

# ITALY

# **ROMAN RUINS** 8 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

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#### DAY 1: TRAVEL TO ITALY

- Fly through the night to Rome

#### DAY 2: ROME

- **Benvenuti**! Your Italian Prométour Tour Director will greet you at the airport and remain with your group for the duration of your tour
- Transfer to your centrally located hotel to drop-off your bags
- Join your local guide and visit the Arch of Constantine and the ruins of the Roman Forum
- Admire the **Basilica of Maxentius** the 1700 year old Temple of Romulus and the Temple of Divus Julius built for the cremated remains of Caesar
- Head towards the Palatine known to be where Romulus founded Rome in 8th Century BC
- Visit the Colosseum originally known as the Flavian Amphitheatre
- Enjoy an Italian dinner in a typical Trattoria with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

#### DAY 3: POMPEII / ROME

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Depart for an excursion to **Pompeii** this city was completely destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 A.D
- Follow your local guide through Pompeii and discover the archeological ruins
- Return to Rome
- Take a walk with your Prométour Tour Director See the Pantheon and Piazza Navona
- Dinner with your group at an authentic Italian restaurant
- Assure your return to Rome by tossing coins in the Trevi Fountain
- Overnight accommodation at your centrally located hotel

#### DAY 4: VATICAN CITY / ROME

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- This morning, discover Vatican City Rome's state-within-a-city
- Begin with St-Peter's Square and enter the immense and grandiose St-Peter's Basilica
- Visit the Vatican Museum including the Stanza di Raffaello (Raphael Rooms) & Tapestry Gallery
- End your visit with the **Sistine Chapel** take a look at its vaulted ceiling painted by Michelangelo and look for his self-portrait hidden in the mural of the Final Judgment
  - The rest of the afternoon is free to do as you please you may wish to shop at the fashionable boutiques along the **Via Condotti** or simply relax at a sidewalk café
  - For dinner, try handmade calzone at a local pizzeria
  - Overnight accommodation in Rome at your centrally located hotel

#### DAY 5: SAN GIMIGNANO / FLORENCE

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Depart for Florence by private motorcoach
- En route, stop in the small town of San Gimignano
- Free time to explore the quaint shops and charming streets, pick up some souvenirs
- Continue to Florence Check-in to your centrally located hotel
- Walk to the Ponte Vecchio and browse the many gold and silversmith shops
- Enjoy a typical Italian dinner at a Trattoria
- Overnight accommodation in Florence at your centrally located hotel

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- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Meet your local guide for a half day **visit of Florence** you will see the
- Cathedral (II Duomo), Ghiberti's Baptistery, the open-air sculpture museum on Piazza della Signoria and Santa Croce Basilica

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- See the breathtaking view from the top of the **Bell Tower** (Campanille)
- The remainder of the afternoon is free time for you to explore this charming and beautiful city
- Explore the open air markets and pick up some fine leather products
- Dinner with your group at a charming Italian restaurant
- Overnight accommodation in Florence at your centrally located hotel

#### DAY 7: FLORENCE / VENICE

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- After breakfast at the hotel, take a **guided visit** of the **Uffizi Gallery** (Galleria degli Uffizi) Home to some of the most beautiful works of art created by famous Italian painters such as Giotto, Simone Martini, Piero della Francesca, Fra Angelico, Filippo Lippi, Botticelli, Mantegna, Correggio, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo and Caravaggio
- Depart for Venice
- Transfer by water taxi to your hotel on the Lido
- Check-in at your hotel to leave your bags and freshen up
- Explore the Venetian passages by gondola with some local musicians
- Dinner with your group along the canal
- Overnight accommodation in Venice at your centrally located hotel

#### DAY 8: VENICE

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Meet your local guide for a half-day visit of Venice You will see the historical center of Venice, St. Mark's Basilica, the Palazzo Ducale, and Ponte di Rialto
- Board a Vaporetto and cruise to the island of Murano to see Venice's skilled artisans at work during a glass blowing demonstration
- Explore Venice visit the markets and pick up some last minute souvenirs
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner with your group
- Overnight accommodation in Venice at your centrally located hotel

#### **DAY 9: RETURN HOME**

- Breakfast at your hotel with your group and your Prométour Tour Director
- Board your water taxis, then your private motorcoach to transfer to the airport
- Say a fond "Arivederci" to your Prométour Tour Director and board your flight for home







