



Join The Presby
As we experience
**"ITALIAN
FANTASTICO"**
at Leisure!
June 16-26, 2016
11 Days - Rome to Milan



Join your **"Friends at the Presby"** on this the perfect vacation to see Italy's highlights in the most comfortable way. Three nights in Rome include a special welcome dinner at the rooftop restaurant of your hotel overlooking Rome, and guided sightseeing featuring St. Peter's, the Sistine Chapel, the Coliseum, and the Roman Forum. A special visit has been included to see Michelangelo's Moses. On the way to Florence visit the Piazza del Campo in Siena and picturesque San Gimignano. The three nights in Florence feature guided sightseeing with a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to admire Michelangelo's David, Signoria Square, and Santa Croce Basilica with Michelangelo's tomb; also visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa and splendid Verrazzano Castle, where you will taste the Chianti wines and enjoy lunch. Two nights in Venice include visits to St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doges' Palace with the Bridge of Sighs, and an unforgettable Venetian lagoon cruise to the islands of Murano and Burano with lunch. Also stop in Verona and see Juliet's Balcony and the Arena. End in Milan, where you're walking tour features a visit to the museum of the famous LaScala Opera House. Admire the glass-domed Galleria and the gothic Duomo, enjoy a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant. There are shorter trips to Italy but this is 'Fantastico'!

June 16, 2016 - Flights to Rome, Italy.

Mid-day Flight to Atlanta, Late afternoon Delta non-stop flight to Rome. Dinner, Breakfast, Movies.

June 17, - Arrive in Rome, Italy

Welcome to Rome! Check into your First-Class hotel for a leisurely stay of three-nights. Meet your Italian Tour Director and enjoy a special welcome dinner with wine on the rooftop restaurant with a spectacular view overlooking Rome! (Dinner)

June 18, - Rome

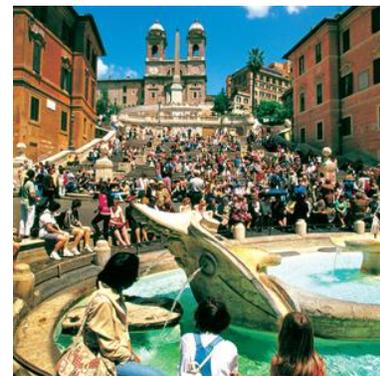
Your guided tour focuses on **religious** Rome: visit the fascinating VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment. Continue to monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA and admire Michelangelo's Pietà. For movie-buffs there is an optional Roman Highlights excursion, to see the sites and squares of medieval Rome made famous in the movie Angels & Demons. (Breakfast)

June 19, - Rome

This morning, your Local Guide will take you first to ST. PETER IN CHAINS to see Michelangelo's famous Moses, followed by visits to the magnificent COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Then, time to savor la dolce vita and enjoy independent activities. (Breakfast)

June 20, - Rome-Siena-San Gimignano-Florence

In Siena, enter the impressive medieval walls and walk through ancient, narrow lanes to PIAZZA DEL CAMPO, site of the biannual Palio, Siena's spectacular medieval-style horse race. Then, continue through unforgettable landscapes of gently rolling, vine-clad hills to hilltop San Gimignano, and walk through the most picturesque of Italy's perfectly preserved medieval towns. Next is Florence, the splendid capital of Tuscany and birthplace of the Renaissance. (Breakfast)



June 21, - Florence

During your walking tour with a Local Guide, visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS to see Michelangelo's celebrated David. Admire the magnificent cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE, and visit SANTA CROCE BASILICA with the tomb of Michelangelo. The afternoon is free to shop for Florentine leather goods and gold jewelry sold by the ounce, which are attractive buys, or to join an optional excursion to the magnificent Uffizi Gallery. And tonight is your chance to try out the culinary delights of a fine Tuscan restaurant. (Breakfast)



June 22, - Florence Excursion to Pisa & Verrazzano Castle

A fast journey will bring you to Pisa. Here, take the traditional picture pushing back the amazing Leaning Tower, 180 feet high and no less than 12 feet out of the perpendicular. Then, the highlight of today: hear about the fine art of blending four types of grapes to obtain the famous Chianti at VERRAZZANO CASTLE; enjoy a wine tasting and lunch before returning to Florence. (Breakfast, Lunch)



June 23, - Florence- Venice Island and Burano Islands Excursion

A spectacular drive through the wooded Apennine Mountains brings you to Venice, a powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers from around the globe. Join an unforgettable Venetian LAGOON CRUISE to the picturesque fishing village of Burano, renowned for its bright pastel-colored houses and for its lace making. Take pictures of traditional fishing boats, still used by the island inhabitants, and have an included lunch with wine at Osteria ai Pescatori. Continue to the island of Murano, and this evening, transfer to ST. MARK'S SQUARE by PRIVATE WATER TAXI to discover Venice by night. (Breakfast, Lunch)



June 24, - Venice Island

This morning, watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER fashion delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner before boarding your PRIVATE BOAT to ST. MARK'S SQUARE. Meet your Local Guide for a walking tour including visits to the byzantine ST. MARK'S BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Then, enjoy Venice at your own pace or if you want to spend more time on the water there are optional gondola rides. (Breakfast)



June 25, - Venice Island-Verona-Milan

In Verona, the medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, take pictures of Juliet's balcony and rub the shining breast on her statue for good luck. Next, admire the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater, where gladiators used to fight. Built in the 1st century AD, it is now the magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Then, on to the dynamic city of Milan, hub of Italy's economic miracle. Visit the MUSEM of the famous La Scala Opera House, the glass-domed GALLERIA, and admire the magnificent gothic Duomo. A special farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant has been prepared as a proper way to say, "Arrivederci, Italia!" (Breakfast, Dinner)



June 26, - Milan-Flight Home

After Breakfast depart for Milan Airport and your morning Delta non-stop flight back to Atlanta. Delta flight to your home airport.



Tour Notes: As mentioned, there are shorter tours to Italy, but changing hotels every day and spending a lot of time on the bus is not fun and you don't get to experience the locals and go places after tourists have left. This tour features excellent hotels and a warm and personable Italian tour manager who is with you throughout your vacation. No need to have a guide book on your lap, just ask and enjoy. You also visit many UNESCO World Heritage Sites and have expedited entrances to many attractions.

You will see we did not include a lot of dinners. Dinners at nice hotels in Italy are very expensive. Your tour manager will show you nearby local restaurants that are awesome and half the price of a hotel dinner. Plus it is more fun to go and explore with your friends, as they say "When in Rome!"

Like all Presby Trips, going with your friends makes a great trip even better! This is a prime time to go and we do ask for early reservations.

And with the Strong US Dollar, now is the time to go!

Tour Includes: Full buffet breakfast daily; 2 lunches, one at Verrazzano Castle and one in Burano, 2 three-course dinners; a special welcome dinner in Rome and a special farewell dinner in Milan. First Class Hotels throughout the tour. Motorcoach with free Wi-Fi in Italy; private boat ride and lagoon cruise in Italy, Portage for 1 piece of luggage, Roundtrip Airfare with one checked bag fee included, Medically Related Travel Insurance. Attractions and Admission as noted.

Not Included: Meals and beverages other than those noted. Gratuities to your Tour Manager and Motorcoach Driver, small tips to local guides, optional activities as noted.

Price: The Tour Cost is \$2,999.00 per person based on double occupancy and includes Medically Related Group Travel Insurance. Group Air fare is pending with Delta Airlines estimated at \$1,500.00-\$1,600.00 per person group rate from CVG (Cincinnati Airport) Total Cost is estimated at \$4,499.00-\$4,599.00 per person double occupancy. **This is before any Group Size Savings, like our last trip, the more that go, the more we save!** Early Reservations Required, Rates are good through August 31, 2015, and will increase after.

Reservation Form required, space is limited.

Payments: A \$750.00 per person deposit is required with your Reservation. This is refundable until February 1, 2016. A second payment of \$2,000.00 per person is due on November 30, 2015 with the balance due on February 1, 2016.

Reservations: Please contact Linda Bonham at 513-867-5413 for a Reservation Form.



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