

Departure day

Sunday, May 6th

Chicago to Rome (Direct Flight)

Day 1

Monday, May 7th - ROME

Arrival in Rome

The group will be met at the exit gate by an Italy tour manager then board private bus to be transferred directly to hotel.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

“Welcome to Italy” evening dinner at the hotel.

Day 2

TUESDAY, May 8th - ROME

After breakfast the group will board bus to begin the Ancient Rome Tour (5 hours). A great first day experience to get acquainted with Rome. This tour is set-up for a very comfortable day of sight-seeing at a relaxed pace. The group will be transported by air-conditioned bus to and from each site. The bus will be furnished with plenty of water for the group. If any member of the group would like to remain on the bus at certain stops they are welcome to do so.

Your professional Rome guide for the day will accompany group for a private tour of the highlights of Rome including the Colosseum and the heart of religious, political and social life in the ancient

Rome. The Roman Forum, which was the main marketplace and business center.

You'll head to the Via Sacra, and relive a day in the ancient Rome. You'll see buildings like the Curia Julia, the House of the Vestals or triumphal arches and important temples. You'll discover the Palatine: the place where according to the legend Rome was founded by Romulus in the 753 B.C. Imperial palaces were later built here so that the word Palatine came to be synonymous with “the palace of the emperor”. Tour highlights:

- Pantheon
- Piazza Navona: The Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (by Bernini) and the San'Agnese in Agone by Borromini
- Church of San Pietro in Vincoli: Here is the found the Mosè di Michelangelo, one of the most famous sculpture of Michelangelo.
- Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps
- Palatino Hill: You can see the Campidoglio and one of the most amazing view of the Roman Forum from the top of the hill.
- Bocca della verità and Circus Maximus
- Aventino Hill and Parco degli Aranci
- The 4 Basiliche of Rome: Rome has more than 3000 churches with 4 major Basiliche
- Gianicolo. The Janiculum is one of the most romantic hill of Rome with a very nice view on the city because is the second tallest point to see the Eternal city!
- Other locations upon request

Return to hotel in the late afternoon. Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th - ROME

After breakfast the group will board private bus for the Vatican and Vatican Museums Half Day Tour (3 hours). The group will be transported by private bus to the Vatican. The group will be accompanied by professional guide and see the Vatican Museums' highlights, the Sistine Chapel and then we will go straight to St. Peter's Basilica. Entrance tickets included.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 4

THURSDAY, MAY 10th - ROME - SIENA - FLORENCE

After breakfast the group will check out of hotel then board private bus and head to Siena.

Free time to stroll streets of Siena at own leisure.

In the afternoon board bus to Florence with a stop along the way at a winery for a wine tasting and snack.

Arrive in Florence and check into hotel.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 5

FRIDAY, MAY 11th - FLORENCE

After breakfast the group will begin a slow paced professionally guided tour of Uffizi Gallery + Ponte Vecchio. (3 hours) Highlights include works by Giotto, Masaccio, Botticelli, Piero della Francesca, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Caravaggio! Also a visit to a Florentine Paper Handicraft Shop (you will see a Craftsman making Florentine Paper).

Mid-Day leisure time.

In the late afternoon the group will visit the Accademia Gallery + Cathedral Square. Highlights include: Michelangelo's David, Michelangelo's Prisons + Cathedral, Baptistery, Giotto's Bell tower.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 6

SATURDAY, MAY 12th - BOLOGNA - MODENA

After breakfast group will check out of hotel then board bus for Bologna.

Bologna half day tour with private professional guide. Slow paced walking tour with visits to Piazza Maggiore, Podestà Palace, Neptune's Fountain, King Enzo's Palace, Sala Borsa, Palazzo dei Banchi and Basilica of Saint Petronio, Galluzzi's court, Piazza Galvani and Archiginnasio, Mercato di Mezzo, Saint Steven square, Saint Steven Church Complex, Isolani's Court and Torre degli Asinelli and Torre Garisenda.

Depart for Modena. Check into hotel in Modena.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 7

SUNDAY, MAY 13th - Santa Agata Bolognese - MARANELLO - MODENA

After breakfast the group will depart by bus to Santa Agata Bolognese for a visit to the

Lamborghini Museum & Factory. Lamborghini offers the opportunity to tour its factory floors, where you can see the assembly line of the Gallardo LP 560-4 or the Aventador, including the car's famous handcrafted engine.

Lunch in Modena

After lunch group will depart for Maranello to visit the newly renovated Ferrari Museum. The museum holds vintage Ferraris, multimedia displays including a Formula 1 simulator and rotating exhibitions.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 8

MONDAY, MAY 14th - SAN CESARIO SUL PANARO - VERONA

After breakfast check out of hotel then head to San Cesario Sul Panaro, for a visit to the Pagani factory. Pagani is a newcomer to the Italian luxury car market and is founded by Horacio Pagani.

Continue on to Verona. Check-in to hotel in Verona.

Rest of day at own leisure to stroll around Verona.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 9

TUESDAY, MAY 15th - VENICE - VERONA

Day trip to Venice.

Return to Verona in the evening.

Dinner at the hotel.

Day 10**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th - VERONA - LAKE GARDA - MONZA**

After breakfast the group will check out of hotel and board bus for Monza. Along the way the group will stop in beautiful Sirmione.

In Sirmione the group will board boat for a short cruise on Lake Garda and a visit to Sola. The group will return to Sirmione for time leisure time to shop followed by a lunch and wine tasting.

In the late afternoon the group will depart for Monza and check in to hotel.

Day 11**THURSDAY, MAY 17th - MONZA - BRESCIA**

After breakfast the group will head to the Autodromo Nazionale di Monza, the place for Italy's Formula 1 Grand Prix.

The group will have a chance of a driving experience on the famous track.

After lunch the group will head to Brescia for the start of the Mille Miglia. The "Mille Miglia" is a race for classic and vintage cars. Participation is limited to cars, produced no later than 1957, which had attended (or were registered) to the original race. The route (Brescia-Rome round trip) is similar to that of the original race, maintaining the point of departure / arrival in Viale Venezia in Brescia.

Return to Monza in the late afternoon.

Dinner at the hotel.

Day 12**FRIDAY, MAY 18th - TURIN**

After breakfast group will check out of hotel in Monza then head to Turin.

Once in Turin the group will visit the Museo Dell'Automobile. It is one of the one of the oldest automobile museums in the world.

Dinner at the hotel.

Day 13 - TURIN**SATURDAY, MAY 19th**

Day excursion to Barolo and Alba for wine tastings and truffle hunting experience.

Day 14**SUNDAY, MAY 20th - MILAN**

Check out of hotel then be transported by private bus to the airport.

Return to USA