

Italy Revealed: Exploring the Ancient Land of the Romans

June 5 - 17, 2017

Cost: \$4,500 - Includes; airfare, all tours, ground transportation, lodging, and entry fees to major museums, and all tours - \$3,000 without tuition or airfare. Tuition for 5 credits is \$225

Day 1 – June 5, 2017 -Monday – Leave the United States - Arrive in Rome next morning.

Day 2 – June 6, 2017– Tuesday -A shuttle will meet you in the airport lobby near the brown column written “meeting point” with WEBB PTY on the card and will bring you to Hotel Aberdeen – I will meet you at the hotel - Check in, meet in the breakfast area. -Go over map of Rome – Decide what we will do for the day – -Options: Santa Maria Maggiore Church, Santa Maria della Vittori with Bernini’s St. Teresa in Ecstasy,) go to the top of the **Vittorio Emanuele Monument**. plus any of the other sites in Rome. Time and energy will dictate. This is a ‘get over jet lag’ day!! - Early dinner and back to the hotel– Sleep in Rome at Hotel Aberdeen – **Via Firenze, 48 00184 Roma** – 011 39 06 4823920 – www.travelit/roma/aberdeen

Day 3 – June 7, 2017 - Wednesday – take the metro to **St. Peter-in-Chains Church**, home of Michelangelo’s Moses – walk to and tour the **Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Palatine Hill** and the **Roman Forum** with picnic lunch on Palatine Hill– walk to the **Pantheon** with a stop at **Maria Sopra Minerve Church** (has Michelangelo statue, *Christ Bearing the Cross* Eat dinner near the Pantheon. Stop at the **Trevi Fountain** on the walk back to the hotel.

Day 4 – June 8, 2017 - Thursday– Meet our guide, Jerry, at **St. Peter’s Basilica** (8:45 am)to tour the **Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel** and **St Peter’s**– that afternoon take metro to the **Spanish Steps**, walk to the **Borghese Gallery** (3:00 pm) to see some of Bernini’s best work. Then visit **Piazza Navona** with historical background as we go. Have dinner at Piazza Navona in view of The Four Rivers fountain sculpted by Bernini. – Sleep in Rome at Hotel Aberdeen.

Day 5– June 9, 2017 - Friday – A van will take us to **Pompeii** early – Meet our guide, Stefano Colonna, at Pompeii for a 2-3 hour tour - back to the van for a drive along the **Amalfi Coast** with a stop for a late lunch/early dinner at Positano before heading back to Rome – Back to Rome to sleep.

Day 6 – June 10, 2017 –Saturday - Go to **Orvieto**, one of Italy’s major Etruscan settlements centuries before Christ – Orvieto is famous for its Cathedral, Classico wine and ceramics – Have lunch in Orvieto. Meet at the top of the funicolare at 4:30 sharp to go to **Tenuta LeVelette** for a tour of their winery with Etruscan cellars with wine tasting

and a light dinner– 4 different local wines served– Back to Orvieto to sleep at Hotel Corso – www.hotelcorso.net phone 011 39 0763 34 2020

Day 7 – June 11, 2017- Sunday – Arrive in Pisa and view the **Leaning Tower** - On to La Spezia and **Cinque Terre**, the Italian Riviera on the Ligurian Sea where we will spend the next two nights. Sleep at Hotel Gianni Franzi in Vernazza. Dinner in Vernazza– info@giannifranzi.it – www.giannifranzi.it 001 39-0187-821003/812228

Day 8 – June 12, 2017 - Monday –Spend the day in the 5 little villages of the Cinque Terre, birthplace of pesto, the white vino delle Cinque Terre and focaccia, where we can hike, take the train or a boat between the 5 little villages among the grape vines and lemon and olive groves. This area has as much stonework as the Great Wall of China! Sleep at Hotel Gianni Franzi in Vernazza. Dinner in Vernazza

Day 9– June 13, 2017 - Tuesday– Leave early for Florence - Late afternoon visit to the **Uffizi Gallery** (4 pm reservation) – The Uffizi has the greatest collection of Italian paintings anywhere - After dinner, do a Renaissance Walk through Florence - Sleep at Hotel Centrale – www.hotelcentralefirenze.it - 011 39 055 215 - 761

Day 10 – June 14, 2017- Wednesday - tour **Accademia** (*Michelangelo's David and Prisoners*)(9 am reservation) – Visit **Medici Chapels** to see Tombs of Florence's great ruling family, designed and carved by Michelangelo - after Medici Chapel, visit the **Duomo**, the **Duomo Museum** and **Santa Croce Church** which houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Dante, Machiavelli, and Galileo Other options are:– **Pitti Palace** – **Baptistery** – **Ponte Vecchio** – **Palazzo Vecchio** – **Michelangelo's house** and many other wonderful sites. Do some shopping – Markets everywhere - Wow, too much to see and do!!

Day 11 – June 15, 2017 - Thursday – Meet at 8 am to visit Bargello Sculpture Museum with works by Michelangelo, Donatello and Medici Treasures - take the train from Florence to Venice's Santa Lucia Station – **Cruise the Grand Canal** – an introduction to Venice's 'Main Street' by boat – Visit **St. Mark's Square**, **St. Mark's Basilica** and 3 museums within the basilica – Dinner, Take a **gondola ride** - Sleep in Venice at Hotel Ateneo – www.ateneo.it –011 39 0415200777

Day 12 – June 16, 2017 - Friday – See sights in Venice or go to one of the 3 islands: **Murano**, famous for its glass and its glass factories - **Torcello**, the birthplace of Venice and has the oldest church and impressive mosaics in Venice – **Burano**, famous for its lace and picturesque pastel houses - Take St. Mark's to Rialto walk – Take Rialto walk to **Frari Church** – Stop at Church of San Moise, La Fenice Opera House, Correr Museum, Accademia and Scuola Grande di San Rocco. Other choices are Armory Museum, Bridge of Sighs, and Prisons. – Class paper work – Sleep in Venice at Hotel Ateneo.

Day 13 – June 17, 2017 – Saturday - Leave Venice -Arrive in the US the same day.