



Italian Rendezvous 'for singles' (45 years & over)

16 day tour Saturday 19 June – Sunday 4 July 2010

Day 1 Sat 19 Jun Milan
Welcome to Italy. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome drink with the Tour Director before our welcome dinner with the group. (D)

Day 2 Sun 20 Jun Como
Today, we travel to our lake-side hotel in the picturesque Italian Lakes District. Settle into the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy a two night stay. (BB)

Day 3 Mon 21 Jun Como
Today's highlight is enchanting Lake Como, considered the jewel of the Italian Lakes for its superb mountain setting. Como is dominated by its marble cathedral set in the narrow streets of the Old Town. Tonight we enjoy an exciting dining experience high above the city. We start our evening by taking the cog railroad to the top of Mt. Brunate followed by dinner that includes the best and freshest local cuisine from this unique region of Italy. The breathtaking views and excellent food make this a dinner to always remember. (BB,HD)

Day 4 Tue 22 Jun Venice/Treviso
Briefly enter Switzerland to visit mountain ringed Lugano, and take time to stroll the lake's shores and shop for watches and chocolate. Continue to the elegant city of Verona. See the ancient Roman arena, venue for the opera each summer, and visit the courtyard of the Capulet home to see Juliet's balcony. Then it's on to romantic Venice, a glorious city of quaint bridges, ornate palaces, and gondolas. (BB,D)

Day 5 Wed 23 Jun Venice/Treviso
Relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel by private launch to St Mark's Square. Admire the Doges' Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs, and later visit a glass showroom for a demonstration of traditional craftsmanship, unchanged for centuries. We also see the ornate St Mark's Basilica, the rest of the day is at leisure to explore Venice on your own, before we return to our hotel. (BB)

Day 6 Thu 24 Jun La Spezia
Today, we cross the Italian peninsular and see the quarries at Carrara, its milky white stone attracting everyone from Michelangelo to Mussolini. We then travel to La Spezia, on the eastern end of the Italian Riviera. (BB,D)

Day 7 Fri 25 Jun La Spezia
Today, we experience a full day highlight excursion to Cinque Terre, or five villages, which were for years only accessible by donkey. Luckily, today we take the train we explore the spectacular area. A local expert will guide you around two postcard pretty villages, which both retain their charm and reputation for producing one of Italy's most sought after and exclusive wines. For the adventurous there is a hill side track which leads from one village to another if you prefer to take in the scenery on foot! (BB,D)

Day 8 Sat 26 Jun Florence
This morning we have a photo stop at the leaning tower of Pisa before we arrive in Florence. We have a sightseeing tour of Florence with a local guide who shows you Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery. Continue to see the Cathedral and baptistery, Giotto's 14th century Campanile (said to be the most beautiful bell-

tower in the world), the 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square, political stage of the Florentines. (BB,D)

Day 9 Sun 27 Jun Florence
This morning we drive to San Gimignano – a 'medieval Manhattan'. There's time to explore this many towered town with its squares and winding streets. Then to the walled town of Sienna where our Tour Director takes us to the famous Piazza del Campo, scene of the celebrated Palio horse race. Back to Florence. (BB)

Day 10 Mon 28 Jun Florence
A whole day is reserved to enjoy Florence at your leisure. Discover the art treasures housed in the many museums and galleries? Why not dedicate today to shopping for leather and gold products, visit one of the many museums or simply relax at an outdoor café with a glass of vino? Tonight we enjoy a wine tasting, followed by a dinner in the Chianti Hills. (BB,HD)

Day 11 Tue 29 Jun Assisi
We enjoy a scenic drive to the hill top town of Assisi, home of St Francis. Here we visit the Basilica of St Francis with its magnificent frescoes by the artist Giotto. The rest of the time is free to wander the cobblestone streets and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. (BB)

Day 12 Wed 30 Jun Sorrento
Our first stop is the Commonwealth Cemetery of Montecassino. Then through Campania to Pompeii where a local guide will walk you through the streets of this Roman resort buried by an eruption of the volcanic Mt Vesuvius in AD79. Later we make our way to Sorrento for dinner and our overnight stay. (BB,D)

Day 13 Thu 1 Jul Sorrento
This morning we take a short drive for a birds eye view of the terraced houses of Positano. Then by mini buses we travel down into the heart of the town where we have time at leisure to explore. Later perhaps take an optional excursion to the island of Capri? Tonight why not try the local seafood at a local restaurant for dinner? (BB)

Day 14 Fri 2 Jul Rome
We head north to the celebrated wine town of Frascati and continue to Castel Gandolfo to see the Pope's summer residence and then to the 'Eternal City', Rome for our two night stay. (BB)

Day 15 Sat 3 Jul Rome
Sightseeing with a local guide begins with the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Visit St Peter's Basilica, built around the tomb of St Peter, and designed by some of history's greatest architects, Bramante, Bernini and Michelangelo. Crossing the Tiber, explore ancient Rome as you visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Spend the afternoon at leisure: shop, relax or continue sightseeing. As night falls, stroll to the Boat Fountain at the foot of the elegant Spanish Steps before enjoying a typically Roman dinner in a local restaurant. (BB,HD)

Day 16 Sun 4 Jul Depart
Our memorable tour comes to an end and after breakfast. (B)



Meal Key:

- (BB) = Hot Buffet Breakfast
- (D) = Hotel Dinner
- (HD) = Highlight Dinner









Hotel Guide:

Hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate.
To be advised.



Please Note: Hotels are subject to final confirmation at the time bookings for the holiday close. After final confirmation hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate

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Tour Inclusions:

	ACCOMMODATION	Based on First Class hotels for 15 nights. Please note hotels quoted are to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability and change at the time of booking
	SIGHTSEEING	Included as per the itinerary.
	MEALS	Included as per the itinerary.
	TOUR DIRECTOR	Services of a professional English speaking Tour Director throughout. Local expert guides where required & as noted on the itinerary.
	TRANSPORTATION	Exclusive use of air-conditioned coaches for group touring as per the itinerary.
	PORTERAGE	One piece of luggage per person, in and out of hotels as per the itinerary.
	SERVICE CHARGES	Tips to restaurants where a meal is included on Itinerary. Service charges and local taxes on services provided by Tour operator (except local airport and boarder taxes)
	DOCUMENTATION	A stylish travel wallet containing the itinerary, hotel list, optional excursion list, baggage labels and information booklet.

Tour Exclusions:

-  Gratuities to Tour director, Coach Drivers and local guides.
It should be remembered that tipping is standard tradition in Europe. Tipping is at the passengers discretion however recommended and as a measure of guidance we would advise that an average tip would be US\$4.00 pp per day for a Tour Director, US\$2.50 pp per day for a Driver & US\$2.00 pp for or a local guide.
-  International, domestic and internal Airfares. Optional excursions, Travel Insurance, Visas and items of a personal nature.