# Italy Bellissimo

ROME, ISLE OF CAPRI, ASSISI, VENICE, MONTECATINI



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# **AAA Vacations® Amenities**

- 24/7 Member Care
- Best Price Guarantee
- Member Benefit: Receive a \$25 per person optional excursion credit to be used during your guided vacation
- AAA Complimentary Inclusion: Mozzarella Party and Sorrento Countryside Excursion – Drive to an 18th century olive oil mill for a guided visit and a demonstration of how mozzarella and other regional cheeses are made

# **Engaging Experiences**

- ★ Visit Giudecca Island for an insider look at Venetian Arts. See glass-blowing artisans and other craftsmen in action
- Enjoy a *Be My Guest* dinner at an authentic Tuscan farmhouse set amid beautiful olive groves in the heart of the country
- ★ Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure experience, unique to your itinerary, courtesy of your expert Travel Director
- 6 UNESCO World Heritage Sites @

The thrilling sights of Rome, Pompeii's ruins, the beautiful Isle of Capri, mystical Assisi, the splendors of Venice and the hills of Montecatini are yours to explore on this unforgettable trip through the heart of Italy!

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## **DAY 1 - Depart USA**

Take an overnight flight to Rome.

# DAY 2 - Arrive in Rome @

Welcome to Rome, capital of Italy! Relax after check-in, or take a leisurely stroll through the city's ancient streets. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening for a *Welcome Reception*. Then enjoy an evening orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica - the perfect introduction to your vacation.

## DAY 3 - Rome

Your included sightseeing tour with a Local Guide begins at the Vatican Museums.

Assisi

★ Engaging Experience: 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 fresco ceiling in the Sistine Chapel\* and then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his

famous Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. View the Forum and see Circus Maximus, where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. Then explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by! Meals B

\*Some departures will visit the Sistine Chapel on your return to Rome.



#### DAY 4 - Rome, Pompeii and Isle of Capri

Visit the Commonwealth Cemetery at Monte Cassino in the valley below the Abbey. Visit the excavations at Pompeii, buried for centuries beneath volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, with commentary from your Local Guide. Cruise across the Bay of Naples to the beautiful Isle of Capri, your home for the next two nights! Dine tonight at your hotel.

■ AAA Complimentary Inclusion: Mozzarella Party and Sorrento Countryside Excursion– Drive the Sorrento countryside to an 18th century olive oil mill for a guided visit of the gardens, the mill and an ancient wine cellar. See the lemon, orange and olive groves and a demonstration of how mozzarella and other regional cheeses are made. Savor cheeses, salamis and vegetables with local wine<sup>‡</sup> and home-made bread. Meal B,D

#### DAY 5 - Capri

Your walking orientation of Capri town includes views of the Faraglioni Rocks and Marina Piccola. Admire the legendary Piazzetta, the center of local life! Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques, or perhaps explore the coast of this pretty island by private motor launch. Meals B

#### DAY 6 - Isle of Capri, Naples and Assisi 🌐

Sail back across the Mediterranean to 'Bella Napoli.' Drive through Naples and north via Latium into the Umbrian hills to the mystical town of Assisi. Your Local Guide shows you the sights including views of the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, where St. Francis died. Visit the Basilica, featuring frescoes by Giotto. Dine tonight at your hotel. Meals B,D

#### DAY 7 - Assisi, Classe and Venice 🌐

Visit the Basilica of Saint Apollinaris in Classe, famous for its glittering Byzantine mosaics. Arrive later in Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Meal B,D

#### **DAY 8 - Venice**

Venice is a remarkable Byzantine city with a rich cultural and maritime history, which is evident during your cruise to St. Mark's Square. See the Basilica, Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace.

★ Engaging Experience: Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialties at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. This afternoon explore on your own. Shop for souvenirs or perhaps take a boat trip around the islands in the lagoon! Meals B

#### DAY 9 - Venice, Brenta Canal and Montecatini (Tuscan Hills)

See the city's ornate Palladian villas as you drive along the scenic Brenta Canal. Cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the spa-resort of Montecatini in Tuscany, your home for the next two nights. Meals B

#### DAY 10 - Florence Excursion

Your day excursion to the Renaissance city of Florence is incredible! Your Local Guide shows you all the sights including views of the marble Duomo, magnificent Baptistery and Piazza Signoria, with its statues and stunning palazzi. Take free time after to explore museums and art galleries. Shop for high quality leather goods and 18-carat gold jewelry in Florentine boutiques.

★ Engaging Experience: Join your traveling companions later for an authentic Tuscan Be My Guest dining experience at a farmhouse set amid beautiful olive groves in the country. Meal B,D

#### DAY 11 - Montecatini, Siena and Rome

Discover Siena, a picturesque medieval town in the heart of Tuscany, famous for the annual Palio horse race. Admire the architecture on Piazza del Campo as you sip a cool drink at a sidewalk café. Shop for unique local pottery before returning to Rome. Join your traveling companions this evening and celebrate the end of your vacation with a **Farewell Dinner**. Meals B,D

#### **DAY 12 - Depart Rome**

After breakfast, say farewell to Italy and your new friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery! Meals B

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#### **The Details**

- Comprehensive sightseeing with private guides including all entry fees
- 10 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners
- 10 nights of 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 a professional Travel Director
- Audio headsets to clearly hear your guide's commentary on all included sightseeing
- A travel wallet with your documentation
- Complimentary keepsake photo and map
- Airport transfers at specified times on arrival and departure days *(Conditions apply)*

### **Departure Dates**

2013	
Apr 5 – Jun 21	\$3065
Jun 26 – Jun 28	\$2999
Jul 3 – Aug 21	\$2950
Aug 23	\$2999
Aug 25 – Aug 30	\$3085
Sep 1 – Oct 9	\$3125

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