

RMC Travel *presents:*

ITALY

Rome – Florence – Venice

April 16~23, 2011



In Goethe's classic Italian Journey, he calls Italy the "garden of Europe." The beauty of the landscape is just the beginning of what Italy has to offer the visitor. From the cafes that line its elegant piazzas to its unrivaled architecture and historical sights, there are activities for every interest. And, when you're done sightseeing, Italy's shopping is world class and its cuisine nothing short of legendary.

From artistic Florence to carefree Venice and the Eternal City of Rome, each Italian city has its own historic treasures, its own unique culture, its own particular flavor — and its own cuisine.

OUR ITINERARY

Day 1, Saturday, April 16 - Depart USA for Rome

Late afternoon departure from Montauk to New York's JFK Airport



Day 2, Sunday, April 17 - In Rome (D)

Arrival in Rome. After Immigration, Customs and baggage claim, our tour representatives will meet us as we board our coach for the drive to our reserved accommodations. Balance of the afternoon to relax and/or explore the city on our own before a "Welcome to Italy" dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Rome.

Day 3, Monday, April 18 - In Rome (B)

After breakfast depart for our tour of Imperial Rome featuring the Forum, the statue of Moses by Michelangelo, and the Coliseum, reliving the brutal entertainment of the gladiators and the lions that was refereed by the Emperor himself. Then on to the Vatican to visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Pieta by Michelangelo. Our visit culminates in the Sistine Chapel, the room where the pope is elected. We enter in total silence, not wanting to disturb Michelangelo's famed frescoes, depicting stories from the Bible and the "End of Times." We'll be fascinated by which of Michelangelo's contemporaries he assigned to heaven and which to hell. The balance of the day is free for independent activities and shopping. Dinner on our own. Overnight in Rome.



Day 4, Tuesday, April 19 - In Rome (B)

After breakfast, the day is free for independent activities in the "eternal city." Why not start with an espresso in Piazza Navona. Or toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return, and then stroll across the Tiber for another look at the Vatican. Rome is a great city for walking, shopping and people watching. You can visit museums or take a seat at a café and watch the numerous contrasts reflected in a glorious past and prosperous presence. This evening try one of the wonderful local Italian restaurants on your own. Overnight in Rome.

OUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip transportation from Montauk to JFK
- Round-trip airfare from New York City
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Baggage handling at airports & hotels
- Great hotels in Rome, Florence and Venice
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Daily breakfast and dinners as per itinerary
- All guided sightseeing including entrance fees
- All tour-related transportation in Italy

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Welcome to Italy dinner.
- Visit to the Sistine Chapel,
- Visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence to view Michelangelo's statue of David
- Free time in Rome, Florence & Venice for shopping & exploring
- Gondola ride and Special Farewell Dinner in Venice



Day 5, Wednesday, April 20 - To Florence (B/)

Early departure this morning to nearby Florence. After checking into our hotel, we will have a sightseeing tour. We start with a breathtaking panorama of the city atop Piazzale Michelangelo. This is followed by visits to the majestic Duomo built in 1296, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its renowned "Gates of Paradise" doors. We continue along the medieval streets to the most striking square in Florence, Piazza della Signoria and an external view of Santa Croce Church, Michelangelo's final resting place. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight in Florence.



Day 6, Thursday, April 21 – Free morning in Florence. To Venice (B)

A morning in Florence - the fountainhead of the Renaissance; city of Dante, Boccaccio, Botticelli and da Vinci! But first, a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia and a must viewing of Michelangelo's statue of David. Then a little bit of time to shop and walk around this wonderful city is a treat. After an early lunch on your own, we depart for the "City of Canals," Venice. Dinner on your own at one of the many quaint and delightful restaurants along the canals. Overnight in Venice.



Day 7, Friday, April 22 - In Venice (B/D)

After breakfast, we start our stay with a walking tour of Venice will feature St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace, the Dungeons and the Bridge of Sighs. In the afternoon, we will have a chance to "get lost" in the city's labyrinth of canals, bridges and tiny piazzas. Try to shop for some Venetian glass at the glass factory, or take a water taxi around the city. Being a small island, it's impossible to stray very far. But it won't hurt to master the phrase "Dov'e' Piazza San Marco? In the evening, we will have a gondola ride through the canals of Venice followed by a "Farewell to Italy" dinner at a typical local Venetian restaurant. Overnight in Venice.



Day 8, Saturday, April 23 - Italy/USA

Departure to the airport for your connecting flights back to the States. Same day arrival and back to Montauk.

NOTE: This itinerary is subject to change due to conditions beyond our control.

Your First Class (4 *) Hotels (or similar)



ROME: The Gambrinus Hotel (www.gambrinushotel.com)

Located in the historic center of Rome, in a gracious and elegant quarter near many interesting places of history, the Gambrinus Hotel offers its guests a unique environment with its careful attention to detail. The hall is elegant and refined: the floors are in statuary marble, and the walls are covered with wooden decorations and white lacquered wainscoting illuminate everything in Murano glass. The luminous environment contrasts with the wood reception desk, creating an extremely pleasant effect on entering the hotel. The comfortable rooms are furnished with the same care as the beautiful breakfast room, where you can still admire the original stones of the 1800s in the vaulted ceiling. The floor in Roman travertine stone contrasts with the dark marble of the bar. In this fascinating room a plentiful and tasty buffet breakfast is served every morning. The hotel management offers exclusive, personalized services of highest quality that is known in Rome.



FLORENCE: The NH Firenze Hotel (www.nh-hotels.it)

This modern hotel is ideally located in the heart of Florence, opposite Parco delle Cascine, and about 15 minutes walk from Ponte Vecchio and the Duomo. The NH Firenze offers 152 comfortable air conditioned rooms, Enjoy its comfortable lobby, the restaurant and bar, all equipped with a Wi-Fi system. The hotel's restaurant serves Mediterranean and Tuscan cooking with a modern touch. And what better way to start your day with NH Firenze's wonderful buffet breakfast.



VENICE: Hotel Al Codega (www.hotelalcodega.com)

Welcome to the Hotel Al Codega, a family-run haven located in a tranquil courtyard (or campiello) just off the hustle and bustle of the finest and most spellbinding part of central Venice: San Marco. The elegance and coziness is a highlight of one of the most charming 4-star hotels in the heart of this beautiful city.

The Dal Borgo family added a personal touch to the cordiality and fine service that guests come to expect from in such a famous and breathtaking city. Their hotel represents the apex of the family's personal history, and as such, guests are guaranteed the finest in service, state of the art convenience and warmth of atmosphere quite unique in today's competitive world of tourism.

Situated in Corto del Forno Vecchio, in the charming San Marco area, the Hotel Al Codega is walking (or swimming) distance from everything Venice has to offer: The fabulous Ponte Rialto, Piazza San Marco and the church of Santa Maria dei Frari, as well as all of the city's most famous theatres and museums. Should you wish to go further afield, water transport via the Grand Canal is also just moments away.

PRICE PER PERSON

Double Occupancy \$2,299

Add to above costs:

U.S. airline facility, security, taxes and Fuel Surcharge \$299

Prepaid Gratuities \$75

Single Room supplement \$499

REGISTRATION APPLICATION ITALY - April 16-23, 2011

Please make the following reservations.

Make travel deposits checks payable to RMC and mail to:

RMC Travel, P.O Box 448, Montauk, NY 11954

Need assistance or have questions?

Call Raymond at 668-5327 or e-mail at Rcartell@aol.com

Name(s): 1: _____ 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____

Evening Phone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please reserve: () Double () Single Room

I will be rooming with _____

DEPOSITS: (note: \$100 of initial \$300 deposit is non-refundable airline deposit)

[] Enclosed is my deposit of \$300 per person for
() passengers.

I understand that the balance of the trip must be paid as per
Terms & Conditions.

[] Please charge my credit card as follows:

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

NOTE: credit card payments will have the 4.75% charge added

Signature _____

Date _____

Make a copy and keep one for yourself.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations & Payments: A completed application must be submitted with your reservation including a deposit of \$300 per person to RMC to hold your reservation, but no later than October 10th to hold your reservation. After that date, reservations are on request. Final payment due on or before February 15, 2011.

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellation fees are as follows: \$100 non-refundable airfare fee. Additional 25% if cancellation is between 70 and 60 days; From 59 to 45 days, there is a 50% charge. Under 45 days, the charge is 100% of the tour price.

Trip Cancellation/Interruption Insurance: A Trip Cancellation/Interruption/Medical insurance is NOT included in the package and a brochure will be sent with your confirmation.

Revisions/Changes: There will be no charge for an initial revision. There will be a charge of \$20 for each additional revision. This charge is over and above any charges imposed by airlines, hotels and/or ground operators unused transfers, meals and sightseeing tours cannot be refunded. Unused hotels nights are refunded only if they cover a minimum of three nights and only to the extent the operator receives refund from the hotels, after deducting cancellation charges levied by the hotel, if any. Requests for refund must be submitted in writing along with written proof from the hotel, to RMC within 30 days after return from trip.

Accommodations: The tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category.

Air: All airline tickets are subject to each carrier's Terms & Conditions as to passage and cancellation fees. Tours are sold in conjunction with these approved carrier.

NOTE: Trip price based on a minimum of 25 participants. If less than 25 participants, a shortfall surcharge will be invoiced as follows:

10 to 15 travelers @ \$225

16 to 20 travelers @ \$175

21 to 24 travelers @ \$100

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