

SOUTHERN ITALY

Florence, Rome, Naples – 11 days

Visit Assisi and Pompei

Departure: June 16, 2018

Return: June 26, 2018



Two of the greatest cities in the world, full of art and architecture, Florence and Rome combined with Naples, the most vibrant city of Italy fulfils our commitment to give you a flawlessly planned itinerary on this tour. Besides, we will be staying at the most centrally located deluxe hotels in each city of the three cities. Come and join us.

Opera Performances

In Florence:

June 19 – **Il Prigioniero** by Luigi Dallapiccol at Opera di Firenze and **Concert – Four Sacred Pieces** by Verdi at opera di Firenze

In Rome:

June 20 – **La Boheme** by Puccini at Teatro Cosanzi

In Naples:

June 24 – **Nabucco** by Verdi at Opera di

Sunday, June 16. (D)* DEPART FOR FLORENCE

Depart this evening aboard any airline of your choice to Florence, Italy. Dinner and light breakfast served on the plane.

Monday, June 17. (B,D). FLORENCE

Upon arrival at the Florence International Airport. Take a taxi to the centrally located deluxe HOTEL MARRIOTT, where we stay three nights. We will reimburse the taxi fare. Briefing with cocktails and Gala Welcome Dinner at the hotel.



FLORENCE is one of the world's greatest artistic capitals and a testament to the Italian capacity for genius. The city was the cradle of civilization which nurtured the humanistic movement and the Renaissance in the first half of the 15 C. In March of 1436, the architect-engineer genius Filippo Brunelleschi completed building the stupendous dome of the cathedral out of a double layer of brickwork. Today the multi-colored Cathedral is breathtaking, next to the marble-clad Baptistery with its famous gilded bronze doors.

Tuesday, June 18. (B). FLORENCE

Morning sightseeing of this city dense with art and culture will include the Piazza del Duomo, the bronze doors of the Battistero and the Uffizi Gallery. Afternoon free to visit Museo dell' Opera del Duomo, to see Michelangelo's second statue PIETA.

Wednesday, June 19. (B). FLORENCE

This morning we see the Palazzo Pitti and Galleria Palatina with its marvelous collection of paintings. Afternoon free to take in any of the fine churches exhibiting works by famous artists, or the Galleria dell' Accademia. This evening we will see the opera *Il Prigioniero* by Luigi Dallapiccola and *Four Sacred Pieces* by Verdi at the Teatro opera di Firenze.

Thursday, June 20. (B). ASSISI - ROME

Today we drive south to stop first in the walled city of ASSISI closely associated with St. Francis. We will visit the Basilica di San Francesco, and see the spectacular view of the valley below from Rocca Maggiore. We will arrive this afternoon in Rome, where we stay three nights at the centrally located deluxe HOTEL BERNINI BRISTOL. This evening we will see the opera *La Boheme* by Puccini at Teatro Costanzi.

Friday, June 21. (B). ROME

Morning orientation tour of the city includes seeing the Campidoglio hill that symbolized the power of ancient Rome, Fountain of Trevi, Spanish Steps and the Colosseum. Afternoon free. Dinner at the hotels gourmet restaurant with beautiful view of Rome.

ROME, the "Eternal City" has an unmatched wealth of open air classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. From its legendary origins of the twins Romulus and Remus, it has undergone millenniums of conflicts and power struggles until Giuseppe Garibaldi led the revolt that unified the country in 1871 and Rome again became the capital of new Italy.



Saturday, June 22. (B). ROME

Today we visit the Vatican City, to see the most renowned Basilica of Saint Peter and Michelangelo's powerful masterpiece, the PIETA and the Sistine Chapel among other monuments, inside this world-famous edifice. Afternoon free to visit any of the many fine museums.

Sunday, June 23. (B). ROME - NAPLES

Today we drive southeast to arrive in Naples, where we stay three nights, at the deluxe centrally located GRAND HOTEL VESUVIUS. Afternoon free.

Monday, June 24. (B). NAPLES

Morning sightseeing tour of this vibrant city to include the Piazza del Plebiscite, the Royal Palace, with a visit to the Baroque Capella San Severo, and the church of Saint Francesco di Paola. Afternoon free to visit any of the fine museums. This evening we will see the opera Nabucco by Verdi at the Teatro San Marco.

NAPLES is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, its charm praised by poets and writers. Lofty Vesuvius that destroyed Pompei more than 2,000 years ago makes a stunning backdrop giving its denizens energy to move at a hurried pace with loud, zooming traffic crowding narrow streets and to talk fast. No wonder pizza originated in this vibrant city.

Tuesday, June 25. (B,D). NAPLES - POMPEI

This morning we take an excursion to visit POMPEI, and drive along the most picturesque AMALFI COAST. In Pompei we see the Forum, the Basilica and the Temple of Apollo. We return to Naples driving along the Amalfi coast through Sorrento. Gala Farewell Dinner at the rooftop garden restaurant of the hotel, with a magnificent view of Mount Vesuvius.

Wednesday, June 26. (B). NAPLES – BACK HOME

Morning departure aboard your flight back home arriving the same afternoon. Arrivederci. See you soon on another H.A.T. Tour.

* B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner (including wine)



LAND COST

DOUBLE: \$6,950 PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,250

TOUR INCLUDES

- 1st Category orchestra level seats in theaters
 - Deluxe centrally located hotels
 - Buffet breakfast daily, 3 dinners with wine in gourmet restaurants
 - Welcome reception with cocktails
 - Private sightseeing in each city throughout
 - Experienced English speaking guides
 - Entrance fees to museums
 - Intercity luxury coach services
 - Transportation to and from theatres
 - Baggage handling
 - Guide, driver and bellboys gratuities
 - Complete package with details of operas listed
 - Transfers from and to airports on published arrival and departure days only
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