

**BEST VALUE**

# The SPLENDOURS of ITALY


TOUR 6400—9 days from Rome to Rome

Priced From **\$1,359**<sub>US</sub>



**FLORENCE**

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

**SIGHTSEEING:** Visits to Orvieto Cathedral, Siena, San Gimignano, Greve in Chianti with wine tasting, see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Venice, Assisi's St. Francis Basilica

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable

**GUIDES:** Local Guides for city sightseeing in Rome, Florence; professional Tour Director while touring

**SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS:** Chianti Valley, Apennines

**TRANSPORTATION:** Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; canal transfer boat in Venice

**HOTELS:** Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

**ROME** Fleming (ST), **SIENA** Four Points by Sheraton Siena (F), **MONTECATINI** Settentrionale Esplanade (F), **VENICE AREA** Poppi (ST) at Mira or Holiday Inn (ST) at Marghera, **ROME** Holiday Inn Parco dei Medici (F) or Holiday Inn Express San Giovanni (ST)

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 3 dinners (D), including dinner at a local restaurant in Siena

**MyACCOUNT:** Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

**Day 1 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY.** Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this ancient capital. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

**Day 2 ROME.** The "Eternal City" is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts with St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Other highlights are the iconic Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre ever built; the Roman Forum; Piazza Venezia, and Campidoglio. An optional visit is available to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel,

world famous for Michelangelo's impressive fresco of *The Last Judgment*. (B)

**Day 3 ROME-ORVIETO-SIENA.** Journey to charming Orvieto in the Umbria region to visit its black basalt and yellow limestone CATHEDRAL, an excellent example of Italian Gothic architecture. Reach Siena, with time to visit this jewel of Tuscany. Sit in one of the cafés surrounding the Piazza del Campo and admire one of Italy's most unique squares, famed all over the world for its medieval-style *Palio* horse race. Tonight, enjoy a special dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)



**ORVIETO**





ASSISI



VENICE CARNIVAL MASKS



1 = Overnights  
 ● = Start City  
 ● = End City

**Day 4 SIENA-SAN GIMIGNANO-GREVE-MONTECATINI.** Arrive in San Gimignano and discover one of Tuscany's greatest attractions. Its medieval squares, town walls, streets, alleyways, and 14 towers make it unique. Next, head into the very heart of the Chianti vineyards, where *Chianti Classico* wines are produced. Stop in Greve for some WINE TASTING at the Vicchiomaggio wine estate. Arrive in Montecatini in time to join the optional Tuscan dinner outing. (B)

**Day 5 MONTECATINI. EXCURSION TO FLORENCE.** This Renaissance gem and city of the Medicis will keep you enthralled the

entire day. Wander at leisure and admire the city's timeless beauty. Don't miss out on the included walking tour with a Local Guide, which features most of the city highlights. You will see Piazza Santa Croce; beautiful Piazza Signoria; Palazzo Vecchio and its courtyard; Loggia dei Lanzi; and, to top it all, Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistery, known as the "Gate of Paradise." (B,D)

**Day 6 MONTECATINI-PISA-VENICE AREA.** This morning, drive to Pisa to see its SQUARE OF MIRACLES and the amazing Leaning Tower, 180 feet high and no less than 16 feet out of the perpendicular. Head across the wooded Apennine hills into the farmlands of the Po Valley to the Venice area. (B)

**Day 7 VENICE AREA.** Venice is more like a marvellous film set than a real-life city,

with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces, and quiet *piazze*. The included orientation starts with a BOAT RIDE to St. Mark's Square and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian GLASSBLOWERS fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the optional gondola trip, gliding along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B,D)

**Day 8 VENICE AREA-ASSISI-ROME.** Travel across the Po Delta, then into the green Apennines to Umbria. Stop in medieval Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous BASILICA with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto, then head for Rome. (B)

**Day 9 ROME.** Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)



SIENA

TOUR 6400 DATES & PRICES

											US\$	
Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Rome	End Rome	Land Only	
0318	Sun 18 Mar	Mon26 Mar	1459	0607	Thu 07 Jun	Fri 15 Jun	1619	0830	Thu 30 Aug	Fri 07 Sep	1619	
0325	Sun 25 Mar	Mon02 Apr	1459	0617	Sun 17 Jun	Mon25 Jun	1619	0909	Sun 09 Sep	Mon17 Sep	1619	
0401	Sun 01 Apr	Mon09 Apr	1569	0621	Thu 21 Jun	Fri 29 Jun	1619	0913	Thu 13 Sep	Fri 21 Sep	1619	
0408	Sun 08 Apr	Mon16 Apr	1569	0701	Sun 01 Jul	Mon09 Jul	1569	0923	Sun 23 Sep	Mon01 Oct	1619	
0415	Sun 15 Apr	Mon23 Apr	1569	0705	Thu 05 Jul	Fri 13 Jul	1569	0927	Thu 27 Sep	Fri 05 Oct	1619	
0422	Sun 22 Apr	Mon30 Apr	1619	0715	Sun 15 Jul	Mon23 Jul	1569	1007	Sun 07 Oct	Mon15 Oct	1529	
0429	Sun 29 Apr	Mon07 May	1619	0719	Thu 19 Jul	Fri 27 Jul	1569	1011	Thu 11 Oct	Fri 19 Oct	1529	
0506	Sun 06 May	Mon14 May	1619	0729	Sun 29 Jul	Mon06 Aug	1569	1118	Sun 18 Nov	Mon26 Nov	1459	
0510	Thu 10 May	Fri 18 May	1619	0802	Thu 02 Aug	Fri 10 Aug	1569	1221	Fri 21 Dec	Sat 29 Dec	1459	
0520	Sun 20 May	Mon28 May	1619	0812	Sun 12 Aug	Mon20 Aug	1569	1230	Sun 30 Dec	Mon07 Jan	1359	
0524	Thu 24 May	Fri 01 Jun	1619	0816	Thu 16 Aug	Fri 24 Aug	1569	<b>2019</b>				
0603	Sun 03 Jun	Mon11 Jun	1619	0826	Sun 26 Aug	Mon03 Sep	1569	0317	Sun 17 Mar	Mon25 Mar	1499	

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy.  
 Single room supplement: \$400; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.  
 Departure 1221 Christmas lunch in Florence  
 Departure 1230 New Year's Eve in Rome

Extra nights per person in Rome:  
 pre tour: in single room \$98-\$129, in twin / in triple \$64-\$90  
 post tour: in single room \$124-\$144, in twin / in triple \$76-\$92  
 2019 departures are subject to itinerary and price modification.  
 Details will be available in September 2018.