Western Connecticut State University Alumni Association presents

Reflections of Italy

Departure Date: November 3, 2008

10 days
13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners

Highlights…
Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • San Gimignano
Florence • San Marino • Venice • Murano Island • Como
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. (D)

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

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia
LANGUAGE DISCOVERY: Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. 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. Here you will behold one of the grandest squares in Italy, the Piazza IV Novembre, and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. (B, D)

Day 5: Perugia - Siena - San Gimignano - 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. En route to Florence, stop in lovely San Gimignano, overlooking the vineyards and olive grove plantations of the Tuscan countryside. Enjoy a stroll along Piazza Del Duomo and Piazza Della Cisterna, two of Italy’s most picturesque squares. En route to Florence, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. (B, D)

Day 6: Florence
In Florence, the “Cradle of 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, burial place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. (B)

Day 7: Florence - San Marino - Venice
Today you will visit the beautiful Republic of San Marino. With only 23 square miles of territory, it is one of the smallest countries in the world! Next, travel past the lagoons and rice-grown fields along the Po River to Venice. This enchanting city was built on 117 tiny islands and is characterized by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, D)

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. This evening, you may want to join your fellow travelers for an optional gondola serenade cruise through the romantic canals. (B)

Day 9: Venice - Como - Milan
Today you travel to the picturesque Italian Lake region and the beautiful resort town of Como. Visit one of the areas most distinguished silk and fashion boutiques to learn how this luxurious fabric is made. Continue to Milan for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. (B, D)

Day 10: Milan - Tour Ends
Your tour ends in Milan this morning. (B)

Rates:
- Double: $2,999 per/person
- Single: $3,699 per/person
- Triple: $2,949 per person

Includes:
- Round Trip Air from New York
- Hotel Transfers, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of $340 (subject to increase until paid in full)

Not included in price:
- Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $200 person
Your Itinerary at a Glance

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:

*Due to the unpredictable nature of the events scheduled at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums in the afternoon.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Vatican Museums are closed on Sundays and holidays that fall on Saturday.

Important Reservation Information

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months’ passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

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