10 Days and 9 Nights in Italy

1st Day Depart for Milan.
2nd Day Arrive Milan. You will be met by Larry Lorenzi and Angelo Agnelli. Travel to Milan to see the Galeria La Scala, The Cathedral, and view Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper. Travel from Milan to Como and visit the Ratti Silk Factory. Check into the hotel Le Due Corti for one night and have your first taste of Italian "wood burning" pizza.
3rd Day Check out and travel to Venice, the city built on 118 small islands with over 400 bridges connecting them. Check into the Carlton Executive Hotel for 2 nights. Dinner at LeLance, walking distance from the hotel.
4th Day Meet your guide for your tour of Venice, including the Doge Palace. Your tour will end at the Murano Glass Factory where you will see how glass is blown. A gondola tour through the canals of this mysterious city follows. You will then have time to discover Venice on your own. Dinner is at a trattoria called Vittoria.
5th Day Depart Venice for Florence—Firenze as the Italians refer to it. Your hotel, Berchelli, is located in the center of Florence on the Arno River—within walking distance of all the important sites. Dinner is at a local trattoria called Toto near the hotel.
6th Day Morning guided walking tour of Florence. Visit the Duomo (cathedral), the Bell Tower, the Baptistery and the Academy to see Michelangelo's David. In the afternoon you visit a fabulous jewelry designer and ceramic designer show room and workspace. Dinner is at Alfredo on the Arno.
7th Day Morning visit to Vittoria Ricci Fashion Designer. Free time until 3:00 p.m. Visit the Ferragami Shoe Museum. Depart for Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower. Dinner at Pietre Cavale, overlooking Monticatini Terme. Return to Florence to view the city at night from Michelangelo Park.
8th Day Depart Florence to visit the Gucci Factory. Departing for Rome, visit the "outlet" including Gucci and Fendi. In the "Eternal City" of Rome stay 3 nights in the Hotel Victoria. Dinner is at La Baia—walking distance from the hotel.
9th Day Guided tours of the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral. The balance of the day is free. Dinner is at Il Tonnello.
10th Day Guided sightseeing tour of Rome, including the Coliseum, the Ruins, the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. Time for last-minute shopping in Rome. Farewell dinner at Consolini. After dinner one last stop to drop a coin in Trevi Fountain to insure your return to Rome.
11th Day Depart early morning for U.S.A.

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Hints and Tips for Happy Touring in Italy

Welcome to our very special custom designed tour. The following hints and tips will help you prepare for your tour. Included is some information about how you can best enjoy your tour experience.

Your Escorts, Larry Lorenzi and Angelo Agnelli

An escort is a manager, a problem solver, an arranger and a friend in need. A "problem" is a situation that can be solved. A "complaint" is a situation left unresolved.

Tip: Should you encounter a problem, please notify Mr. Lorenzi or Mr. Agnelli immediately so that it may be resolved. Nothing is more frustrating than learning of a "problem" after it is too late to do anything about it. That's when a problem can become a "complaint." We would much rather solve problems than be left with complaints.

Motorcoach Travel

Please be considerate of others by being on time. Although we try not to run on a rigid schedule, fifteen minutes wasted four times a day is an hour that cannot be made up without taking time away from other stops.

Such delays are frustrating for everyone, and result in late hotel arrivals and delayed dinners.

Tip: To avoid delays, please observe the announced departure times at each stop. Your traveling companions will be grateful for your consideration and your trip will run more smoothly. Also, if you are not a "spring-out-of-bed" type, consider requesting a wake-up call from the hotel operator.

Smoking will not be allowed on the motorcoach. There will be plenty of opportunity to smoke on our frequent stops.

Walking

Touring Europe requires a willingness and ability to get around easily. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended. Many cities and places we will visit are centuries old and are not suited to automobile and motorcoach access. This may mean walking significant distances, often over cobblestone streets, for sightseeing, shopping, or reaching dining or other required destinations. Most European cities have pedestrian-only zones, and many more are developing these vehicle-free areas. These are pleasant places to stroll for those physically able, but can be disappointing for those who have problems walking. Special ramps and access are less prevalent in Europe than in North America.

Hotels

Our hotels in Italy have been chosen for their location, ambiance, service and value. Hotel rooms in Italy, while frequently unique with handcrafted or antique furnishings, are usually smaller than those in the United States, and the rooms may differ from one to another. The European custom for two people in a room often offers two beds made up separately and placed side-by-side with a common headboard. Single room are usually smaller and have only one bed.

Your Italian Fashion Seminar includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from the departure city
- Four-star hotels, double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner daily—dinner will be at a local Trattoria
- Cultural sightseeing in Milan, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Rome
- All admissions, local tour guides, baggage handling and motorcoach transportation while in Italy (same coach, same driver)
- Visits to a silk factory, Murano Glass factory, Gucci factory, a jewelry designer, a ceramics designer, a fashion designer and the Ferragamo Shoe Museum
- Personally escorted by Mr. Lorenzi and Mr. Agnelli

You can set the dates you wish to travel. Most schools use their spring break dates.

A $500 deposit is required to begin booking airline flights and hotel reservations. A payment schedule can be developed to pay the balance of the trip (i.e. initial deposit in September and equal payments of the balance from October to one month prior to departure).

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A Word About Driver Gratuities

As mentioned in our brochure, all gratuities are included in the price of the tour with the exception of the customary gratuities to your driver. Many of you ask what is appropriate.

There is no easy answer, for if gratuity amounts were standard, they would more appropriately be included in the tour cost. A typical gratuity for a trip like this is 10.00 to 20.00 Euro per person for the driver.

We hope you will find these guidelines helpful.