

# Join the Professional Engineers of North Carolina to Experience...



Rome \* Florence \* Venice

## 10 - Day Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 8 Nights Accommodation
- Tour Manager Throughout
- Luxury Motor Coach
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Dinner
- 2 Additional Dinners
- Farewell Dinner
- Sightseeing per Itinerary

**\$3,399 P/P Dbl. Occ.**  
(Plus Air Taxes,  
Pending air Confirmation)

June 7 - 16, 2012

*Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

### Day 1: Depart USA

We depart on our overnight transatlantic flight to Italy. Meals and snacks are served on board.

### Day 2: Arrive Rome

Upon arrival at the airport in Rome, we are greeted by our World Cultural Tours representative who escorts us to our private deluxe motor coach. We enjoy a guided tour of Rome, highlighting its grand architecture. Our tour begins by driving past Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, the Arch of Constantine, and the Coliseum. We continue along the Way of the Imperial Forums to Piazza Venezia with its Monument to Victor Emmanuel, followed by Capitoline Hill with its view of the Roman Forum. We see the Pantheon and Piazza Navona with its three splendid fountains, passing the Ara Pacis Augustae to finish at the beautiful Trevi Fountain. After our tour, we check into our hotel and have our Welcome Dinner together at our hotel.

*(D) Hotel President or similar*

### Day 3: Rome

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a guided visit to the legendary Coliseum. We have the afternoon at leisure to explore the city on our own. Perhaps visit the Piazza di Spagna with its famous Spanish Steps or the Piazza del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

*(B) Hotel President or similar*

### Day 4: Rome

This morning after breakfast, we cross the Tiber River for a guided visit to Vatican City. Here, we visit the Vatican Museums, which display an extensive collection of public art and sculptures of the Roman Catholic Church; the breathtaking Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, home to Michelangelo's magnificent *La Pietà*. This afternoon, we visit the University of Rome to learn about education in engineering and architecture in Italy *(subject to confirmation)*. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

*(B) Hotel President or similar*

## Rome

*Rome is a city rich in art, history and culture. Vatican City is home to the Sistine Chapel, one of the most famous sites in the world and St. Peter's Basilica, one of the greatest examples of Renaissance architecture in Italy. Rome also hosts a fine collection of museums, art galleries, churches, libraries, universities and academies.*





## Day 5: Rome - Florence

After breakfast this morning, we check-out of our hotel and transfer to Florence, the cultural, artistic and architectural gem of Italy. Florence was one the epicenter of the Italian Renaissance and remains one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Located in the heart of Tuscany, a stunning province of hills and mountains, the city offers incomparable pleasure in each and every corner. Upon arrival, we enjoy a guided walking tour of the city, highlighting Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery with its Gates of Paradise by Ghiberti, the Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. We dine together this evening at our hotel.

*(B, D) Hotel Ambasciatori or similar*

## Day 6: Florence

Following breakfast this morning, we enjoy a guided visit to the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's famous statue of David. This afternoon, we visit the Architectural Bureau to observe and learn how daily operations work (*subject to confirmation*).

*(B) Hotel Ambasciatori or similar*

## Day 7: Florence - Venice

This morning after breakfast, we have some free time to explore Florence on our own. This afternoon, we transfer to our hotel in Venice-Mestre for check-in. Dinner is served at the hotel restaurant this evening.

*(B, D) Hotel Delfino or similar*

## Day 8: Venice

After breakfast this morning, we enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Venice, the sanctuary on a lagoon, including a visit to Doge's Palace where the city's administration was once housed. Our tour also highlights St. Mark's Square, its Basilica and spectacular bell tower, the Bridge of Sighs, and Rialto Bridge. This afternoon, we attend a lecture, focusing on how Venice was built and what actions are currently being taken to fight the battle of rising water (*subject to confirmation*). Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

*(B) Hotel Delfino or similar*

## Day 9: Venice

This morning after breakfast, we enjoy a guided visit to Murano Island to visit one of the famous glassblowing factories. We have the afternoon at leisure to explore this romantically charming city on our own. We have our Farewell Dinner together this evening.

*(B, D) Hotel Delfino or similar*

## Day 10: Depart Venice - Arrive USA

After breakfast, we board our motor coach and transfer to the airport for our return flight home to the USA. (B) ✨

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITY:** A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS and must be valid at least six months after your tour return date. Please note that passport cards are not considered valid for international travel. Please send - with each deposit and registration form - a copy of each registrant's passport, if applicable. A visa may be required for non-U.S. citizens traveling internationally; please call our office for more information. • World Cultural Tours (WCT) and other participating affiliates act solely as agents in arranging transportation, hotel accommodations, and other services. We do not assume, and in fact, we expressly disclaim, any liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, consequences resulting from cancellations and/or delays including, but not limited to, schedule changes, strikes, war, political conflict, riots, inclement weather or acts of God. Likewise, we assume no liability for any act, negligence or default of our guides, including their agents and employees, or any company or person engaged in the transport of passengers, rendering of any service, or conducting arrangements for any tour. WCT reserves the right to cancel any tour due to insufficient participation. Furthermore, WCT reserves the right, at our sole discretion, to modify any itinerary or arrangements based on unprecedented situations that may arise. In the event modifications should become necessary, alterations may be made without penalty to the operator; additional costs, if any, shall be incurred by the traveler. • All registrants are invoiced with single occupancy rates if no roommate is specified. We will adjust rooming lists & invoices accordingly upon written notification of roommate preferences. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to find a roommate, or group organizer to match unpaired individuals.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are effective on date received in writing. • Any unused tour portions & any costs of services that are received while traveling are non-refundable. • Up to 91 days prior to departure, full refund less \$100 administration fee will be made. From 90 days until the date of departure, cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:

- 90-61 days prior to departure - 100% of deposit
- 60-46 days prior to departure - 35% of total tour price
- 45-31 days prior to departure - 50% of total tour price
- 30-0 days prior to departure - 100% of total tour price.

## Florence

*Located on the River Arno, the city of Florence is the capital of the Tuscany region and is considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Florence is rich in culture with countless elegant piazzas, palaces, gardens, monasteries, art galleries, and ateliers.*



## Venice

*Truly unique, this city in the middle of the sea has no cars, depending instead on boat travel through winding, intricate canals. Modern buildings are few, rather, Venice displays the grandeur of architecture from centuries past. Priceless paintings and sculptures that crowd its churches, palaces, and museums can be enjoyed throughout.*

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