# 50 North presents...

# **Reflections of Italy**

September 23 – October 2, 2024



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10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's *David*, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Lake Como

# **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Overnight Flight
Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice
Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como

Day 1: Monday, September 23, 2024 Overnight Flight Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

**Day 2: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins** Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (*D*)

Day 3: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Rome On a locally guided tour of the Vatican Museums\* explore the Papal palace housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt along with works by great Renaissance masters such as Perugino, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant Last Judgement. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Later this afternoon, take in views of the River Tiber, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum during a panoramic drive back to your hotel. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (*B*)

Day 4: Thursday, September 26, 2024 Rome - Assisi - Perugia Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the Piazza IV Novembre or visiting medieval palaces and elegant cathedrals. (B)

Day 5: Friday, September 27, 2024 Perugia - Cortona - Florence Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and medieval architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the "Cradle of the Renaissance" – and visit the world-famous Academy Gallery\* to see Michelangelo's *David.* (*B*)

Day 6: Saturday, September 28, 2024 Florence This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

**Day 7: Sunday, September 29, 2024 Florence - Venice** Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the Apennine Mountains toward the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (*B*, *L*, *D*)







Per Person

# **Book Now & Save \$100 Per Person:**

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For bookings made after Mar 24, 2024 call for rates.

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\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from DTW

# Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$3,990 † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Monday, September 30, 2024 Venice See Venice from the water and take a boat\*\* to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic center of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the opulent façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a serenaded gondola ride. (B)

**Day 9: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 Venice - Lake Como** This morning, you'll be whisked across the plains of northern Italy to the shores of glamorous Lake Como. During a ferry ride to alluring Bellagio, admire the endless succession of historic villas, lush gardens, and colorful villages reflected in the lake's blue waters. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore Bellagio's charms before sailing back to Como where you check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at your hotel. (*B*, *D*)

Day 10: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 Lake Como - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close in Como this morning. (B)

## **Experience It! Assisi**

Experience the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here you'll discover a blend of Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and beautiful churches that make this a must-see destination. Once a pilgrimage site and historical treasure, Assisi offers you the chance to return to another time. With a history that stretches back to 1000 B.C. (predating the Roman Empire), the town rests among the gently rolling hills of Umbria. Marvel at the Basilica of San Francesco, find an out-of-the-way shop, look out at the stunning landscape, or sit and relax at a quiet café.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1166363

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 24, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

\*\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Modest dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

\*All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If the Academy Museum is featured in your itinerary on a Monday, reservations will be made to visit the museum on an alternative day.

Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Academy Gallery Museum. Due to heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm). While cloakrooms are available they are not secured and in some instances such as the Vatican Museums, your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. On this tour, some of the most unique sightseeing



can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Venice and Florence which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. Large crowds are to be expected in Rome, the Vatican Museums, Florence and Venice. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air travelers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Lake Como to Milan airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 17, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 25, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until March 24, 2024.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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# **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

### **Florence**

Tuscan Feast \$90 USD

This evening, set off on a scenic drive to nearby Galluzzo, a historic town famous for its Carthusian monastery which rests upon one of the beautiful hills surrounding Florence. Prior to dinner, enjoy an after-hours visit to this 14th-century monastery – La Certosa.\* Revel in the beauty that lurks inside and experience the monastery's magnificence as you learn about monastic daily life. Then your evening of fun continues at one of the area's most popular dining establishments. Experience an authentic and traditional dinner served family-style! Savor local wines and Tuscan food and enjoy the entertainment. It's a memorable – truly Italian – evening out that you won't want to miss! \*Visit to the monastery may not be possible when weddings are taking place. Gratuities are included. *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

## Venice

# Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise

\$75 USD

Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways. Partake in one of Venice's most famous pastimes – a gondola cruise. Take a pleasant stroll toward the Grand Canal to board your gondola. As you relax in your elegant watercraft, your gondolier navigates the Grand Canal as well as smaller side canals. Admire the scenery as you listen to the melodic voice serenading you in true Italian style – just like in those romantic Italian movies! This option operates weather-permitting. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

### **Rome**

Roman Serenade \$100 USD

Enjoy a pleasant serenade with dinner in Trastevere, a charming, bohemian district where Rome's locals often frequent. Indulge in a hearty, traditionally Roman menu, complete with wine. As you savor the delicious tastes of Italy, talented performers entertain you with folk songs. This lively, fun-filled evening will be an unforgettable part of your visit to Rome and an engaging immersion into Italian culture. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 9/23/2024 TERRITORY: M3

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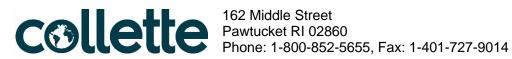
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**IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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