

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

Pre-Departure Itinerary

VENICE, FLORENCE & ROME

9 DAYS: Saturday, November 5-Sunday, November 13, 2022

This fall vacation is a classic --a visit to three of the world's most extraordinary cities. You begin in Venice with four-star accommodations near Piazza San Marco, followed by dinner with wine at a local restaurant. Your guided walking tour the next morning is followed by free time. Don't forget to hit the markets and jewelry shops! Florence is your next stop, also complete with dinner and wine at a local restaurant. Enjoy a walking tour of the historic center and start marking the Renaissance monuments off your list. Be sure your list includes a visit to the Uffizi Gallery or Accademia to revel in Florence's artistic masterpieces. A bonus on this holiday is a stop in the lovely medieval city of Siena, boasting one of the world's most unique piazzas --Il Campo. Once in Rome you'll enjoy a panoramic coach tour to acquaint you with the city's signature sights and sounds including a visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. To round off your week, you'll have a whole day in Rome to continue sightseeing, wandering, shopping and people watching.

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled ITA Airlines flights from Boston to Venice, via Rome and Rome to Boston
- Seven nights' three and four-star accommodations
- Breakfast daily
- Dinners with wine and coffee: one in Venice, one in Florence, two in Rome
- Escorted, private, round-trip airport/ hotel transfers
- Services of professional local Tour Manager

Accommodations

DAY 1 Overnight flight from Boston

DAYS 2-3 Hotel Art All'Angelo, Venice

DAYS 4-5 Hotel Glance, Florence

DAYS 6-8 Hotel Medici, Rome

DAY 9 Return flight to Boston

Rates

\$3,299 per person double occupancy

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Single supplement is \$335. We have a limited number of single supplements available at just \$250. Call to reserve. Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$300.

Features

Guided half-day walking tour of Piazza San marco in Venice. Guided half-day walking tour of historic Florence highlights. Guided walking tour of Siena. Guided full-day tour of Rome.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart from Boston this evening on Alitalia Airlines. Dinner is served aloft along while crossing the Atlantic. Relax and enjoy in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome – connecting flight to Venice

Continental breakfast will be served on board before landing. Clear immigration and proceed to the connecting/domestic flight for Venice. Upon arrival, clear customs and meet our professional Tour Manager who will escort us to our private motorboat transfer to the **Hotel Art All'Angelo**. After check-in

and room assignments we'll have the balance of the afternoon to relax and get settled. In the evening we'll get acquainted at a Welcome Dinner with wine and coffee at a local restaurant. (**D**)

Venice (Venezia) really needs no introduction. The Serenissima has been a fabled destination for centuries. Just the name Venice is enough to conjure up a host of images, even for those who have not yet set foot in Italy: gondoliers in striped jerseys, the Rialto and the Bridge of Sighs, masked balls, golden barges, courtesans in gondolas and crumbling palaces facing streets made of water. The western world's most famous figures visited Venice, marvelled at the gold mosaics of St Mark's, admired art in churches, explored the city's maze of canals (or, in Byron's case, swam in them).

Venice is a city unlike any other. No matter how often you've seen it in photos and films, the real thing is more dreamlike than you could imagine. With canals where streets should be, water shimmers everywhere. The fabulous palaces and churches reflect centuries of history in what was a wealthy trading center between Europe and the Orient. Getting lost in the narrow alleyways is a quintessential part of exploring Venice, but at some point you'll almost surely end up in Piazza San Marco, where tourists and locals congregate for a coffee or an aperitif.

What is Venice really like?

Venice is a glorious cliché, more romantic, more beautiful and more surprising than you could expect. No matter how many photographs or films you may have seen, it is still a jaw-dropping experience seeing Venice's canals and palaces for the first time. That first cruise down the Grand Canal - punctuated by exclamations and photo-snapping - is one of life's unforgettable experiences.



Day 3: Venice: guided walking tour of Piazza San Marco

After breakfast at the hotel we meet our local guide for a two-hour walking tour of Venice. Visit the Piazza San Marco, the lively heart of the "Serenissima," which is surrounded on three sides by historical buildings with arcaded facades. See the Clock Tower, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. The afternoon and evening are free to discover Venice on our own. Stroll to the Rialto Bridge market to shop for bargains and souvenirs. For sheer romance, try a Gondola ride on the Grand Canal (**B**)





Day 4: Coach transfer to Florence

This morning after breakfast depart we'll take a private motorboat transfer to the mainland where we'll board our motorcoach for the transfer to Florence and the **Hotel Glance**. In the evening we'll enjoy dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**



Day 5: Guided walking tour of Florence

After breakfast we'll depart for a half-day guided walking tour of historic Florence. The afternoon is free to explore Florence on your own. **(B)**



Day 6: Transfer to Rome with stop in Siena

After breakfast we'll depart from the hotel and transfer to Siena where we'll enjoy a walking tour with a local guide. Continue to Rome and check in at the **Hotel Medici**. This evening we'll have dinner with wine and coffee at a local restaurant.



Siena

Day 7: Rome – full-day guided tour of Rome

Depart the hotel after breakfast for a full-day guided tour of Rome: We'll visit the St. Peter's Square, the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, followed by an afternoon coach panoramic tour of the city highlights. **(B)**





Day 8: Rome – Day at leisure in Rome

Today will be a day for exploring this marvelous city on our own. This evening we'll say goodbye to our new friends at a Farewell Dinner with wine and coffee at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Return to Boston

Details of departure will be posted.

All'Angelo Art Hotel

Calle de l'Angelo, San Marco 403, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy Tel: 011 39 041 520 9299

Set in a 17th-century building on the canal of Palazzo Ducale, All'Angelo Art Hotel is in the heart of Venice. WiFi throughout is free. The spacious rooms at All'Angelo Art Hotel are elegantly furnished and come with a satellite flat-screen TV, a marble bathroom and air conditioning. Paintings by Matisse, Braque, Vedova and San Tommaso can be admired in public areas. A buffet breakfast is served daily and includes homemade cakes and pastries. Angelo Art Cafè wine bar provides high-quality wines served

with traditional Venetian snacks, called cicchetti. The hotel also features a private landing for water taxis. Set along a canal, this refined hotel in a 17th-century building is a 3-minute walk from Piazza San Marco, a 5-minute walk from the Bridge of Sighs and 9 minutes' walk from the Rialto



Hotel Glance

Via Nazionale, 23, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy Tel: 011 39 055 290082

Located in central Florence, 1,300 feet from Fortezza da Basso, the 4-star Hotel Glance offers a lounge bar, a rooftop outdoor pool with panoramic views of the city. It also features free WiFi access. With a contemporary décor, the rooms come with a flat-screen TV with cable channels. All rooms are equipped with a private bathroom fitted with a walk-in shower or bathtub, free toiletries and a hairdryer. A buffet breakfast with sweet and savory items, fresh fruits and vegetable extracted juices is served each morning at the hotel. The name Glance refers to the attention to detail that makes the building so special. On each floor, space is given over to an iconic reworking of one of Florence's most famous Renaissance sculptures.



Hotel Medici

Via Flavia, 96, 00187 Roma Tel: 011 39 06 482 7319

Hotel Medici is in an elegant 19th-century building, a short walk from Rome's Villa Borghese Park. The rooms are modern, spacious and stylish, and provide free Wi-Fi. The Medici features a nice garden with a patio. Medici Hotel is 300 feet from Porta Pia, an area full of characteristic local restaurants. City tours and public buses stop 150 feet away. The Spanish Steps are a 15-minute walk away. Termini Train Station is just under a mile from this property. Via Veneto is a great choice for travelers interested in food, city walks and sightseeing.



Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

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