

## Italian Vistas

with optional Post Tour Extension

### Highlights...

Rome • Colosseum • Ruins of Pompeii • Sorrento Coast • Isle of Capri • Florence • Statue of *David* • Leaning Tower of Pisa • Tuscan Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Verona • Stresa • Choice on Tour



13 Days • 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Relax on a scenic boat ride around the enchanting Isle of Capri.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Visit the Academy Museum in Florence to see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*.
- Stroll the streets of Verona – the backdrop for *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort town of Stresa.

#### Culinary inclusions

- Savor *la dolce vita* during a gelato tasting in Rome.
- Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.
- Sample balsamic vinegar, olive oil and local wines at a family-run wine shop in Stresa.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Ciao, Italy!

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district and visit the mythic Pantheon and Piazza Navona before getting a taste of *gelato* at a local ice-cream parlor. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner, where talented performers entertain you with folk songs and arias. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Rome

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history at the excavated ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day with dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Sorrento - Isle of Capri - Sorrento

Take a boat to the enchanting Isle of Capri.\*\* Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous *piazzetta* and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés before returning to Sorrento in the late afternoon. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 7: Sorrento - Florence

Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of *David*. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 8: Florence

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th century *Certosa* monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice

Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 10: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

Embark on a boat trip\*\*\* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the *Castello* district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore

Depart Venice for Verona, and stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 12: Stresa - Choice on Tour - Isola Dei Pescatori

Today, **it's your choice!** Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace\*\*\*\* -OR- cross into Switzerland and hike the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps, admiring the Simplon Hospice dominating the landscape. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori\*\*\*\*\* for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends

Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Experience It! Pompeii

Step into the past in Pompeii, a land eerily conserved in time. When Mount Vesuvius erupted in the 1st century AD, the city was covered in nearly 20 feet of ash, conserving its last tremulous moments. Excavations began in the 1700s but were not complete for centuries. In 1863, a technique was developed to use plaster into the spaces where bodies had decomposed – creating a near-perfect image of the victims. Explore this legendary UNESCO World Heritage Site with an expert guide and get a glimpse into what life was like in this prosperous ancient city.

#### Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome or Kolbe Hotel, Rome
Days 5, 6	Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento or Towers Hotel, Sorrento
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence or Starhotels Michelangelo, Florence
Days 9, 10	NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice
Days 11, 12	Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

### Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If the Academy Museum is featured in your itinerary on a Monday, reservations will be made to visit the museum on an alternative day.

Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Colosseum, the Vatican Museums, The Academy Gallery Museum and the Duomo.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Florence, Pisa, Venice and Verona. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

\*\*\*Your boat trip to Capri may not be available due to inclement weather. If this happens, we will make alternate sightseeing arrangements. In case the scenic boat ride around the Isle of Capri cannot operate, you will visit

Anacapri village instead.

\*\*\*\*Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace are open from April 1 to October 31. If you are travelling between November 1 and March 31, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromean Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead.

\*\*\*\*\*Due to inclement weather in the winter months, your farewell dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may not be possible. In such an event, your farewell dinner will take place in the town of Stresa.

\*\*\*Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Stresa for Milan airport.

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Please note, if you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour.

### Extend your vacation with...

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Milan Post Tour Extension  
Rate: \$499.00 per person, double, land only

## 2 Meals: 2 breakfasts

### Day 13: Stresa - Milan

Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Upon arrival, receive your 2-day public transportation pass. Then take in some of the city's iconic sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo,\* Milan's magnificent Gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this bustling city at your own pace.

### Day 14: Milan

This morning explore Milan's contemporary architecture during a locally guided walking tour of its *CityLife* district. Feel the buzz of this financial and residential hub as you tour the Piazza delle Torri, surrounded by skyscrapers nicknamed the Straight, the Crooked and the Curved. The entire neighborhood is enveloped by an extensive urban park, populated by striking contemporary sculptures. The afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Brera Academy of Fine Arts. (B)

### Day 15: Milan - Depart for Home

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

#### Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services.

\*Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Duomo.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 3 passengers is not met to operate.

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### Optional Hotel Upgrade Available

May 1 – 31, 2022 \$160.00 per person, double, land only

During your stay at the Regina Palace Hotel in Stresa, you may choose to enjoy views of Lago Maggiore by upgrading your accommodations to a lake view room. Please inquire about this upgrade at time of booking.

## Important reservation information:

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\***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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