



ITALY 101

“The Charming Highlights of this Magnificent Peninsula”

A perfect tour for the first time traveler to Italy



OCTOBER 2–13, 2011



Dear Friends;

We sincerely hope that you will take part in this fabulous tour surrounded by the majestic mountains of northern Italy; the romantic canals of Venice; the green valleys of Tuscany; the rolling hills of Umbria; the ominous cliffs of the Amalfi Coast; the intoxicating spectacular sea views from Ana-Capri; and the architectural wonders of the Eternal City/Rome.

This voyage has been designed specifically in mind for the first time traveler to Italy, giving a brilliant overview of this glorious country, its wondrous 3000 year old civilization and universal global seat of Christianity.

Our journey through Italy begins in Venice, traveling south through Tuscany, Umbria, Lazio and Campania. All along the way, we will taste the renowned wines originating from rich and luscious grapes produced from this land, the delicious food products, olive oil and more. We will be staying in centrally located, First Class 4* Star hotels throughout the trip with the accompaniment of a trustworthy bi-lingual tour escort/manager from time of arrival in Italy to time of departure. Explanations at sites will be given by expert English speaking local guides.

For those of you who are of Italian decent; now is the time to return to your roots to discover the genius of your ancestry, heritage and the brilliancy of your lineage. Come to understand the hardships and tribulations that your forefathers faced causing them to immigrate to a new world. *[Italians and Italo-Americans are one of the ethnic groups that truly progressed, assimilated and prospered in the new world. Those of Italian descent can be proud that their ethnic heritage which not only comes from three millennia of history, culture and traditions, but has been and continues to be a vital part of the fabric of the new world. Italians and Italo-Americans helped shape, form and develop the new world as evidenced by the familiarity of such names as Amerigo Vespucci, Columbus, Verrazano, Meucci, Marconi, Bramante, Scalia and many others.]*

For those of you who are not of Italian decent; come and be awestricken by a civilization that began over 3,000 years ago modeling governmental and judicial systems which play a major role as part of today's social order. Come to appreciate the gifts of art, music, architecture, food and wine which the Italians have given to the world. Witness the luminosity of the Renaissance which began in Florence and spread throughout Europe. Step off an airplane and find yourself in a living museum called ITALY, comprising within it's borders 65% of the UNESCO World Sites.

This journey promises you a memorable venture that you will not soon forget!

Sincerely,

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Mr. Louis Falconieri
Fratelli & Company Group Travel
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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'Isola 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 “Ciocciaria” or Lazio region of Italy. Lunch will be a full course meal in the quaint village of Lenola in the small family owned “Hostaria ai Pozzi”. 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!!!

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Land Price Only — \$ 2,749.00 - with 4* Hotels

Airfare for this trip is \$1,050. Round trip from Newark International Airport on Continental

Total Package Price \$3,799

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For more info, please email or call one of the addresses above.

Name as it appears on passport: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: (City, State, Nation) _____

US CITIZENS

U S Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

FOREIGN NATIONALS

Foreign Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____ Alien Registration # (Green Card) _____

If you DO NOT have a passport at this time, please indicate, then provide to the tour operator/tour organizer with the passport info ASAP.

I wish to room with: _____

Private Accommodations or Single Room: _____ + Single Supplement Fee (Please add \$400.)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Fratelli & Co. GTC PO Box 479, Bernardsville, NJ 07924
\$500. Per person. Deposit due with this application
Balance in Full Due 60 days prior to departure date.

NAME & TELEPHONE OF A FAMILY MEMBER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Will you be taking "Travelers Insurance" ? _____ It is recommended.

PLEASE NOTE: 60 Days Prior to Departure Date. If we do not have the minimum amount of passengers required (25), the trip will be cancelled and all deposits/payments refunded.

**ANYONE WISHING TO PURCHASE AIR ON THEIR OWN,
PLEASE CALL US FOR FURTHER INFO**



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations/Deposits/Payments: A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. The balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

Minors And Infirm: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

Tour Price: The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **December 1, 2010**. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. Airport Taxes which are not included in the tour price are subject to change. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

Cancellations: Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

Travel Insurance: Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are NOT included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

Sightseeing & Itinerary: Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

Passports: A valid passport is required, and MUST be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials.

Responsibility: Fratelli & Co., your tour operator has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

Cancellation of Passenger's Rights: In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1. cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, tour escort, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

Inclusions: All hotel taxes, service charges, First Class Three Star Superior Hotels, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, all baggage handling and assistance abroad (except in airports for security reasons), Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

Exclusions: Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

Physical and Emotional Limitations: The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

Miscellaneous: Any Litigation concerning this tour shall be brought in the State of New Jersey. This agreement shall be construed according to New Jersey and Federal law. The tour operator shall not be responsible for any typographical errors or misprints. The tour operator reserves the right to substitute in its discretion any air, land and sea carrier, hotels, and service providers and itinerary.

I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally challenged and I am able to meet the physical demands required by this tour.

signature:

date: