



TOUR 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Departure from Rome, 4 meals

DAY 1: ROME, ASSISI, SIENA, FLORENCE

DEPARTING AT 7:15AM FROM THE HOTEL DIANA BY A DELUXE COACH, YOU WILL ARRIVE IN ASSISI, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE THIS TINY TOWN, SURROUNDED BY WALLS BUILT IN THE MIDDLE AGES, AT YOUR OWN LEISURE. MAKE TIME TO VISIT THE BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS, WHERE YOU WILL SEE MASTERPIECES BY GIOTTO AND CIMABUE, AND TO HAVE LUNCH (NOT INCLUDED). BOARD THE BUS FOR SIENA, A MEDIEVAL TOWN SURROUNDED BY ANCIENT WALLS THAT IS KNOWN FOR THE PALIO, AN ANNUAL SUMMERTIME HORSE RACE AROUND THE SHELL-SHAPED TOWN SQUARE, PIAZZA DEL CAMPO. NEXT, YOU WILL CONTINUE ON TO FLORENCE, WHERE YOU WILL CHECK IN TO YOUR HOTEL BEFORE ENJOYING DINNER AND A WELL-EARNED NIGHT OF REST.

DAY 2: FLORENCE

AFTER BREAKFAST, YOU WILL SPEND THE DAY VENTURING AROUND BEAUTIFUL FLORENCE, THE “CRADLE OF RENAISSANCE”, WHERE, WITH THE HELP OF MICHELANGELO, ITALIAN ART REACHED ITS PINNACLE. BASED ON ETRUSCAN-ROMAN ORIGINS, THE CITY FLOURISHED IN THE MIDDLE AGES AS A FREE “COMUNE” AND WAS FURTHER REFINED BY THE RENAISSANCE. YOU WILL BE FASCINATED BY ITS NUMEROUS MONUMENTS, CHURCHES, AND BUILDINGS, AS SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE, MORE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE DUOMO. ON YOUR VISIT, YOU WILL BE AMAZED BY ITS MAGNIFICENT DOME BUILT BY FILIPPO BRUNELLESCHI. CROSS A SMALL PIAZZA TO SEE THE CAMPANILE TOWER (PARTLY DESIGNED BY GIOTTO) AND THE BAPTISTERY, WITH ITS BRONZE DOORS THAT MICHELANGELO DUBBED THE “GATES OF PARADISE.” IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, YOU WILL SEE PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA, PALAZZO DELLA SIGNORIA (ALSO KNOWN AS PALAZZO VECCHIO), AND THE BASILICA OF SANTA CROCE. SPEND THE AFTERNOON STROLLING THE COBBLESTONE STREETS OF FLORENCE ON YOUR OWN OR TAKE A SHORT TRIP TO PISA (OPTIONAL), ONE OF THE FOUR MAIN HISTORICAL MARINE REPUBLICS OF ITALY. THERE, YOU WILL TOUR THE SQUARE OF MIRACLES, WHICH HOUSES THE DUOMO, THE LEANING TOWER, AND THE BAPTISTRY. FLORENCE DINNER AND OVERNIGHT STAY.



DAY 3: FLORENCE, BOLOGNA, PADOVA, VENICE

DEPART FOR BOLOGNA AFTER BREAKFAST IN FLORENCE. THERE, YOU WILL WANDER THROUGH THE CITY'S 38 KILOMETERS WORTH OF ELEGANT ARCADES (OR PORTICOS), FOR WHICH BOLOGNA IS FAMOUS. FROM PIAZZA MALPIGHI, WE WILL WALK TO PIAZZA DEL NETTUNO AND PIAZZA MAGGIORE (NEPTUNE SQUARE AND MAJOR SQUARE) IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, WHERE YOU WILL FIND NEPTUNE FOUNTAIN; KING RENZO PALACE; PODESTÀ PALACE; AND THE BASILICA OF SAN PETRONIO, ONE OF THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD. IN THE AFTERNOON, CONTINUE TOWARD PADOVA, WITH ITS ORIGINAL SANT'ANTONIO BASILICA. LATER, YOU WILL ARRIVE IN VENICE, WORLD-RENOWNED FOR ITS CLASSIC GONDOLA BOATS AND ITS ELEGANT, REFINED ART. CHECK IN TO YOUR HOTEL AND ENJOY YOUR FIRST VENETIAN DINNER AND OVERNIGHT STAY.

DAY 4: VENICE

HIT THE WATER AFTER BREAKFAST AS YOU BOARD A PRIVATE WATER BUS TO ENJOY AN OUTSTANDING CRUISE THROUGH THE LAGUN OF VENICE BEFORE STOPPING AT MURANO. THE ANCIENT ART OF GLASS BLOWING IS STILL CARRIED ON IN THE TOWN, THANKS TO A FEW « MAESTRI » LEFT ON THE ISLAND. THEN ON TO ST. MARK'S SQUARE, EXTERIOR VISIT OF THE SPLENDID CATHEDRAL , THE DOGI PALACE, A SYMBOL OF THE GLORY AND AUTHORITY OF VENICE AS IT HOUSED THE SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COURT OF JUSTICE. NEARBY YOU WILL SEE THE LEGENDARY BRIDGE OF SIGHT. SPEND THE AFTERNOON ROAMING ALONG VENICE'S CANALS AT YO