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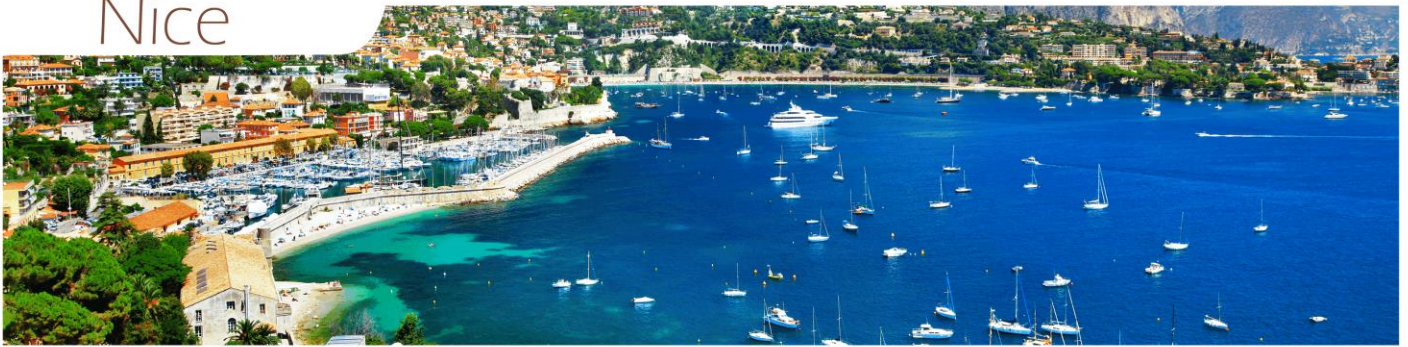
Custom Honeymoon to the French Riviera & La Bella Italia

Day 1 Depart USA

International flights to Nice, France.

Day 2, Arrive Nice

Nice



Bonjour! Welcome to la belle France! Upon arrival at the Nice airport, meet your private driver in the arrivals hall, outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your name for transfer to your hotel. Check-in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at your own pace in this beautiful coastal town. The clear air and soft lighting of this upscale city has been inspiring artists for many decades. Perhaps spend time at the beach or visit one of Nice's many open air markets. Overnight in Nice. PT/H

Day 3, Nice, Eze, Monaco

Monte Carlo



Breakfast at hotel. This morning in the hotel lobby, meet your private driver for transfer to the mysterious seaside village of Eze near the Cote d'Azur. Perched at 400 meters above the level of the sea, the views from the main garden of Eze are stunning. Eze is a fascinating medieval village and will prove to be an unforgettable part of your journey. From Eze, continue on your way towards the principality of Monaco, a sovereign state on the Cote d'Azur. At 2:00 p.m., meet your certified bilingual private guide for a walking tour of the principality of Monaco. The upscale principality of Monaco is renowned for its Royal Palace, the

Grand Prix of Monaco, its luscious gardens and breathtaking Mediterranean Coastal views. Although the population is very small at 3,000, the city of Monte Carlo bustles with tourists who come for the excess glamour and casino. Return to Nice for overnight. B/PD/G/H

Day 4, Nice, Villefranche-sur-Mer, Saint Paul de Vence

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to Villefranche Sur Mer. A lovely town along the Côte d'Azur, Villefranche Sur Mer has a beautiful seaside with long sandy beaches, terrace cafés and restaurants, and the authentic old town, Vielle ville. There are also quiet little squares, like the Place Félix Poullan beside the church, and the Place de l'Eglise just below, with a bench circling a beautiful big tree. The bay is a haven for yachts and has been the sight for countless movies. Less than 3 miles from Nice, Villefranche offers a small town experience on the beautiful French Riviera. You will then continue on your way to the stunning village of Saint Paul de Vence to enjoy the afternoon at your own pace. Return to Nice for overnight. B/PD/H

Day 5, Nice, San Gimignano

San Gimignano



Breakfast at hotel and check out. This morning, you will make your way to San Gimignano, Italy (either by flight, train, driver or a combination). Buongiorno e Benvenuti/Welcome to La Bella Italia!! Upon arrival in San Gimignano, you will make your way to your hotel. Check in, relax and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. San Gimignano is the beautiful Medieval Tuscan hamlet that we like to refer to as an outdoor living room because it is so laid back. This tiny and pristine city has remained intact over the centuries and is situated on top of the rolling hillside. It is famous for its numerous medieval bell towers, frescoes and other art treasures. If you would like to taste an authentic Italian gelato, one of Italy's best is located here. Two of the more outstanding flavors that they make are pink champagne with grapefruit and wild forest berries with fresh rosemary. Also, if you are interested, you should try a savory/sweet dessert only made in this area. The original recipe was developed between the years 1095-1200. This treat is called "panforte" or strong bread which is made of dried fruits, nuts and honey. Used as sustainable nourishment for the soldiers during the crusades, this Tuscan delicacy has survived the centuries. Overnight in San Gimignano. B/Flight/PD/H

Day 6, San Gimignano, Florence

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for transfer to the lovely city of Florence. Upon arrival, meet your private, bilingual, certified guide for a 3-hour walking tour of the highlights of Florence. Florence is known as the Cradle of the Renaissance. The tour will include a visit to the famous Duomo of Florence, which is the fourth largest church in the world. With its grandiose cupola by Brunelleschi, Giotto's bell tower, and the Baptistery with its famous bronze doors, the Duomo is an amazing site to see. Learn about the father of the Italian language, Florence's Dante Alighieri, and

view the lavishly painted dome. Continue to Piazza della Repubblica, the city center complete with a carousel. Learn about important Florentine products, like artisan paper and all types of leather goods. Visit Ponte Vecchio for views of the Arno River and see Piazza Signoria, the “outdoor gallery” that served as the original home of the David.

Florence



You will also visit the Galleria Accademia to view the beautiful sculptures by Michelangelo, the slaves or prisoners of the rocks, and the unforgettable statue of David. The Accademia houses some of the most important sculptures of Florence. To avoid the long lines, we prearrange entrance tickets for you. After your time in Florence, you will again meet your private driver who will take you back to your hotel in San Gimignano for overnight. B/PD/G/ET/H

Day 7, San Gimignano, Chianti

Chianti Region



Breakfast at your hotel. Around 10:30 am, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby for a scenic ride to Chianti where you will enjoy a wonderful wine experience. There you will partake in a delicious and memorable wine tasting and lunch at our favorite castle in all of Tuscany. The 14th century castle and sun-kissed Tuscan hills will be a perfect backdrop to this delicious afternoon. After this amazing experience, you will return to your hotel with your driver and enjoy free time. Overnight in San Gimignano. B/PD/WT/L/H

Day 8, San Gimignano

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby around 11:00 am for a quick transfer. Today we will arrange a fun and memorable cooking lesson and lunch at our favorite farmhouse right outside of San Gimignano. Not only will you learn how to make authentic Tuscan dishes with the Chef, you will also get to enjoy them for lunch. The experience will last from about 11:30 am until 3:30 pm. Return to San Gimignano to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure and overnight. B/PT/CL/L/H

Day 9, San Gimignano, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, Positano

Pompei



Breakfast at your hotel then check out. Meet your private driver this morning in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Florence train station. Here you will board a high-speed train to Naples (3 h). Upon arrival in Naples, meet your private driver at the beginning of your track, holding a sign with your name, for transfer to Pompeii. There you will meet your private guide for a two hour tour of the ancient ruins. You will be personally guided through the stone streets of a city built over 2,000 years ago. While at Pompeii you will be magically transported into antiquity, you will view homes in which mosaics and frescoes have been preserved despite the treacherous devastation sustained during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius on August 24th in the year 79 AD. After your tour, you will continue your way to your hotel in Positano with your driver. Check in and settle. Overnight in Positano. B/PT/TRTK/PD/G/ET/H

Day 10, Positano

Positano



Breakfast at your hotel. Today is your day of leisure in Positano. Positano remains one of the most upscale and vibrant towns in the fragrant Amalfi Coast. Peppered with colorful Mediterranean houses and pebbled beaches, many artists have fallen in love with Positano, including Steinbeck, Picasso and Escher. Overnight in Positano. B/H

Day 11, Positano, Amalfi, Ravello

Breakfast at your hotel. At 9:30 am, meet your private driver in the hotel lobby to enjoy a lovely day along the Amalfi Coast. Your journey will take you along the winding coast with stops in the quaint fishing village of Amalfi as well as Ravello. With a rich history and at 350m above sea level, Ravello is one of the most fascinating places along the Amalfi Coast. Its wonderful views have fascinated and inspired writers such as Gore Vidal (who lived here for years), actors such as Greta Garbo and composers such as Richard Wagner, who composed his Parsifal here. You will surely capture some of the most memorable pictures of the coast line from this glorious spot. Return to Positano for overnight. B/PD/H

Day 12, Positano-Capri

Capri



Breakfast at your hotel. Today you may opt to take the public ferry to Capri OR if you choose you have the option to take a semi-private or private boat to visit the upscale island of Capri today. You would circumnavigate the entire island and visit the most spectacular grottoes characteristic of the island, such as the Blue Grotto, Green Grotto, White Grotto, and around the famous Faraglioni Rock formations. Provided the seas are calm, you would also be able to go into the Blue Grotto (entrance price is not included; 15 euro per person). A snack and beverages would be provided for you on board. By early afternoon you would dock at Capri and have time to independently visit the island. Late afternoon, you would return to Positano for overnight. B/Semi-BR/H

Day 13, Positano

Breakfast at your hotel. Today is a day of leisure in Positano. Enjoy relaxing on the sunny Amalfi Coast and trying the locally caught seafood, admiring the beautiful handmade ceramics or simply enjoying your last day in Italy. Prepare for overseas flights. Overnight in Positano. B/H

Day 14 Positano-USA

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to Naples International airport for overseas flights back home. Arrivederci Bella Italia!! B/PT

CODES: B=Breakfast L=Lunch H=Hotel G=Guide ET=Entrance Ticket PD=Private Driver
PT=Private Transfer TRTK=Train Ticket BR= Boat Ride Flight= Flight
WT=Wine Tasting CL=Cooking Lesson

Your custom Itinerary to Italy Includes the Following:

- 12 Nights at Hotels
- 12 Breakfasts
- 6 Private Transfers
- 6 Private Drivers
- 1 Flight per person
- 3 Private Bilingual Certified Guides
- 2 Entrance Tickets per person, skip the line
- 2 Train Tickets (1 way) per person, first class
- 1 Semi-Private Boat Ride (optional)
- 1 Wine Tasting
- 2 Lunches, including wine
- 1 Cooking Lesson
- 24/7 concierge service from Diana & staff