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# GIGLIO TRAVEL US

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**EIGHT DAY - MAJOR CITIES OF ITALY – ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE**

**FROM: GIGLIO TRAVEL US**

## **DAY 1; ARIVE ROME:**

Arrive Rome from your departure city in the US and transfer on own to hotel in Rome. The balance of the day on your own to explore the city.

## **DAY 2 ROME, ASSISI, SIENA, FLORENCE**

Departure after breakfast from the hotel by a deluxe coach enroute to Assisi. Arrival in Assisi with free time at disposal to visit this tiny town, surrounded by ancient Middle Ages walls. We suggest the visit of the Basilica of St. Francesco with its masterpieces of Giotto and Cimabue. Leaving via the motorway we'll arrive in Siena. This medieval town surrounded by ancient walls is known for the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the town square, famous for hosting the Palio horse race. Dinner and overnight in Florence

## **DAY 3 FLORENCE**

Breakfast. Visit of this beautiful city where the Italian genius for art reached its pinnacle. Florence is known as the "cradle of Renaissance" for its monuments, churches and buildings. The best-known site and crowning architectural jewel of Florence is the domed cathedral of the city, Santa Maria del Fiore known as The Duomo that we will visit. We will then proceed to the nearby Campanile tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery with the golden bronze doors (they were so beautiful that they were called the "Gates of Paradise" by Michelangelo himself. In the heart of the city there is Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), gothic building, and the Santa Croce Basilica. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 4 FLORENCE, PADUA, VENICE**

Breakfast in the morning and departure to Bologna. The cityscape is further enriched by elegant and extensive arcades (or porticos), which the city is famous for. In total, there are about 38 kilometres of arcades in the city historical center for its 40 km of high system of fortifications and defensive towers. From the Via dell'Indipendenza, we will proceed to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore in the heart of the city. The central streets of Bologna today are largely pedestrianized. Here we'll be fascinated by the Piazza del Nettuno, King Renzo's Palace, the Podestà Palace and the Basilica of San Petronio. In the afternoon we will continue towards Padova, with its original Sant' Antonio Basilica. In the evening, arrival in Venice. Dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 5 VENICE**

Breakfast. Transfer by vaporetto to St Mark Square. We will visit: St Mark Square and the Doge's Palace (external), symbol of the glory and the authority of Venice, residence of the Dukes and seat of the Government and the Court of Justice. It can be reached crossing the Bridge of Sighs where Casanova had been sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. At the end of the tour, the group will stop in one of the famous Murano glasses factory. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 6 -VENICE, (TUSCANY), ROME**

Breakfast and departure by motor coach from Piazzale Roma to the famous area of Tuscany interesting for its romanic churches as Pieve and its castles, area where the production of the most famous wines takes place. After a short panoramic of the Chianti Region we will reach Valle D'Orcia and stop in Montepulciano, precious medieval town rich of history and art, known for its "nobile" wine that can be bought in the winehouses of the town. Early evening arrival back in Rome.

**Day 7 - ROME:** Depart early morning, after breakfast for walking tour of the city to include Navona Square, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. Balance of the day at your leisure...

**DAY 8 – ROME:** Transfer to Rome airport or extend your tour another day or two.....

TOUR INCLUDES:

**DEPARTURES EVERY FRIDAY, APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER**

- ❖ Transportation by De-Luxe motorcoach
- ❖ 3 nights Rome
- ❖ 2 nights Florence
- ❖ 2 nights Venice
- ❖ Breakfast daily, Four dinners
- ❖ Multilingual Tour-Escort
- ❖ Accommodation in 4 star or 3 star Hotels
- ❖ Panoramic Visits as per itinerary
- ❖ Portage Service: just 1 piece of luggage per person

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