Essence of Italy

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day 1

Arrive Rome - Illuminated Rome

Arrive Rome. Private car transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free to explore the city. Evening enjoy the tour Illuminated Rome. Rome comes alive at night and you should not miss the opportunity to see its most beautiful monuments illuminated. Some of the sights you pass by include The Fountain of the Nayads, The Exhibition Palace, Piazza Venezia with its Tomb to the Unknown Soldier and the Capitoline Hill. Glimpse the Imperial Roman Age as you drive by and admire the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine and the Circus Maximus. Porta Flaminia through which you can admire the Piazza del Popolo and PortaPinciana, through which you reach the famous Via Veneto symbol of "La dolce vita" in Rome. At Piazza Navona to see Bernini's beautiful Fountain of the Four Rivers and the TreviFountain. Return to hotel. Overnight at Rome hotel.

City: Rome

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink
Time: hours mins

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day 2

Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill

Breakfast at hotel. Morning free at leisure. Afternoon pick up to join the tour Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine hill Take a complete tour of ancient Rome's major sights and skip the queues for the archaeological area. Gain your special access to the Colosseum and, once inside, breath the bloody past of the amphitheatre and its atmosphere lead by passionate and expert guides. Let's admire the splendid arch of Constantine, climb the Palatine hill and stomp on the legendary via sacra or sacred way. Evening free at leisure. Overnight at Rome hotel.

City: Rome

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day 3

Rome – Naples -Pompeii Skip-the-Line Entry Ticket and Tour

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer to Rome train station to board the train to Naples. Arrive Naples and transfer to hotel. Afternoon Visit Pompeli. Explore Pompeii's top sites with a local archeology expert. Travel by comfortable air-conditioned vehicle. Skip the line at Pompeii's ticket office for a hassle-free entry. Visit a Cameo factory and see artisans craft Roman-era jewels. Evening return to hotel. Overnight at Naples hotel.

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day 4

Naples- Sorrento, Positano and Amalfi Full-Day Tour

Breakfast at hotel. Today visit Sorrento, Positano and Amalfi Full-Day Tour. Visit 3 beautiful towns of the Amalfi Coast and Sorrentino Peninsula. Stroll through the narrow streets of Sorrento. Relax on the beach in Amalfi. Go to the stunning town of Positano. Capture the beauty of the UNESCO-listed coastline and make lasting memories. Evening return to hotel. Overnight at Naples hotel.

City: Naples

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day 5

Naples: Capri, Anacapri, and Blue Grotto Full-Day Trip

Breakfast at hotel. Discover Capri with a local guide on a small-group tour from Naples. Visit the Blue Grotto, weather permitting, or enjoy a scenic boat tour, with free time to explore the charming Anacapri and more. See the best of Capri on a full-day trip from Naples. Admire the Blue Grotto, if sea conditions permit entry. Take an island boat tour if you can't visit the Blue Grotto. Enjoy the view of the Bay of Naples on your ferry to Capri. Learn about the island and its history from a local guide. Evening return to hotel. Overnight at Naples hotel.

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day 6

Naples – Florence by train – Chianti's Colours and Flavours - Half Day Tour with Wine Tasting

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer from hotel to station to board the train to Florence). Arrive Florence. Private car transfer to Florence hotel. Afternoon join the Chianti Half day tour. Visit the beautiful region of Chianti the tour you will see the magnificent fortress of MONTERIGGIONI and the town of CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI. In Monteriggioni you will find some shops specialized in typical Tuscan products, as well as elegant cafes where you can stop and enjoy a coffee or an ice cream. The tour continues with a visit to a charming wine estate where you will take part in a guided tour of the wine cellars in order to gain insight into the various stages of wine production and in a tasting of the various wines that the winery produces, paired with samples of sliced cold meats, bruschetta and salami. The tour includes a second tasting of olive oil and wine in another typical cellar. Transportation by coach or minivan, multilingual escort, tastes of wine, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, cheese and herbs. Evening return to hotel. Overnight at Florence hotel.

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day 7

Excursion to Pisa through the Tuscan Countryside with the Leaning Tower, Florence

Breakfast at hotel. A splendid excursion through the fertile and picturesque Tuscan countryside to the historic university city of Pisa, famous for its architectural beauty. Highlights: - The famous City with The Leaning Tower and The splendor of the monuments of Piazza deiMiracoli. Led by an Expert Local guide admire Pisa Cathedral, Baptistery and Monumental Cemetery. You will be dazzled by this marvelous square which is dominated by the wonderful Cathedral, where you will visit the indoor part, a model of the distinctive Pisan Romanesque architecture, the celebrated Leaning Tower, the round- shaped Baptistery surrounded by its suggestive columned arcades and its “Camposanto”, originally a cemetery, an extraordinary quadrangular cloister delimiting with its marble façade the Square to the North. Return to hotel. Overnight at Florence hotel.

City: Florence

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

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day 8

Florence to Venice- Evening Gondola Serenade

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer to station to board the train to Venice. Arrive Venice. From Santa Lucia train station to Venice hotel is walkable. Please make your way to hotel. Enjoy the Gondola Seranade ride from Santa Maria del Giglio. We join a flotilla of gondolas gathered around a barge containing the musicians and singers to float along the fascinating Grand Canal, glittering in the reflection of the illuminated

facades of the sumptuous 'Palazzos'. Return in the dark stillness of some of Venice's interior canals. Overnight at Venice hotel.

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day 9

Half Day to Murano, Burano & Torcello

Breakfast at hotel. Morning join the half day tour to Murano, Burano & Torcello. After sailing past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, the Public Gardens, the tip of Sant'Elena and the famous Lido beach resort, the boat arrives in Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. Here we stop for around 40 minutes to visit to one of the factories. The second stop is at the picturesque island of Burano, famous not only for its lace but also for the fishermen's houses painted in bright colors. The stop will last about 30 minutes. Then after a short cruise, we reach Torcello, the earliest centre of civilization in the estuary. Only the Cathedral with its magnificent mosaics and the church of Santa Fosca remain as testimony of its former glory. The stop will be for about 30 minutes then we return to St.Mark's Square. Afternoon free at leisure. Overnight at Venice hotel.

City: Venice

Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink

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day 10

Venice – Milan by train

Breakfast at hotel. Please make your way to Santa Lucia train Station to board the train to Milan by Frecciarossa Arrive Milan Private transfer to hotel. Evening free to explore the city. Overnight at Milan hotel.

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day 11

Day Excursion to Lake Como & Bellagio

Breakfast at hotel. Pick up at 0900 am from the hotel to join the tour Lake Como & Bellagio. Don't miss out on the chance to visit one of Italy's most famous lakes with time for sightseeing, a boat cruise and to stroll through the streets of the internationally renowned towns of Como and Bellagio. Leaving Milan, northwards to the mountainous Lake District, head to the picturesque lakeside town of Como, famed for the production of silk. A walking tour of the city with a local guide includes a visit to the Cathedral with its gothic facade and rich tapestries decorating the interior. We depart for a boat cruise on the lake of Bellagio (optional lunch on the boat). We will reach the village at around 1:30pm to enjoy a short visit and to have some free time. Transportation by coach, English guide service, boat from Como to Bellagio, whisper sound system. Overnight at Milan hotel.

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day 12

Departure from Milan

Breakfast at hotel. Private transfer to Milan airport to board the departure flight to back home.

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