



SPLENDORS *of Italy*

2025 DEPARTURES



ITINERARY



Day 1 - Depart Home

Your Italian adventure begins as you depart on your international flight.

Day 2 - Arrive in Milan

Our representative will meet you at the airport in Milan. Then, begin your time in Italy with a stop overlooking Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake. Continue to Verona, home to Roman ruins and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Finish the day at your hotel in Verona.

Day 3 - Venice

Travel by boat to the magical city of Venice. Rising between sea and sky, this fascinating city boasts waterways and boats instead of roads and cars, it comprises 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. Stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark, one of the world's most magnificent churches. Tour the Basilica with its treasure of marble and gold background mosaics. From the square, you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doges' Palace. After seeing the romantic Bridge of Sighs, enjoy free time to explore on your own. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals, or even indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Return to your hotel in Verona for dinner and your overnight stay.

Day 4 - Pisa and Lucca

Travel to Pisa and snap your photo in front of the famous Leaning Tower. This 180-foot-tall round tower is over 10 degrees out of perpendicular. Originally designed to stand straight, it began to lean during its construction in 1173 and corrective efforts failed. Even without its tilt, the building would still be one of the most remarkable bell towers in all of Europe. Wander the medieval walled city of Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini. Each of the walls is lined with a different species of tree, and together, they encompass a town full of medieval churches. Check into your hotel in Montecatini Terme for three nights.



Day 5 - Florence

The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your visit to Florence, enjoy the beautiful gardens and a leisurely stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, square and winding alley is a showcase for Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance grandeur. Among Florence's masterpieces, you'll see the Piazza Della Signoria with its Neptune Fountain and Vecchio Palace, the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, which houses Michelangelo's unfinished Pietá, the Baptistry, which features Ghiberti's famous Gates of Paradise, and the Academy, where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring David.

Day 6 - San Gimignano & Siena

This morning, travel to one of the most charming and picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano. Magical medieval towers dominate the town, once numbering more than 70, only 14 towers remain today. Beautiful Siena is built across several hills and valleys. The focal point of the city is the shell-shaped town square, which is both a meeting place and marketplace. It is also the venue for the town's famous horse race known as the "Palio."

Day 7 - Assisi

Your journey continues as you travel to Assisi, the charming medieval town once home to Saint Francis. Just two years after his death, the large Basilica was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church now stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, Saint Francis asked to be buried there, and it became known as the Hill of Paradise. The church contains his tomb and many great works of art. Finish your day by checking into your hotel in Rome for your three-night stay.



Day 8 - Ancient Rome

History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other place on earth. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. See the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Constantine, and the Victor Emanuel Monument. View the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood, which spreads over three of her seven hills. In the afternoon, explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi.

Day 9 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, tour St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Tour the Catacombs of St. Sebastino and see some of the only surviving examples of early Christian art. In the 1840s, Pope Gregory XVI took steps to preserve the catacombs and their treasures. Visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which stands over the place where Constantine built the first church (over St. Paul's grave), before returning to your hotel to begin packing for your return journey home.

Day 10 - Return Home or Enjoy the Optional Amalfi Coast Extension

Starting at

\$4,998* from New York

Select Your Departure Date

All-inclusive prices based out of New York

FEBRUARY 11	\$4,998*
JULY 29	\$5,998*
NOVEMBER 4	\$4,998*

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes (Subject to change)

Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees,

Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches,

First-Class Hotels & much more! *See back for Pricing details



Day 10 - Sorrento

Travel to Castel Gandolfo, the pope's summer residence. The Romans also preferred this area in the summer to get out of the heat. Enjoy the incredible beauty of this region as your bus travels to Sorrento. You will be in awe of the dramatic cliff-top drive that leads to your hotel. During your three-night stay, you'll have time to discover the colorful ambiance of this delightful town and enjoy the view of Mount Vesuvius.

Day 11 - Amalfi Coast

The Amalfi Coast is considered to be one of Italy's finest! You will be enchanted by the rich hues of the blue-green sea, the tiny mystical islands, and the pastel-colored cottages gathered around tiny harbors! Have your camera ready to capture one breathtaking view after another! Snap a photo of the famous village of Positano, which has graced a thousand postcards and charmed at least three generations of travelers. Visit the town of Amalfi, a must for every visitor! A glorious maritime republic from the 9th to 12th centuries, the town is famous as the place where the compass was invented and boasts a splendid Duomo in Arab-Norman style. Time permitting, you'll stop at the village of Vietri Sul Mar, home of Amalfi Coast ceramic factories, which produce the colorful tiles that decorate every church tower in the area.

Day 12 - Capri

Enjoy a boat ride to the lovely Isle of Capri, which has enticed visitors for thousands of years. Today, you will have the opportunity to savor its beauty and be captivated by the fabulous views and elegant shops.

Day 13 - Pompeii

You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii, which were covered by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1,500 years until 1748. Excavations continue today and provide insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to the Rome area for dinner and overnight.

Day 14 - Return to the USA

Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast and Dinner • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day) • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • **Optional Amalfi Coast Extension** • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • **Optional Travel Protection Program** (see premium schedule)

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$699 during the basic tour; \$699 for Amalfi Coast Extension.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit	Payment Amount	Due Date
Registration Deposit	\$300	At time of registration
Final Payment	Full payment	Final Payment is due 105 days prior to departure If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount		The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 105 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: _____ (A)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Amalfi Coast Extension

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Name Tag: _____)

Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Title: _____

Street Address: _____ P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____ State of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

How did you learn about this tour? _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Amalfi Coast Extension

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited - \$699)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
- 2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
- 3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
- 4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 105 days prior to departure.

Guest 1:

I Accept I Decline

Guest 2:

I Accept I Decline

**\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION
FINAL PAYMENT DUE 105 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**

via check # _____ via credit card (circle): **VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX**

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name on Card: _____ CVN: _____

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: XI25 Date: _____ Code: A ID: _____ V.001 05/02/24

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit

Part A	
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

Additional Cancellation Protection

When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Travel Services Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Travel Services travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Travel Services Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Travel Services travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Travel Services website (www.eltours.com). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. *For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Travel Services at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first.), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This plan is underwritten by: United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-898-7232 (in CA, dia Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received 59 days prior to departure or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees and denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour.

Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 11/02/24. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.