



A special 10-night group departure to Italy

Garvan's Italy Tour 2025!

April 6 - 17, 2024

\$5,975 INCLUDES AIRFARE. Price is per person, based on double occupancy
Single Room Supplement \$2,200

Tour Includes:

- Luxury motorcoach from/to Garvin's & JFK
- Airfare to and from USA/Italy
- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Full Breakfasts (10)
- Lunches (3)
- Dinners (5)
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

Tour accompanied by
Leonie and Garvan

HOTELS – 10 Nights

- Hotel Cavaletto, Venice (2)
- Hotel Adriatico, Florence (3)
- Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento (3)
- Romanico Palace Hotel, Rome (2)



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10-Night Itinerary

Sun, April 06 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Mon, April 07 VENICE ARRIVAL

After landing at Venice Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your tour director will welcome you to Italy and escort you and your luggage to the water taxi. Transfer to your hotel, check in and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to rest or explore around Venice, a city of myth and magic. Every year the city attracts tourists with its picturesque carnival, colorful pageants, music festivals, theaters and gambling houses visitors from all over the world. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local Venetian restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL CAVALETTO, VENICE

Tue, April 08 VENICE SIGHTSEEING

This morning, embark on a walking tour to see the main sights of Venice. Start with Piazza San Marco known for its world-famous marble square that is lined with galleries, luxury shops and charming cafés. Stop to visit St. Mark's Basilica, an opulently designed Italo-Byzantine church, which was given the nickname "the Church of Gold." Then, continue on to view the Bridge of Sighs, which passes over the Rio di Palazzo and connects the old prisons to the interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace. The name of the bridge comes from the suggestion that prisoners would sigh at their final view of beautiful Venice out the window before being taken down to their cells. Head back to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL CAVALETTO, VENICE

Wed, April 09 VENICE TO FLORENCE

Leaving Venice, travel through the Veneto Region and into the city of Modena, known for its architecture and fine foods. Upon arrival, stop to enjoy a traditional lunch with your group at a local venue. After, continue your drive into Florence, check into your hotel and spend the rest of the day free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL ADRIATICO, FLORENCE

Thu, April 10 ACCADEMIA MUSEUM

Today, visit the Accademia Museum, which was founded in 1784 and hosts a collection of sculptures, picture galleries and paintings. One of the most important works on display at the museum is David by Michelangelo completed around 1504. After, set off on a guided walking tour of Florence, a city of artistic wealth and beauty. Along the way, visit Piazza Del Duomo to see the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Romanesque Baptistery of St. John with the exquisite bronze doors by Ghiberti. Then, continue to the beautiful Piazza della Signoria, which is surrounded by several important buildings including Palazzo degli Uffizi, the oldest art museum in the world, and Palazzo Vecchio, the former palace of the Medici. Also visit the Piazza di Santa Croce, one of the main squares in Florence, named after the stunning Basilica of Santa Croce, which overlooks the square. Head back to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. This evening, you might like to dine in one of the many traditional or modern dinner venues scattered around the charming city.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL ADRIATICO, FLORENCE

Fri, April 11 SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO

After breakfast, take in beautiful scenic views as you travel through Tuscany's low-lying hills and olive groves to Siena, one of Italy's most beautiful cities. Stop to visit San Domenico Church, a vast brick church founded by the Dominicans in 1125 as part of their friary and contains the head of St. Catherine in the reliquary. Then, view the Piazza Del Campo, where the famous Palio Horse Race is held twice a year. Next, head to local venue to enjoy a wine tasting session and pasta making demonstration with your group followed by lunch. Continue your travel into San Gimignano, one of Italy's best preserved medieval villages. Upon arrival, set off on a guided walking tour of the picturesque hill town, which has kept its medieval appearance unchanged. The city is encircled by ramparts bristling with fourteen tall towers of nobility, which have earned the nickname "San Gimignano of the fine towers." Stroll along the delightful narrow streets lined with palaces and old houses. After, enjoy some free time for independent shopping and sightseeing. Return to your hotel in Florence in time to meet your fellow travelers in the hotel restaurant for an authentic Italian dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL ADRIATICO, FLORENCE

Sat, April 12 FLORENCE TO SORRENTO

Departing Florence, travel into the scenic hill town of Orvieto and stop to enjoy some free time to explore around the quaint area on your own. You might like to view the 13th century Orvieto Cathedral, whose magnificent façade is elaborately adorned with mosaics and is one of the greatest masterpieces of Italian Gothic architecture. After, continue your journey through Montecassino and the Bay of Naples into Sorrento. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy some free time to settle into your room. Tonight, meet your group for a relaxing dinner at a local traditional restaurant within walking distance of your hotel.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MICHELANGELO, SORRENTO

Sun, April 13 ISLE OF CAPRI

After breakfast, take a fast ferry across the Bay of Naples to the charming Island of Capri. Upon arrival, take in the breath-taking sights of the picturesque island as you enjoy free time to explore on your own. You may like to take a chair-lift to capture the wonder and views of the colorful waters from Anacapri or explore the Roman ruins. You may also like to take a leisurely stroll along the winding lanes, visit a day spa or just enjoy some gelato. Later, head back to your hotel in Sorrento, where the rest of the day is at leisure for individual sightseeing, shopping, dining and more.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MICHELANGELO, SORRENTO

Mon, April 14 AMALFI COAST SIGHTSEEING

This morning, set off on a panoramic tour to admire the delightfully charming Amalfi Coast. The Amalfi Coast is a scenic stretch of southern coastline, which extends from Positano to Vietri sul Mare. There will be plenty of stops at strategic locations to take photos of the picturesque towns, rugged terrain and natural beauty of the Amalfi Coast. Journey into Positano for some time at leisure to explore the picturesque village independently. Positano is known for lemon products of all kinds and was featured in the movie, *Under the Tuscan Sun*. Then, continue into Praiano, a small town perched on rocky cliffs, known for its stunning hidden beaches, grottoes and breathtaking hiking trails. Enjoy some free time to grab an independent bite to eat for lunch at one of the many fine restaurants located in the town. Praiano is known for its amazing seafood and lemony desserts such as limoncello. Head back into Sorrento and stop at a local venue to experience a delightful gelato tasting and demonstration with your group. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure. In the evening, you might like to sample the local cuisine by dining at a nearby venue.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MICHELANGELO, SORRENTO

Tue, April 15 POMPEII EXCAVATIONS

Today, journey into Pompeii to see the excavation site destroyed, buried under ashes and forever preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Excavation may have begun in 1748, but work is still being done today. See many frescos that still seem fresh, and the restored mosaic floors which are spectacular. Next, head to a local venue to enjoy a Neapolitan Pizza lunch with your fellow travelers. Continue your drive into Rome, check into your hotel and enjoy some free time before joining your group for a brief walking tour of the Eternal City. Along the way, visit the famous Spanish Steps, a set of steps dating from 1723 and considered to be the widest and longest staircase in Europe. Then, visit the awe-inspiring Trevi Fountain. Tradition maintains, that if you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain, it means that someday you will return to Rome. After, experience a taste of Rome by dining at a popular Roman restaurant, a great introduction to the exciting Roman Dolce Vita.

OVERNIGHT: ROMANICO PALACE HOTEL, ROME

Wed, April 16 VATICAN MUSEUM & SISTINE CHAPEL

After breakfast, tour the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, where out of respect for its sacredness, the Vatican has requested silence during your visit. While here, you will see magnificent sculptures, Maps Gallery and the Hall of Tapestries. The tour ends in the Sistine Chapel, where you can view Michelangelo's Creation and the famous Last Judgment. After, visit the Roman Forum, which is often considered the center of Ancient Roman life. It was here, that religion, commerce, judicial cases and politics would often unfold. Then, continue on to visit the Colosseum, Rome's most recognized monument, where fit gladiators often fought in action packed shows and early Christians were sometimes martyred. The Colosseum had the ability to hold up to 50,000 spectators and is considered to be one of the great architectural achievements of Ancient Rome. Head back to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. You might like to relax or freshen up before meeting your fellow travelers for a wonderful farewell dinner with wine at a lovely Roman restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: ROMANICO PALACE HOTEL, ROME

Thu, April 17 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Rome Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.

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