



# ITALIAN VISTAS

JUNE 17 - 25, 2018

Board your overnight flight

## Day 1 – 17 June (Sun) – Arrival in Rome, Italy

Welcome to Rome. Upon arrival at the Rome airport meet your Tour Director for a group transfer to the hotel. Your afternoon is free. Later join your Tour Director and fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (Dinner)

## Day 2 – 18 June (Mon) - Rome

Enjoy Globus' unique guided sightseeing, including inside visits to all highlights of religious and ancient Rome: the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment, monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA to admire Michelangelo's Pietà, the amazing COLOSSEUM, and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. For those who wish to see it all, an optional walking tour with a Local Guide is available to further explore famous sites like the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and more. Your evening is at leisure. (Breakfast)

## Day 3 – 19 June (Tue) – Rome at leisure. Excursion to Tivoli

Enjoy free time to explore the city at leisure. Your Tour Director will have plenty of optional excursions to make the most of your time. In the late afternoon join your Tour director for a drive to the enchanting VILLA D'ESTE in Tivoli, undeniably one of the masterpieces of the Italian water gardens. Afterwards enjoy dinner with wine accompanied by music in a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 4 – 20 June (Wed) – Rome – Orvieto - Assisi

Stop in Orvieto, perched high atop a volcanic rock. Access, denied to many a would-be conqueror through the ages, is easy for you. Time to browse through tempting shops in the lanes off Piazza del Duomo, and to admire the fabulous gothic cathedral. Taste local pastries at Caffè Montanucci, a historic pasticceria (bakery) for more than 100 years, before continuing to Assisi for your overnight stay. Your guided walking tour includes visits to ST. CLARE'S CHURCH and ST. FRANCIS' BASILICA, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humility, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. (Breakfast)

## Day 5 – 21 June (Thu) – Assisi – Florence

Time this morning for your performance in Assisi. Then depart for Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance." Enjoy some time for lunch and then follow your Local Guide on a walking tour. Visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS to admire Michelangelo's celebrated David. Marvel at the magnificent marble cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. (Breakfast)

## Day 6 – 22 June (Fri) – Florence at leisure

Leisure time today to enjoy the best of this Renaissance city. An optional excursion is available to the Uffizi Gallery. Tonight drive out to the rolling Chianti Hills and enjoy a traditional TUSCAN MEAL in a picturesque country setting. Enjoy a wonderful dinner with regional dishes prepared using the finest local ingredients - Realize your dreams and live the Tuscan life for an evening! (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Day 7 – 23 June (Sat) – Florence – Verona - Padua

Depart for Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Take pictures of Juliet's balcony and rub the shining breast on her statue for good luck. Continue to the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater, where gladiators once fought. Built in the 1st century AD, it is now the magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Then continue through the Apennine Mountains and the flat Po area to Padua for an orientation of St. Anthony's city and your overnight stay. (Breakfast)

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### Day 8 – 24 June (Sun) – Padua - Venice

A short drive brings you to Venice. Enter in style by PRIVATE BOAT and meet your Local Guide. Highlights of your walking tour are ST. MARK'S SQUARE and the byzantine BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Also watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER fashion delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Later in the afternoon glide past the islands of Santa Elena, San Michele and the famous Lido on your LAGOON CRUISE to picturesque Burano Island, renowned for its lace making and colorful houses. Enjoy time to time to shop and stroll. Then enjoy a farewell dinner with drinks included. (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Day 9 – 25 June (Mon) – Departure from Venice

A group transfer is provided to the Venice airport for your flight home. (Breakfast)

**Per person a based on double occupancy: \$2,325.00**

**Single supplement: \$340**

**Triple reduction: \$60**

Pre-paid gratuities for Tour Director & Motor Coach Driver: \$73

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Transfers from airport to hotel in Rome and hotel to airport in Venice

#### **Tour with Cosmos:**

- Services of a professional tour director
- 8 continental breakfasts (B)
- Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary (including admission charges) and special features shown in the tour description
- 4 dinners (D)
- Fully air-conditioned motorcoach everywhere while touring

#### **Travel Protection Plus is available for an additional \$199 per person.**

(Must be purchased at the same time of initial deposit) For those who purchase the Cosmos Travel Protection Plan, Cosmos provides the Travel Protection Plus Plan as well. The Plus Plan allows you to cancel your vacation up to 24 hours (or the prior business day, whichever is further out) before the scheduled departure FOR ANY REASON. Under this Travel Protection Plus Plan Benefit, Cosmos will reimburse the cancellation penalty amount in travel certificates, minus the plan cost. Additional terms may apply. Cancelling for a covered reason will result in a cash refund, based on the cancellation penalties at the time of cancellation, minus insurance premiums. \*Travel Protection rate is based on the land cost of the tour. Rate may vary with additional land services i.e. single supplements.

#### **Cancellations and Cancellation Fees**

*(If cancellation is received by Cosmos)*

119 – 65 days prior to departure: \$250 per person cancelled (prior to this date all land payments are refundable)

64 - 22 days prior to departure: 20% of total price

21 - 8 days prior to departure: 30% of total price

7 - 1 days prior to departure: 50% of total price

On departure day and later: 100% of total price



*Terrie Carrozzella, Musical Director of Sierra Gold Chorus in Auburn, Ca, has been a Sweet Adelines member since 1995, singing with three award-winning choruses: Merrimack Valley and Profile choruses in Region 1, and Sacramento Valley Chorus in Region 12.*

*She served seven years on the Regional Management Team for Region 1, and currently serves as Region 12 Faculty and on the Region 12 Education Steering Committee.*

*Terrie is a Certified Director and was formerly the Director of Delta Harmony Xpress Chorus in Stockton, California. Terrie sings lead in "Raincheck" Quartet. Previous quartets include "Wild Pitches" and "Nuance" in Region 1 and "Moment-OH!" in Region 12.*

*She lives in Placerville, CA with her wonderfully supportive husband Michael, dog Molly, and two fresh-talking parrots, Winslow and Casper.*

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