AAA Reading Berks presents...

Italian Vistas

with Optional 2-Night Milan Post Tour Extension

October 7 – 19, 2020



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13 Days ● 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

Book Now & Save \$150 Per Person:

Double \$5,749; **Double** \$5,599*

Single \$6,949; Single \$6,799;

Triple \$5,699 Triple \$5,549

For bookings made after Apr 08, 2020 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Philadelphia Intl Airport, Air Taxes and

Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315 per person

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

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.)

AAA Member Choice Vacations ® **Flagship:** AAA Member Choice Vacations ® tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

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AAA Member Choice Vacations® Experiences

- Get an in-depth tour of the famous Colosseum.
- Relax on a scenic boat ride to the enchanting Isle of Capri.
- Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

Must-See Inclusions

- Visit the Academy
 Museum in Florence to
 see Michelangelo's
 famous statue of David.
- Stroll the streets of Verona – the backdrop for Romeo and Juliet.
- Enjoy the magic of the Italian lakes in the captivating resort of Stresa.

Culinary Inclusions

 Visit a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample the local wines.

Highlights: Rome, Colosseum, Ruins of Pompeii, Sorrento Coast, Isle of Capri, Florence, Statue of *David*, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Tuscan Winery, Venice, Choice on Tour, Murano Island, Verona, Stresa, Lugano, Switzerland

Day 1: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 Overnight Flight Ciao, Italy!

Day 2: Thursday, October 8, 2020 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Friday, October 9, 2020 Rome - Classical Rome City Tour A locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the

legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an indepth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (*B*)

Day 4: Saturday, October 10, 2020 Rome Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to





Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. (B)

Day 5: Sunday, October 11, 2020 Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast

Journey south toward the brilliant Bay of Naples where charming villages are built into hillsides above a sparkling blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A local guide provides an in-depth view of this remarkably preserved archaeological site. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast. (B)

Day 6: Monday, October 12, 2020 Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri -Sorrento Coast A scenic boat ride* brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Upon arrival, take a panoramic ride to the island's highest town, Anacapri. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés before returning to the Sorrento Coast. (B, D)

Day 7: Tuesday, October 13, 2020
Sorrento Coast - Florence Tuscany
unfolds with its panorama of
vineyards and olive groves. Florence,
the "Cradle of the Italian
Renaissance," awaits and offers Italy's
best art and architecture. Visit the
Academy Gallery to see
Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture
of *David*. Tonight, enjoy regional
Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (*B*, *D*)

Day 8: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Florence A locally guided tour highlights the Piazza del Duomo, with its Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery of St. John. You also view the magnificent Piazza della Signoria with its imposing Palazzo Vecchio. (B)

Day 9: Thursday, October 15, 2020 Florence - Pisa - Venice Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to



enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (*B*, *L*)

Day 10: Friday, October 16, 2020 Venice - Murano Island - Venice Embark on a boat trip** to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square where it's your choice! Join a local expert who will take you on a walking tour of this famous square to view the Basilica and visit the impressive Doge's Palace along with the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- step off the beaten path and explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 11: Saturday, October 17, 2020 Venice - Verona - Stresa Depart Venice for Verona to stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore. (*B*, *D*)

Day 12: Sunday, October 18, 2020 Stresa - Lugano, Switzerland- Isola Dei Pescatori, Italy-Stresa Today, cross into Switzerland and the picturesque lakeside resort of Lugano for magnificent views, excellent shopping and charming cafés. Tonight, we travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori*** for a farewell dinner while surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 13: Monday, October 19, 2020 Stresa - Tour Ends Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (*B*)

For important reservation information visit gateway.memberchoicevacations.com/link/947866. You can also find this information on your tour documents.

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 4 Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome

Days 5, 6 Towers Hotel, Sorrento

Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence

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Days 9, 10 Bellini, Venice

Days 11, 12 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Pompeii: Frozen in Time

It's the summer of A.D. 79, and the city of Pompeii, Italy, is thriving. Soon, things will change. On the fateful day of August 24, the once dormant Mt. Vesuvius volcano erupted, unleashing its fury and spewing volcanic matter down on the city for three straight days. The town was completely buried in ash and mud – in some cases it was more than 20 feet deep. Pompeii was forgotten until 1594 when workmen discovered the buried city that was literally frozen in time. Peer into the daily life of an ancient Roman city with a fascinating tour of Pompeii.

Please Note:

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.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are

closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

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

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

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

Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays and holidays that fall on Saturdays.

Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If visiting the Academy Museum falls on a Monday on your itinerary, reservations will be made to visit the museum on Sunday upon arrival to Florence.

*Your boat trip to Capri may not be available due to inclement weather. **Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather

***Due to inclement weather in the winter months, your farewell dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may not be possible. In such an event, your farewell dinner will take place in the town of Stresa.

The Academy Gallery Museum, the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum dates and times are all subject to change based on availability of reservations.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate program with us. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

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.

Air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Stresa for Milan airport.

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

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of April 01, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 08, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2020.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 3 Days 2-Night Milan Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$599.00 USD per person, double, land only

2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

Day 13: Stresa - Milan

Transfer to Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion. Milan is filled with historic architecture including the Duomo, its magnificent Gothic cathedral. Upon arrival, receive your sightseeing bus ticket valid for 48 hours...hop-on and hop-off the red, open-top, double-decker buses, and explore this bustling city at your own pace.

Day 14: Milan

Continue your independent exploration of Milan at your leisure. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Parco delle Basiliche or the Duomo, Milan's most famous landmark. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 15: Milan - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

A minimum of 3 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

This extension is not hosted or guided.

This extension requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.