

Rome (4 nights) – **Assisi** (Day Trip) – **Florence** (4 nights) – **Bologna** (1 night) – **Padua** (3 nights) – **Venice** (Day Trip)

Monday, January 2 – Rome: Welcome Dinner in the Historic Center. Rome by Night.

Participants should plan to arrive at Rome Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) by 2:00PM. Private drivers will meet participants and take them to the hotel, located within the historical center of Rome. In the evening, the group will gather for a **Welcome Drink**, followed by a **Welcome Dinner** at a local Roman restaurant. After dinner, a walking tour **Rome by Night** to admire the most beautiful sites (Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Navona Square and the Spanish Steps) under a different light.

Welcome Drink and Dinner included. Private transportation from airport and walking in the evening.

Tuesday, January 3 – Rome: Vatican Museums and Capuchin Crypt

A private tour guide will lead the group on a tour of the **Vatican Museums** including the **Sistine Chapel** and **St. Peter's Basilica**. Connect the works of the Renaissance masters with their understanding of the human body. In the afternoon, Prof. Petti will lead a visit to the catacomb-like ossuary shrines in the **Cripta dei Cappuccini** beneath the church of Santa Maria della Concezione. The bones of 4,000 friars that date back to the year 1500 are intricately arranged in elaborate patterns. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure.

Public transportation and walking.

Wednesday, January 4 – Rome: Catacombs of St. Sebastian, Pizza-Making Class with Lunch and Historical Museum of Sanitary Arts.

A private tour guide will accompany the group throughout the day to provide insights of historical Rome while driving to our destinations. In the morning, we'll visit the **Historical Museum of Sanitary Arts** with its amazing collection of anatomical preparations and medical devices dating back to the ancient Romans. Just before lunch, stroll by the nearby traditional farmer's market to enjoy the colorful stalls full of local delicacies. For lunch, we'll take part in a private **pizza-making class** led by the renowned Pizza Master Chef in a local restaurant. Later in the afternoon, we'll go on a guided tour of the **Catacombs of St. Sebastian**, the most ancient catacombs of Rome. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure.

Lunch included. Private bus transportation, with private tour guide all day.

Thursday, January 5 – Rome: Coliseum, Roman Forum, and Borghese Gallery.

A private tour guide will lead the group on a tour of the **Coliseum** and the **Roman Forum** with particular emphasis on the architectural and engineering advanced works, as well as the social and political life during the Roman Empire. In the afternoon, we'll visit the **Borghese Gallery** which hosts important sculptures from Bernini and other artworks from Canova, Caravaggio, Raphael and more. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure.

Walking.

Friday, January 6 – Depart to Florence: Tour of Assisi and Welcome Dinner in Florence.

In the morning, we'll depart for Florence by private bus. On the way to Florence, we'll stop in **Assisi** and have a private guided tour of the hometown of Saint Francis. With its beautiful **Basilica of Saint Francis**, containing Giotto's cycle of frescos, the foundations of Italian painting, Assisi is an incredibly preserved medieval village, and one of Europe's most important spiritual sanctuaries. There will be some free time to explore the town, followed by the continuation of the drive to Florence. In the evening, join us for a **Welcome Dinner** in Florence to enjoy traditional Tuscan cuisine.

Dinner included. Private bus transportation.

Saturday, January 7 – Florence: Historic Florence and the Michelangelo Crucifix at the Basilica of Santo Spirito, Galileo Museum, Anatomical Waxes at La Specola by the University of Florence.

The day begins with a private guided walking tour of the **historic center of Florence**. The tour continues to the **Basilica of Santo Spirito** to see the wooden crucifix carved by 17-year-old Michelangelo in gratitude for access to corpses for dissection. The tour concludes with a visit to the **Galileo Museum**, which includes a collection of anatomical waxes. In the afternoon, a visit to the **Natural History Museum (La Specola) at the University of Florence**. This museum dates to 1775 and is the oldest scientific museum in the world. It contains over 500 wax anatomical models of amazing accuracy and artistic achievement from the 18th century, including 26 whole body specimens. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure.

Walking.

Sunday, January 8 – Florence: Michelangelo's David and the Uffizi Gallery.

In the morning, we'll visit and have a guided tour of the acclaimed **Uffizi Gallery**, one of the world's richest collections of Renaissance masterpieces, including Botticelli's Birth of Venus, Leonardo's Annunciation, and other works by Giotto, Caravaggio, Michelangelo, and Raphael. In the afternoon, we'll visit the celebrated **Galleria dell'Accademia** to view Michelangelo's *David*, among other great works. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at your leisure.

Walking.

Monday, January 9 – Chianti: Wine Tasting and Lunch in the Tuscan Countryside.

We'll have a day excursion in the **Chianti region** to explore the countryside with its quaint villages and experience Tuscany's legendary wine culture. The day includes a visit to a beautiful winery, its vineyards, and gardens. A **tasting** of wines will be paired with a traditional Tuscan lunch. Enjoy the evening at your leisure on our return to Florence.

Lunch included. Private bus transportation and walking.

Tuesday, January 10 – Depart to Bologna: Historic Bologna Walking Tour, Anatomy Theatre and Archiginnasio Palace.

After a morning drive to Bologna by private bus and check-in at the centrally located hotel, we'll have a walking tour of **historic Bologna**. In the afternoon, we'll visit the 400-year-old anatomy dissection theater at the **Palazzo dell'Archiginnasio** of the University of Bologna. Founded in 1088, the University of Bologna is the oldest university in the Western world. We'll also visit the old **Stabat Mater room** containing some of the major scientific books such as Galileo's 1632 "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems" that confirmed a heliocentric universe. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Private bus transportation and walking.

Wednesday, January 11 – Bologna: Anatomical Waxes and the Library of University of Bologna. Transfer to Padua.

In the morning, check-out of hotel and a visit to the **Luigi Cattaneo Anatomical Wax Museum** and the **Palazzo Poggi Museum** at the University of Bologna. These museums contain the first collection of anatomical waxes for medical education that are works of art in their own right. In between the visits (if available), there will be a private tour of the Aula Magna, the original **Library of the Institute of Sciences** and first public Library in Bologna, opened in 1756. In the afternoon, transfer to Padua by private bus and hotel check-in. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Private bus transportation and walking.

Thursday, January 12 – Excursion to Venice.

Day trip to Venice via 30-minute local train ride. On arrival, a **private boat ride** in the Venetian Lagoon to reach St. Mark's Square. A private tour guide will lead us through historical Venice, including the **Basilica of Saint Mark** and the **Doge's Palace**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture composed of layers of building elements. The afternoon is free for everyone to explore on their own all that Venice has to offer, such as the beauty of the Rialto Bridge, or a quiet lunch of *cicchetti* (Venetian tapas) in a *bacaro* (Venetian wine bar). Return to Padua in the late afternoon.

Public and private transportation.

Friday, January 13 – Basilica of Saint Anthony, Historic Padua and Palazzo del Bo, University of Padua, Morgagni Museum, and Scrovegni Chapel.

In the morning, a private guided tour of the **Basilica of Saint Anthony**, which also includes a mausoleum dedicated to important anatomists and scientists teaching at the University of Padua. The tour continues with the visit of **Palazzo del Bo**, the historic seat of the University of Padua. See Galileo's lecture podium, and the oldest permanent anatomy dissection theatre in the world, dating back to 1595. In the afternoon, a private visit to the **Morgagni Museum of Pathological Anatomy** at the University of Padua, which displays a wide range of natural specimen pathologies from the 17th-19th centuries, with a focus on how treatments have advanced to the modern day. This will be followed by a tour of the **Scrovegni Chapel**, a masterpiece in the history of painting in Italy and Europe in the 14th century, considered to be the most complete series of frescoes executed by Giotto. In the evening, **Arrivederci Italia Dinner**.

Dinner included. Walking.

Saturday, January 14 – Depart to USA.

Hotel check-out. Three group transfers from the hotel to Marco Polo Airport, Venice, arranged between 7:30am and 10:30am.

N.B. The above Itinerary is subject to modification.

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name (**must match passport**) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sharing room with _____

Type of room: *Twin (2 beds)* *Double (1 king/queen)* *Single (extra charge)*

Dietary restrictions _____

How did you hear about the Tour? _____

Note: The Tour requires participants to be able to walk, on average, 2-3 miles day

Terms and Conditions

Package Includes:

- A dedicated professional Tour Director (English/Italian bi-lingual) will accompany the group, coordinating all activities and providing 24/7 onsite assistance for the entire experience
- Scientific expertise at didactic venues provided by Professor Kevin Petti
- Twelve-night accommodation (Rome – 4 nights, Florence – 4 nights, Bologna – 1 night, Padua – 3 nights) at highly comfortable hotels in central locations in a shared bedroom
- Daily morning breakfast
- Welcome Drink (Rome)
- 3 Three-Course Dinners with wine (on the dates identified in the Itinerary in Rome, Florence, and Padua)
- Pizza making class and lunch with wine (Rome)
- Wine Tasting & Pairing Lunch (Chianti)
- Guided tours in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Bologna, Padua and Venice, as described in the Itinerary
- Academic private visits, as described in the Itinerary
- Entrance tickets to all museums specified in the Itinerary, with skip-the-line reservations if available
- Private bus and public transportation to venues described in the Itinerary
- Transfers with private driver (with minimum of 2 program participants/car) from Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO) to the hotel in Rome on arrival day
- 3 Group Transfers arranged from the hotel in Padua to Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE)
- City tax at all hotels and tax and tips for all services identified in the Itinerary

Package Does Not Include:

- Flight tickets to/from Italy
- Optional excursions and/or other activities not listed in the Itinerary
- Meals, drinks or extras not explicitly stated in the 'Package Includes' section above
- Travel insurance

Optional Arrangements:

Exclusively Italian can provide additional arrangements for activities on leisure days, as well as personalized trip extensions (before and after the tour) and flight reservations. Please contact Laura directly for more information on options.

Price & Payments (in US Dollars)

- The price of the Package as described above is **\$4,295** per person in a twin/double room accommodation (2 people/room) based on a group with a **minimum of 16 participants**. Accommodation in **single room** has an extra charge of **\$1,250**.
 - A **deposit of \$500** per person is required to secure your place by **October 10th, 2022**.
 - The balance is required by **November 15th, 2022**.
- The above price and conditions refer to the group travel plan only.
- Please confirm your registration by emailing a copy of your signed Registration Form to: laura@exclusivelyItalian.com**
- Please make all payments by check to "Exclusively Italian". Payments are accepted in US dollars only. Credit card payments require an additional transaction charge.
- Please mail checks to:
 - Exclusively Italian LLC
 - 415 Laurel Street, PMB 220
 - San Diego, CA 92101

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to cancel this trip for any circumstances beyond its control, including if there are fewer than 16 participants. In this case, a full refund will be provided. No refunds are provided for unused portions or services of the trip for any reason whatsoever. The trip is sold as a package only. Below is the cancellation and refund policy.

Due Date	Payment	Cancellation/Refund
October 10 th , 2022	\$500 Deposit	Once the tour is confirmed, this payment becomes non-refundable.
November 15 th , 2022	\$ Remaining balance	50% of this payment is refundable until December 1, 2022; after December 1, 2022, this payment is non-refundable.

Note on Prices

Prices quoted are based on current external supplier costs and exchange rates. **Prices are subject to change if there are significant exchange rate fluctuations or surcharges by hotels or other service providers**, although not to exceed 10% of the Package price.

Not Included

All items of a personal nature, meals and other services or transportation not specified in the 'Package Includes' section.

Travel Insurance

To protect your trip investment, the purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to cover unforeseen events such as trip cancellation and/or interruption, emergency medical expenses, loss of baggage or trip delay. Please be aware that losses incurred due to known events (such as COVID-19) need to be specifically selected when choosing your Travel Insurance (read terms carefully). We would be happy to provide names of Travel Insurance companies and any other information regarding Travel Insurance.

DISCLAIMER

All arrangements covering accommodation, transportation, tours, transfers and all other services arranged for this trip, are made on the explicit understanding that Exclusively Italian LLC and/or Laura Bianconcini or Prof. Kevin Petti act only as an intermediary and as such admit no liabilities whatsoever for any loss, damage, delay or injury to persons or property arising out of, or in any connection with any act of neglect or default however caused, either directly or indirectly by the principals or persons or their agents or servants, who shall provide such hotel accommodation, transport, tours, transfers or all other services provided. Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to change accommodations, activities and services specified in the Itinerary at any time, for any reason, and replace them with others of the same category and/or value.

- I have read, understand, and accept all the above Terms & Conditions
- I include a check for \$500 as a deposit for my Registration
- I select a Single Room accommodation for an extra fee of \$1,250

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____