

ITALY'S TREASURES

Presented by Maryanke Tour & Travel



September 23 – October 4, 2011

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Highlights...

Italian Lake Region • Italian Riviera •
Locarno • Switzerland • Portofino • Cinque
Terre • Lucca • Cortona • Florence • Siena •
San Gimignano • Wine Tasting • Italian
Cooking Class • Bologna • Venice •

**12 Days • 17 Meals:
10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 6 Dinners**

**Per Person Rates*:
Double \$4699
Single \$5499
Triple \$4649**

*Included in Price: Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$150 (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers, Round Trip Air from Gerald R. Ford International Airport and round-trip transfers from mid-Michigan.

* Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$200 per person.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- DAY 1**
Overnight Flight
- DAY 2-3**
**Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa or
Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees,
Stresa**
- DAY 4-5**
**Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Italian
Riviera or Grand Hotel Bristol,
Italian Riviera**
- DAY 6-9**
**Villa Aurea, Cortona or Relais Villa
Baldelli, Cortona or Villa di
Piazzano, Cortona**
- DAY 10-11**
**Starhotel Splendid Venice, Venice
or Hotel Bonvecchiati, Venice
Limerick Strand Hotel, Limerick or
Clarion Hotel, Limerick or
Radisson Blu, Limerick**

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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Day 1: Friday, September 23, 2011

The best is yet to come

Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

Day 2: Saturday, September 24, 2011

On the shore of Lago Maggiore

Begin your exploration in the resort town of Stresa • Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local products • Dine tonight on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands.

Today Dinner is included.

Day 3: Sunday, September 25, 2011

Switzerland beckons

Climb aboard the Centovalli Express for a train journey through the mountains • Travel to the Swiss town of Locarno, nestled on a glorious sweeping curve of the bay • Your evening in Stresa is at leisure • Investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades.

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 4: Monday, September 26, 2011

How do you say “breathtaking” in Italian?

Learn key Italian phrases that will help you in your travels • Depart the lake region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast • Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio • Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent • Experience the outdoor cafes and shops of this lakeside resort • Continue on to the Italian Riviera!

Today Breakfast and Dinner are included.

Day 5: Tuesday, September 27, 2011

The magic of Cinque Terre

Travel to the seaside town of Santa Margherita Ligure for a boat ride* to glamorous Portofino • Take in the town's colorful harbor, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings • Continue to the Cinque Terre • Travel by rail through the villages of Cinque Terre • Traverse the rugged coastal

area dotted with terraced vineyards • Arrive at this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean • Enjoy an afternoon exploring.

Today Breakfast is included.

Day 6: Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Your Tuscan adventure begins

Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th century Renaissance walls • Tour the piazza on foot • Visit the Cathedral of San Martino and the Piazza Napoleone • End the day in the Etruscan town of Cortona, at a villa tucked away in the Tuscan countryside • Begin a relaxing four-night stay.

Today Breakfast and Dinner are included.

Day 7: Thursday, September 29, 2011

The cradle of Italy's Renaissance

Get to know Florence via its local market full of fresh ingredients used in Tuscan recipes • Take a walking tour of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria • Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th century Palazzo Davanzati • Explore independently before returning to Cortona • At dinner, sample Tuscan cuisine in one of Cortona's locandas.

Today Breakfast and Dinner are included.

Day 8: Friday, September 30, 2011

Rose-hued Siena

Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour, through narrow medieval streets, that includes the dramatic cathedral • Visit the hilltop town of San Gimignano, punctuated by tall medieval towers which afford spectacular views.

Today Breakfast and Dinner are included.

Day 9: Saturday, October 01, 2011

Taste the good life

Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that

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showcases the wine cellar, the family estate, vineyards and olive groves • Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery's own chef • Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch, expertly paired with wines produced on site • Return to the villa for some leisure time.
Today Breakfast and Lunch are included.

Day 10: Sunday, October 02, 2011

Sampling Bologna's Delicacies

Head for Venice • Stop en route in Bologna • Take a guided walking tour of the center, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance • Sample local delicacies at specialty food shops • Continue toward Venice.
Today Breakfast is included.

Day 11: Monday, October 03, 2011

Incomparable Venice

Enjoy a boat trip** to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration • Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally-guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs • Partake in a celebratory farewell dinner.
Today Breakfast and Dinner are included.

Day 12: Tuesday, October 04, 2011

With you always

Wake up in Venice and depart for home.
Today Breakfast is included.

Please Note:

- Passport is required.
- Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.
- Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are closed on Sundays and on national religious holidays.

- To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Explorations airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
- Explorations air passengers will arrive into the Milan airport and depart out of the Venice airport. All Explorations departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.
- Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.
- Days of features are interchangeable.
- Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 PM. Rooms may not be available prior to that time. *The boat ride to Portofino operates on a weather permitting basis. When the weather is uncooperative, you will still visit Portofino, but you will travel there by bus. **On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays.
- This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.