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DISCOVER ITALY TOUR

Escorted by Yolanda of Wooster Street Travel

September 8th – September 21st, 2018 (13 days and 12 nights)

Contact Yolanda for Pricing

TRAVEL DAY – SEPTEMBER 8TH (SAT): DEPART USA

Bus to NYC Airport will depart from Wooster Street Travel's office at TBD (**sharp**). If you can not make it to the office by that time, you will have to have your own transportation to JFK. Our flight# TBD with Alitalia Airlines to Milan will depart at TBD (US time) and arrive in Milan at TBD (Italian time) the next day. Meals and refreshments will be served in flight.

DAY 1 – SEPTEMBER 9TH (SUN): MILAN / PADUA- VENETO REGION (VENICE)

Arrival as mentioned above. Once luggage is retrieve on own, we will meet and proceed to our motor coach. Before long we are on our way. Once we arrive at our hotel and check in, you will have time to settle in and have the remainder of the day free to either rest or discover Padua on your own. This free time will be a perfect opportunity to visit the **Basilica of St Anthony's**. **Tonight we enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)**

DAY 2 – SEPTEMBER 10TH (MON): VENICE

This morning, we will be joined by our **Local Guide** for an ALL DAY excursion starting in **San Marco's Square**, for a beautiful walking tour. Time permitting, you may visit the beautiful Cathedral of San Marco on your own. **Lunch will be on your own. Dinner at a local restaurant (included). (B/D)**

OPTIONAL TOUR: Gondola Serenade

DAY 3 – SEPTEMBER 11TH (TUES): PADUA / VERONA / PADUA

After a bright and early breakfast, we will board our motor coach for a ½ day excursion to the beautiful city of **Verona**, the largest city of the mainland Veneto rich with Roman sites and streets of pink-hued medieval buildings. We will meet our **Local Guide** who will take us on a delightful *walking tour of Verona* where we will discover one of Europe's secret jewels. We will view the **2,000 year old Arena**, built by the Romans and is still in use today for Opera performances and popular concerts. We will also see **Piazza Bra, Piazza delle Erbe and tomb of the renowned Scaliger family** and of course, one of the most famous balcony of all, **Giulietta's (Juliet's) balcony (Romeo and Juliet)**. **Lunch will be on your own in Verona.** With our heart content and our tastebuds charmed, we return to our hotel in Padua for the balance of the day free. **Dinner at a local restaurant (included). (B/D)**

DAY 4 – SEPTEMBER 12TH (WED): PADUA / LUCCA / TUSCANY

Today we depart bright and early after breakfast from Padua, after breakfast for the Tuscan region of Italy. Our southerly scenic drive will bring us to beautiful city of **Lucca**, a cultural and artistic hub in Tuscany, which was formerly an Etruscan city. Here we will stop here for a **guided tour with a Local Guide** to enjoy the Etruscan work is still visible in the foundations of **Lucca's massive stone walls**. It's the more than 2000 years of history that make Lucca one of the most fascinating and characteristic of Italian cities. Then we're off to the Tuscan region. **Lunch will be on your own**. After some leisure time (time permitting), we will continue to Tuscany to check in at a local hotel. **This evening, Dinner at the hotel (included). (B/D)**

DAY 5 – SEPTEMBER 13TH (THURS):

FLORENCE BIRTH PLACE of the RENAISSANCE AND SHOPPER'S WORLD

Today we depart bright and early after breakfast, to meet our **Private Local Guide**. The tour begins with a visit of the **Accademia Museum**, where we'll see **Michelangelo's original statue of "David"**, the Florentine symbol of courage and independence. Our next stop is in the **Piazza del Duomo**, where we will visit the **Church of Santa Maria delle Fiore**; capped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome, the **Baptistry** with its "Gates of Paradise" bronze doors by Ghiberti and **Giotto's Bell Tower**. We will continue to the **Piazza Signoria**, the political center of the city, where we'll see the **Loggia della Signoria** and the **Palazzo Vecchio** where the powerful Medici's once held office. Our tour concludes at the **Church of Santa Croce**, which contains the tombs of **Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo and other great Florentines**. **This is the City of lots and lots of GOLD JEWELRY shopping, LEATHER and more. Lunch will be on your own**. After we spend all of our MONEY, we return to our hotel. **Dinner at a Local Restaurant(included). (B/D)**

DAY 6 – SEPTEMBER 14TH (FRI): TUSCANY / SAN GIMIGNANO / TUSCANY

Today we drive through the beautiful countryside to **San Gimignano**, an attractive town often bypassed by travelers. This small, medieval town has kept its appearance virtually unchanged throughout the centuries. We will meet our **Local Guide** and tour this beautiful town **most renowned for its towers** which were best used in the yesteryears for detecting enemy troops advancing for an attack. We'll have some time to walk through the narrow, cobbled streets, now lined with craft shops and boutiques and enjoy **lunch on your own**. We return to our hotel in Tuscany in the late afternoon. **This evening, Dinner at a Local Winery (included) . (B/D)**

OPTIONAL TOUR: Cooking Class at a Local Winery

DAY 7 – SEPTEMBER 15TH (SAT): TUSCANY / POMPEII / SORRENTO

This morning we depart bright and early after breakfast for Sorrento . We journey through the rolling hills, the scenic vineyards and post-card perfect scenery of Tuscany as we make our southerly drive towards Sorrento . Along the way, **we will stop for lunch on your own., location to be determined**. After lunch, we continue towards Sorrento with a stop in **Pompeii**, where we will be joined by our **Local Guide**. Imagine, an entire city perfectly preserved as it was on that fateful day almost 2,000 years ago, when ash and lava literally stopped it in its tracks. You'll see the tragic fossils of people attempting to escape and also the 'secret room'. This advance civilization came to an abrupt end by the violent eruption of **Mount Vesuvius in 79AD**. After our beautiful visit, we continue to **Sorrento** which sits high on a beautiful plateau where we are greeted by the **sapphire blue gulf of Naples** and the **Majestic Mount Vesuvius** . Tonight, after we get settled, we will have a relaxing **Dinner at our Hotel. (B/D)**

DAY 8 – SEPTEMBER 16TH (SUN): 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. From there, we will visit the **beautiful town of Amalfi**. We'll stop to relax and have a **nice lunch on your own**. After lunch, we can stroll through the cobbled streets, and either to do some shopping, sip a cappuccino or just watch the passerbyers. As the sun sets, we'll return to Sorrento, filled with the warm memories and dreams of "Bella Italia". **Tonight, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B/D)**

OPTIONAL SHOW (After Dinner): a viewing of Neapolitan theatre, "the Tarantella Show" at Teatro Tasso.

DAY 9 – SEPTEMBER 17TH (MON): SORRENTO / CAPRI / SORRENTO

This morning, after breakfast, a private **Local Guide** will join us as 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", **we will have lunch on your own.** There will be time for shopping in the town of Capri before we board the hydrofoil back to Sorrento. **Tonight we enjoy a Dinner at the hotel. (B/D)**

OPTIONAL TOUR: a private boat around the Island of Capri with a tour Guide. Anacapri included if this optional is taken

DAY 10 – SEPTEMBER 18TH (TUES): SORRENTO / SANTA MARIA A VICO / FAICCHIO / ROME

This morning we depart bright and early after breakfast traveling north along the "Highway of the Sun" to the eternal city of Rome. En route, we will stop in Santa Maria a Vico, Yolanda's home town for a sip of espresso. We then journey to the small village of Faicchio and have **lunch hosted by Yolanda.** After lunch, we continue to our final destination - Rome. Upon checking into our hotel, **Dinner will be on your own. (B/L)**

DAY 11 – SEPTEMBER 19TH (WED): ROME

Today, we depart our hotel this morning, bright and early, after breakfast, for a very special, privately guided tour with a **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.** But the highlight of our tour is the **Sistine Chapel,** where **Michelangelo's famous frescoes** are to be seen in new splendor after their recent renovation. 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. **Lunch will be on your own. Dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)**

DAY 12 – SEPTEMBER 20TH (THURS): ROME – WALKING TOUR

This morning we will meet our **local guide** for a walking tour in the center of Rome. We will visit **Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Piazza di Spagna, and Via del Corso.** **Lunch will be on your own.** During the course of the day, we will also visit the Trevi Fountain where you will have the opportunity to throw some coins in the water and make a WISH to visit Italy and its splendors again soon. **Farewell Dinner is at a Local Restaurant. (B/D)**

DAY 13 – SEPTEMBER 21ST (FRI): DEPART FOR USA

This morning we bid "ARRIVEDERCI ROMA" as we transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

Flight Alitalia TBD. Departure from airport is TBD (Italian time TBD) and arrives TBD (US time) at JFK. We should arrive back in Hamden, Wooster Street Travel parking area by TBD.

Please join me for a wonderful 13-day tour of Italy. A summary of the itinerary follows:

- 3 nights Padua (VENICE)**
- 3 nights Pistoia (TUSCANY)**
- 3 nights Sorrento**
- 3 nights Rome**

TOUR FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Bus from Hamden to the airport round trip.
- Round Trip coach airfare via Alitalia Airlines (transfers included).
- 12 nights accommodations at First Class hotels or similar with private bath or shower.
- Buffet breakfast daily (depending upon hotel's service)
- 1 lunches including wine (1/4 bottle pp) and mineral water (1/2 bottle pp) and coffee. 1 is Hosted by Yolanda in Faicchio
- 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: 3 in Padua (1 of which is a Welcome Dinner); 3 in Tuscany (1 of which is a Local Winery); 3 in Sorrento/Coastal region and 2 in Rome (1 of which is the Farewell Dinner).
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in itinerary.
- Professional English Speaking Local Guide for the entire trip
- Local Winery visit
- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Portage of one (1) piece of luggage per person entire trip. Must be no more than 28 inches and can not exceed 50 pounds

NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuity for the maids
- Gratuity for waiters (\$1 per person per meal – lunch or dinner when with group)
- Gratuity for bus driver, tour escort, or local guides.
 - Breakdown of gratuity will be provided.
- Optional Tours will be at own expense and must be 25 persons 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 1st, 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 \$275.00 pp/double or \$325.00 pp/single.

Signature _____ Date _____