



American Italian Cultural Center

Bell'Italia

Trip Itinerary and Information

May 27 - June 2, 2018

\$2150 per person double occupancy/\$2500 per person single occupancy
Amalfi Coast Trip Extension (+\$1200 pp double occupancy/\$1300pp single occupancy)
\$300 deposit due by January 15, 2018 to reserve a spot

Sunday, May 27, 2018:



Arrive in Venezia

Fly into Venice and meet the English speaking tour manager that will be with you for the whole trip. You will have a private transfer from the airport to the hotel via water taxi. Visit San Marco Square and spend the night in a wonderful Venetian hotel.

Monday, May 28, 2018:



Venezia

Group tour: Secret Trail of Doge's Palace; This tour starts in the gold ceilinged state rooms and ends in the Piombi jail cells. You will follow the path that prisoners of the Venetian Republic took from the rooms of the Venice magistrates through the Torture Rooms directly to the prisons, the Piombi. You will also see Giacomo Casanova's cell! We will also visit St. Mark's Basilica, admire the the Bridge of Sighs, the San Marco bell tower, the Rialto Bridge and those interested can visit the Scuola San Rocco, "Tintoretto's Sistine Chapel" as well as take a Gondola ride!



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Tuesday, May 29, 2018:



Bologna and Firenze

Travel from Venice to Bologna via bus. Bologna's nickname is "*La dotta, la grossa e la rossa*". While in Bologna, you'll experience what the local cuisine through a 4 hour cooking class! After the class, you'll travel to Florence via bus and spend the night in Florence.

Wednesday, May 30, 2018:



Firenze

Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze; Spend the day at this wonderful art museum, the home of Michelangelo's famed David. It also houses other sculptures by Michelangelo and a collection of Renaissance paintings. Those interested can visit the Santa Croce Church where many great Florentines and Tuscans have their final resting place, including Michelangelo and Galileo and later admire the Uffizi Gallery.

Thursday, May 31, 2018:



Firenze

Spend the day at a wine tasting in Florence. As the capital of Tuscany, the city is known for its wines. The most famous is the Chianti Classico, but you'll also find wines like the Brunello di Montalcino, Pomino Vin Santo and other trebbiano white wines. After the wine tasting, you'll travel to Rome via bus where you will spend the night.



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Friday, June 1, 2018:



Roma

On the last day of the trip experience the wonders of the Vatican with a visit to the Vatican Museums (audio-guide included). The Vatican Museums display the immense collection of works cultivated by the present and former Popes. You will see Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and the Stanze di Raffaello decorated by Raphael. With a total of 54 galleries, it is one of the largest museums in the world. You will also be able to visit the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, Piazza Venezia and the Altar of the Fatherland.

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Departure

A private coach will take you from the hotel in Rome to the airport.

Or

Saturday, June 2 - Monday, June 4, 2018

Amalfi Coast Trip Extension

This trip has an optional extension to the Amalfi Coast! You will take a private minivan from Rome to Sorrento where you will spend two nights. Spend Sunday at the Amalfi coast! A private, English speaking driver will take make stops in the beautiful villages of Positano, Ravello, and Amalfi. On the 4th, a private car will take you from the hotel in Sorrento to the airport in Naples.





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Trip Information

This is a seven (7) day, six (6) night trip to Italy from May 27 - June 2, 2018. The trip is \$2150 per person double occupancy and \$2500 per person single occupancy. Included in this price are accommodations in 4 star hotels & breakfasts, bus transportation between cities, transportation to/from the airport, tickets and entertainment (Doge's Palace, Accademia Gallery, Vatican Museums, Cooking Class, Wine Tasting), a complimentary AICC Traveler's Italian class, and an English speaking tour guide.

A \$300 deposit will reserve your spot on this trip. You may pay via our online registration form, check made payable to the American Italian Cultural Center and mailed to American Italian Cultural Center, 537 S Peters St, New Orleans, LA 70130, or cash. The final payment is due by April 3, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the American Italian Cultural Center at 504-522-7294 or email Questions@AmericanItalianCulturalCenter.com.

Please note: This trip requires a minimum number of participants to take place. We will notify everyone by January 19th if the trip does not reach the minimum number of people required for it to take place and we will refund deposits in that case. For any other reason besides the minimum amount of participants needed for the trip to take place, the deposit is non-refundable. Please note that airfare is not included in the cost of the trip. We suggest waiting until the trip is confirmed to purchase a flight. Should you need assistance with booking, please contact the American Italian Cultural Center. All tickets and excursions not listed in the trip information will be an additional cost assessed to the traveler. The trip hotels will be similar to the following: Venice: Hotel Principe; Florence: Hotel Londra; Rome: Hotel President or Atlantico; Sorrento: hotel Cesare Augusto or hotel La Residenza. The final hotels will be selected one month prior to departure.