

# TASTE OF ITALY: ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE



**TIBER RIVER, ROME, ITALY**

*We hope you'll join us as we explore the beautiful wonders of Italy. Experience the rich history and cultural significance of these destinations, where the teachings of Christianity have inspired magnificent art and architecture for centuries. From the modern museums to picturesque scenery, this tour offers a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the varied splendors of Italy, and to enjoy knowledgeable guides, luxury hotel accommodations, inspired teaching, Christian fellowship, fabulous cuisine, and breathtaking sights. A lifetime of memories await you!*



**VATICAN, ROME, ITALY**

# 10-DAY ITINERARY

## DAYS 1 & 2

### FLIGHT FROM U.S.A. & ARRIVE IN ROME

We depart the U.S. today for our flight to Rome. Upon arrival in the Eternal City, we will be met by DCT's local representative. Enjoy an orientation walk with your tour director and lunch in one of the famous squares. Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight in the hotel in Rome

## DAY 3

### ROME OF APOSTLE PAUL

This morning you start your day at the most inspiring place, Tre Fontane (Abbey of Three Fountains). Tradition tells us Paul was martyred outside the walls of Rome at a place most people have never heard of—one of the Christian sites not on the tourist maps. You gather at the gardens here for your teaching. Next, you see the Church of St Paul outside the walls; many believe Paul is buried here. Paul went to Rome as a prisoner in chains; Acts 2-28 tells us the story. You visit Mamertine prison today, the site of Paul's final incarceration, where he was held for two years. You continue with a walking tour through Roman Forum and towards the Arch of Titus. We continue to Pantheon, Piazza Navona & Trevi Fountain. Dinner and overnight at your Hotel.

## DAY 4

### ROME - VATICAN MUSEUMS - CATACOMBS

This morning you visit the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Almost all Christians were martyred in the Circus of Gaius/Nero—the site where St. Peter's Square now stands. The Egyptian obelisk in the center of the square is original to the circus, though it stood in a different spot. Here Peter was crucified, according to tradition, upside down (John 21:18-19). He is most likely buried deep beneath the Basilica in the original burial cave. In the afternoon you continue to the Catacombs. Most famous for the early Christians buried here, the catacombs offer an essential contribution to early Christian art. Early frescoes and sculptures still exist in the catacombs. Most touching are the smaller burial spots carved out for children who had died. Dinner and overnight at your Hotel.

## DAY 5

### ROME - SIENA - FLORENCE

Begin your day with an early departure from Rome, embarking on a scenic journey to Siena, which takes approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival in Siena, immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant atmosphere of the city. Start your exploration at the Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares, and marvel at the architectural beauty of the Siena Cathedral (Duomo di Siena) and the towering Torre del Mangia. After soaking in the sights and sounds of Siena, continue your travels to Florence, which is about 1.5 hours away. Upon reaching Florence, check into your hotel and take some time to relax and unwind. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

## DAY 6

### FLORENCE

Kickstart your day in Florence with a visit to the renowned Uffizi Gallery, home to an extraordinary collection of art from the Italian Renaissance. Spend the morning admiring masterpieces by artists such as Botticelli, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci. Afterward, stroll through the historic Piazza della Signoria, where you can appreciate the statues and the grandeur of the Palazzo Vecchio. In the afternoon, make your way to the Florence Cathedral (Duomo). Don't miss the chance to explore the Baptistery and Giotto's Campanile nearby. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

## DAY 7

### PISA - FLORENCE

Set off for Pisa in the morning, with a journey time of about one hour. Once in Pisa, head straight to the Campo dei Miracoli, where you will be greeted by the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Take your time to explore the Pisa Cathedral and the Baptistery, each a masterpiece of medieval architecture. After taking in the highlights of Pisa, wander through the historic streets. Return to Florence for Dinner and overnight.

## DAY 8

### FLORENCE - VERONA - VENICE

Begin your day with a morning departure to Verona. Upon arrival in Verona, delve into the romantic charm of the city by visiting Juliet's House, where you can see the famous balcony that inspired Shakespeare's play. Continue your exploration at the Verona Arena, an impressive Roman amphitheater, and take a stroll through the bustling Piazza delle Erbe. In the afternoon, make your way to Venice. Once you arrive in Venice, check into your hotel and relax. Dinner and overnight in Venice.

## DAY 9

### VENICE

Start your day in Venice with a visit to the iconic St. Mark's Square. Explore St. Mark's Basilica, renowned for its stunning mosaics and opulent design, and then tour the Doge's Palace, a symbol of Venetian Gothic architecture. In the afternoon, head to the Rialto Bridge, one of Venice's most famous landmarks, and explore the bustling market area surrounding it. Consider taking a boat tour through the canals to fully appreciate the city's unique layout and charm. Dinner and overnight in Venice.

## DAY 10

### VENICE - RETURN FLIGHT TO THE U.S.A.

We depart for the Venice Marco Polo Airport, where we fly back to the U.S. We will return with new friends and memories to last a lifetime!





# ACCOMMODATIONS & UPGRADES



*All rooms for this tour are standard rooms.*

*Upgraded accommodations are optional, and are subject to availability upon request.*

## ROME



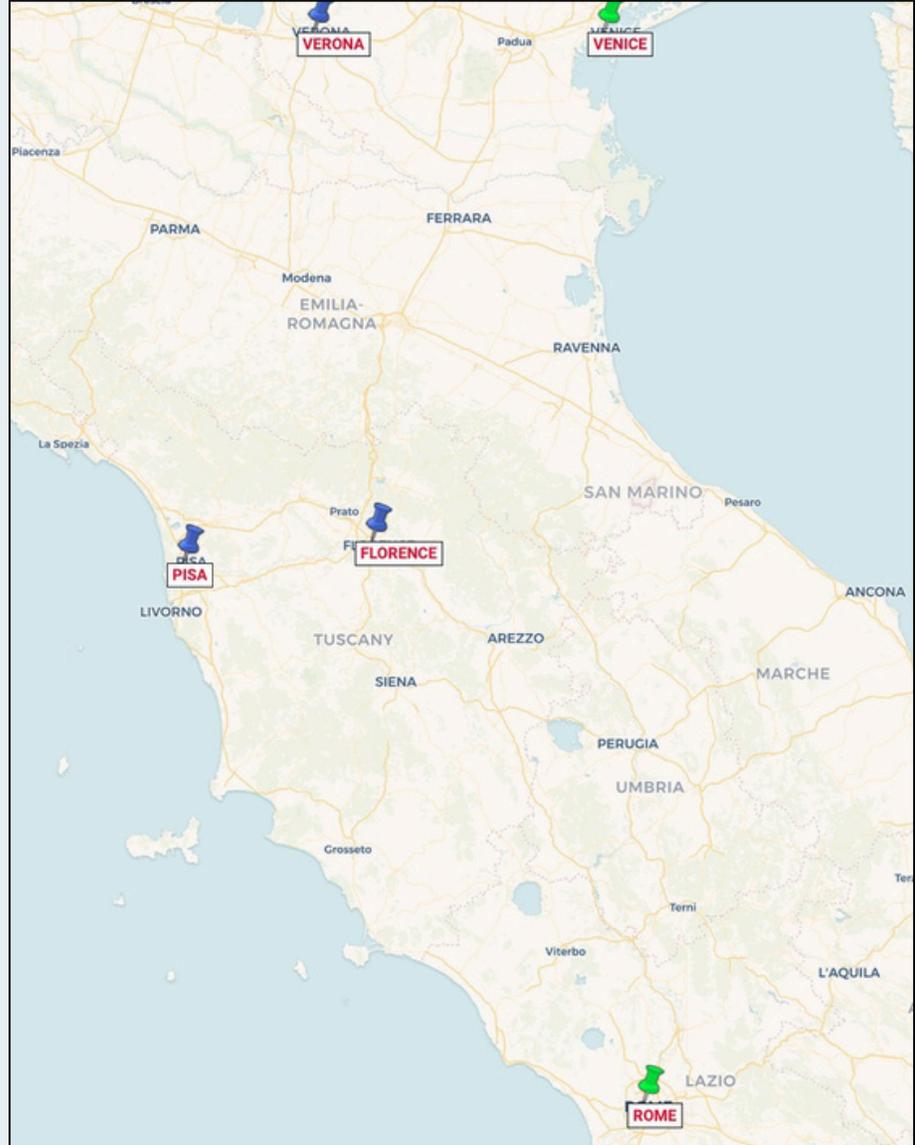
## VERONA



## FLORENCE



## PISA



## VENICE



**Room prices are based on dual occupancy rates. Single occupancy is optional for an added cost.**

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PRICING:** Our pricing is in U.S. dollars, and is based upon the current rate of international exchange between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies at the time prices are posted. Whenever possible, **Discovery** obtains price guarantees from its suppliers, but in rare circumstances, a price increase may be unavoidable due to an increase in fees, including fuel surcharges, carrier surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. In that instance, the increase will be charged to the traveler up to the time of departure. Up-to-date pricing can be found at [dcttravel.com](http://dcttravel.com).

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICING:** Passport costs, optional pre/post hotel nights due to traveler's arrival and departure preferences, hotel or other costs incurred to accommodate travel connections, items of a personal nature, including, but not limited to, laundry, non-included meals, room service at hotel(s), phone calls, Internet, etc.

**TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:** **Discovery** recommends purchasing a travel protection plan that helps offset costs and expenses should something unexpected occur. There are various plans available which cover Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation, Emergency Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay, and more. **Discovery** does not offer travel insurance, but many plans are available for purchase elsewhere, for example, at [Missionsafe.com](http://Missionsafe.com).

**PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:** Passports are required for all travelers, including children. **Passports must remain valid for 6 months beyond the completion of your travel dates; and are required for air travel outside the U.S.** For U.S. citizens and residents, more information is available online at [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport), or by calling the National Passport Information Center at 877-487-2778. When necessary, a group visa for U.S. citizens will be obtained by **Discovery** for those confirmed by the final payment date. Non-U.S. citizens and U.S. citizens originating from outside the U.S. should consult their country's embassy regarding specific requirements for entry into each and every country of destination. **Your passport name must match the name on your registration, cruise boarding pass, and airline ticket, or you may be denied travel.** It is the personal responsibility of each passenger to fully comply with all immigration and documentation requirements.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Travel suppliers (cruise line, air carrier, shore excursion agents, etc.) may have restrictions regarding certain physical requirement accommodations. If you have a medical condition (mobility limitations, pregnancy, etc.), or use medical equipment which could affect your travel, consult your physician and notify **Discovery**, so we can provide you with information regarding possible restrictions. If you are unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, you must bring someone with you to provide assistance, or you may stay on the bus as needed.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Final payments **MUST** be received ninety (90) days prior to departure. Payments received inside ninety (90) days will be assessed an \$80 late payment fee. **NOTE: All reservations not fully paid by the ninety-day deadline are subject to cancellation, and Discovery will not be held responsible.** Cancellation of airline seats or changes to passport registrations within one hundred (100) days of departure each carry a penalty of \$100 per person. Registration deposits must be made online by credit card, and subsequent payments may be made online by credit card or by mailed payment methods, including personal checks, cashier's checks, money orders, and credit card checks drawn against your card. Subsequent payments made online by credit card incur a 2.25% processing fee, but NO processing fee is charged for the deposit at time of registration.

**REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of registration.** The deposit may be charged to your **Visa, Mastercard, American Express,** or **Discovery** card. Registrations received within ninety (90) days of departure must be paid in full. A late registration may result in an additional fee for airfare, depending on the airline and seating availability.

**FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON TOURS AND RELEVANT POLICIES, PLEASE VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#), AND CLICK ON THE "IMPORTANT INFORMATION" TAB OF THE TOUR SELECTED. BE SURE TO SCROLL DOWN TO THE SUBSECTION "TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY".**

**FOR MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TOURS, INCLUDING TRAVEL TIPS AND MANDATES, VISIT OUR [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PAGE](#).**

## PAYMENTS (Must be made in U.S. funds and are per person)

Registration Amount \$500

90 days prior to initial tour date Final payment due

Registration after final due date Full payment due

## RESERVATION CHANGE FEES (per person)

Day of Registration – 91 days prior to initial tour date \$100

Within 90 days of initial tour date No changes allowed

*Additional fees may be assessed, such as single occupancy rates due to roommate cancellation, and will be paid by the traveler. Additionally, any deviation from group accommodations which incur additional costs will be paid by the traveler. Change fees will NOT be assessed for upgrades or for the addition of services, unless air reservations are altered and/or travel documents must be reissued.*

## CANCELLATION FEES (per person)

Day of Registration - 91 days prior to initial tour date \$200

90-75 days prior to initial tour date \$500

74-59 days prior to initial tour date 25% of tour cost

58-30 days prior to initial tour date 50% of tour cost

29 days or less prior to initial tour date NO REFUND

*Cancellation fees apply for any reason, including medical and family emergencies. Cancellations must be submitted to **Discovery** in writing at [contact@dcttravel.com](mailto:contact@dcttravel.com), and confirmed by reply from **Discovery**.*



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