

Tour Code: BHN14



# *Italy:* *Venice to Rome*

October 12 - 23, 2014



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### Sunday, October 12, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins today with our trans-Atlantic flight to Venice, Italy.

### Monday, October 13, 2014 • Venice



Upon our arrival in Venice, we meet our coach and driver and travel to **Murano**—a cluster of small islands connected by bridges and the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291—for a **glassmaking demonstration**. But our destination today is fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the “Serene One.” Built upon 117

islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! This evening we enjoy a **gondola ride** amidst the canals. **D**

### Tuesday, October 14, 2014 • Venice

We begin our day in Venice with an excursion to **St. Mark’s Square**, including a cruise along the serpentine Canale Grande. Here we see the **Bell Tower** and the impressive **St. Mark’s Cathedral**. There is time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the **Rialto Bridge** or to enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark’s Square. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**



### Wednesday, October 15, 2014 • Montecatini Terme



After breakfast we drive to Lake Garda where we enjoy a cruise on this beautiful Italian lake filled with art, history and natural beauty. We take time to explore **Sirmione** the pearl of the lake and stroll through the village then we continue our journey southward into the

region of Tuscany, often described as the “heart of Italy.” Our home for the next five nights is Montecatini Terme. Situated between Florence and Pisa, the city is one of the world’s most famous health spas. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B/D**

### Thursday, October 16, 2014 • Montecatini Terme

Our entire day is devoted to **Florence**, the Cradle of the Renaissance. We begin with a stop at the **American Cemetery of Florence**. Here we see the graves of thousands of GI’s who fell while fighting their way “up



the boot” of Italy. Florence is home to the **Duomo** with its famed **Baptistry**, **Giotto’s Tower**, Pitti Palace, the **Accademia** with Michelangelo’s incomparable **David**, and the **Basilica of Santa Croce**. We take time for exploring the sprawling San Lorenzo Leather Market and the shops along the Ponte Vecchio. Before returning to Montecatini this evening, we enjoy a wine-tasting dinner in the gentle hills of the Chianti countryside. **B/D**

*Note: Friday and Saturday, the group will be split into two groups with up to 15-16 participating in the cooking class each day.*

### Friday, October 17, 2014 • Montecatini Terme

This morning we drive to a small Tuscan Village to meet with Giuseppe, an Italian Chef. Giuseppe will take the group to the market to buy vegetables then return to Giuseppe’s kitchen for a cooking lesson. We will have lunch with wine



and receive a small gift to remind us of our Italian cooking lesson before departing to see the famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. We return to Montecatini tonight where dinner is on our own. Perhaps you will want to experience one of the spa’s that made Montecatini famous. **B/L**

### Saturday, October 18, 2014 • Montecatini Terme



Today we drive to the Ligurian Sea, where we have an excursion to the **Cinque Terre**, a series of fishing villages. We begin with a **boat ride along the sea**, and then return by train and on foot, with a lovely **stroll down Lovers’ Lane**, a spectacular walk along the sea. These villages have a special character, as we observe the life of the fishermen and the abodes to which they return. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B**

### Sunday, October 19, 2014 • Montecatini Terme

This morning we have time free to explore Montecatini on our own. Early in the afternoon, we drive into Chianti country and visit **San Gimignano with its thirteen towers**. The main item on our agenda today, however, is the



lovely city of **Siena**. A locally-guided tour of this fabulous Gothic city acquaints us with its sunken Piazza del Campo and the Duomo—perhaps the finest Gothic cathedral in Italy! Before returning to Montecatini this evening, we take in a **Olive Oil demonstration and tasting**. **B**



#### Monday, October 20, 2014 • Rome



This morning we continue in a southerly direction and enter the region of Umbria, where we arrive at its most beautiful town, **Assisi**. Here a local guide acquaints us with the life of Saint Francis and shows us the magnificent **Basilica di San Francesco** where he is

buried. We drive on to the Eternal City of Rome and see the glories of the Caesars. We overnight in Rome. **Tonight we take an illumination tour of Rome**. **B/D**

#### Tuesday, October 21, 2014 • Rome

After breakfast, we visit the **Vatican City and St. Peter's Cathedral**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Also included is a visit to the **Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**. We have the afternoon free to explore on our own. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**



#### Wednesday, October 22, 2014 • Rome



This morning we return to the **Vatican for a Papal Audience**. A local guide joins us as we become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we visit the Capitoline Hill area, from which we walk through the **Roman Forum**

and enter the **Colosseum**. We also see **St. Peter in Chains**, the **Trevi Fountain**, and more. Dinner tonight is a very special farewell dinner at a restaurant in Rome. **B/D**

#### Thursday, October 23, 2014 • Rome

This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. **B**

**TOUR PRICE: \$3,299\*** per person, land only

**Single Supplement = \$775**

*\*Price is per person based on a minimum of 32 participants, double occupancy.*

#### Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services including end of tour tips for driver and tour leader

#### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Airfare (to Venice, Italy and return from Rome, Italy) And related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with juice, tea, coffee and water
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour leader
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

#### Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

#### Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

#### Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone cancelling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

**Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.**

#### Abbreviations for Meals

**B=Breakfast D=Dinner**

## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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# Registration Form

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### Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to  
*Ed-Ventures, Inc.* in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_.

### Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Card ID Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: \_\_\_\_\_

Single supplement (\$775): \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Travel Insurance (please check one):  Yes, sign me up  No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information:  Charge my card below  Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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