



A special 10-night group departure

Garvan's Italy Tour

April 27 — May 8, 2025

\$5,975 AIR & LAND INCLUDED. Price is per person, based on double occupancy
Single Room Supplement \$2,300

Tour Includes:

- Airfare to and from USA/Italy
- In USA, exclusive transport by motorcoach from/to Garvan's to JFK
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- In Italy, exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Full Breakfasts (10)
- Lunches (3)
- Dinners (4)
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

HOTELS

Hotel Giorgione, Venice (2)
Hotel Mercure Firenze Centro, Florence (3)
Hotel Central, Sorrento (3)
Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome (2)

HIGHLIGHTS

St. Mark's Basilica
Accademia Museum
Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel
Roman Forum
Colosseum



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Garvan's Italy Tour Itinerary

Sun, April 27 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 28 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 free to relax or explore on your own. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local Venetian restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL GIORGIONE, VENICE

Tue, April 29 VENICE SIGHTSEEING

This morning, set off on a walking tour to see the main sights of Venice. Start your tour by visiting a local market before heading to Piazza San Marco, known for its world-famous marble square that is lined with galleries, luxury shops and charming cafés. Also view the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica, an opulently design Italo-Byzantine church, which was given the nickname "the Church of Gold." 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. Return to your hotel and spend the balance of the day free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL GIORGIONE, VENICE

Wed, April 30 VENICE TO FLORENCE

Leaving Venice, travel 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. Continue your travel along the Apennine Mountains into Florence, check into your hotel and settle into your room. This evening, you might like to sample the fine local cuisine by dining at a nearby venue.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MERCURE FIRENZE CENTRO, FLORENCE

Thu, May 1 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Today, set off on a guided walking tour of Florence, a city of artistic wealth and beauty. Stop to 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. Then, continue to the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo to see the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore before viewing Palazzo Vecchio, the town hall of Florence. After, head to a local venue to learn about the Florentine art of leather gilding. Return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day free for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MERCURE FIRENZE CENTRO, FLORENCE

Fri, May 2 SAN GIMIGNANO SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast, enjoy scenic views as you travel through Tuscany's low-lying hills and olive groves to Siena, one of Italy's most beautiful cities. Upon arrival, 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. After, head to a local winery to enjoy a wine tasting followed by an authentic lunch with your fellow travelers. Following, travel into San Gimignano, one of Italy's best preserved medieval villages. Here, enjoy some free time to explore around this picturesque hill town, which is encircled by 13th century city walls. Return to your hotel in Florence for an evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL MERCURE FIRENZE CENTRO, FLORENCE

Sat, May 3 FLORENCE TO SORRENTO

Departing Florence, travel into the scenic hill town of Orvieto and stop to enjoy some free time to grab an independent bite to eat and explore the quaint town on your own. You may 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. Continue your journey into Sorrento, which is where Limoncello liqueur was invented. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, settle into your room and enjoy some free time before heading to a nearby venue to enjoy a classic Italian dinner with your group.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL CENTRAL, SORRENTO



Sun, May 4 ISLE OF CAPRI

This morning, take a ferry across the Bay of Naples to the charming Island of Capri. Upon arrival, set off on a guided tour to see some of the breath-taking sights of the picturesque island. After, 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 CENTRAL, SORRENTO

Mon, May 5 AMALFI COAST SIGHTSEEING

Today, set off on a half day panoramic tour to admire the delightfully charming Amalfi Coast. Along the way, journey into the cliff-hugging village of Positano, where each house seems to be stacked upon the next. This splendid ensemble of colourful houses clinging to the mountainside is one of Italy's classic sights. Then, head into the town of Amalfi, one of the most famous Maritime capitals of Italy. Upon arrival, stop to view the Duomo di Amalfi, a medieval church dedicated to the Apostle Saint Andrew, whose relics are housed here. Admire the beautiful mosaic tiles that cover the splendid Bell Tower, which was completed in 1276. After, enjoy some time at leisure to grab an independent bite to eat for lunch and explore around the town on your own. Continue to a local venue to experience a delightful gelato tasting and demonstration with your group before returning to your hotel in Sorrento for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL CENTRAL, SORRENTO

Tue, May 6 POMPEII EXCAVATIONS

Leaving Sorrento, travel 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. Continue your journey into Rome, check into your hotel and enjoy some free time before this evening's festivities.

Tonight, set off on a leisurely walk to visit the famous Spanish Steps, considered to be the widest and longest staircase in Europe, before viewing 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: HOTEL ROMANICO PALACE, ROME

Wed, May 7 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. Next, visit the massive St. Peter's Basilica, which is the largest church in Christendom and can hold up to 60,000 people. Tradition maintains that Saint Peter's tomb is below the altar. After, view the Arch of Constantine, one of three surviving ancient Roman triumphal arches in Rome. Then, visit The Circus Maximus, the first and largest ancient Roman stadium. Continue on to 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. Following, visit the nearby 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. Return to your hotel, where you might like to relax or freshen up before heading to a local Roman restaurant to enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL ROMANICO PALACE, ROME

Thu, May 8 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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