A group travel program prepared for the University of Michigan Retirees Association

Reflections of Italy
Fall 2015 Sample Itinerary

Highlights...
Rome ● Colosseum ● Assisi ● Perugia ● Siena ● Florence ● Chianti Winery ● Venice ● Murano Island ● Lugano, Switzerland ● Como

Sample Pricing*:
Land-Only: $2,649* Double ● Air/Land: $4,249* Double
*Prices are per person, double occupancy, based on 2014 rates, and are subject to change.

Air/Land Price Includes: Round trip air from Detroit, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers.

10 Days ● 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts ● 1 Lunch ● 5 Dinners

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES
★ Experience the benefits of personal audio headsets, designed for better communication between you and your guides throughout your tour.
★ Visit the beautiful resort town of Como in the Italian Lake District.
★ Discover Siena’s narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo.
★ A tour of Florence showcases the cultural treasures of the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.”
★ Enjoy a visit to one of Chianti’s treasured wineries complete with a visit to its medieval castle and a special lunch.
★ Spend a day in the breathtaking region of Umbria as you visit two of its most important cities: Assisi and Perugia.

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Rome, “The Eternal City.”

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins
You arrive in Rome today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. Today dinner will be included.

Day 3: Rome
This morning, enjoy a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, the famous Piazza Navona and a visit to the Colosseum. This afternoon it’s your choice! Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica*, will be on your personal sightseeing list. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia
Ease your way into the local culture as your tour manager teaches you a few key phrases of the native language. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you are off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy, the Piazza IV Novembre, and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Perugia - Siena - Florence
A scenic journey through Tuscany’s graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. You will be delighted by its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval...

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Day 6: Florence
In Florence, the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance,” visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo’s incredible statue of David. During your cultural tour of Florence you'll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce Afterwards, learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making at a family-owned leather shop before visiting a local gold shop for an informative explanation of Florentine gold. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 7: Florence - Venice
Start your day with a trip to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region with its very own 12th century castle. Learn about Tuscany’s famous wines and enjoy a light lunch filled with local specialties. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing over the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 8: Venice - Murano Island - Venice
Your day begins with a boat trip** (weather permitting) to Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration. Next, return to Venice and visit charming St. Mark’s Square, the lively hub of the city’s activity and events. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour of the area featuring St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Venice - Lugano, Switzerland - Como, Italy - Milan Malpensa
Today you travel to the picturesque Italian Lake district. Cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Lugano to enjoy beautiful views of Lake Lugano with excellent shopping opportunities. Returning to Italy, spend time in the elegant town of Como. Lake Como’s charm is tied to its beautiful villas, lush gardens and spectacular views. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends
Your tour ends in Milan Malpensa this morning. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:
Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.
Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.
When the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day.
*Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums in the afternoon.

Vatican Museums are closed on Sundays and holidays that fall on Saturday.
Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays.
**On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice. To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing tour company’s airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

Final itinerary and pricing for Fall 2015 will be available mid-June 2014.

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