid in full at time of purchase.

Final payment due March 3, 2008

Limited to the first 42 people.

***EXCLUSIVE SC BAR GROUP SPACE
WILL BE RELEASED FEBRUARY 5, 2008***

After this date the unsold space will be released to the public.

Passport Travel Information:

Please insure your passport is valid until 11/15/08



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Trevi Fountain in Rome



Venice



Basilica in Rome



Leaning Tower of Pisa

