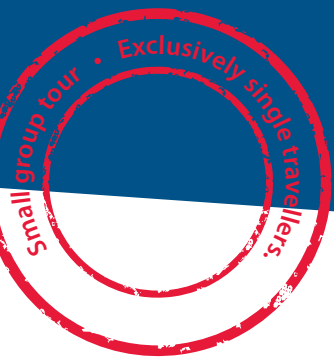


Italian Rendezvous



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**
Tuesday 5 to Friday 22 June 2012 (18 days)

Milan • Como • Venice • La Spezia • Florence • Assisi • Sorrento (Amalfi Coast) • Rome

Italian Rendezvous

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

Starting in the fashion capital of Milan, next visit the Italian lakes district before touring to Venice. From Venice, the tour crosses the Italian peninsula 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 enjoying the magic of the Amalfi Coast and finally, the ancient city of Rome.

Join like-minded single travellers in your age group on this fully escorted tour.

Tour Highlights

- A two night stay in the picturesque Italian Lakes District
- Full day highlight excursion of Cinque Terre (five villages)
- 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 admire Michelangelo's ceiling of the Sistine Chapel

Tour Pace

This tour includes a reasonable amount of sightseeing on foot and is graded as a medium-paced tour. A reasonable fitness level is required and you should enjoy walking to enjoy this tour.

There is an exceptional three night stay in Florence, Sorrento & Rome and 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.

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Bookings close
27 March 2012
or before places sell out



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, 4 star hotels
- Daily breakfast (17)
- A group welcome drink with supper, day 1
- 7 dinners including a highlight dinner
- Professional tour director escorting the group
- Private touring
- Tours & excursions as per itinerary
- Pre-paid tips for tour director, coach driver, local guides, restaurant staff
- Arrival transfer, Milan airport to hotel, *
- Departure transfer; Rome hotel to airport *
- A maximum group size of 26 travellers
- Room mate matching service available

* arrival and departure transfers only apply to nominated group flight and only when you purchase your airfare with us as part of your holiday package.

travel insurance is at your own expense.

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person*	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Early Bird Price**	\$5545	\$6735
Tour Standard Price	\$5695	\$6885
Airfares	Quoted separately and not included with tour price	
Pre and/or post tour hotel nights	Price on request	

* All prices are in Australian Dollars

** Valid for bookings confirmed with a deposit paid by 5 December 2011.

Note about SINGLE ROOMS:
As per standard practice in Europe some hotels may provide single rooms that are smaller than twin/double rooms and may be furnished with a single bed. This will not be the case for all the hotels.

About Us

At *arendzvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are 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 2012



Day 1 TUE 05 JUNE Milan

Welcome to Italy! If you have booked the group flight with us, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel by a private group transfer. The hotel check-in time is 2pm. Please meet your tour director and the group at the hotel bar at 5:00pm. (Welcome Drink, light supper).

Day 2 WED 06 JUNE Milan - Como

This morning we enjoy a tour of Milan with a local guide. The tour will visit the Duomo which includes mobile headsets for the tour and you will also visit Castello Sforzesco which is Milan's famous and much beloved monument with its origins dating back to the second half of the 14th century, at the time of Galeazzo II Visconti. While on the city tour you will also view the Teatro Della Scalla. In the afternoon, we make our way to our lake-side hotel in the picturesque Italian Lakes District, about 50 km from Milan, to enjoy a two night stay in beautiful Como. This evening the group enjoys a three course dinner together at a local restaurant (CB, D)

Day 3 THU 07 JUNE Como

Today's highlight is free time in enchanting Lake Como, considered the jewel of the Italian Lakes for its superb mountain setting. Como is dominated by its marble cathedral set in the narrow streets of the Old Town. A perfect way to spend your morning or afternoon is to take a visit to Bellagio, a municipality in the Province of Como. It's well worth the visit to enjoy the beautiful scenery. It's a good idea to take the slow boat to Bellagio, enjoy lunch and look around then there's the option of returning by the faster boat. This is an optional visit and your tour director will if you would like to join for the excursion.

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 three course meal at a local restaurant. The breathtaking views will make this a highlight dinner one you will always remember. (CB,HD)

Day 4 FRI 08 JUNE Como - Verona - Venice

This morning we drive to the elegant city of Verona (about 200kms). There's a guided city centre walking tour of about a 1.5 hours duration in Verona and it includes entry to the Arena Di Verona, an ancient Roman arena and venue for the opera each summer and entry to Juliet's house and balcony (from the story of Romeo & Juliet). In the afternoon we drive onto romantic Venice, a glorious city of quaint bridges, ornate palaces, and gondolas. Dinner tonight is at your leisure. (B)

Day 5 SAT 09 JUNE Venice

Your morning tour today is by boat and by foot. We travel by private boat to the famous Piazza San Marco and then commence the walking tour. You'll enjoy a guided sightseeing tour that also includes entrance to the Doges' Palace and a view to the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Later, there's a visit a glass showroom for an interesting demonstration of the traditional craftsmanship of Murano glasswares, unchanged for centuries. We also see visit the ornate St Mark's Basilica. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Venice. This evening dinner is by your own arrangement. (B)

Day 6 SUN 10 JUNE Venice - La Spezia

Today, it's a longer drive to cross the Italian

peninsular 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 enjoy a three course at our hotel including a glass of wine. (B,D)

Day 7 MON 11 JUNE La Spezia

Today, is the highlight excursion to the Cinque Terre (or the five villages). 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.

There's also the option to return by boat after the walk (which is spectacular) or you can choose to walk further to more of the five villages and then return by train to La Spezia. After an adventurous day, there is a relaxing dinner this evening at our hotel, enjoying three courses and a glass of wine. (B, D)

Day 8 TUE 12 JUNE La Spezia - Pisa - Florence

We depart earlier today to travel to Florence via Pisa. This morning we have a stop at the leaning tower of Pisa and a guided walking tour of Pisa for about one hour. From Pisa, we travel onwards to Florence. In Florence this afternoon, there's a city tour which includes a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts, to show you Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery. We continue, to visit 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 visit the Monastery of Certosa where we'll enjoy a 3-course menu with wine and Tuscan entertainment. (B,HD)

Day 9 WED 13 JUNE Florence

On a hilltop in the heart of Tuscany stands the majestic medieval walled town of San Gimignano. It has retained all its old streets, its walls, gates, palaces, strongholds and thirteen towers. This morning we drive to San Gimignano, with a guided city tour on foot to explore this many towered and very charming town with its squares and winding streets. There will also be time at your leisure to enjoy the town and time to find a local spot for lunch. (B)

Day 10 THU 14 JUNE Florence

This morning there's time to discover Florence at your leisure. It's a wonderful city for wandering, shopping and simply absorbing the atmosphere. This afternoon from 3pm, there's an excursion to Greve in the picturesque Chianti region including wine tasting with some local hors' d'oeuvres at Castello Verrazzano. We return to Florence and dinner tonight is at your leisure. (B, Wine Tasting with hors' d'oeuvres)

Day 11 FRI 15 JUNE Florence - Assisi

From Florence, we enjoy a scenic drive to the hill top town of Assisi (about 170kms), home of St Francis. There is time for lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, there's a guided city tour on foot to visit the Basilica of St Francis with its magnificent frescoes by the artist Giotto and other highlights. The rest of the time is free to wander the cobblestone streets and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. (B)

Day 12 SAT 16 JUNE Assisi - Pompeii - Sorrento

We depart first thing this morning to travel to Sorrento. It's a full day on the road with stops along the way. Our first stop is the beautiful 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 volcano Mt Vesuvius in AD79. Later we make our way to Sorrento for our 3 night stay. (B, D)

Day 13 SUN 17 JUNE Sorrento

This morning we take a short drive for a bird's eye view of the spectacular 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 leisure to explore. It's a great place to shop and be sure to take some time to have a coffee or lunch at the fashionable seaside area here. This evening, why not try the local seafood at a local restaurant for dinner? (B)

Day 14 MON 18 JUNE 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, maybe visit the Isle of Capri, 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, D)

Day 15 TUE 19 JUNE Sorrento - Caserta - Rome

Today we travel from Sorrento to the 'Eternal City' of Rome for our three night stay. Along the way, there will be a stop for lunch at your leisure in Caserta. Once we arrive in Rome you will have some free time at your leisure in the afternoon. (B)

Day 16 WED 20 JUNE Rome

You'll enjoy a morning guided day tour of Rome today. Sightseeing with a local guide, you will visit Rome's iconic landmarks and places of interest including entrance to The Colosseum and Roman Forum to explore ancient Rome. This afternoon you have time at leisure to enjoy your choice of sightseeing, shopping or relaxing in Rome. (B)

Day 17 THU 21 JUNE Rome

This morning, we complete the highlights of Rome with a guided city tour and tour of the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel plus visit St Peter's Basilica (shorts or short skirts not permitted), built around the tomb of St Peter, and designed by some of history's greatest architects, Bramante, Bernini and Michelangelo. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. As night falls, stroll to the Boat Fountain at the foot of the elegant Spanish Steps before enjoying a typically Roman three course farewell dinner including a glass of wine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 18 FRI 22 JUNE Depart

Our memorable tour comes to an end after breakfast. Those group members travelling on the group nominated flight (or if you have made other arrangements with us) will be transferred to the airport for the return journey home. (B)

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