

ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE

\$50 future travel credit*

Transportation to airport included*

Departure Date: **21 MAY, 2020**

TOUR DAYS: 9 DAYS/ 07 NIGHTS

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Visit Italy's major highlights, there's no better way to see the great cities of Italy. This tour will take you to each of these Italian cities, centre to centre. Enjoy a walking tour with and expert guide in Rome, Florence and Venice, and learn about history and culture as you marvel at the wonderful architecture. With plenty of time in each city to explore at own pace, this is a tour for all type of travellers.

Member Price **C\$3449** pp | Non - Member price **C\$3599** pp | Single supplement **\$1049**

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TOUR LODGING INFO:

07 Nights' Accommodation + 01 Night onboard

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTEL
Rome	03 Nights	Hotel Universo / Hotel Smart
Florence	02 Nights	Hotel Adler Cavalieri / Hotel Executive
Venice	02 Nights	Hotel Amadeus / Hotel Principe

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 3 dinners
- Arrival and departure group transfers
- Ground transportation in a deluxe A/C motor coach
- Local English speaking guides
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Services charges and applicable taxes
- International return flights from Toronto
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All currently applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - 21 May: CANADA

Make your own way to your selected gateway Airport for your international flight. Enjoy inflight meals and services.
Overnight onboard

DAY 02 – 22 May: ROME ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Rome you will be met at the airport or rail station by our company representative, who will transfer you to your hotel for check in.
Overnight in Rome

DAY 03 – 23 May: ROME (B/-/-)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and later this morning an orientation tour of the Rome city centre. Reach the meeting point of the tour 15 minutes prior to the departure (pick-up from hotel not provided) and enjoy a 3-hour walking tour including Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to discover the city at your own pace. Optional afternoon/ night sightseeing tours are available.
Overnight in Rome

DAY 04 – 24 May: ROME (B/-/-)

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Enjoy a full at leisure to explore the city at your own pace or you can take an optional tour. Overnight in Rome

Optional: Visit of the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter Basilica (3H): 98 CAD per person

This exceptional tour includes, among other galleries of the Vatican corridors, a tour of the Pine Courtyard, Belvedere Courtyard, the Gallery of the Maps, Candelabra Gallery, Pio Clementino's Rooms, the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms (only during the early morning tours) and a comprehensive visit of the Sistine Chapel. Vatican City is one of the most interesting and beautiful sites in the world; your expert guide will take you to some of the major attractions, as well as to some lesser-known spots that other tourists often miss. You will receive a broad base for understanding the remarkable history, architecture and politics of the Vatican.

Optional: Visit of the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum (3H): 78 CAD per person

Get a gladiator's-eye view of the iconic arena and explore areas that are off-limits to the general public. Then get to the heart of ancient Rome at the Forum and see where it all began at the Palatine Hill.

Optional: Discover Rome through Squares and Fountains (3H): 52 CAD per person

Experience the essence of Baroque and Renaissance in Rome. Embark on a walking tour through Rome, stopping at charming squares and ornate fountains. See some of the Eternal City's most famous landmarks as the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, and the famous Navona Square!

DAY 05 – 25 May: ROME - FLORENCE (B/-/D)

After breakfast depart to SIENA the beautiful medieval city renowned for the Palio horses race. Discover along the streets, Palazzo Salimbeni, which is now used as the headquarters for the Banca Monte dei Paschi Di Siena, it was built in the 14th century. 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. Do not miss the chance to discover the impressive facade of the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, covered with colourful local marbles, where several artists such as Michelangelo, Donatello, and Bernini have work. Before you go, do not forget to taste the typical local dishes such as "Pici" Home made pasta and the almond biscuits "ricciarelli", symbols of the town. Then proceed to Florence for your check in. Welcome dinner in a local restaurant to taste a typical Tuscany menu.
Overnight in Florence

Optional: Evening Cooking Class (4H30): 99 CAD per person

Learn to make pizza and gelato in authentic Italian style. This evening, chef-led class will introduce you to the history of these glorious Italian creations before you enjoy a dinner of the delicacies that you've prepared yourself.

OR

Optional: Market Tour and Cooking Class (5H30): 99 CAD per person

First step: a little walk to the Central Market, to shop for groceries. Accompany the chef to the market, picking up the ingredients for your lunch. Meet the butchers, the bakers, and the farmers selling vegetables from their gardens. Learn how to identify the highest-quality ingredients and taste local and typical products. After this fun experience, let's go to the kitchen and create your own meal, assisted by the expert guidance of our chef. Your menu may vary slightly

DAY 06 – 26 May: FLORENCE (B/-/-)

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy an orientation tour of the Florence city centre. Reach the meeting point of the tour 15 minutes prior to the departure (pick-up from hotel not provided) and enjoy a 2-hour walking tour, admire with our guide the beautiful streets and squares of the old town where you will visit the marvellous complex of the Duomo: The Cathedral with the magnificent Dome by Brunelleschi, the Baptistery, the Campanile by Giotto. We proceed on to the imposing and singular stone building of the Church of Orsanmichele in which the wonderful tabernacle of Orcagna, a masterpiece of the Florentine Gothic Art, is located. After the lively straw market Mercato della Paglia with the famous "piglet", the walk ends in Piazza della Signoria with the sculptural masterpieces of the Loggia dei Lanzi and the imposing Palazzo Vecchio with the crenellated tower of Arnolfo, one of the most famous symbols of the city. The remainder of the day is at leisure or join an optional afternoon or night sightseeing tours of the city.

Overnight in Florence

Optional: Entrance and guided visit to Uffizi (1H30): 88 CAD per person

Uffizi Gallery is a building and museum of Florence that contains one of the oldest and most famous collections of art in the world. Constructed between 1560 and 1580 by Giorgio Vasari following the orders of Cosimo I de' Medici, The highlights are the famous "Madonna di Ognissanti" by Giotto, the "Battle of San Romano" by Paolo Uccello, the double portrait by Piero della Francesca, "Federico da Montefeltro", the "Birth of Venus" by Botticelli; in addition to three works by Leonardo, one by Michelangelo, a few by Raffaello and many by Tiziano. All paintings inside the Uffizi Gallery have been displayed chronologically, so it is possible to fully appreciate all the innovations in art throughout the centuries.

Optional: Entrance and guided visit to the Accademia Gallery (1H): 69 CAD per person

The Accademia gallery is without a doubt most famous for its sculptures by the great Renaissance artist, Michelangelo. His Prisoners, his St. Matthew and, above all, the magnificent statue of David within the Tribune are what first draw most of the hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

Optional: Medieval and Renaissance Florence walking tour (2H30): 56 CAD per person

With you local guide, start the tour from the historic Central Market, with its workshops and multicolored stalls, where you can find the Medici Chapels and the Basilica of S. Lorenzo, the church of the Medici family. Visit the elegant cloister, designed by Brunelleschi, the architect of the famous Dome: a green oasis of peace in the heart of the Medici district. See the beauty of the Palazzo Medici Riccardi and reach Piazza del Duomo, where you can admire the impressive Cathedral with the Cupola del Brunelleschi, Giotto's bell tower and the Baptistery of S. John with the Gates of Paradise.

The tour continues with a visit to the medieval quarters where Dante Alighieri (the great Poet of the "Divine Comedy") and Beatrice lived and where you also can find the beautiful Badia Fiorentina with the characteristic hexagonal tower.

DAY 07 – 27 May: FLORENCE – VERONA – VENICE (B/-/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and departure to VENICE by motor coach. Along the way you will stop in VERONA. Explore the streets of his historical center, that was proclaimed UNESCO World Heritage-site. Be fascinated to see the gem of city: the ancient Roman arena. Built in 30 AD, that is very well preserved and, in the century follow to host over 30,000

people for international music concerts included 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, the structure that inspired Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Wander back to Piazza Bra and have time for lunch. Proceed to Venice, travel by boat till Saint Mark's square and meet local guide who introduce you to the most important buildings such us the Doge's Palace, the Campanile, the Clock tower, the Library. Here you'll be told about the birth of the city and its glorious history. Walk in the hidden Venice, to admire its back alleys, lovely canals, picturesque campos (squares) where take place everyday life and the structure of the city. Reach Rialto bridge over the Grand Canal: the heart of the city with its market area. At the end of the visit have a lovely walk to your hotel for check in and enjoy a typical dinner in a local restaurant.

Overnight in Venice

DAY 08 – 28 May: VENICE (B/-/-)

Enjoy the day at leisure or book one of the optional tours.

Overnight in Venice

Optional: Discover Venice and Gondola Ride (2H30): 95 CAD per person

Step away from the crowds and get off the beaten track with this original tour that explores Venice's less seen, more romantic face on the other side of the Grand Canal. Follow your expert, English-speaking guide through the quieter streets and piazzas of Venice. As you walk, your guide will captivate you with the history of Ca' Dario, the cursed house. Along with local legends, you'll hear some tales of familiar characters. The tour ends on the sweetest note with a gondola ride along the quieter back canals of Venice. Relax as a gondolier, in his ubiquitous striped shirt, punts along waterways built for these very vessels.

Optional: Venice Walking tour and Entrance to Mark's Basilica (2H): 49 CAD per person

In just a few hours we take you to the most famous sites of Venice, including St. Mark's Basilica and the Rialto Bridge, as well as other less crowded spots, where you can get a feel for what life is like in this floating city. As you wander the streets and piazzas of central Venice, your expert English-speaking guide will keep you entertained with stories on how Venice was built and how it became one of the world's oldest republics and one of the world's most popular destinations.

OR

Optional: Venice Secrets, St Mark's Basilica with Terraces and Doge's Palace (2H): 121 CAD per person

Visit the inside of St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, as well as other, less crowded spots, where you can get a feel for what life is like in this floating city. Our tour starts at one of Venice's must-see sights, the Rialto Bridge. Then it's through the winding streets and over the tiny bridges of Venice as we delve into the heart of the city. Accompanied by an expert, English-speaking guide, you'll visit Marco Polo's house, encounter the lively piazzas of Campo SS Giovanni e Paolo and Campo Santa Maria Formosa, where Byzantine influences, Renaissance buildings and modern structures tell the eclectic story of the city's development.

DAY 09 - 29 May: VENICE - TORONTO (B/-/-)

After breakfast you will be transfers to the airport for your flight home.

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