

SUGGESTED READING

- **A Venetian Reckoning* by Donna Leon
- **The English Patient* by Michael Ondaatje
- **The Rise and Fall of the House of Medici*
by Christopher Hibbert
- **Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes
- **The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant
- **The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone*
by Tennessee Williams,

Websites

- <https://www.parishotel.it>
- <https://www.accademia.org>
- <https://www.uffizi.it/en/>
- <https://duomo.firenze.it/en/>
- <https://www.visitingvenice.net>
- <https://www.agriturismoilbastione.it>
- <http://www.sibillini.net>
- <https://www.italyguides.it/en/umbria/assisi>
- <https://www.italymagazine.com/bagnoregio>
- <https://www.hotelstendhalrome.com>
- <https://mybesttour.com>
- <https://m.museivaticani.va>
- <https://www.il-colosseo.it/en/>

FLORENCE

Florence, Italy, is the cradle of the Renaissance. It is home to masterpieces of Renaissance art and architecture. One of its most iconic sights is the Duomo, a cathedral with a terracotta-tiled dome engineered by Brunelleschi and a bell tower by Giotto. The Galleria dell'Accademia displays Michelangelo's "David" sculpture. The Uffizi Gallery exhibits Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation."

UMBRIA

Umbria has been called "Italy's Green Heart." It is green, mainly agricultural, and more sparsely populated than its western neighbor, Tuscany. Umbria has no access to the Mediterranean but is home to one of the largest lakes of Italy. Umbria is for the laid-back traveler, one who would perhaps like to sip the uniquely Umbrian wine called Sagrantino in one of the many Umbria Wineries. Discover interesting and historic towns like the regional capital Perugia, Saint Francis's town of Assisi, or the Etruscan city of Orvieto.

ROME

A heady mix of haunting ruins, awe-inspiring art and vibrant street life, Italy's hot-blooded capital is one of the world's most romantic and inspiring cities. A trip to Rome is as much about lapping up the dolce vita lifestyle as gorging on art and culture. Idling around picturesque streets, whiling away hours at street side cafes, people watching on pretty piazzas - are all an integral part of the Roman experience.



Harvest Season Florence, Umbria, Tuscany & Rome



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*"You may have the world if I may have Italy"-
Giuseppe Verdi*

Oct. 10 – Depart USA

Oct. 11- Arrive **Florence**. Meet your private driver at the airport and transfer to the **Hotel Paris** for 3 nights B & B. Check in. This afternoon we cook!



Oct. 12 – **Walking tour of Florence** this morning. Stop for lunch and then visit **Michelangelo's David** at the **Academia Museum**. Dinner on your own.



Oct.13 -This morning tour the **Uffizi Gallery**. This will be a 4-hour tour. The afternoon is free. Tonight, we visit the

Duomo. Climb to the top for a fabulous view of Florence. Dinner on your own.

Oct. 14- After breakfast, depart for Umbria. We will stay in **Spello** at the **Agriturismo Il Bastione** for 4 nights amongst the olive groves. **Spello** is known as one of the beautiful **Italian** villages. On the way we tour a winery in the Chianti region of Tuscany for a tasting and have lunch. Breakfast daily and 2 dinners included.

Oct. 15- We depart for a tour of **Assisi**. After the tour we have lunch and then off to tour **Gubbio**, a beautiful medieval city.



Oct. 16-For those interested we depart for a hike at **Parco Nazionale dei Monti Sibillini**. For those not interested in a hike you will tour the area with our guide today.

Oct. 17- Sleep in today. It is a day of rest and relaxation and enjoying the farm.

Oct. 18- We depart to today for Rome but not until we visit the hilltop town of **Bagnoregio**. Only 11 people still live here. We depart by train from **Orvieto**. We check in at the **Hotel Stendahl** for 4 nights B & B. Dinner on our own tonight.



Oct. 19- After breakfast we take a **golf cart tour** of Rome with **My Best Tours**. This will be a fun way to familiarize ourselves with the city. This afternoon we take a **Secret Food Tour**.



Oct. 20- Up and out early for a tour of the **Vatican**. Have lunch and the afternoon on your own. Tonight, we visit the **Colosseum** for an evening tour. Dinner on our own.

Oct. 21-This is your day to explore **Rome**, go shopping, sit in a café, take an optional tour, visit local neighborhoods, and take it all in. Dinner tonight.

Oct. 22- Depart for USA

*"The Creator made Italy from designs by
Michelangelo"- Mark Twain*

Total \$4180.00 per person
All rates are per person based on double occupancy and subject to change until paid in full.

Single supplement fees will apply.

Non-Refundable Deposit Due \$1000.00 per person.
Hold Your RESERVATION TODAY

Trip Includes:

- Airport Transfers in Italy
- Hotel accommodations 11 nights
- Breakfast daily & 5 dinners,
- Tours & Sightseeing
- Deluxe private bus & guides

Not Included:

- International Flights
- Incidentals, Personal Spending
- Tipping
- Trip Insurance (Required)

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Cancellation 120 Days prior to departure or less-Non-Refundable

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