

# Grand Tour of Italy WITH OPC LEISURE TRAVEL

OCTOBER 5-19, 2017



**15**  
DAYS

## **A land full of history and mind-blowing beauty.**

Italy is teeming with legend, personality and charm, making the possibilities for discovery virtually endless. Join OPC on this sweeping tour of the country, where you'll explore iconic cities like Venice, Florence and Rome and smaller towns like Assisi, Sorrento, Como and the Isle of Capri.

**Go Ahead**

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## Your tour includes

- 13 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily, 6 three-course dinners with wine or beer
- Multilingual Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees

## Your tour highlights

- Lake Como's tranquil, scenic beauty
- Romeo and Juliet come to life in Verona
- Renaissance reminders are everywhere in Florence
- Seaside luxury abounds in Sorrento
- Free time to explore charming Capri
- The epic beauty of Vatican City

## Where you'll go



### OVERNIGHT STAYS

- 2 nights • Lake Como Region
- 2 nights • Venice
- 3 nights • Florence
- 2 nights • Assisi
- 2 nights • Sorrento
- 2 nights • Rome

**SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

\$6,137 FOR SOLO TRAVELERS  
\$5,619 FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY\*

See next page for payment details

## Overnight flight | 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Milan today.

## Lake Como Region | 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Milan

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Italy! Transfer to Como and get settled in your hotel. Then, gather with your group at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Como & Villa Carlotta

*Included meals: breakfast*

Head out on a morning trip to explore Como, known for its mix of cultural and natural attractions.

- Take free time in Como for lunch and shopping while taking in the lakeside views
- Transfer to Villa Carlotta to admire spectacular views from the elaborate villa gardens
- Alternatively, if entrance to Villa Carlotta is out of season, take a funicular to Brunate

Enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ *Lake Como & Bellagio*

## Venice | 2 nights

### Day 4: Venice via Verona

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Today you'll travel east to Venice, stopping in Verona. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city's UNESCO-recognized historic district, passing by the Verona Arena, House of Juliet, Piazza delle Erbe and Lamberti's Tower.

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Venice

*Included meals: breakfast*

Experience historic churches, winding canals and picture-perfect piazzas on a guided tour of the city known as the Queen of the Adriatic.

- Step into the iconic St. Mark's Square and enter St. Mark's Basilica
- View the stately Doge's Palace, built in the Venetian Gothic style in 1340
- Marvel at the Bridge of Sighs, the link between Doge's Palace and the New Prison
- See a glassblowing demonstration to learn about the city's most celebrated art

This afternoon, take a gondola ride through the waterways that crisscross Venice, accompanied by a musician to serenade you.

## Florence | 3 nights

### Day 6: Florence via Ferrara

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

On your way to Florence, stop in Ferrara where you'll have free time for lunch. In the city's historic center, admire the beautiful Renaissance architecture of the Este Castle and Palazzo dei Diamanti.

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Florence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off on a guided tour of Florence, the city at the center of the Renaissance.

- Visit the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo
- Pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture
- See the medieval Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, center of Florentine life
- Step inside the Basilica of Santa Croce, burial site of Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo

Later, enjoy free time to continue exploring Florence on your own or add an excursion.

+ *Dinner in Fiesole*

## Day 8: Free day in Florence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a full free day in Florence or add an excursion.

+ *Sienna & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns*

## Assisi | 2 nights

### Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Assisi's basilicas

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Drive through spectacular Umbria to hillside Assisi, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the town's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Visit Assisi's lower and upper basilicas
- See Giotto's magnificent frescoes and other late medieval art

### Day 10: Free day in Assisi

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a full free day in Assisi or add an excursion.

+ *Perugia: City Highlights & Wine Tasting*

## Sorrento | 2 nights

### Day 11: Sorrento via Pompeii

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

En route to Sorrento, stop in Pompeii for a guided tour of the city's famous ruins.

- Discover how Roman citizens lived before Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79
- View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples and baths

### Day 12: Capri

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel by ferry to the fabled Isle of Capri, a beloved resort since the days of the Roman Republic. You'll take a mini-cruise around the island (or visit the village of Anacapri in inclement weather), then take free time to discover why everyone from Roman emperors to Sophia Loren spent their vacations in Capri.

## Rome | 2 nights

### Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Rome

*Included meals: breakfast*

Transfer to Rome and follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans with a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Pass by Trajan's Column and Piazza Venezia, the city's central hub
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, from which the Caesars ruled their vast empire
- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Temple of Venus and Roma
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire, and take time to explore on your own

Enjoy a free evening exploring the city or add an excursion.

+ *Dinner with Tenors*

### Day 14: Sightseeing tour of Vatican City

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Discover the history and beauty of the world's smallest state on a guided tour.

- Visit the Vatican Museums, which recently celebrated a 500-year anniversary and hold many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures
- Step inside the Sistine Chapel, where you'll gaze up at what is perhaps Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece
- Enter the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith and home to works by some of Italy's greatest artists—Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael Michelangelo and more

Later, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

### Day 15: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

*Please note: The inclusions and order of the events on this tour are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to your departure.*

## Payment details

**Trip includes:** Round-trip airfare from Detroit Metro with all taxes, fees and surcharges. All transfers, hotel accommodations, baggage handling and fees, trip cancellation insurance, motor coach transportation throughout your trip, OPC escort and gratuities are also included in the price of your tour.

**Not included:** Meals not listed in this itinerary and optional excursions (see next page or [opcseniorcenter.org](http://opcseniorcenter.org)).

At sign up, please present your passport with an expiration date after April 19, 2018. Airline prices are subject to change. Single room availability is limited.

**Solo travelers: \$6,137**

**Double occupancy: \$5,619**

### Schedule of payments:

Deposit: \$1,000 due at sign-up

2nd payment: \$1,000 due Friday, November 4, 2016

3rd payment: \$1,000 due Friday, March 3, 2017

Balance due Friday, July 21, 2017

Sign-up deadline: Friday, November 11, 2016 (Contact Linda after this date to check on availability.)

**Cancellation policy:** Insurance cost of \$364 + \$150 processing fee and airline cancellation penalties if applicable & non-refundable after November 4, 2016.

For full travel cancellation information please see cashiers or contact Linda at 248 659-1030.

# Customize your experience

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10\* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed.

## Day 3: Lake Como Cruise & Bellagio |

\$79/\$89\* (5 hours, evening with dinner)

Hop aboard a scenic cruise of Lake Como to soak in some of Italy's most beautiful estates and gardens. Float past charming lakeside towns to Bellagio, a village whose scenery has inspired poets and young lovers for centuries. You'll have time to take in Bellagio's classic beauty before heading to a local restaurant, where you'll sample cuisine from a carefully chosen menu. *Please note: Your included meal may be lunch or dinner.*

## Day 7: Dinner in Fiesole | \$75/\$85\* (3 hours, evening with dinner)

Head to the hilltop town of Fiesole, home to stunning views of nearby Florence that have been prized since pre-Roman times. Here, you'll be treated to some of the region's best cuisine during a relaxing three-course dinner.

## Day 8: Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan

Hilltowns | \$109/\$119\* (10 hours, departs in the morning)

Discover the essence of Tuscany on a full-day excursion. In Siena, a local guide introduces you to the town and its black-and-white marble cathedral, where you'll find brilliantly colored 16th-century frescoes in the Piccolomini Library. You'll have some free time to explore the Campo, the square that serves as the center of civic life in Siena. Then, journey through the countryside to the town of San Gimignano, where you'll have some free time to explore the city's medieval towers or simply admire the Tuscan hills. As the sun begins to set, you'll head to a nearby vineyard, where an included wine tasting awaits. *Please note: This excursion involves moderate walking.*

## Day 10: Perugia: City Highlights & Wine

Tasting | \$89/\$99\* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Discover Perugia on a guided tour. You'll visit the Rocca Paolina, Perugia Cathedral, Palazzo dei Priori, Fontana Maggiore and the shops of Corso Vannucci. Enter the Collegio del Cambio, home to the historic exchange guild, to view famous, well-preserved frescoes. Then, enjoy a typical Umbrian dish for lunch. You'll also sample three wines—a local white, red and vin santo, or dessert wine.

## Day 13: Dinner with Tenors | \$79/\$89\* (4 hours, evening with dinner)

End your day with an elegant four-course dinner at one of our favorite Roman restaurants. While you dine, you'll be treated to some of opera's best-loved arias... and you might even join the singers on stage. Don't miss this lighthearted evening of food and fun!

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.