



Grand Canal, Venice

Italian Concerto

Departs: **July 21, 2013**

Duration: 12 Days

Twin Share: \$3,075

Single Room Supplement: \$630

INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- **Local Specialty** Visit Giudecca Island and see glass-blowing artisans in action.
- **Be My Guest** You will be welcomed by the owners of a magnificent castle in the Tuscan hills and taken on a tour of the castle and the cellars. Enjoy a memorable dinner in the Great Hall or Castle gardens.
- **Local Guide** in Rome and Florence.
- **Small Group Sightseeing** In Pompeii, enjoy an expert guided visit to the excavations with a group size of no more than 25 guests to enhance your experience.
- **Unique Insight** Visit the Vatican Museums and ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public.
- **Hidden Treasure** Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure.
- **Wine Tasting** Enjoy a tasting of popular Tuscan wines in Florence.

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Rome** Sightseeing tour includes views of the ancient Roman Forum and Circus Maximus. Visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican museums, Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum.
- **Monte Cassino** Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery.
- **Amalfi** View the Romanesque Church.
- **Isle of Capri** Cruise to the beautiful island and take the funicular to Capri town. View the Faraglioni Rocks, the Marina Piccola and visit the Piazzetta.
- **Florence** Admire the panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. Visit Signoria Square with views of the Duomo, Baptistry, Ponte Vecchio and Santa Croce Basilica.
- **Ferrara** See the home of the d'Este family.
- **Venice** Canal cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square. View the Byzantine Basilica, Doges Palace and the Bridge of Sighs.

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- First Class hotel accommodations featuring two-bedded rooms and private facilities
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- Travel by luxury, air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and an on-board restroom
- The services of an expert Travel Director throughout your journey
- Audio headsets to clearly hear your guide's commentary on all included sightseeing
- A travel wallet with your documentation
- Complimentary keepsake photo and map

DINING

- 10 hot buffet breakfasts
- 5 evening meals including
 - Welcome Reception including light snacks and welcome drinks with your Travel Director in Rome
 - 2 three-course dinners with local wine
 - Be My Guest Dinner on a Tuscan wine and olive oil estate
 - Farewell Dinner with wine in Venice



DAY 1 DEPART USA ✈

Overnight flight to Rome (not included in the price).

DAY 2 ARRIVE ROME (3 NIGHTS) 🍷 🍷 🍷

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City! Relax after your journey, then meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers later for a Welcome Reception. This evening, enjoy an orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica and the Tiber; a great introduction to this magical city.

Meal: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Una Hotel



DAY 3 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME 🧑🏫 🔍

Your included sightseeing with a Local Guide begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a Unique Insight in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your journey continues in ancient Rome. Walk through the Forum and see Circus Maximus, where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by!

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 4 ROME – AT LEISURE

The day is yours to explore this wonderful city. Consider a trip to the ancient catacombs or take an excursion to Tivoli, site of the magnificent Villa d'Este. Visit museums and gardens, or simply experience 'la dolce vita' at a sidewalk café in one of the city's many piazzas.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 5 ROME – MONTE CASSINO – POMPEII – AMALFI COAST (MAIORI) (3 NIGHTS) 🏰 🍷

Stop to view the Abbey at Monte Cassino and visit the cemetery in the valley below. In Pompeii—buried for centuries when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD—your Local Guide takes you on a fascinating Small Group Sightseeing tour of the excavations. Arrive later at your hotel on the Amalfi Coast where you dine tonight.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

Hotel: San Pietro / Pietra Di Luna / Panorama



DAY 6 AMALFI COAST FREE TIME

Your day is free to do as you please. Perhaps visit the splendid Villa Rufolo at Ravello or shop for souvenirs. Spend the evening sipping limoncello while overlooking the glorious Bay of Salerno! Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 7 ISLE OF CAPRI EXCURSION

Sail to the magical island of Capri, a favorite resort among Italians. Ascend to Capri town by funicular railway for a guided walk which includes views of the Faraglioni Rocks, Marina Piccola and the famous Piazzetta. Later, your Travel Director takes you on an orientation tour of Amalfi town, featuring medieval streets and the spectacular Romanesque Church.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

DAY 8 AMALFI COAST (MAIORI) – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)

North through Umbria and into Tuscany you arrive in Florence. Tonight why not dine at one of the city's many trattorias.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Mediterraneo / Adler Cavalieri

DAY 9 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND WINE TASTING 🍷 🍷

Florence is a beautiful city with a wealth of Renaissance treasures to discover. Your Local Guide shows you all the main sights including the marble Duomo and Piazza Signoria, with its amazing sculptures. View the famous Ponte Vecchio, followed by a Wine Tasting with your Travel Director featuring popular Tuscan wines. Join your companions this evening for an authentic Be My Guest Dinner in a castle on a wine and olive estate.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Be My Guest Dinner



DAY 10 FLORENCE – FERRARA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS)

Marvel at the breath-taking scenery on your journey across the Apennines via Bologna. In Ferrara, see the family home of the notorious d'Este family. Arrive later in the Byzantine city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic, where you stay for the next two nights.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

Hotel: Continental

DAY 11 VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME 🍷 🍷

See the island of St. George, the elegant Customs House, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs as you cruise to St. Mark's Square in your private launch. Stroll across St. Mark's Square to see the Basilica and its campanile. Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating Local Specialties at a glass-blowing workshop on Giudecca island. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends.

Meals: Buffet Breakfast and Farewell Dinner

DAY 12 VENICE – USA ✈

Say 'arrivederci' to your traveling companions as your memorable Italian vacation comes to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal: Buffet Breakfast

🍷 Be My Guest | 🍷 Welcome Reception | 🏰 Hidden Treasure | 🧑🏫 Local Guide
🔍 Small Group Sightseeing | 🍷 Wine Tasting | 🔍 Unique Insight
🍷 Local Specialty | 🍷 Highlight Meal/Farewell Dinner