

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

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Day 1: ARRIVE IN ROME - TODI
 Tour departs: Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Fiumicino one hour after the arrival of our selected flight(s). The lush countryside surrounding small towns built into the hills of Central Italy's Lazio and Umbria regions gradually appears as you travel north from Rome. Arrive in Orvieto, set high on a hill blanketed in vineyards; visit the colorful Piazza Duomo, and enjoy lunch at a typical trattoria. See one of Italy's greatest cathedrals, with glistening mosaics on its facade; magnificent art blends with striking architecture! View the scenic Tiber Valley en route to the medieval hill town of Todi, where artifacts and architecture reflect its ancient Etruscan and medieval heritage. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2: ASSISI - UMBRIA - TODI
 A visit to Assisi, dramatically built right into the side of a hill, is memorable. The inspirational Basilica di San Francesco is filled with frescoes detailing the life of St. Francis, who resided in 13th-century Assisi. The architectural details of centuries-old buildings are stunning, laden with flowers cascading from wall sconces. Explore charming shops set amidst quaint cobblestone streets and lanes. Dining in Italy is a celebration of food; travel to the rural countryside for a "cucina genuina" luncheon at a family-run restaurant. Return to Todi late in the afternoon, traveling through scenic Umbrian landscapes; the remainder of the day is free. Relax at one of Todi's charming restaurants, or pursue your own interests in this medieval town.

Day 3: SIENA - TUSCANY - FLORENCE
 Travel through the lush landscapes of Tuscany to visit one of the region's most beautiful towns, Siena. Begin in the Piazza del Campo, Siena's central square shaped like an amphitheatre. Twice a year the Sienese celebrate their rich medieval heritage with the running of a horse race called the Palio around this square. Spend a few hours exploring the town and perhaps the Duomo. The cathedral's green, pink and white marble exterior is surpassed only by the exquisite black and white marble geometric patterns found inside. Journey to Florence, city of art and the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join us for a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia, home of Michelangelo's David. Enjoy a lecture this evening by a local art historian.

Day 4: FLORENCE
 Today is yours to discover the wonderful treasures of Florence. Special reservations have been made for you to visit, at your leisure, the world's greatest masterpieces of art in the extraordinary Uffizi Gallery. You might take a stroll across the ancient Ponte Vecchio; visit the Palazzo Pitti, residence of the Medici Grand Dukes; see the Duomo, featuring one of the world's largest domes; or stop at the beautiful Renaissance-style gardens of the Giardino di Boboli.

Day 5: ROME
 Leave enchanting Florence and travel by high-speed Eurostar train to Rome, capital of Italy and the ancient world. Following lunch you will see Piazza Barberini, showcasing Bernini's incredible fountain; Palazzo del Quirinale; the Piazza Venezia; Trajan's Forum; Imperial Palaces; Michelangelo's statue of Moses at San Pietro in Vincoli; Circus Maximus; Temple of Vesta and the Synagogue. Walk through the ancient Roman Forum, and envision gladiators at the Colosseum, then spend the remainder of the day as you wish.

Day 6: ROME
 No trip to Rome would be complete without a visit to the Vatican, which is the world's smallest independent nation. View the vast collection of art and antiquities found in the Vatican Museums; a guided tour takes you to the Candelabra Gallery, Map Gallery and the Tapestries. The highlight is a visit to the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling fresco, depicting the history of the creation, overlooks masterpieces by Italy's greatest artists; visit St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, and enjoy an afternoon spent at your leisure in Rome. Dine tonight at a local trattoria.

Day 7: ROME
 The entire day is free to spend as you please. Reservations have been made for you to visit, at your leisure, Galleria Borghese, which features works by Italy's Renaissance and Baroque artists. Galleria Borghese is located near the Via Veneto, which is one of Rome's most glamorous boulevards. We invite you to join us this evening for a farewell reception and dinner.

Day 8: ARRIVEDERCI
 Tour ends: Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Fiumicino 2 1/2 hours prior to the departure of our selected flight(s). Persons who are departing other times should secure their own transportation; a taxi is approximately 75 Euros (US \$85).

Additional Information :
 Transatlantic air is additional.

Price per person	DbI	Sgl	TrI
Land Only			
March	\$2,650	\$3,182	\$2,440
April 24	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
May 22, 29	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
June 12, 26	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
July 10, 24	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
August 21	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
September 4, 11, 25	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
October 2, 16	\$2,890	\$3,422	\$2,680
November 13	\$2,650	\$3,182	\$2,440
Special departures on request with supplement			

Selected Hotels	
TODI	Hotel Fonte Cesia (Night 1,2)
FLORENCE	Grand Hotel Minerva (Night 3,4)
ROME	Grand Hotel Parco dei Principi (Night 5,6,7)