

BEST OF ITALY TOUR SEPT / OCT

VENICE – PADOVA – TREVISO – VERONA – BOLOGNA – MODENA – PARMA – CINQUE TERRE – FLORENCE – ORVIETO – ROME (OPTIONAL) MONTECASSINO – ISCHIA – SORRENTO – POSITANO – AMALFI – CAPRI – ANACAPRI – NAPLES.... SPECTACULAR!!!



Filled with all the cities / towns / villages and excitement that one tour can handle!

Day 1 - Cleveland to Venice

Day 2 - Relax and lunch on your own, check into the hotel, then a guided tour of Treviso, **included** with a Welcome Dinner back at the hotel, **included**.

Day 3 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Explore Venice by walking guided tour, **included**. Visit of the majestic Doge’s Palace, **included**. Visit St. Mark’s Square for lunch and a little free time on your own. Dinner back at Hotel Villa Iris, **included**.

Day 4 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Visit of St. Anthony Basilica in Padova, then proceed to Verona famous for its beauty and lively canals. Local guide will join us for historical walking tour of the city, lunch on your own. Tour of Sirmione on Lake Garda for free time and then return to Villa Iris restaurant for dinner **included**.

Day 5 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Depart for Bologna with a guided tour viewing the medieval towers and monuments that protected the city. Enjoy the beauty of the Baroque style art. Free time for lunch and tour of Balsamic Vinegar factory with delicious dinner prepared by the factory chef, **included**. Depart for city of Parma to check into hotel.

Day 6 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Visit city of Parma with a local guide with a walking tour. Free time for lunch on your own. Enjoy a farmhouse style dinner in the evening, **included**.

Day 7 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Depart for La Spezia and Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre represents one of the best preserved natural area of the Mediterranean and recognized by the Unesco “Mankind’s World Heritage.” Free time for lunch on your own. Dinner **included** at our new hotel in Montecatini Terme near Florence.

Day 8 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Depart by train from Montecatini to visit city of Florence one of the most charming and cities of Italy. Local guide, **included** will take us on a 3 hour tour of the most important sites, Ponte Vecchi, the Duomo, The David of Michelangelo and much more. Free time in the afternoon to shop and lunch on your own. Return to your hotel for dinner on your own.

Day 9 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Our first stop is Lucca Province to see Lucca itself, a city of ancient origins surrounded by “boundary walls” that date back to the 16th-17th century. Free time for lunch. Depart to visit Pisa and the Campo dei Miracoli, a bountiful piazza of monuments with timeless value. See the “bell tower” Leaning Tower of Pisa standing out against the green lawn. Wine tasting and dinner, **included** at a local farmhouse then overnight at Montecatini Terme hotel.

Day 10 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Depart to visit Castello di Fontenuoli and discover the real Tuscany amidst a breathtaking landscape. We will tasting of three wines, enjoy lunch **included**, and then proceed for Orvieto one of the principal sites of the region of Umbria. Back to your hotel for dinner on your own.

Day 11 – LEAVE AT 7AM FOR AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE IN ROME FOR THE BLESSING.... Then tour of the famous St. Peter’s Square... free time for lunch. Return to the hotel for dinner on your own.

Day 12 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Visit of the Eternal City of Rome with a guide, **included**. Visit of the Colosseum and Patheon, and the Forum. Free time for lunch on your own. Farewell Dinner at the hotel, **included**.

Day 13 – Breakfast at the hotel, **included**. Depart for the Rome airport to return to USA.