



2008 Tours

LEISURE TOURS

Everything Italy is famous for ~ 12 Days

It's almost a surreal feeling to walk around the corner and get your first look at the Colosseum in person. You can watch all the documentaries made about Rome and the glory of its heyday but it just doesn't hit you in the face like it does when you look up, and there it is. Rome was the center of the universe for 1,000 years and still to this day has the art, architecture and monuments to back it up. Although we could go on and on about Rome all day, we know you also won't be able to get enough of the beautiful Tuscan countryside. All the paintings that you have seen over the years of the rolling hills, vineyards and old world villas of Italy are all in Tuscany. We will make this gorgeous area our home base for a good portion of the tour. Finally we wind up the tour in the piazzas and canals of the world's most romantic city, Venice. Most other tours just offer a few hours of their drive-by sightseeing on your first day and then leave you to fend for yourself. We chauffeur, guide, chaperone and get you out and involved in each every sight and attraction on our itineraries.



Daily Itinerary

- Day 1 - Fly from LAX non-stop to our European connection hub, then on to Rome.
- Day 2 - Arrive Rome settle in. Its been a long day. Relaxing, dinner and getting acclimated to the time change is the only thing on tonight's agenda.
- Day 3 - No saving the best for last here; first thing we are off for our tour of the Colosseum, the story of the birth of Rome at Palentine Hill and our tour of the Roman forum. Then off for a nice long "La Dolce Vita" lunch in the shadow of the Pantheon. After lunch its just a couple steps to start our tour of the Pantheon. Then we make our way a few blocks over to the Trevi Fountain. After Trevi, we will make our way back to the hotel to regroup before dinner.
- Day 4 - We are off to Vatican City for our tour of the Vatican Museum, St. Peters Basilica and the unbelievable Sistine Chapel. Today its another leisurely lunch, this time in the Piazza Navona, then over to the Spanish Steps. We will return to the hotel for afternoon siestas before heading out for dinner in the Campo de Fiori. After dinner we will escort those that choose back to the hotel. For anybody that still has some leg left in them we will take a one mile "night walk across Rome" to marvel at all of its floodlit fountains and piazzas.
- Day 5 - Today its off to the National Museum of Rome to marvel at its incredible collection of Ancient art and artifacts. Then its just one block to the Baths of Diocletian. After our tour of the Ancient baths we are off to Assisi for lunch and our afternoon tour of the justly acclaimed "crown jewel of the medieval hill towns". We will visit the Basilica di San Francesco then continue our walk through the town to admire the artisans at work. Next its over to the main piazza and its medieval bell tower. We will be staying in Assisi tonight.



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- Day 6 - First thing we are off to Siena for our morning tour of Piazza del Campo, Palazzo Pubblico, the Basilica of San Domenico, Banchi di Sotto and the Duomo. Then its back to the Piazza del Campo, Europe's grandest medieval square for lunch. After lunch its off to explore our final Tuscan hill town, San Gimignano. We will be staying in San Gimignano tonight.
- Day 7 - This morning we will be leaving San Gimignano on our way to Pisa to visit the Leaning Tower, Campo dei Miracoli and the Duomo. After Pisa we are off to our Tuscan "home base" Florence. First thing in Florence we will be stopping for lunch. After lunch we will check into our hotel and may even sneak in a siesta before our trip to watch the sun go down over Florence from a hilltop above the city.
- Day 8 - Today our tour managers split up the tour for our once in a lifetime dream day to escort those going on either trip. For those taking the "Tastes of Tuscany" cooking and tasting class your day will start at 9:30 AM and you will be back by 5 PM. The rest of us will head out to Bologna & Modena to tour the Italian motorsport dream factories. We will depart at 8:30 AM and return by 6:00 PM.
- Day 9 - Today it's the Accademia Gallery and Michaelangelo's David. Then we'll take our guided Renaissance walk through the town center of Florence. After lunch will leave for Venice.
- Day 10 - Today we are off to make our way to the Rialto bridge and wander through the 800 year old Rialto flower and produce market. After that we are off to the quaint islands of Murano and Burano. We will have lunch in a café on Burano (land lovers don't be concerned the boat goes two to three miles per hour and stays in the protected harbor).
- Day 11 - After breakfast we are off to tour St Mark's Square and Basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Then ride up the Campanile for the best views of Venice from above.
- Day 12 - Depart Venice for our flight to back to LAX. Arrive LAX sometime this afternoon or early evening



What's included in your tour price

- ◆ The services of two full time, professional tour managers for the entire length of the tour and professional local guides who will make the fascinating history, art and culture of Italy come alive for you.
- ◆ Admission to all listed sights and attractions on the itinerary.
- ◆ 10 nights accommodations in four and five star, centrally-located hotels.
- ◆ European style buffet breakfast every day.
- ◆ Round trip airfare from Los Angeles (including all taxes), all group transportation by motor coach while both in the U.S and Italy.
- ◆ Your choice of our Tuscany cooking class or Motorsport "dream days".
- ◆ All tips for tour managers, guides, drivers and hotel staff.
- ◆ Travel interruption and medical/dental protection insurance with no pre-existing condition exclusions (see outline of coverage).



2008 Departure Dates

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Everything Italy is Famous For Tour Dates 2008

- ◆ February 25 to March 7 \$5,590
- ◆ March 24 to April 4 \$5,790
- ◆ June 2 to June 13 \$5,790
- ◆ June 30 to July 11 \$5,790
- ◆ July 28 to August 8 \$5,790
- ◆ August 25 to September 5 \$5,790
- ◆ September 22 to October 3 \$5,790
- ◆ October 20 to October 31 \$5,590
- ◆ November 17 to November 28 \$5,590

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