

# CONSUMER CHOICE TRIP TO ITALY



Sept. 7 - Sept. 20, 2019

Single Rate: \$5695

**\$9,998**

Per Couple from Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto or Halifax. Rates include Air, Accommodations, Gratuities, Cooking Class, Wine Tour and Highlighted Sightseeing!

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### 13 DAYS



#### DAY 1 ARRIVE ROME

Welcome to Rome. After check-in at your hotel, relax and unwind before meeting with your Travel Director in the afternoon. This evening why not take a stroll around this fascinating city and soak up the amazing atmosphere.

#### DAY 2 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of the city and to the Vatican Museums with a VIP experience and see the Original Bramante Staircase with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest and most inspiring churches ever built. Your trip continues across the Tiber River with views of the iconic Colosseum and the ancient sites of Rome. Spend free time exploring the wonderful sights on your own.

**Meal(s): BB**

#### DAY 3 ROME - BAY OF NAPLES (2 NIGHTS)

Enjoy a free morning before we journey south past the Abbey of Monte Cassino to the Bay of Naples, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon is at your leisure.

**Meal(s): BB,D**

#### DAY 4 SORRENTO EXCURSION

Enjoy an excursion to the nearby clifftop resort of Sorrento with free time to shop for souvenirs. Make sure you sample some of the delicious Limoncello produced from local lemons for which the region is famous.

**Meal(s): BB**

#### DAY 5 BAY OF NAPLES - ASSISI

This morning visit the excavations of Pompeii, which lay undiscovered for centuries beneath a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Later drive through the rolling hills of Umbria to the mystical town of Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio, birthplace of St. Francis. Enjoy an orientation tour which includes St. Francis Basilica, renowned for its fresco paintings.

**Meal(s): BB**

#### DAY 6 ASSISI - VENICE (ORAGIO) (2 NIGHTS)

Enjoy a scenic drive across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the magical floating city of Venice. Dine at your hotel this evening.

**Meal(s): BB,D**

#### DAY 7 VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialties at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca island. You are surrounded by magnificent sights and sounds as you cruise by private launch along the Giudecca canal to St. Mark's Square. Admire the Bridge of Sighs, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Basilica of St. Mark. Explore the city during your free time or maybe take a trip to Burano Island in the lagoon for a delicious meal.

**Meal(s): BB**

#### DAY 8 VENICE (ORAGIO) - VERONA - LUGANO - ITALIAN LAKES (2 NIGHTS)

Journey west to Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's most famous play, and stop to admire the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony. Continue across the Swiss border and visit the pretty lakeside resort of Lugano. Arrive at your hotel where you dine tonight.

**Meal(s): BB,D**

#### DAY 9 LAKE COMO EXCURSION

Today enjoy a stunning view of the mountains and gorgeous waters of Lake Como on a round trip cruise. Enjoy some free time in Como before returning to dine in your hotel tonight.

**Meal(s): BB,D**

#### DAY 10 ITALIAN LAKES REGION - PISA - FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)

Cross the Apennine Mountains, travel along the Italian Riviera arriving in Pisa. Here we see the famous leaning tower in the Square of Miracles. Visit the Tuscan Wine School for a wine tasting before arriving

at your hotel near the Renaissance city of Florence. Tonight you may wish to enjoy a wonderful dinner in the Tuscan hills.

**Meal(s): BB**

#### DAY 11 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Florence is one of the liveliest and most creative cities in Europe and home to some of the world's greatest works of art and architecture. Your Local Specialist gives you an excellent account of the city's history during your walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistery, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive Giotto's Bell Tower and a visit to Piazza della Signoria. Learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Visit the San Ambrogio market and under supervision of Chef Libero, learn how to make home-made pasta, fillings and sauces for lunch. In your free time, perhaps visit one of the many museums or simply relax and enjoy the ambience.

**Meal(s): BB,L**

#### DAY 12 FLORENCE - SIENA - ROME

Admire the beautiful scenery as you drive through the Chianti region of Tuscany to Siena, a medieval city famous for its biannual Palio horse race. Marvel at its rich heritage during your orientation tour. This evening in Rome we enjoy a Farewell Dinner spent in the company of newfound friends and our Travel Director.

**Meal(s): BB,FD**

#### DAY 13 DEPART ROME

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy, your Travel Director and fellow travellers as you prepare to return home with wonderful memories.

**Meals: BB**

\*Hotel information will be sent closer to departure date