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itinerary

DAY 1 SATURDAY. AUGUST 21: DEPART USA

Depart on independent airfare to Florence, Italy

DAY 2 SUNDAY. AUGUST 22: ARRIVAL • WALKING TOUR • ACADEMIA 🏛️🍷

Arrive in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, where great artists such as Michelangelo, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, and da Vinci flourished. Their breathtaking sculptures, architecture, and paintings are displayed throughout the city to this day. Transfer independently to your city-center hotel where you will be greeted by your European tour manager as well as world-renowned art historian and guide, Dr. Elizabeth Lev, who will be with you throughout your tour. This afternoon, Dr. Lev will acquaint you with the city on a guided walking tour. Enjoy a guided visit to the Accademia, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. End your first evening in Florence with a welcome reception and dinner. Overnight in Florence.

DAY 3 MONDAY. AUGUST 23: THE GRANDEUR OF FLORENCE ☕

After breakfast at your hotel, depart on a guided tour with Dr. Lev to Santa Croce, home of the stunning mausoleums of Michelangelo, Rossini, Machiavelli, and Galileo, as well as Dante's memorial. Visit Santa Maria Novella to view Giotto's famous crucifix and tour the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo. After enjoying some Italian espresso, travel to Santa Maria del Carmine to see the frescoes of its famous Brancacci Chapel. After lunch on your own, explore the Pitti Palace, home to countless treasured works of art and Florence's largest museum complex. Enjoy the remainder of the evening and dinner at your leisure. Overnight in Florence.

DAY 4 TUESDAY. AUGUST 24: FLORENCE • BRUNELLO REGION 🍷

Today, depart Florence for the Brunello wine region in Tuscany, known for producing Brunello di Montalcino, one of Italy's most famous wines. Tour the famous Piero della Francesca in Arezzo with Dr. Lev before time on own for lunch. This afternoon, Dr. Lev will share her expertise as a sommelier during your winery tour and wine tasting overlooking Tuscany. Make your way to an authentic 5-star luxury resort in the heart of Tuscany where you will experience true luxury. Enjoy the flavors of Tuscany while dining on your own this evening at one of the resort's dining venues. Overnight in Tuscany.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY. AUGUST 25: TUSCANY ☕🏛️

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before another day exploring the rich beauty of Tuscany. Depart with Dr. Lev on a guided tour of the famous Renaissance-style Piccolomini Palace in Siena. Continue on to the medieval town of Montepulciano for a walking tour through the historic city. Montepulciano is renowned for its Vino Nobile wine (widely regarded as one of Italy's best), as well as its meats, cheeses, and honey. Enjoy time at leisure to explore and sample the tastes of this quaint city. Spend your final evening in Tuscany learning about birds of prey in a once in a lifetime falconry class. Your evening will be complete with a winery tour and specially prepared wine pairing dinner overlooking the majestic winery (weather permitting). Overnight in Tuscany.

DAY 6 THURSDAY. AUGUST 26: BRUNELLO • ORVIETO • ROME ☕🍷🏛️

This morning bid arrivederci to Tuscany and travel with Dr. Lev south toward the Eternal City, Rome! En route, visit the scenic hilltop city of Orvieto. Ride the funicular up the hillside to the quaint city, where you will tour the Duomo di Orvieto and be in awe of its magnificent façade. Enjoy a wine tasting lunch while Dr. Lev shares more about the wines and culture of Italy. After appreciating the city's breathtaking views and Umbrian charm, continue to Rome and check into your city-center hotel for the next three nights, and refresh before tonight's activities. This evening, depart for Trastevere, which means "across the river", referencing its location on the west bank of the Tiber. Dr. Lev will guide you through one of her favorite neighborhoods and a unique area of Rome. Dr. Lev will then take you to one of her favorite Roman trattorias for dinner tonight. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 7 FRIDAY. AUGUST 27: ROME ☕

Today begins with a guided Caravaggio walking tour with Dr. Lev, including Piazza Navona, Santa Maria della Pace, Sant'Agostino, and Santa Maria del Popolo. End your morning with a tour of the Galleria at Villa Borghese. The Galleria houses a substantial part of the Borghese collection of paintings, sculpture and antiquities, begun by Cardinal Scipione Borghese, the nephew of Pope Paul V. Enjoy lunch and the remainder of the day at your leisure. Overnight in Rome.

Optional Evening Experience: Enjoy the unique opportunity to cook as the Romans cook! Make your way to the private villa of one of Rome's top chefs who will welcome you in learning how to make a traditional multi-course Roman dinner. The menu includes two different kinds of pastas, a main course, and desert. Naturally, especially selected wines will be paired with the meal! This immersive insider experience is sure to be a highlight!

DAY 8 SATURDAY. AUGUST 28: ROME ☕🍷

Enjoy your last full day in the Eternal City at your leisure before experiencing a rare and exclusive private tour of the Vatican Museum's Sistine Chapel led by Dr. Lev. Complete your decanting of Italy with a private farewell reception in the Vatican Museums (pending final confirmation). Dinner will be at your leisure tonight. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 9 SUNDAY. AUGUST 29: DEPART FOR USA ☕

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer independently to the Rome airport for return flights to USA.

☕ = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 🍷 = LUNCH | 🏛️ = DINNER | 🍷 = RECEPTION

**Itinerary is tentative and subject to change*

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Seven (7) nights' accommodations at 4 & 5 star hotels
 - 2 nights in Florence
 - 2 nights in Tuscany
 - 3 nights in Rome
- Continental breakfast daily
- One (1) lunch
- Two (2) receptions
- Three (3) dinners with 2 glasses of wine
- Luxury motor coach for specified sightseeing in Italy
- Tour director while in Italy
- Dr. Elizabeth Lev as your exclusive guide in Italy
(pending final confirmation)
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Whisper sets
- City Taxes

THE TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfare
- Airport transfers
- Optional Roman Cooking Experience & Dinner - Call for pricing
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Gratuities payable to escort, guides and drivers
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned above

**NOTE: It is customary to tip the tour director 4 Euros and the driver 3 Euros per person, per day. The tip for the local guides is typically 1 Euro for half-day tours and 2 Euros for full day tours.*

EXCITING DETAILS TO COME!

- "Tour is confirmed" e-mail - sent upon minimum number of travelers met and no later than 90 days prior to departure
- Hotel information e-mail - Sent approximately 30 days prior to departure
- Final Travel Document Mailing - Sent approximately 10 days prior to departure

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- Deposit: **\$950** per person due upon registration + travel protection if selected.
- Second Payment: **\$1,500** additional due 02/23/2021.
- Final payment: Remainder of balance **due on or before 04/23/2021.**

**Late bookings after 75 days prior to departure require payment in full by credit card at time of booking.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

Time of deposit to 02/22/2021: **\$800** | 02/23/2021 - 04/23/2021: **\$2,000** | After 04/23/2021: **No Refund**

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