

Italian Rendezvous



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**

Tuesday 21 June to Friday 8 July 2011 (18 days / 17 nights)

Milan • Como • Venice • La Spezia • Pisa • Florence • Assisi • Pompeii • Sorrento • Rome

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Discover all the best of one of the world's most picturesque countries from the north to south.

Starting in the fashion capital of Milan you'll next visit the Italian lakes district before touring to Venice. From Venice, the tour crosses the Italian peninsular and onwards to La Spezia, on the eastern side of the Italian Riviera with a full day highlight excursion to Cinque Terre. Then the tour heads to Florence and stays over in Tuscany before a discovery of Pompeii and enjoying the magic of the Amalfi Coast. Finally, celebrate your journey in the ancient city of Rome with a three night stay.

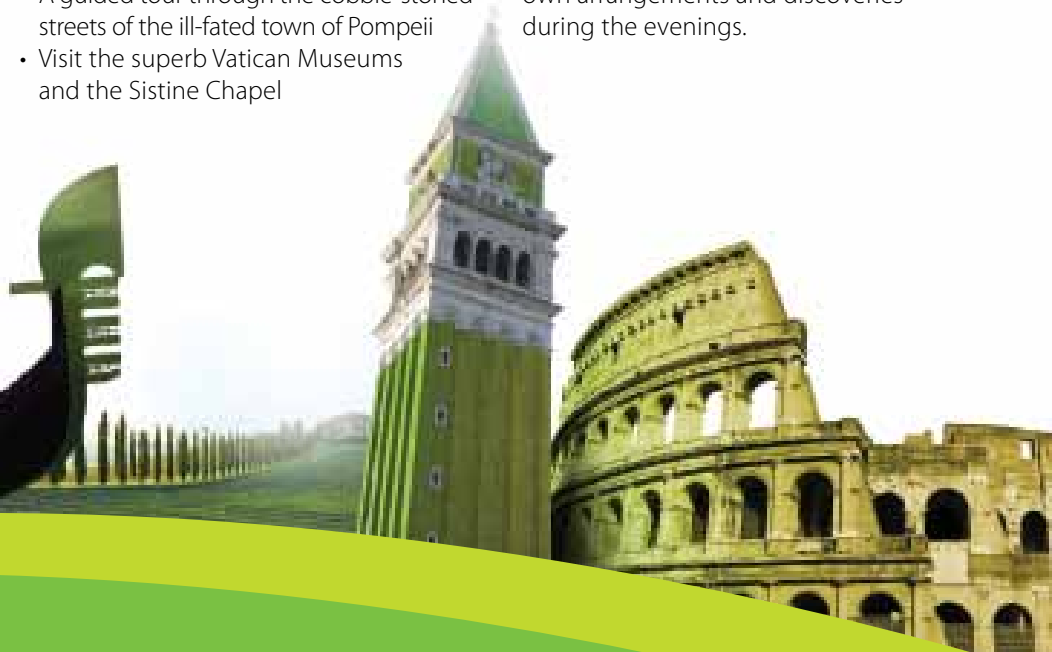
Tour Highlights

- A two night stay in the picturesque Italian Lakes District
- A three night stay, Florence & Rome
- Full day highlight excursion of Cinque Terre (five villages)
- A gondola ride in Venice
- A highlight dinner in the Chianti Hills, Florence
- A sightseeing tour of Florence including a visit to see Michelangelo's original 'Statue of David'
- A guided tour through the cobble-stoned streets of the ill-fated town of Pompeii
- Visit the superb Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel

Tour Pace

This small group tour is well paced with an exceptional three night stay in Florence and Rome plus two nights of stay in all other cities except Milan and Assisi. The majority of driving days are not too long, with convenient stops at places of interest along the way for refreshments and sightseeing. With eight dinners included in the itinerary it's the ideal balance of social group dining and the option to make your own arrangements and discoveries during the evenings.

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Early Bird Savings
for first 10 bookings
offer expires by 21 December 2010



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 17 nights, four star hotels
 - Daily breakfast (17)
 - 8 three-course dinners including four highlight dinners
 - Professional tour escort
 - Private touring
 - Tours & excursions as per itinerary
 - Pre-paid tips for tour director, coach driver, local guides, restaurant staff
 - Optional room mate match service
 - Tour documentation with travel wallet
- For your comfort, maximum group size of 24 travellers

Small Group Tour

You will enjoy a more personal discovery with this small group tour of a maximum of 24 travellers. Compared to many other European tours with over 40 travellers in a group, you will appreciate this more intimate experience. Share your journey with a group of like-minded single travellers!

** Early bird price valid for first 10 people who book and pay a deposit. Offer expires when the 10 places sell out or by 21 December 2010.*

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Early Bird Price*	\$5595	\$6690
Tour Standard Price	\$5795	\$6890
Pre tour hotel Milan	\$TBA	\$TBA
Post tour hotel Rome	\$TBA	\$TBA
Airfares	Quoted separately	

Optional Transfer Services:

Transfers are provided with tour price, if you book nominated group flights. Group flights will be determined when tour group reaches minimum group size of 12 travellers.

Private Car Transfer, Milan	\$195 per car (max 2 persons)
Private Car Transfer, Rome	\$95 per car (max 2 persons)

About Us

At *arendzvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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Itinerary for Italian Rendezvous 2011

Day 1 Milan

Welcome to Italy. If you have booked the group flight you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel by a private group transfer. The hotel check-in time is 2pm. For early arrivals you may wish to consider a pre tour hotel booking (cost of additional night) to ensure a morning check-in. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome drink with the Tour. (Welcome Drink). Overnight: Hotel Galles

Day 2 Milan - Como

Today, we travel to our lake-side hotel in the picturesque Italian Lakes District. Settle into the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy a two night stay in beautiful Como. (B, D) Overnight: Hotel Como

Day 3 Como

Today's highlight is enchanting Lake Como, considered the jewel of the Italian Lakes for its superb mountain setting. This morning there is a guided tour of Como. Como is dominated by its marble cathedral set in the narrow streets of the Old Town. Perhaps take an excursion to visit another lakeside town. Tonight we enjoy an exciting dining experience high above the city of Como. We start our evening by taking the cog railroad to the top of Mt. Brunate allowing time to take photos and see the lake from a new perspective. Dinner includes a 3 course meal from this unique region of Italy. The breathtaking views and excellent food will make this a dinner you will always remember. (B,HD) Overnight: Hotel Como

Day 4 Como - Verona - Venice

Briefly enter Switzerland to visit mountain ringed Lugano, and take time to stroll the lake's shores and shop for watches and chocolate. Continue to the elegant city of Verona for a guided walking tour. See the ancient Roman arena, venue for the opera each summer, and visit the courtyard of the Capulet home to see Juliet's balcony. Then it's on to romantic Venice, a glorious city of quaint bridges, ornate palaces, and gondolas. (B) Overnight: Hotel Antony, Venice Mestre

Day 5 Venice

Your morning tour is by boat and by foot today. Admire the Doges' Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs, and later visit a glass showroom for a demonstration of traditional craftsmanship, unchanged for centuries. We also see the ornate St Mark's Basilica, the rest of the day is at leisure to explore Venice on your own, before we return to our hotel. (B) Overnight: Hotel Antony, Venice Mestre

Day 6 Venice - La Spezia

Today, we cross the Italian peninsula and see the quarries at Carrara, its milky white stone attracting everyone from Michelangelo to Mussolini. We then travel to La Spezia, on the eastern end of the Italian Riviera. Tonight, we dine out at a local restaurant. (B,D) Overnight: My One Hotels

Day 7 La Spezia

Today, we experience a full day highlight excursion to Cinque Terre, or five villages,

which were for years only accessible by donkey. Luckily, today we take the train we explore the spectacular area. A local expert will guide you around two postcard pretty villages, which both retain their charm and reputation for producing one of Italy's most sought after and exclusive wines. For the adventurous there is a hill side track which leads from one village to another (B) Overnight: My One Hotels

Day 8 La Spezia - Pisa - Florence

This morning we have a photo stop at the leaning tower of Pisa and a guided walking tour of Pisa. On arrival to Florence, we have a sightseeing tour to show you Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery. Continue to see the Cathedral and baptistry, Giotto's 14th century Campanile (said to be the most beautiful bell-tower in the world), the 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square, political stage of the Florentines. Tonight, we'll drive up to the Piazza Michelangelo for an evening view of Florence, then proceed to the Monastery of Certosa where we'll enjoy a 3-course menu with wine and Tuscan entertainment. (B,HD) Overnight: BH Hotels (Either Ambasciatori or Diplomat Hotel)

Day 9 Florence

This morning we drive to San Gimignano, a medieval town where there is time to explore this many towered town with its squares and winding streets. Then on to the walled town of Siena to continue your full day tour before heading back to Florence. (B) Overnight: BH Hotels (Either Ambasciatori or Diplomat Hotel)

Day 10 Florence

A whole day is reserved to enjoy Florence at your leisure. Discover the art treasures housed in the many museums and galleries? Why not dedicate today to shopping for leather and gold product, visit one of the many museums or simply relax at an outdoor café with a glass of vino. Tonight there's an evening dinner excursion to Greve in Chianti including wine tasting at Castello Verrazzano (B, HD) Overnight: BH Hotels (Either Ambasciatori or Diplomat Hotel)

Day 11 Florence - Assisi

We enjoy a scenic drive to the hill top town of Assisi, home of St Francis. Here we visit the Basilica of St Francis with its magnificent frescoes by the artist Giotto. There rest of the time is free to wander the cobblestone streets and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. (B) Overnight: Hotel Cristallo

Day 12 Assisi - Pompeii - Sorrento

Our first stop is the Commonwealth Cemetery of Montecassino. Then through Campania to Pompeii where a local guide will walk you through the streets of this Roman resort buried by an eruption of the volcanic Mt Vesuvius in AD79. Later we make our way to Sorrento for dinner at a local restaurant and our 3 night stay in Sorrento. (B, D) Overnight: La Favorita

Day 13 Sorrento

This morning we take a short drive for a bird's eye view of the terraced houses of Positano.

Then by mini buses we travel down into the heart of the town. The rest of the day is at your to leisure to explore. Tonight why not try the local seafood at a local restaurant for dinner? (B) Overnight: La Favorita

Day 14 Sorrento

The Amalfi Coast is picturesque. Enjoy a day at leisure. It's an opportunity to take a special interest tour, wander the streets of some of the Amalfi Coast villages, do a spot of shopping or relax with some beach time. Whatever you choose, you're in a beautiful part of the world to enjoy it. (B) Overnight: La Favorita

Day 15 Sorrento - Frascati - Rome

We head north to the celebrated wine town of Frascati and continue to Castel Gandolfo to see the Pope's summer residence and then travel to the 'Eternal City', Rome for our three night stay. (B) Overnight: Visconti Palace

Day 16 Rome

Sightseeing with a local guide begins with a visit to the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Visit St Peter's Basilica, built around the tomb of St Peter, and designed by some of history's greatest architects, Bramante, Bernini and Michelangelo. Crossing the Tiber, explore ancient Rome as you visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Spend the afternoon at leisure: shop, relax or continue sightseeing. (B) Overnight: Visconti Palace

Day 17 Rome

A full day at leisure to do as you wish. Shop till you drop, take an optional tour to further explore Rome or you may be tempted to throw another coin into Trevi Fountain to ensure your return one day! As night falls, stroll to the Boat Fountain at the foot of the elegant Spanish Steps before enjoying a typically Roman dinner 3 course farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B, HD) Overnight: Visconti Palace

Day 18 Depart

Our memorable tour comes to an end after breakfast. Those group members travelling on a group nominated flight will be transferred to the airport for the return journey home. (B)

Meal Key: (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner (HD) = Highlight Dinner

NOTES

Hotels are subject to final confirmation. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice.

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