



Art of Italy

May 28 - June 17, 2011

> Prepared for: Academy of Art University



Your Custom Itinerary is Inside!

**YOUR GROUP EXPERIENCE STARTS HERE
...AND WILL LAST A LIFETIME.**

> Custom Itinerary especially prepared for:
Academy of Art University
21 Days / 19 Nights

Inclusions

- *Round-trip airfare from San Francisco, California to Rome, Italy and return from Milan, Italy to San Francisco
- Services of experienced Contiki Tour Manager throughout
- Round-trip airport transfers and Meet & Greet upon arrival
- 19 nights accommodation in twin rooms at Superior Tourist Class hotel- singles and triples may be available for a supplement
- Continental breakfast daily (total of 19)
- Evening meal at hotel or local restaurant as indicated (total of 2)
- Hire of air-conditioned coach and driver as required by the itinerary including all necessary tolls, parking and fuel costs
- Sightseeing per the itinerary and admissions including:
 - Pompeii
 - Paestum
 - Sightseeing tour of Naples
 - Naples Archeological Museum
 - Capodimonte Museum
 - Hadrian's Villa
 - Vatican Museums
 - Ara Pacis
 - Imperial Rome tour including Colosseum and Forum
 - Capitoline Museum
 - Borghese Museum
 - Sightseeing tour of Siena
 - Siena Cathedral
 - Walking tour of Florence
 - Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - Pisa Cathedral
 - Pisa Baptistery
 - Opera del Duomo Museum
 - San Marco Monastery
 - Florence Baptistery
 - Palazzo Medici Ricardi
 - San Lorenzo Medici Tombs
 - Uffizi Gallery
 - Bargello
 - Santa Croce
 - Pazzo Chapel
 - Florence Accademia
 - Pitti Palace
 - Palazzo Davanzatti
 - Palazzo Vecchio
 - Giotto's Arena Chapel
 - Sightseeing tour of Venice
 - Doges Palace
 - Gloriosa dei Frari
 - Guggenheim
 - Venice Accademia

- Last Supper
- Scuola Grande di San Roco
- National Museum Rome

- Services of local guides in Pompeii, Naples, Vatican Museums, Imperial Rome, Siena, Florence & Venice
 - *Airport taxes and security charges (subject to change until ticketed- currently taxes are \$320 and fuel surcharges are \$94)
 - All state and local taxes on the above land services
 - Tips for the Tour Manager and Driver
- *When land/air package is purchased*

Itinerary

MAY 28: DEPART USA

MAY 29: ARRIVE IN ROME, TRAVEL TO NAPLES

Upon arrival in **Rome** you are greeted by your Contiki Tour Manager and driver and transported into **Naples**. After checking in to the hotel you have the rest of the day at your leisure to relax or explore Naples.

MAY 30: EXCURSION TO POMPEII & PAESTUM MEALS: CB, D

Dive into **Pompeii's** well-preserved past in an excursion to this UNESCO World Heritage site, where your expert local guide retraces ancient history. Then, continue on to the Romans took the city of **Paestum** to see some of the finest and best-preserved Doric temples in existence.

MAY 31: NAPLES SIGHTSEEING MEALS: CB

Explore Naples today on a tour of the city with a local guide and visits to the **Naples Archeological Museum** and **Capodimonte Museum**.

JUNE 1: NAPLES TO ROME VIA TIVOLI MEALS: CB

Set out for **Tivoli** today to visit **Hadrian's Villa**. Then, continue on to **Rome** and become acquainted with the city on a walking tour with your tour manager to check out the **Pantheon**.

JUNE 2: VATICAN CITY

MEALS: CB

Visit the **Vatican City**, the world's smallest independent nation featuring **St. Peter's Basilica** and the **Vatican Museums**. Inside the basilica see Michelangelo's famous dome and his stunning marble creation, the **Pietà**. Make your way through the immense rooms of the Vatican Museums with a local guide and explore the treasures within including the **Sistine Chapel**.



JUNE 3: IMPERIAL ROME

MEALS: CB

Take a *tour of Imperial Rome* with a local guide to explore the *Roman Forum* and *Colosseum*. Later visit *Ara Pacis* and *San Pietro in Vincoli* to see Michelangelo's *Moses*.

JUNE 4: ROME SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Encounter the *Capitoline Museum* and *Museo Nazionale Romano* today.

JUNE 5: ROME SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

More of Rome awaits you as you visit the *Borghese Museum* and have free time to explore more of the city on your own.

JUNE 6: ROME TO FLORENCE VIA SIENA

MEALS: CB

Travel through the beautiful hills of Tuscany today. Your first stop is *Sienna* where you take a *walking tour* of the city with a local guide, visit the *Sienna Cathedral* and experience the *Palazzo Pubblico*. Then, continue on to *Florence* for a *walking tour* of this Renaissance capital with your local guide.

JUNE 7: EXCURSION TO PISA

MEALS: CB

Set out for a day trip to Pisa and explore the *Square of Miracles*, including the four buildings that form one of the finest architectural ensembles in the world; the *Cathedral*, *Baptistry*, *Cemetery* and of course the remarkable *Leaning Tower*.

JUNE 8: FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

The *Opera del Duomo Museum*, *San Marco Monastery*, *Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore* and *Battistero di San Giovanni* all await you as you step out into Florence today.

JUNE 9: FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Spend your day exploring the *Palazzo Medici Ricardi*, San Lorenzo Medici Tombs and the *Uffizi Gallery*.

JUNE 10: FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Visit *Bargello*, Santa Croce Basilica (to see the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo) and the *Pazzi Chapel* today.

JUNE 11: FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Encounter the treasures of the *Accademia*, *Pitti Palace*, *Palazzo Davanzatti* and *Palazzo Vecchio* during your last day in Florence.



JUNE 12: FLORENCE TO VENICE TO PADUA

MEALS: CB

Leave Florence behind for a stop in *Padua*. You have time to sample the local cuisine for lunch before meeting the group to visit *Giotto's Arena Chapel*. Then, it's on to *Venice Mestre* to check into your hotel before heading into central Venice to spend the evening at your leisure in *Piazza di San Marco*.

JUNE 13: VENICE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Return to central Venice today to visit the iconic *St. Mark's Cathedral* and *Doges Palace*. This afternoon encounter Titian's *Assumption of the Virgin* at the *Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari*.

JUNE 14: VENICE SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB

Spend a final day in Venice exploring the *Guggenheim Museum*, *Accademia* and *Scuola Grande di San Rocco*.

JUNE 15: VENICE TO MILAN VIA VICENZA

MEALS: CB

Set out for the final leg of your Italian journey this morning. Stop in *Vicenza* to see *Palladio's Villa Rotunda* before continuing on to *Milan* for the evening.

JUNE 16: MILAN SIGHTSEEING

MEALS: CB, D

Your final day in Italy includes visits to *Sforza Castle* and a viewing of *Leonardo's Last Supper* and finishes with a *farewell dinner* with the group to celebrate your last night of the trip together.

JUNE 17: DEPART MILAN

MEALS: CB

Bid farewell to Milan and your Contiki Tour Manager as you head to the airport this morning for your flight home.

Optional Activities

Group members will have the opportunity to participate in the following optional activities while on tour. Optional activities are paid in cash to the tour manager in local currency. *Please note that prices for optional activities are subject to change.*



YOUR CHOICE IN ROME

Dinner: Euro 33.00

Join us for a special evening in Rome! Enjoy a traditional Italian meal with a wonderful menu of specialties including antipasto, pasta, main course, dessert and wine which will be sure to tantalize your taste buds.

YOUR CHOICE IN FLORENCE

Montebuoni Dinner: Euro 38.00

'Montebuoni' is a charming 16th Century building set in the scenic Tuscan hills. It's the venue for our truly traditional Tuscan evening. Begin with a cocktail and an excellent antipasta buffet. Next is delicious freshly made pasta and a wonderfully aromatic main course - all washed down with some local Chianti wine. A truly special evening.

Souvenir group photo: Euro 11.50

Take home a great memento of your travels as you join the group for a photo in one of Florence's famous piazzas or with one of the city's stunning panoramas as a backdrop.

Space Electronic Disco: Euro 13.00

Get into the Florentine nightlife at the city's largest club. Right in the heart of town, Space Electronic Disco draws a mix of both locals and travellers. With different zones spread over 2 levels, you can have some fun with karaoke & show off your moves on the dance floor.

YOUR CHOICE IN VENICE

Gondola ride: Euro 21.00

Sit back & watch the city open up on the canals on a gondola ride. From magnificent palaces to the local's laundry strung across the backwaters, Venice's charm gets at you at every curve.

Cantina Caneletto: Euro 35.00

Our chosen venue guarantees a warm and friendly welcome in true Venetian fashion. You'll enjoy a superb selection of local specialties and some local wine, making it an unforgettable evening in one of the most romantic cities in the world.

Notes

- **Airport transfers:** The included airport transfers are based on the entire group arriving and departing at the same time. If any passengers book their own flights they will be responsible to meet up with the group for the included airport transfer or make their own way between the airport and hotels in Rome/Naples and Milan.
- **Itinerary:** The high number of inclusions leaves the itinerary very packed. There will be limited time at some of the sites and there will be little free time for the group to explore on their own. Additionally, please keep in mind that there can be traffic delays traveling to the venues that are outside of Contiki's control which could result in less time than expected at a venue.
- **Museums:** Many of the museums and attractions require advance bookings for groups. Reservation times will be subject to availability and may require some flexibility to the schedule in order to confirm all of the requested museums and sites for the group.
- **Free entrances:** Currently Hadrian's Pantheon, San Pietro di Vicoli, Palazzo Puvlico, the Florence Duomo, Piazza di San Marco, St. Marks Cathedral, Basilica di Santa Maria and Sforza Castle do not charge a fee for entrance. Therefore, we have not included any costs in this proposal for these sites. If these sites begin to charge for entrance, an additional cost will be incurred as this is outside our control.
- **Palladio's Villa Rotunda:** It appears to be possible to visit this site, but we cannot find a cost or a procedure for booking. Therefore, we have not included a cost for this site in the pricing. If you have any additional information on visiting this site and corresponding costs, please let us know and we can research further.
- **Last Supper:** Viewings of the Last Supper are limited and can only be done in smaller groups. It is likely that the group will need to split into different viewing times in order to accommodate the entire group. Reservations for the Last Supper are subject to availability.
- **Leaning Tower of Pisa:** Only a limited number of people can go up into the Leaning Tower at a time. Depending on the size of the group, the group may need to split up into smaller groups to visit the Tower.
- **Florence:** Your dates in Florence coincide with Pitti Fashion Week. Hotel availability may be limited and the group may be placed outside of city center.

Pricing

NET PRICING PER COACH (land and air, applicable air taxes & fees):

USD 5680.00 per person for minimum 45 students per coach
USD 5817.00 per person for minimum 40 students per coach
USD 5998.00 per person for minimum 35 students per coach
USD 6240.00 per person for minimum 30 students per coach
USD 6575.00 per person for minimum 25 students per coach
USD 7080.00 per person for minimum 20 students per coach

NET PRICING PER COACH (land only):

USD 4158.00 per person for minimum 45 students per coach
USD 4295.00 per person for minimum 40 students per coach
USD 4477.00 per person for minimum 35 students per coach
USD 4718.00 per person for minimum 30 students per coach
USD 5054.00 per person for minimum 25 students per coach
USD 5559.00 per person for minimum 20 students per coach

USD 719.00 per person Single Supplement

USD (42.00) per person Triple Reduction

Cancellation Policy

- Until Mar 28, 2011: Loss of \$200 deposit
- From Mar 29 – Apr 12, 2011: 50% of trip cost
- From Apr 13 – May 13, 2011: 50% land cost + full air penalty
- May 14, 2011 or later: Full penalty
- Insurance payments are non-refundable.

Exclusions

- Porterage
- Lunches and meals other than specified
- Expenses of personal nature and incidentals at the hotels
- Transportation, sightseeing and admissions other than specified
- Travel insurance (insurance can be obtained through Contiki for an additional charge of USD 169.00 per person – inquire for details)

WE STRONGLY SUGGEST TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Contiki offers individual travel insurance plans for US citizens & legal residents; please inquire for details.

Terms & Conditions

- Prices are per person in US Dollars and are net (i.e.: non-commissionable).
- AIR: Should air not be available at our standard rates at the time of deposit, surcharges will apply. Specific airline terms & conditions will be provided at the time air space is booked as each airline has their own policies and procedures.
- EXCHANGE RATES: Your proposal is based on an exchange rate of 1 USD = 0.69 EUR. Prices are subject to change if the exchange rate increases or decreases more than 5% of the exchange rate quoted above until final payment is made. Once final payment is made, no further changes will be made to the exchange rate.
- Your proposal is based on current costs as of November 23, 2010. IAny taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or their agencies may be passed on to the group. If you book an air package with Contiki, please be advised that air taxes and security charges are subject to change until ticketed and are at the airlines' sole discretion.
- A non-refundable deposit of USD \$200.00 per person is required to hold your space.
- Final payment is due March 28, 2011.
- All accommodation is subject to availability at time of reserving and no accommodation will be reserved until deposits have been received. If the group stays in any city during a major trade fair, holiday or peak travel season, accommodation will be very difficult to secure - in this case, we reserve the right to accommodate the group outside of the city and/or pass on any supplement incurred.
- We require a minimum of 20 passengers in order to operate a custom group. If the group does not have at least 20 passengers booked by 100 days prior to departure we reserve the right to cancel your departure.
- The tour is priced in twin share.
- The number of triple rooms is limited in Europe and are used to avoid single supplements for odd numbers. It is not possible to accommodate the entire group in triple rooms.
- A standard coach will hold 51 passengers. If your group requires more than one coach, the passengers will be billed based on the number of total passengers PER COACH and not the number of passengers in the group. (e.g. group size of 60 people = 30 passengers per coach, billed at appropriate 30 rate.)
- 45-30 days prior to travel you will receive a list of hotels for the group.
- 21-14 days prior to departure travel documents will be sent.