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*****Rome ** Tuscany ** Florence ** Assisi ** Venice*****

October 15-23, 2011

\$3,390 9 Days

Trip Includes

Air Fare from anywhere in the Continental USA (same price)

■ 4 or 5 star Hotels in Downtown Areas

■ Transport with Luxury Bus

■ All Breakfasts and all Dinners in Upscale Restaurants. Wine included at Dinner

■ All Tips to Driver, Hotel, and Tour Guide

■ Guided Tours and Tour Fees

■ All Taxes

■ Fuel Surcharges

■ Remember: our trips are not more expensive during high season - We offer unlimited food and drinks including wine, and we are flexible with the menu - The price of the trips is the same from anywhere in the USA - Passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything else on the trip - The size of our groups are not large at all - We always wait for passengers and we never leave anyone behind - We do not charge extra if any passenger intends to come back from overseas at a later date

Trip Does Not Include

■ Lunch

■Optional Insurance: \$200 per person

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Depart from your hometown or Boston with the group for the overnight flight to Italy (Duration of flight to Europe is 7 hour average). Dress casual & comfortable.

Day 2: Arrival. Rest for a few hours. Our private bus will take us to the town where the Pope's Summer Residence is located: the charming Castel Gondolfo with its spectacular Lake Albano. Awesome place just like those towns you see on TV. Wine Tasting and opening night dinner at 6:00 pm at a local upscale restaurant: eat where the Italians eat. Several courses of delicious Italian food. Unlimited red and white wine included. Casual dress. Overnight in Rome.

Day 3: Leave Hotel with Private Bus around 9:30 am to go to St. Peter's in the Vatican, the largest Basilica in the world. It was designed by Bernini with Michelangelo's Dome. See the awesome Pietà of Michelangelo. Then we go to St. John Lateran, the first Basilica ever to be built in the Roman Empire. Around noon to the Catacombs for lunch and tour. The Catacombs are breathtaking. 500,000 people were buried there in the 2nd and 3rd century. Then off to St. Mary Major around 3:30. St. Mary's Basilica is the main Basilica dedicated to Mary in Rome. We will see the remains of Jesus' manger. Back at the Hotel at 5:30 pm. Rest for an hour. Dinner around the hotel area at 6:45 pm. Red and white wine included. Long pants or capris during the day. Casual in the evening. Overnight in Rome.

Day 4: Leave Hotel around 9:30 am with Private Bus. Visit the Colosseum until 12:30 pm. The Colosseum is an amazing building that has been standing since 80 A.D. We will visit the Spanish Steps around 1:30 pm. This is the place where Romans hang out. Walk to Trevi Fountain for lunch and shopping. Walk to Pantheon, the oldest functional building in the world and then to the great artistic place of Piazza Navona around 4:30 pm. Dinner at 6:45 pm at Al Picchio Restaurant (Trevi Fountain) to enjoy Rome at night. Pasta of your choice, meat of your choice, dessert of your choice. Red and white wine included. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Rome.

Day 5: Private bus around 7:30 am to the Vatican to experience the 10:00 am Audience with the Pope. We will see the Pope very closely; sometimes we even shake his hand. After the audience, lunch and shopping around the area of the Vatican. In the afternoon, we will tour the Sistine Chapel, the Pope's private chapel and the greatest place on the planet. Private Bus back to the hotel around 5:30 pm. Rest for an hour. Dinner around the hotel area at 6:45 pm. Red and white wine included. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Rome.

Day 6: On route to Florence stop in Assisi. See the tombs of St. Francis and St. Clare, enjoy a peaceful walk on the streets of Assisi. Dinner in Assisi. Overnight in Florence.

Day 7: Tour of Florence in the region of Tuscany. Tour of the Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, the Uffizzi, Michelangelo's master piece, The David, Flea Market, Duomo (Cathedral), and the Baptistery. Tour Guide will show to those interested the location of Basilica of San Lorenzo and the Medici Chapel (where the Medici family was buried), and Basilica della Santa Croce (where Michelangelo and 15 other glorious Italian artists and thinkers were buried). Have a wine Tasting and dinner in rustic Tuscany. Red and white wine included. Casual dress throughout the day. Overnight in Florence.

Day 8: Tour of Venice: an amazing city built on water. Leave to Venice in the morning on our private bus. Estimate time of arrival is 11:00 am. Visit St. Mark's plaza. Optional: Gondola ride and shopping. Early dinner in Venice 5:00 pm at a local restaurant. Red and white wine included. Back to Hotel 10:00 pm. Long pants if you intend to go inside St. Mark's. Casual dress if you intend to go on a Gondola ride or spend time shopping and visiting the beautiful streets and bridges of Venice. Overnight in Florence.

Day 9: Our private bus brings us to the airport in Florence to fly back to USA (7-8 hour flight).