

CLASSIC ITALY

TOUR DAYS **9 DAYS**

TOUR DATE **16 MAY, 2019**



TOUR COST:

Per person on
twin sharing basis:

CAD3990

Single Supplement:

CAD590

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES :

- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 4 dinners
- Airport transfers
- Ground transportation in a deluxe A/C motor coach
- Full time English speaking tour escort
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- One bag per person (any size) plus one hand luggage
- Services charges and applicable taxes
- International flights from **Regina**



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TOUR LODGING INFO: 07 Nights' Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Rome	02 Nights	Hotel Gambirinus
Florence	02 Nights	Hotel Adriatico
Venice/ Lido	02 Nights	Villa Mabapa/ Hotel Biasutti
Milan	01 Night	Hotel Antares Concorde

(If any of the above mentioned hotels are not available we will provide a similar alternative)

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: 16 MAY REGINA - ROME

Board your international flight. Overnight onboard flight.

DAY 02: 17 MAY ROME (ARRIVAL)

Today you will be met at the airport in Rome and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore this fascinating city. Overnight in Rome

DAY 03: 18 MAY ROME (B/-/D)

Enjoy an American buffet breakfast at the hotel before joining a 3-hour **Discovering Rome** walking tour. The tour will start from Lago Argentina and continue to Campo de' Fiori, Piazza Farnese, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, the world famous Trevi Fountain and the Spanish steps. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore at your own pace. Dinner at local restaurant (excluding drinks). Overnight in Rome

DAY 04: 19 MAY ROME - FLORENCE (B/-/D)

After breakfast, pickup at the hotel from 7.30am to 7.45am then departure by coach to SIENA, the beautiful medieval city renowned for the Palio horse race. Discover the street, Palazzo Salimbeni, which is now used as the headquarters for the Banca Monte dei Paschi Di Siena. Visit the main square of the town, Piazza del Campo, a beautiful seashell shaped square, where the famous Palio horse race is held every year on July 2nd and August 16th. Don't miss the chance to discover the impressive facade of the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, covered with colorful local marble, where several artists such as Michelangelo, Donatello, and Bernini have work. Before you go, don't forget to taste the typical local dishes such as "Pici", homemade pasta, and the almond biscuits "ricciarelli", symbols of the town. Arrival in Florence around 2:00pm, and after check-in at the hotel, possibility to have an **optional tour of the Uffizi Gallery or Accademia Gallery (price TBA)**. Dinner in a local restaurant to taste a typical Tuscan menu. Overnight in Florence.

DAY 05: 20 MAY FLORENCE (B/-/-)

After breakfast meet our local guide and visit the fascinating backstreets of mysterious Florence: from Piazza del Duomo, with its Baptistery and Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, to Ponte Vecchio; from Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo Vecchio and Loggia dell'Orcagna, up to the central avenues paved with stone, where you'll find authentic masterpieces whenever you direct your gaze. An intense and concentrated tour in the very heart of Florence that will introduce you to the many wonderful "must see" places of interest. Spend your afternoon at leisure or perhaps book optional tour. Overnight at the hotel.

Optional: Half Day tour to Pisa - CAD 90 per person

This exclusive tour with entrance to the Leaning Tower will take you to Pisa where you can explore the Piazza dei Miracoli with the baptistery, the cathedral, and the iconic Leaning Tower. Here you will have some free time to visit and walk around this charming place.

DAY 06: 21 MAY FLORENCE - VERONA - VENICE (B/-/D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel, check out and departure to VENICE by coach. Along the way you will stop in VERONA. Explore the streets of this historical center, that was proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage-site. Be enchanted by the gem of the city: the ancient Roman Arena (outside). Built in 30 AD, it is very well preserved and in the last century has hosted over 30,000 people for international music concerts, including the Verona Arena Festival, a summertime opera celebration that draws classical music lovers from all over the world. After taking some photos of the arena, head to the former home of famed opera singer, Maria Callas. Then move on to Juliet's House (outside), the structure that inspired Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Wander back to Piazza Bra and time for lunch. Proceed to Venice. Travel by boat until Saint Mark's square where you will meet a local guide who will introduce you to the most important buildings such as the Doge's Palace, the Campanile, the Clock tower and the Library. Here you'll be told about the birth of the city and its glorious history. Walk in hidden Venice, admiring its alleyways, lovely canals, picturesque campos (squares) where everyday life takes place and explore the structure of the city. Arrive at the Rialto Bridge over the Grand Canal, the heart of the city, with its bustling market area. At the end of the visit there is a lovely walk to your hotel for check in. Enjoy a typical dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Venice

DAY 07: 22 MAY VENICE - MURANO (B/-/-)

After breakfast at the hotel you can enjoy an **Optional morning tour by boat - CAD 75 per person** - You will cross the lagoon to the island of Murano, where you can assist with a demonstration of glass blowing (some time will also be allowed for shopping). Enjoy your afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Venice

DAY 08/FRI: VENICE - SIRMIONE - COMO LAKE - MILAN (B/-/D)

American buffet breakfast at the hotel, check out and departure for SIRMIONE known as the Pearl of Garda Lake, "the gem of all the peninsulas", as the poet Catullus wrote. The visit to the village starts with the spectacular Scala Castle dating back to medieval times. It was built at the end of the 13th century by the Lords of Verona. Wandering along narrow medieval streets one reaches the Parish Church of S. Maria which houses many images and paintings to be admired, together with different altars and precious 18th century works of marble. Slightly uphill, one reaches the S. Salvatore Church, which dates back to the 8th century. Optional boat tour to admire the park of the prestigious and luxurious 5 star Hotel Villa Cortine and the nearby Villa of Maria Callas, from here you will reach the entrance to the Grotte di Catullo. It is the most important archaeological area in the entire region of Lombardy, with imposing remains of what was once a luxurious Roman Villa on the edge of Lake Garda. In the afternoon, proceed to COMO LAKE where your tour leader will walk you around all the historic highlights. As we stroll through the ancient streets in the heart of the town, surrounded by Roman walls, we can admire beautiful Romanesque and Baroque churches, Piazza Volta and Piazza Duomo, with its charming old Town Hall building, called Broletto, with its characteristic bell tower and the superb 600-year old Cathedral. Depart to MILAN where you can enjoy a panoramic tour to see: Sforzesco Castle, the medieval Piazza Mercanti and Piazza della Scala, admire the marble facade of Milan Cathedral and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the oldest shopping malls in the world. Your tour ends in the historic Piazza del Duomo. In the evening check in at hotel, dinner and overnight at the hotel in Milan

DAY 09/SAT: MILAN - CANADA (B/-/-)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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