

TUSCANY & VENETIAN TREASURES

Create the trip that's perfect for you.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Excursions featured will be available to pre-book at 45 days prior to departure, at an additional charge. Scheduling is subject to change.

TUSCANY

The Splendor of Tuscany

Full-day (approximate price \$80.00 per person)

Poplar-studded landscapes, dramatic hilltop towns, gorgeous vineyards. • Visit Siena, a medieval city of twisting streets and narrow stairways that wind their way through ancient arches and past Renaissance palaces. • See the Piazza del Campo, setting for the unique Palio, a medieval-style horse race. • Continue to Pienza, a small, amazingly well-reserved medieval village. • Sample local wines at a charming family wine estate near famous Montepulciano.

Gems of Florence

Full-day (approximate price \$85.00 per person)

Known as the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," Florence is a city with overwhelming historical and cultural significance. • Take a walking tour of the city center and marvel at the magnificent Cathedral, its huge dome and elegant Campanile piercing the sky. See the marble encrusted Baptistery, famous for its vast bronze doors by Ghiberti. • Visit the Academy of Fine Arts and stand in awe in front of the Statue of David by Michelangelo. • Walk across the impressive Piazza della Signoria, and find yourself in front of the Uffizi Gallery and the Palazzo Vecchio.

Best of Umbria and Cortona

Full-day (approximate price \$65.00 per person)

Journey through the pastoral countryside of Umbria to Assisi, a walled city of fountain-splashed piazzas and medieval buildings, renowned as the birthplace of St. Francis. • Tour the glorious Basilica of St. Francis, one of the great Christian shrines, with its exquisite frescoes detailing the life of St. Francis. • Continue to Cortona, a picture perfect hilltop town and the setting for the book "Under the Tuscan Sun." • Stroll its charming maze of streets lined with ancient architectural gems.

VENETO

Romantic Venice

Full-day (approximate price

\$75.00 per person)

Revel in this magic city of canals, bridges, opulent palaces and elegant piazzas. • Travel by boat to the heart of Venice to begin a walking tour through the lovely highlights of this romantic city. • Visit St. Mark's Square, the most famous part of Venice offering remarkable sights: St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace, the Campanile, and the famous Bridge of Sighs.

Highlights of Padua and the Riviera del Brenta

Full-day (approximate price

\$70.00 per person)

Known as "La Dotta" (the learned) because of its celebrated 13th century university, Padua was once frequented by Dante and Galileo. • Admire the city's many splendid Renaissance buildings including the magnificent Basilica of Saint Anthony, with its exquisitely decorated chapels and shrine, a place of pilgrimage for centuries. • Continue on to the Riviera del Brenta, where the patrician families of Venice built their summer villas. Around 100 villas still remain and you can see these architectural jewels as you journey along the banks of Brenta. • The day culminates with a visit to the Villa Pisani, an 18th century baroque masterpiece, queen of the villas.



Go where a city sits on the waters, so magical it seems out of a fairy tale.