

Day 1 - Newark, USA - Venice, Italy

We will depart [Newark International Airport](#) for our trans-Atlantic flight to Italy

Meals and entertainment are aloft.

Day 2 - [Venice](#)

We will be met by our driver and our deluxe motor-coach at [Milan's Malpensa International Airport](#) to begin our drive to the romantic city of Canals and [Gondolas](#). After check in and a brief period to freshen up we will begin an afternoon tour of the main Piazza, Europe's finest drawing room and most well known sites of Venezia. The city walking tour will bring us to such places as Saint Mark's Square, the Basilica, Il Ponte dei Sospiri (Bridge of Sighs), the Rialto Bridge and the Doges Palace. Tonight, ***Dinner is (included)*** and overnight in Venice.

Day 3 - Venice/ The Islands

Venice seduces, Venice irritates, but Venice rarely disappoints! A golden fairy tale city floating on the sea, today we visit the Venetian Islands. L'Isole Veneziane. Most tourists visit only the main island of Venice and never discover the ambience of the outer islands which make up the cluster of the Venetian Islands. We will begin with a boat tour of the Grand Canal, its one hundred marble palaces with their front doors on the waters and peppermint-striped posts for their watery vehicles. We will visit [Murano](#), synonymous with glass, the most acclaimed of Venice's industries. [Burano](#) - where everything is painted in brightly colored miniature. ***Dinner is (included)*** and overnight in Venice.

Day 4 - Florence

Today we leave the enchanting city of Venice for Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Upon our arrival in Florence, we will visit the [Accademia](#) to see Michelangelo's famous David and "Prisoners in Stone", then onto the [Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore](#), one of the largest Cathedrals in the world. The Baptistery, with its magnificent bronze doors and Piazza del Duomo, was the center of religious life in medieval times. We will also visit the Piazza della Signoria. ***Dinner in a local Florentine restaurant (included) with regional cuisine*** and overnight in Florence.

Day 5 – Florence/[TUSCANY](#)

This morning after a good night's rest and breakfast, we will depart for the picturesque "[Chiantigiana](#)" the [Chianti Wine Road](#) in the hills of [Tuscany](#). Our first stop today will be in an Olive Oil plant, "[Frantolio Goccia d'Oro](#)" for a short tour and tasting of today's oil production. Then onto [Monteriggioni](#), a little village in the hills of Tuscany, the magnificent walls, built during the first two decades of the 1200's and immortalized by the great poet [Dante Alighieri](#), and surrounded by 14 towers today almost intact. We will begin with a short guided tour of the village afterwards a wine tasting and **light lunch (included)**. at a local "cantina". The wines you will taste are renowned, originating from rich and luscious grapes produced from this land. You will truly enjoy soaking in the sun, the beauty and magnificence of this most treasured region of Italy, this "little bit" of paradise. Dinner (on your own) and overnight is in Florence.

Day 6 – Florence/[Sorrento](#)

This morning will be free to shop or explore a Florence a bit on your own. We will depart in the early afternoon to continue our journey southward through the region of Lazio and into the region of Campania. Our final destination today will be one of the most romantic and picturesque regions of Italy, the Sorrentine peninsula. En route we will pass beneath the awesome and mysterious shadows of Mount [Vesuvius](#), which in 70 AD, destroyed most of the area and created an entirely new coastline with its cataclysmic eruption. ***Dinner (included)*** and overnight is in Sorrento.

Day 7 -- Sorrento/Amalfi (Costiera Amalfitana)

Today after breakfast we will embark on one of the most memorable days of the entire trip, [“La Costiera Amalfitana”, the Amalfi Coast Drive](#). Traveling south from the Bay of Sorrento to the Bay of Salerno along the Mediterranean, its time to experience the most spectacular and scenic coastal drives in all of Europe, if not the world! The 40 mile trek of cliff road consists of over 1000 curves and turns, each one with a new and fantastic view of the mountains which seem to lean down to kiss the crystal clear turquoise sea below. There will be panoramic stops along the way for photos - pack plenty film for this one!!! Our main stop today will be in Amalfi, a beautiful seaport city, once an ancient Empire, with its magnificent [Arab/Norman Cathedral of Saint Andrew’s](#) (9th - 12th Century). The cathedral houses the relic of the head of Saint Andrew taken in the sack of Constantinople in 1204. There will be some free time for shopping and meandering in this beautiful seaside village. *Dinner (included)* and overnight is in Sorrento.

Day 8 -- Sorrento/ Capri

Today will be a full day excursion to [Capri, the Isle of Lovers](#). Those of you who have never been there you will soon realize why it is so called one of the most Romantic places in the world. We leave from the port of Sorrento by hydrofoil, about a 20 minute crossing. We begin our tour with Capri — its streets lined with boutiques famous for perfume making and lemon products of every sort imaginable. *YES IT’S TRUE!!!* Lemons on Capri grow as large as grapefruits. And you haven’t lived until you’ve tried the [“Limoncello”](#), lemon liquor so typical of the area. Later we will continue to the summit of the rock — Anacapri. Here in Anacapri, where the streets are lined with shopping amidst Roman Villas and beautiful garden paradises, you will have some free time. *Dinner (included)* and overnight is in Sorrento.

Day 9 -- Rome

This morning we will depart the romantic city of Sorrento and head north for the Eternal City of Rome. Upon our arrival we will check into our hotel. Late this afternoon we will tour [St. Peter’s Basilica](#), seat of the Roman Catholic Faith. *Dinner will be (included)* after the Basilica tour, followed by a Roma by Night tour of the city with a stop at Piazza Navonna, an artists haven. You will have some time to meander through the square and watch the artists at work or try one of the famous [“tartufo”](#) gelatos invented here. Overnight is in Rome.

Day 10 – Ancient & Monumental Rome

This afternoon we will continue our visit of Rome, visiting such sites as the Capitoline Hill overlooking the Roman Forum, Coliseum, the Pantheon and the Fountain of Trevi. *Dinner (included)* and overnight is in Rome.

Day 11 -- ROMA / FREE DAY at LEISURE or OPTIONAL TOUR

Today will be your day to relax shop or re-visit some of the sites of Rome. Today breakfast will be included and all other meals will be on your own. Rome is a very easy city to move about. The mass transportation system and taxis are readily available. Our hotel is close to the main train station, the hub for taxis, buses and metro lines. Romans are very hospitable and always willing to assist, you need only ask. Your tour manager can also assist with a walking map of the city and info on transportation or to book half and full day tours which are offered on our web pages http://fratelliandcompany.com/html/a-la-carte_daily_excursions.html . Alternatively, you may want to join us on an excursion to a medieval walled village in south central Italy, about a 2 hour journey from Rome. There you enjoy the regional cuisine of the E Ciociaria V or Lazio region of Italy. Lunch will be a full course meal in the quaint village of Lenola in the small family owned E Hostaria ai Pozzi V . The restaurant, located in what was once a working farm, now an “agriturismo” has been owned and operated by Salvatore and Rosanna since the early 1990’s. All the foods are locally grown and meats are locally raised. The wines, olives, cheeses, olive oil, cured meats etc. are prepared or produced by the owners and their families. All the pastas are homemade on the premises. Dining at “I Pozzi” is truly a magnificent and memorable experience. You truly feel as though you are dining with family. There will be time to visit and explore the walled village and to take in some of the sights in this spectacular and hidden corner of Italy also known as the Ulysses Coast. The price for this “optional excursion” is available upon request. Time of departure from Rome to be announced.

Day 12 — Roma/USA

Today, we bid not farewell, but Arrivederci (see you again) to Roma as we transfer to Leonardo DaVinci Airport in Fiumecino. Upon boarding our flight homebound, not only will we be carrying many kilos of Italy in our luggage, but many memories of fun days, wonderfully interesting meals shared with friends, a bit more culture to add to our already cultured consciousness, but above all the recollection of an impressive and wonderful journey on the ITALIAN PENINSULA. **Dinner aloft and overnight at HOME!!!**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INCLUDED

- ROUND TRIP AIR from NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- ROUND TRIP AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN ITALY
- ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT FROM DAY of ARRIVAL to DAY of DEPARTURE
- ENGLISH SPEAKING LOCAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT
- ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED
- CONTINENTAL BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY with coffee, tea, juice/8 DINNERS/1 LUNCH with DRINKS INCLUDED
- DE LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH
- PORTERAGE in HOTELS in ITALY
- TAXES & SERVICE CHARGES

EXCLUDED

- ROUND TRIP TRANSFERS TO NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- PASSPORTS and/or VISA FEES
- GRATUITIES to DRIVER, GUIDES, TOUR ESCORTS
- PORTERAGE IN AIRPORTS
- ITEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE (Laundry, telephone calls, room service, ect.)
- BEVERAGES at MEALS UNLESS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY