

# ITALY

Buon Appetito!

September 16-27,  
2023



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to return to Italy and excited to present our favorite custom-tailored itinerary for the fourth time; this is a very popular tour! A journey that will not only delight in the “First we eat, then we do everything else”-nation but bask in a parade of the passion for food, the most incredible wines, art, history, and century-old traditions.

Our route is unique, a once-in-a-lifetime itinerary led by our favorite local tour guide, Valeria. We will travel through the regions of Piedmonte, Liguria, and Tuscany, from Milan to Rome.

We start in the “Center of Fashion,” Milan, and travel through landscapes, unchanged since medieval times, decorated with countryside churches, beautiful abbeys, thousand-year-old villages, and hilltop castles.

And since all road leads to Rome, our tour concludes by exploring “The Eternal City” for two days. Other highlights include a city tour of Milan and Florence, an exclusive truffle hunt in Piedmonte, local tastings of the finest wines and olive oils, balsamic vinegar, great meals, great fellow travelers, and much, much more.

Join Dee and Dave Huber, our tour hosts; Italy is love at first sight, guaranteed.

Sincerely,  
Steve Glenn,  
Executive Travel

Dee & Dave Huber  
Tour Hosts



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



## Piedmonte Vineyards



### September 16, 2023 - Saturday Traveling to Milan, Italy

Our wonderful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Milan, Italy. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation. We are happy to assist travelers from different airports than Omaha.

### September 17, 2023 - Sunday Milan - Alba, Piedmonte

We arrive at Milan Malpensa airport in the early morning and are met by our favorite tour director, who will follow us during our journey in Italy. We are off on a half-day guided tour of Milan, one of Europe's wealthiest cities, known for stylish shops, galleries, and restaurants. Life in Milan is at a faster pace than in most Italian cities. We will visit the infamous Duomo, the landmark of Milan. The Gothic cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete and is dedicated to Saint Mary of the Nativity. Across Duomo Square, we will find the majestic Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the world's most glamorous and oldest shopping malls, built in 1867. Our tour will take us past the impressive landmarks of Piazza Sempione with the Arch of Peace, the Castello Sforzesco, ranked among Europe's largest citadels, and La Scala, the opera house. Lunch at leisure before we continue towards Alba, in the Piedmonte region, known for its sophisticated cuisine and world-class wines, including Barolo. Dinner is served at our hotel tonight; relax and unwind. B (during flight) | D

### September 18, 2023 - Monday Truffle Hunt & Wine Tastings

We enjoy our breakfast. Next, we head out to experience one of our journey's biggest highlights; a two-hour truffle hunt. We meet our hunter and his dog, and off we go! Surrounded by the stunning

## Portofino



Langhe scenery, we are searching for the "black and white gold" while learning about the importance of truffles in their natural environment. A truffle tasting follows before we continue with a visit to a local winery. The Piedmonte region fosters some of the highest quality wines in Italy, and even the French neighbors have admitted they are jealous. We will taste some grand wines; the Barbera d'Alba, and the king-of-them-all - the Nebbiolo Barolo. Cold cuts are included; it doesn't get any better than this! The late afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy. B | T | L

### September 19, 2023 - Tuesday Santa Margherita - Portofino - Rapallo

After a hearty breakfast, we travel towards the crescent-shaped Liguria region. Its Mediterranean coastline is known as the Italian Riviera. Stylish Portofino, Santa Margherita, and Rapallo appear as pearls on a string. We will meet our local Ligurian guide and tour Rapallo and Santa Margherita. Check-in to our hotel, where a delicious dinner will be served tonight. We recommend an evening stroll; the views are stunning. B | D

### September 20, 2023 - Wednesday Portofino

This morning, we will depart for a short boat ride to Portofino, the picturesque seaside village with bright-colored houses lining the shore. Portofino is also known as the resort of the "rich and famous." Designer boutiques and dozens of cafes and restaurants line the main square, allowing visitors a chance to experience the real Italian "Bella Vita." You will have free time to enjoy and visit the church of San Giorgio, which is said to have relics of Saint George. You can also visit the Brown Castle, built in the 15th century and used for harbor defense over the centuries. Portofino is the

## Cold Cuts - The Best!



place to people-watch and enjoy a gelato, an espresso, and a light lunch before we return by boat for a leisurely evening in Rapallo. B

### September 21, 2023 - Thursday Pisa - Tuscany

After a laidback breakfast, we are off to Pisa. We will experience (from outside) the infamous Leaning Tower, the free-standing bell tower of Pisa Cathedral, known for its nearly four-degree lean., the result of an unstable foundation. Next, we continue through the beautiful Tuscan region to our accommodation for the next three nights, a very special Tuscan villa. A welcome dinner is served, and you will soon feel the genuine Tuscan hospitality. The evening is for leisure to soak in the atmosphere of this very special place. B | D

### September 22, 2023 - Friday Florence

After breakfast, we are off for a short drive to Florence. We begin our visit with a guided walking tour of the "Cradle of Renaissance" to admire the majestic Duomo built in 1296 along Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its renowned "Gates of Paradise" doors. We will follow the medieval streets to the most striking squares in Florence; Piazza della Signoria, an open-air museum. Then, we head to the Academy Gallery for a visit and to take a closer look at the breathtaking statue of David by Michelangelo. Lunch is served at a local restaurant before you are off on your own to experience more of what Florence has to offer. You will enjoy the local leather works (handbags, gloves), fine Florentine paper, jewelry shops, and, of course, Ponte Vecchio, the infamous bridge. Return to our villa in the early evening. B | L



## Tuscan Village



### September 23, 2023 - Saturday Siena - San Gimignano

After breakfast, we travel back in time to the Middle Ages. Siena, a beautiful city with a historic center that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will take a walking tour of Siena and visit the famous Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares, and the site of Siena's famous horse race, the Palio di Siena. The sweet-smelling trattorias, the sounds of the artisans, and the spouting fountains along the mystery of the Diana River are just some of the reasons why Siena is such a gem to visit. Next, we will drive to San Gimignano for a walking tour. Fortified walls and a watchtower show power and prosperity in the Middle Ages, though only 13 of the town's original 76 towers still remain. We will enjoy an hour at leisure in San Gimignano before meeting with our friend, Pierluigi, at his local winery. You will enjoy a wine tasting and lunch, guaranteed to be the most entertaining ever. Return to our villa for the evening. B | T | L

### September 24, 2023 - Sunday Assisi - Rome

After a hearty breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Tuscany and our Tuscan family. We are headed towards Rome, but we will make a stop on the way to the hillside town of Assisi, the birthplace of one of the most popular Catholic saints in history. Saint Francis of Assisi is the founder of the Franciscan order and is better known as the revered patron saint of animals. We will spend time at the stunning church and enjoy the breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and villages. We will proceed to the Eternal City, Rome, reached in the late afternoon. Check-in to our centrally located hotel. The evening is yours to relax; take a stroll in the neighborhood; you will soon understand why Rome wasn't built in a day! B

## Gelato



### September 25, 2023 - Monday Rome

Today is your chance to experience Federico Fellini's classic "La Dolce Vita" (The Sweet Life) and take in the atmosphere of the famous movie "Eat, Pray, Love." See for yourself the top sites in Rome, including restaurants, fountains, piazzas (squares), and neighborhoods featured in books and movies. Retrace the footsteps of Elizabeth, played by Julia Roberts, who spends her time in Rome searching for beauty and exploring Italian food. Our guided tour includes the highlights of Eternal Rome with its Roman squares: from Piazza Navona to Trevi Fountain. Lunch is enjoyed at a unique restaurant ...for movie lovers only! After lunch, we are ready to step back in time and visit "Ancient Rome," including the Roman Forum and the Coliseum. Its real name was Flavian Amphitheater, after the emperors who built it in the first century AD. Coliseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that stood at the entrance at one time. The evening is yours to explore more of Rome; it will not disappoint. B | L

### September 26, 2023 - Tuesday The Vatican City\*

We are up early! A ten-minute bus ride takes us to another country, Vatican City. Before starting our visit, we will enjoy breakfast in the magnificent setting of the Vatican Museums. Together with our expert local guide, we will tour the Vatican Museums - a massive collection of ancient Greek sculptures, medieval tapestries, and Renaissance paintings. Our visit culminates in the Sistine Chapel, the room where the Pope is elected. Next, we will visit Saint Peter's Basilica, by far the largest church in Christendom. We will see Michelangelo's Pieta, sculpted when he was just 24 years old, as well as Bernini's seven-story bronze canopy located above the main altar.

## Vespa



The afternoon is at leisure. People-watch, shop, and enjoy the city; Rome is very special! Tonight, we invite you to our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B | D

\*Note, today's planned breakfast inside the Vatican City depends on availability based on any events planned by the Pope. In the case of a change, breakfast will be enjoyed at our hotel this morning before visiting the museums, Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter's Basilica.

### September 27, 2023 - Wednesday Traveling home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Rome airport in plenty of time to check-in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

*Itinerary subject to change  
B = Breakfast L = Lunch  
T = Tasting D = Dinner*



## Truffle Dog



#### Package Price:

Per person in shared double room:	\$3,995
Per person in single room:	\$4,995

*We offer "Pair-and-Share" service.*

*Ask us to assist with finding your roommate if you would like to share a room!*

A limited number of single rooms available, triple rooms are not available on this trip.

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on June 15, 2023, in non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payment after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

#### Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Traveler Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

*Traveler Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

#### Included:

- 10 nights during the tour in Italy
- 10 x breakfast
- 4 x lunch
- 4 x dinner
- 2 x local tastings (truffles, wine)
- A glass of local wine (or a soft drink) and bottled mineral water are included at all meals in Italy
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide in Italy
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Executive Travel Host, September 16-27, 2023
- All local taxes and fees as per December 5, 2022



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#### ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/ETIITA23/>

#### Air:

Group airfare is available. See separate insert.

#### Tour Activity for this tour: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

Level 3. This tour involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking on cobblestoned streets, steep areas within the sites visited, and long times of standing (museums, sites). This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Expect to walk 3-5 miles within a day; pack your walking shoes to gain the fullest of this wonderful Italian experience.

#### Visa/Passport requirements (per 12/05/2022):

U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter Italy for stays of up to 90 days. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter is as per current regulations. We recommend you check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) at least 90 days prior to your departure.

*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 travelers. We refer to our general Terms and Conditions found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours).*

#### Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees. Your first checked bag up to 50 lbs is FREE on the international flights
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to local tour guides and motor coach drivers (estimate \$12-15 per person per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

#### Hotel Accommodations (standard rooms):

- Alba: I Castelli Hotel or similar
- Rapallo: Hotel Bristol, Hotel Continental, Hotel Metropole, or similar
- Tuscany: Hotel Villa Casagrande or similar
- Rome: Hotel Dei Mellini, Hotel Orazio, or similar

*Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.*



## JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with Delta Airlines:

September 16, 2023	Omaha* - Atlanta	12:25 PM - 3:35 PM
September 16, 2023	Atlanta - Milan Malpensa	6:20 PM - 9:30 AM (Sep. 17)
September 27, 2023	Rome - Atlanta	12:40 PM - 5:55 PM
September 27, 2023	Atlanta - Omaha*	10:36 PM - 11:55 PM

\$1,350 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha.  
Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.  
Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

## SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

