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**June 3rd 2017 Drawing
\$100 a chance for Trip for TWO to Italy**

This trip is built around the best of Rome, but you still have time to explore the Italian countryside on your own!

Meet new friends and share experiences on daily tours where some meals are included. Breakfast is part of your hotel stay, and scores of restaurants, trattorias and food stands await you with everything from a wedge of hot pizza to a white-tablecloth experience - all within walking distance from your hotel!

Miscellaneous - We are also including \$1,000 for you to spend on meals/shopping etc.

Please note that the Italy trip itinerary and value is based on a September 12, 2017 departure. Any variation from that departure date could incur some additional expense for the winner and/or a change in itinerary or amenities.

ITINERARY

Day 1 – PM Departure from JFK Airport, overnight flight to Rome's Fiumicino Airport.

Day 2 – Arrival in the morning.

You will be picked up at the airport by private car and taken to the Hotel Victoria located in downtown Rome close to the Via Veneto and all the *action*. The Hotel Victoria is located next to the famous Via Veneto, but also in a quiet road that runs along the Aurelian Wall. The Spanish Steps, the most elegant boutiques and the historic city centre are within easy walking distance. The park of the Villa Borghese is directly opposite and its paths lead through to the Piazza del Popolo. The metro stations Spagna and Barberini are within walking distance and a taxi rank is located near the hotel.

Below is the hotel information so you can tell your friends where you will be staying. ☺

Hotel Victoria
Via Campania, 41
00187 Rome, Italy
Phone: +39 (06) 423 701 (39 is the country code from the US.)
<http://www.hotelvictoriaroma.com>

Balance of day to catch up with time change, exploring and (of course) shopping.

Day 3 – 9 am departure – Group – Vatican Museums – No-Wait Access

With No-Wait Access to all the highlights of the Vatican Museums - from the Sistine Chapel to lesser-known gems of the collection, ending with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica. On most Wednesdays, when the Basilica is closed, the service ends at the Vatican Museums entrance.

Includes: No-Wait Access to Vatican Museums with entrance ticket and reservation fee, entrance to the Sistine Chapel, Headsets, English-speaking guide

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 3 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents. On Wednesdays, access to St. Peter's Basilica & Square may be closed at the time of the morning tour due to the Papal Audience. This tour involves a fair amount of walking, comfortable shoes are recommended. Entrance into the Vatican requires a strict dress code. Knees and shoulders MUST be covered for both men and women. Italy Vacations cannot be held responsible for refused entry due to improper dress. We are unable to accommodate late arrivals. Non-flash photography is permitted throughout the tour, except in the Sistine Chapel where talking and photography are prohibited. Missed tours or tickets due to late arrivals cannot be refunded.

Day 3 – 3:30pm departure – Group – Best of Rome

See all the most important sights of central Rome in just a few hours including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona. There's a scheduled coffee break (on us!) so you'll have the chance to try some world-famous Italian espresso.

Includes: English-speaking guide, Coffee break (one drink)

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 2.5 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents. Please note that on Saturday the Pantheon will be closed for Mass. This tour involves a fair amount of walking; comfortable shoes are recommended. Entrance into the Pantheon requires a strict dress code (as it is a church). Knees and shoulders MUST be covered for both men and women. Some sites visited lack shade and can be hot under direct sunlight. We recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water in warm weather.



Day 4 – 10am – Group – Colosseum & Ancient Rome – skip-the-line access

Explore the most important sites of Ancient Rome, skipping the long lines on this guided half-day tour covering the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.

Includes: Entrance fees and skip-the-line access to the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, Headsets, English-speaking guide

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 3 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents. This tour involves a fair amount of walking, comfortable shoes are recommended. Some sites visited lack shade and can be hot under direct sunlight. We recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water in warm weather. Some of the venues or parts of the venue may be subject to last-minute, unpredictable closures. When this occurs, the guide will offer an extended tour in keeping with the advertised total length of the tour.

Day 4 – 5:30 pm – Group – Food & Wine Tasting with Expert Sommelier

Take a wine voyage around Italy without ever leaving the heart of Rome with this one-of-a-kind wine and food tasting experience.

Includes: English-speaking sommelier, tasting of a selection of Italian food specialties, wine tasting of 6 wines

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 2 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents.

Notes: You'll taste six Italian favorites while benefitting from the expert guidance and insights of one of Italy's foremost wine authorities - an internationally recognized professional sommelier with years of dedicated experience. Enjoy regional delicacies – meats, cheeses, and more – each bite will be carefully paired with each wine to bring out its full flavor.



Day 5 – 9:30 am – Group – Pasta-Making Class in Rome

A fun and filling day with an Italian chef touring his favorite food shops in Rome, plus a Pasta-Making class with lunch and wine!

Includes: Walking tour of Rome's food shops, Cooking Class with a chef, Lunch with wine

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 5.5 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents.

Day 6 – Day of Leisure

Nothing to do, no chores, no tours, just sit around and watch Italian TV – NOT!!!

By this time, you should have some place you want to go back and visit, or you've heard of a tour that you'd like to take, or you have some distant relatives to visit with, or just simply (heaven forbid) shopping.

Enjoy your day off. Remember, day after tomorrow you have a very long day as you travel to Tuscany!

Day 7 – 7:15 am – Group Pompeii & Sorrento – Excursion from Rome

Treat yourself to a 2-hour fully-guided tour of the ruins of Pompeii and take time to explore the colorful narrow alleyways of Sorrento lined with one-of-a-kind souvenir and artisanal shops.

Included: Round-trip high-speed train tickets from Rome to Naples, Transportation from Naples to Pompeii, Pompeii to Sorrento, Sorrento to Naples, English-speaking guide in Pompeii and Sorrento, Limoncello tasting, Assistance at Rome and Naples train stations

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pick-up and drop-off, Lunch

Duration: 12 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents. This tour involves a fair amount of walking; comfortable shoes are recommended. Photography is permitted throughout the tour. Some sites visited lack shade and can be hot under direct sunlight. We recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen and a bottle of water in warm weather. We are unable to accommodate late arrivals. Missed tours or tickets due to late arrivals cannot be refunded.



Day 8 – Best of Tuscany – Excursion from Rome

In just a single day departing from Rome, visit the famous Val D'Orcia region in Tuscany and discover its historical towns of Montepulciano and Pienza and the vineyards of Montalcino, home of the famous red wine Brunello di Montalcino.

Includes: Round-trip transportation, Guided tour of Montepulciano, Visit of Montalcino vineyards and entrance to St. Antimo Abbey, gourmet lunch & wine tasting, Headset, Visit of Pienza on your own, English-speaking guide

Not Included: Gratuities (optional), Hotel pickup and drop off

Duration: 12-13 hours

Meeting point will be at a central location. Details will be provided in final documents. This tour involves a fair amount of walking, comfortable shoes are recommended. Appropriate dress is required for entry into some sites on this tour. Knees, shoulders and backs must be covered.

Day 9 – Cry a little that you are leaving one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Sneak out for some last-minute gifts. Then you will be transported by private car from your hotel to Fiumicino Airport for your flight home. Rome to JFK with stopover in Amsterdam.

