

## **ITALY , Fantasia Italia**

### **ROME – FLORENCE – VENICE , (8D/7N)**

**Valid from 26 March till 31 October 2023**



#### **Detailed Program:**

##### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL – ROME**

Welcome to Rome! After meet at the airport your driver, you will be transferred to your hotel. At 07:45 pm p/up at the hotel and reach Via del Teatro Marcello. Our local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods, full with history and with a real Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks are its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe) in Piazza Mattei. The Jewish Ghetto of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine! Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: this is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away. Next Stop... Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder straight into the Trevi Fountain: it's said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top! After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to

##### **DAY 4: FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – PADOVA – VENICE**

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. There, you will discover the elegant city center with its "porticos", its shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven...don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

##### **DAY 5: VENICE**

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". After this walking tour, let us offer you a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel and overnight.

end this experience: relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato, it's on us! The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Return to the hotel on your own and overnight stay.

### **DAY 2: ROME – ASSISI – SIENA – FLORENCE**

Departing at 7:15 am from your hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

### **DAY 3: FLORENCE**

After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi. Cross a small piazza to see the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence.

### **DAY 6: VENICE – MONTEPULCIANO (TUSCANY WINE REGION) – ROME**

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in into your hotel.

### **DAY 7: ROME**

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square with our exclusive "Skip the Line" access! No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, the tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world! The tour ends in St. Peter's Square. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city at your own leisure or get any one of our selected tours for the afternoon or at night! Overnight stay.

### **DAY 8: ROME – DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Arrivederci!

**Prices are per person in EUROS:**

CATEGORY	4* hotels			
2023 DEPARTURES	TPL	DBL	SGL	1CHD 2-6
<u>Shoulder season:</u> AUG: 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	€1,095	€1,095	€1,510	FOC
<u>High season:</u> MAR: 26 APR: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 MAY: 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 JUN: 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 JUL: 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 AUG: 25, 27 SEP: 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 OCT: 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27	€1,185	€1,185	€1,655	FOC

- **Rates are subject to change without prior notice**
- **City Tax not included, it shall be paid directly at the hotel**
- **Drinks not included on the meals**

**Selected hotels: (or similar)**

Nights	Region	HOTELS
1	ROME	San Martin 4*
2	FLORENCE	Raffaello 4*
2	VENICE	Delfino (Mestre) 4*
2	ROME	San Martin 4*

<u>Above rates include:</u>	<u>Above rates exclude:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Round trip transfers: airport – hotel – airport</li> <li>✓ 7-night accommodation at 4* hotels centrally located</li> <li>✓ Meals: daily breakfast, 2 dinners, 2 lunches</li> <li>✓ Transportation by deluxe motor coach as per the program</li> <li>✓ Entrance fees to Museums</li> <li>✓ Assistance of our representative in Italy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Round trip ticket to Rome</li> <li>✓ Airport taxes (<i>depending on airline used</i>)</li> <li>✓ Travel Insurance \$15</li> <li>✓ All meals, drinks &amp; other services not mentioned in the above program</li> <li>✓ City taxes to be paid directly at hotel</li> <li>✓ Personal expenses</li> </ul>

**Booking Terms & Conditions**

- Deposit of 50% per person upon reservation / Non-refundable
- Full payment is requested to be settled 02 week before departure / Non-refundable

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