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Genuine Italy Tour, October 2018: Venice Add On

Day 1A Monday October 8, 2018 Depart USA
Depart the USA and board international flights to Venice, Italy.

Day 2A Tuesday October 9, 2018 Venice

Venice



Buongiorno/Benvenuti! Welcome to La Bella Italia! Upon arrival in Venice, you will be met by your private water taxi driver in the arrivals hall. He will wait for you outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your names, for transfer to your hotel. Check in to your centrally located hotel and settle from overseas flight. A late afternoon gondola ride will be arranged. In your free time, you can wander through the Dorsoduro neighborhood, a true Venetian area filled with small alleyways, bridges and small antique markets. Around 6:00 pm or so, stop at an authentic Venetian Bacaro. Bacari in Venice are a centuries old tradition and they can be compared to a very casual wine bar or tavern. This is where the Venetians congregate at the end of the day to chat, socialize and indulge in savory cichetti, which are small snacks made with the freshest ingredients of the day. It is a great way to rub elbows with Venetians and sample the most delicious examples of Venetian cuisine. Overnight in Venice. PWT/Gondola/H

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Day 3A Wednesday October 10, 2018 Venice

Venice



Breakfast at hotel. Meet your guide in the lobby this morning at 9:00 am for a walking tour of the city. Enjoy exploring off-the-beaten-path in Venice. Begin with an overview of Venice by understanding how the series of islands form a city and how a city could be built on water. Learn about Venice's history as an important merchant city and pass the famous Rialto Fish Market. Continue on across the Ponte Rialto, the oldest bridge in Venice dating back to 1172, towards the historic home of explorer Marco Polo. You will discover how Venice's famous boats, gondolas, are made and what it takes to be Venture towards Campo San Giovanni and Paolo, where you will see locals relaxing in the piazza; learn about modern Venice and the way the city and its residents have changed over time. Next, arrive to Piazza San Marco. Saint Mark's Basilica is a wonderful example of Byzantine Venetian architecture. It was at one time the Doge's chapel but it was also the mausoleum for Saint Mark, the patron saint of Venice, whose life is narrated in the golden mosaics on the walls. You will also view the Palazzo Ducale or Duke's Palace. This impressive structure is a combination of Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance architecture, and was the official residence of the 120 Doges who ruled the "Serenissima Republic" for 1,100 years. If you choose, you may independently explore the many lavish rooms and admire masterpieces by Tintoretto, Titian, Veronese and Bellini. You may also choose to view the Bridge of Sighs as well. Enjoy time at leisure in Venezia after your tour, perhaps relaxing in the "campo" or shopping along the many canals. Overnight in Venice. B/G/H

Day 4A (Day 1 of base journey) Thursday October 11, 2018

Venice, Florence

Breakfast at hotel and then private water taxi transfer to Venice Train station. Board a high speed train to Florence, where we will join the rest of the group. *see base journey itinerary from here forward!
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Your custom Itinerary to Italy Includes the Following:

- 2 breakfasts
- 2 nights stay in 4 star superior hotel in Venice
- 2 private water taxis in Venice: Upon arrival and upon departure
- 1 private bilingual certified guide
- 1 train ticket from Venice to Florence
- 1 Gondola Ride in Venice
- 24/7 concierge service from Diana & staff

Price per person based upon double occupancy is \$1292.00 + international airfare

Single Occupancy supplement is \$110.00

(minimum 6 participants)

CODES

B= Breakfast L = Lunch D= Dinner H= Hotel G= Guide ET= Entrance Ticket
TRTK= Train Ticket BR= Boat Ride PWT=Private Water Taxi

Once the "flow" of the itinerary is perfect for your journey, we are happy to provide a package price, per person, for the land portion only. Due to confidential and exclusive contract with our suppliers, we are unable to accommodate request for price breakdowns. Kindly note that your final quote for the land portion of this journey does not include international airfare, tipping, meals where not indicated and a city tax required by the European governments to be paid upon check out of each hotel. The tax is to be paid in cash and is approximately 1.50-5.00 euro per person per day.