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ITINERARY

Proposed

Bella Italia

Day 1,

DEPARTURE

Leave **Calgary's International Airport** via wide-bodied jet to **Italy**. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

Day 2,

Rome

Arrive into Rome and be met by your RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS escort, taken to the hotel and then a walking tour of the area such as to visit some of the well-known landmarks of Rome best seen on foot: the Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Piazza Venezia with the dominating white marble monument to Victor Emmanuel have a **welcome dinner** and return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 3,

ROME

After breakfast you will board your coach this will be your first day of sightseeing in this ancient city. Let the magic of this bustling city grow on you! Today your sightseeing takes you to the heart of ancient Rome. Then you will go to see such sights as the **Piazza Venezia** with the dominating white marble monument to **Victor Emmanuel**. See the ruins of the **Roman Forum** which was the center of the then-known world 2000 years ago and continue on to the enormous **Colosseum** which could hold more than 50,000 spectators and the nearby **Arch of Constantine**. You will have dinner then a tour of Rome by night, then overnight at the hotel.

Day 4,

VATICAN CITY AND ROME

This morning you will travel by bus to meet your guide at the entrance to the Vatican Museums will give you a guided sightseeing tour of **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Basilica**. The tiny state has its own flag, anthem, coins and stamps. The highlight of the tour will no doubt be Michelangelo's magnificent **Sistine Chapel**. You will also see the **Castel Sant'Angelo** on the banks of the **Tiber** and stroll in the enormous circular area surrounded by Bernini's columns known as St. Peter's Square. Inside the huge basilica is another of Michelangelo's famous works, the Pieta. Dominating the apse of the cathedral is the great bronze throne created by Bernini known as St. Peter's Throne. There will be time for lunch on your own. Then you will travel along **the Via Appia Antica** to the **Catacombs**. Entrance is included to one of these underground Christian cemeteries. Dinner and overnight Rome

Day 5,

SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANAO

Breakfast in hotel. Depart by coach for **Siena**, where you'll have a half day guided tour of one of Italy's most enchanting cities.

Siena is the city of the **Palio**: the horse race where every horse represents a district of the city. Here you can admire one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in Italy, as well as, the most picturesque old town.

In the afternoon, you will transfer to **San Gimignano**, the famous town of the towers. At one time there were about 72 towers in this town which were used primarily for defensive purpose but later degenerated in a show of power among the most influent families. Today 15 towers remain in this splendidly preserved medieval town and you will have a chance to explore some of them. Then, continue to the **Tuscany** area and check into your farmhouse. Dinner and overnight at the Country House.

Day 6, FLORENCE

Breakfast in your Country House then travel by coach to Florence to meet your local guide this morning and start a walking tour of Florence. You will see the **Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria** with its **Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio**. Have a visit of the **Accademia** museum to admire the David. Free time at leisure in the afternoon, and then you will return to the Country House for dinner and overnight.

Day 7, PISA AND LUCCA

Breakfast in the Country House then 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 the Country House for dinner and overnight.

Day 8, FERRARI MUSEUM AND VENICE

This morning you will depart Florence to Venice but first stopping for a tour of the Ferrari Museum. Then continue to The Italian Designer Factory Outlet to do some shopping. Dinner and overnight in Abano Terme.

Day 9, PADUA AND VERONA

This morning you will depart to Verona for a half day guided sightseeing tour. Verona derived importance from being at the intersection of many roads. You will spend the afternoon enjoying guided sightseeing tour of Padua. This city has an important artistic and cultural heritage. You will see sights like St. Anthony's Basilica, and Piazza delle Erbe. Then you will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10, VENICE

Breakfast in hotel. Today you will have a full day in Venice. In the morning, meet your English speaking professional guide in **St. Mark's Square** and start a walking tour of **Venice**. You will see St. Mark's Square and **Basilica, Bridge of Sighs, Rialto Bridge** and the **Gran Canal**. You will have lunch on your own and then in the afternoon, free time at leisure in Venice. Go back to your hotel in Abano Terme for dinner and overnight

Day 11, VENICE AND CALGARY

This morning you will transfer to the airport for your flight home to Canada.

INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS TOUR:

- Airfare Calgary/ Rome return
Venice/Calgary via scheduled airlines
such as Air Canada/Lufthansa/
- All transportation as stated in the day-
to-day itinerary
- Continental Breakfast, lunches and
dinners daily
- 9 nights Tourist Class Accommodation
in multi bedded rooms (mostly triples)
with individual beds and bathrooms
- Entrances and guided sightseeing tours
as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of the RAINBOW educational
consultant before departure including
materials for the students, meetings
with parents,
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess
Medical, Trip Cancellation, Baggage
and Default
- Tips and Gratitude's for Bus Driver,
Escorts and Guides **(\$125.00)**
- Airport Tax **(\$399.95)**
- Entrance to the Dodge's Palace
- Entrance to Ferrari Museum
- Entrance to the Accademia
- Entrance to the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Entrance to the Duomo in Sienna
- Entrance to the Basilica in Assisi
- Entrance to the Colosseo
- Entrance to the Catacombs
- Entrance to the Vatican Museum
- 1 half day guides in Verona
- 1 half day guide in Padua
- 1 half day guide in Venice
- 1 half day guide in Florence
- 1 half day guide in Pisa
- 1 half day guide in Sienna
- Full Day guide in Rome
- Full Day guide for the Vatican and
Rome

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS TOUR:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Lunches
- Passport and Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Extra Beverages with meals other than what is supplied
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- **Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes**
- **Any drastic shift in the exchange rate.**
- **Any additional taxes imposed by any authority before departure**

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