

Custom Journey to Italy (Venice, Como, Tuscany, Rome)

Day 1 Depart US

Day 2 US-Venice

Arrive Venice Marco Polo International Airport. Meet with private water taxi transfer to hotel. Check in at hotel. Independent time through the evening for rest and relaxation. Dinner and Overnight in Venice. PWT/H/D

Day 3 Venice

Breakfast at hotel and then we will meet with our private bilingual guide for a 2 hour walking tour of Venice, La Serenissima. Our tour will end with a ride in an authentic Venetian Gondola. Plenty of time at leisure to shop or discover something new. Independent dinner and overnight in Venice. B/H/G/GR

Day 4 Venice, Lake Como, Stresa

Breakfast at hotel then private water taxi transfer from hotel to our private bus. Depart for Lake Como. Independent time in Como and Bellagio. Late afternoon transfer with our private driver to the beautiful city of Stresa. Overnight in Stresa. B/H/PWT/PD

Day 5 Stresa

Breakfast at hotel and then meet with our private guide for a morning spent exploring the splendid estate belonging to the Borromeo Family situated on Isola Bella which is located on Lake Maggiore. Overnight in Stresa. B/H/G/PWT/PD/L

Day 6 Stresa,

Breakfast at hotel and then entire day at leisure in the city of Stresa. Overnight in Stresa. B/H/D

Day 7 Stresa, Florence, San Gimignano

Breakfast at hotel and then transfer to Florence. Upon arrival in Florence we will meet with our private certified bilingual guide for a walking tour of the city. We will prearrange entrance tickets to the Galleria Academia to see Michelangelo's David. Afternoon at leisure to discover something new or shop in one of the many open air markets which offer leather goods and Florentine artifacts. Late afternoon transfer to San Gimignano. B/G/H/D/ET/PD

Day 8 San Gimignano

Breakfast at hotel. This morning we will have a lesson in authentic Tuscan cooking. At lunch we will feast upon our delicious creations and then do as the Italians do and take a nice long "riposo" or rest. The remainder of the day is at leisure in San Gimignano to discover this Medieval Tuscan Jewel. Overnight in San Gimignano. B/H/PD/L/GTO/CL

Day 9 San Gimignano, Pienza, Montalcino, Orvieto

Breakfast at hotel. Morning at leisure in San Gimignano. Late morning departure for journey through the gently rolling hills of Tuscany. Stops in Pienza which is known for its exquisite production of cheese. It is also a world heritage site belonging to UNESCO. Afternoon arrival to a winery near Montalcino for a personal tasting of Brunello di Montalcino. Overnight in Orvieto. B/H/WT/PD

Day 10 Orvieto

Breakfast at hotel and then we will enjoy another authentic day in the kitchen learning about the wonderful cuisine of Umbria. At lunch we will feast upon our creations and then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure exploring the stunning city of Orvieto. B/H/L/CL/D/PD

Day 11 Orvieto, Roma Antica

Breakfast at hotel and then early morning departure for Roma, the Eternal City. Private tour with private driver of Roma Antica. This will include, but is not limited to the Roman Forum, The Circus Maximus, The Coliseum and the Piazza Venezia. Overnight in Roma. B/D/G/PD/H

Day 12 Roma Religiosa

Early morning meet with your private certified guide for an intense view of Religious Roma. This will include the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and finally the Basilica of Saint Peter's. B/H/G/ET/D

Day 13 Roma, USA

Breakfast at hotel and then private transfer to Roma Fiumicino International Airport for overseas flight. Arrivederci, Roma! B/PT

Your Custom Tour to Italy Includes the Following:

11 Breakfasts

4 full course lunches which include wine

6 full course dinners which include wine

11 Nights stay in 3 star superior and 4 star Hotels

A private driver from Day 4 through Day 12

Private Water Taxi transfers in Venice on Day 2 from the airport to the hotel and on Day 4 from the hotel to Piazzale di Roma to meet our private driver.

A Private transfer from our hotel to the Airport on Day 13 for overseas departure.

Private Bilingual certified Guides in the following cities: Venice, Stresa for Isola Bella, Florence, Roma Antica and Roma Religiosa

Entrance Tickets to the Galleria Academia in Florence and to the Vatican Museums in Roma

A wine/olive oil tasting in Montalcino which includes a light meal

Gelato in San Gimignano

2 cooking lessons

1 gondola ride in Venice

A kick off reception hosted by Diana Maiola which includes a lesson in the Italian language

Accompaniment of Diana Maiola or one of her staff

CODES

B Breakfast

PD Private Driver

GR Gondola Rid

L Lunch

PT Private Transfer

CL Cooking Lesson

D Dinner

PWT Private Water Taxi

GTO Gelato

H Hotel

WT Wine Tasting

G Guide

ET Entrance Tickets