

DAY 1-: Depart Calgary international airport on your overnight flight to Venice.

DAY 2-: Upon arrival in Venice, you will be met by your English-Speaking tour escort. Transfer by coach to Abano Terme, a pretty spa resort near Padua, Verona and Venice, and check in to your charming 4* hotel. Padua's hot springs and mud baths are the main economical resource for this town. Waters have a temperature of some 80°C. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome drink at the hotel, and the rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3-: Breakfast in hotel. This morning you will enjoy a guided city sightseeing tour of Venice including Doge's Palace. In the afternoon you will have an opportunity to choose a sightseeing tour of Murano, Burano and Torcello or have some leisure time in Venice. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4-: After breakfast in the hotel, board the coach and transfer to Padua, where you will be met by your licensed, bilingual guide and enjoy a half day city tour. The afternoon is free for you to explore the city. Maybe you prefer shopping, or taking a visit to Giotto's enchanting Scrovegni Chapel? Have fun and explore Padua! On the way back to Abano Terme, stop in at a local "Cantina" on the Euganei Mounts and have a wine tasting session. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5-: This morning, after breakfast at the hotel, you will depart by coach to one of the most romantic cities in Italy. About an hour and a half drive will take you to Verona. Verona is the setting of the story of Romeo and Juliet, made famous by William Shakespeare, and has become a tourist attraction for lovers; Love is definitely in the air! Meet your guide and have a half day guided city tour. In the afternoon have some free time at leisure before returning to Abano Terme. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 6-: After breakfast, board the coach and depart to Montecatini Terme, a city known as an attractive town with large parks and gardens. On the way you will stop at the Barberino Factory Outlet for some fantastic shopping. Check in at your hotel in Montecatini Terme. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 7-: Today you will enjoy a full day in Florence. Florence lies on the Arno River and it is known for its history and its importance in the Middle Ages and in the Renaissance, especially for its art and architecture. A centre of medieval European trade and finance, the city is often considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. In the morning you will have a tour of the Galleria dell' Accademia and a walking city tour. In the afternoon time at leisure. Return to Montecatini Terme for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8-: Breakfast in the hotel. Depart to Pisa and have a guided tour including the world famous Leaning Tower. In the afternoon, visit charming Lucca, hidden behind imposing Renaissance walls. Return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9-: Today you will enjoy guided, sightseeing tours of both Sienna and Assisi. Depart by coach on route to your first stop, Sienna. Continue on to Assisi for the afternoon. Check into a country house in Bettona for dinner and overnight.

DAY 10-: This morning you will have an early departure to the Amalfi Coast. A six hour drive South, will take you to Pompei, where you will have a very interesting guided visit of the excavations. Continue to Sorrento and check into your 4* hotel. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

DAY 11-: Today you will enjoy a full day excursion from Sorrento to the Island of Capri! Features of the island are the Marina Piccola (Small Harbor), the Belvedere of Tragara, which is a high panoramic promenade lined with villas, the limestone masses that stand out of the sea (the Faraglioni), the Blue Grotto (Grotta Azzurra), the ruins of the Imperial Roman villas and Anacapri. The separate commune of Anacapri is located high on the hills to the west. You will visit Anacapri in the afternoon. A mini-bus will take you from the hotel to the marina and then travel by Jetfoil to the island. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12-: Have breakfast in the hotel and then board the coach destined for a full day on the Amalfi Coast and Positano. Renowned for its rugged terrain, scenic beauty, picturesque towns and diversity, the Amalfi Coast is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Positano, a village clambering down a vertiginous slope to the sea offers many breathtaking sights for your viewing pleasure. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

DAY 13-: This morning you'll depart to Rome. Upon arrival, you will have a half day guided walking tour of Ancient Rome and view historic sights such as Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine and Arch of Constantine. After dinner, a walking tour of Baroque Rome including, Spanish Steps, Piazza Novona, Piazza di Spagna, Pantheon and Trevi Fountain with your escort. Overnight at the hotel in Rome.

DAY 14-: This morning you will have a tour of the Vatican Museums, which display works from the extensive collection of the Roman Catholic Church. After lunch, you will have time to do some shopping or maybe walk through the Gardens at the Villa Borghese, the second largest public park in Rome. Farewell dinner in a traditional Italian restaurant and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 15-: After breakfast depart by coach, to the airport for your return trip to Canada.

Included in the Cost of the Tour:

- Airfare (Calgary Departure)
- Full time Bilingual
- All transfers and sightseeing excursions by first class coach
- Continental Breakfast and dinners daily with ½ liter of mineral water and ¼ liter of wine
- 13 nights accommodation in twin rooms at 3 & 4 Star Hotels
- Gratuities for tour managers, guides, coach drivers and restaurants
- Admission and guided sightseeing tours as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Entrance to Doge Palace in Venice,
- Galleria dell' Accademia tour in Florence
- Entrance to Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Entrance to Duomo in Siena
- Entrance to Basilica in Assisi
- Entrance to Vatican Museums with headphones
- Entrance to Coliseums in Rome
- Entrance to Excavations in Pompeii
- Airport Taxes
- Porterage in and out of hotels for one piece of luggage
- Wine tasting sessions with 3 different kinds of wines and some snacks on the Colli Euganei

Not Included in the Cost of the Tour:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Passport
- Extra beverages with meals
- Lunches
- Optional tours and excursions
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess Medical, Trip Cancellation, Baggage
- Single supplements for any single accommodation required
- Any New Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines