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Affordable Italy – 10 Days (9nights)

Package Inclusions:

- **8 Nights:** 3 Nights Rome, 1 Night Siena, 2 Nights Montecatini, and 2 Night Venice.
- English speaking professional tour escort.
- **10 Meals:**
- 8 buffet breakfasts with selection of cold dishes.
- 2 Dinners with coffee of mineral water.
- **Visits to:** Orvieto, Siena, San Gimignano, Greve in the Chianti region with wine tasting, Florence, Pisa, Venice, and Assisi.
- Half Day walking tour of Venice and Florence with local guides.
- Round-trip airport transfers in Italy.
- All hotel taxes and baggage handling.
- **First Class Hotels used (F):**
- Rome: Mercure degli Ullivi (F)
- Montecatini: Piazza e Locanda Maggiore (F)
- Venice Area: Poppi (F) at Mira oe Smart Holiday (F) at Mestre.
- Rome: Residenza Parco Tirreni (F) or Princess (F)

Land only from \$1255 net per person double occupancy

1 Free sharing a room with every 20

ITINERARY:



Day 1 USA - ROME, ITALY

Overnight flight to Rome. Movie, Dinner & Breakfast on board.

Day 2 Arrive in Rome, Italy



Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this ancient capital. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Day 3 Rome

The "Eternal City," Rome is a city steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Included sightseeing with a Local Guide starts in St. Peter's Square, followed by a visit to the Roman Forum and the mighty Colosseum. (B)



Day 4 Rome–Orvieto–Siena

Journey northwest to the charmingly located city of Orvieto in the Umbria region to visit its black basalt and yellow limestone cathedral, an excellent example of Italian Gothic architecture. By early evening you'll be in Siena with time to visit this jewel of Tuscany. Sit in one of the cafés surrounding the Campo and admire one of Italy's most unique squares, famed the world over for its Palio horse race. (B)



Day 5 Siena–San Gimignano–Greve–Montecatini

Drive this morning to San Gimignano, one of Tuscany’s greatest attractions. Its medieval squares, town walls, streets, alleyways, and 14 towers make it unique. Next, into the very heart of the Chianti vineyards; watch out for names such as Castellina in Chianti, Badia, Gaiole, and Brolio, where classical Chianti wines are produced. Stop in Greve for some wine tasting at a local wine producer. Arrive in Montecatini in time to join the outing for an optional Tuscan dinner. (B)

Day 6 Montecatini–Excursion to Florence



This Renaissance gem and city of the Medicis will keep you enthralled the entire day. Traffic is banned in part of the historic center so visitors can wander at leisure and admire the city’s timeless beauty in relative peace and quiet. Don’t miss out on the included walking tour with a Local Guide, which features most of the city highlights. You will see the Piazza Santa Croce; the beautiful Piazza Signoria; the Palazzo Vecchio and its courtyard; the Loggia dei Lanzi; and, to top it all, the Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistry, known as the “Gate of Paradise.” (B,D)

Day 7 Montecatini–Pisa–Venice Area

This morning, drive to Pisa for a visit to its Square of Miracles and the amazing Leaning Tower, 180 feet high and no less than 16 feet out of the perpendicular. Later, head across

the wooded Apennine Hills into the farmlands of the Po Valley for two overnights in the Venice area. (B)



Day 8 Venice Area

Venice is more like a marvelous film set than a real live city, with its criss-crossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces, and little quiet piazzas. The included orientation starts with a boat ride and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the optional gondola trip, gliding along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B,D)

Day 9 Venice Area-Assisi-Rome

An interesting drive southward, cutting across the Po Delta, then crossing the Apennines. Stop in Assisi, where St. Francis was born in 1182. Visit the world-famous basilica with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto, then head for Rome. (B)

Day 10: ROME – USA

After breakfast, transfer to Rome airport for your return flight back home, arriving later today. (Breakfast)