

Resorts & Renaissance

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Lake Como Area (2), Venice (1), Florence (2), Rome (2)

HIGHLIGHTS: The Last Supper • Lake Como Boat Ride • Venice City Tour • Doges' Palace • Murano Glass-Blowing • Florence Evening Walking Tour • Florence City Tour • Accademia Gallery • Rome City Tour • The Colosseum • Rome Evening Walking Tour • Vatican Tour • Vatican Museum



DAY 1 Board your flight to Italy!

DAY 2 LAKE COMO AREA Welcome to Milan, fashion capital of Italy, where your TSA Tours guide waits to greet you at the airport and take you to see da Vinci's masterpiece, *The Last Supper*. Travel on to the Lake Como area to stay overnight in this resort region. Extolled by poets, writers and emperors, the area is replete with shady exotic gardens and sumptuous villas.

DAY 3 LAKE COMO AREA Enjoy a **Lake Como Boat Cruise** this morning. Pretty villages, tiny ports and colorful grottos succeed one another along the banks. The rest of the day is free for exploration in the lovely Lombardy Lakes region.

DAY 4 VENICE Transfer to a magical city built between sea and sky. Begin your **Venice City Tour** at the Piazza Roma and walk along the Grand Canal to see St. Mark's Square,

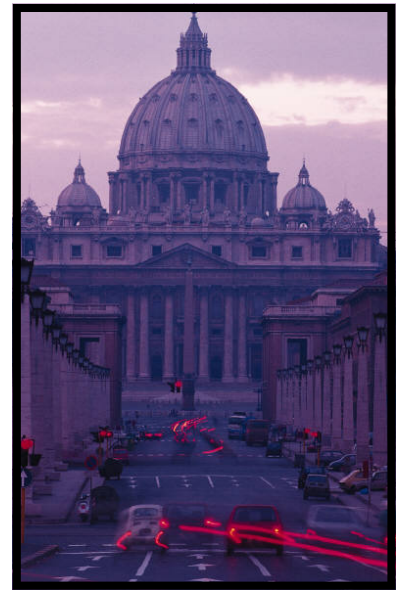
St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and visit the

magnificent **Doges' Palace** with its pink marble facade. Also see a **Murano Glass-Blowing Demonstration** near the cathedral.

DAY 5 FLORENCE Travel to *Firenze*, the artistic and intellectual capital of the nation. It was here that the Renaissance began nearly 500 years ago. Modern Florence still reflects the glory of its past in the architecture of Brunelleschi, Giotto and

Alberti; the sculpture of Pisano, Donatello and Cellini; and the paintings of Lippi, Botticelli and da Vinci. An **Evening Walking Tour** with your guide takes you across the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in the city.

DAY 6 FLORENCE The day begins with a **Florence City Tour** accompanied by an expert guide. See Ghiberti's Baptistery door, described by Michelangelo as "so beautiful it is worthy to be the Gate to Paradise." Also see the Church of San Lorenzo, the Uffizi Museum, and the Bargello Palace. Then on to the **Accademia** to view Michelangelo's sculpture *David*, symbol for the city of Florence. Your afternoon is



free for discovery with your advisors.

DAY 7 ROME Journey to the *Eternal City*, built on seven hills along the winding banks of the Tiber. Take a guided **Rome City Tour** to visit the **Colosseum**, and see Circus Maximus, Trajan's Column, Piazza Venezia, and up to Capitoline Hill to view the Forum. Savor twilight Rome on a **walking tour** to the Spanish Steps, the Fontana di Trevi and the Piazza Navona. Throw a coin into the lovely Trevi Fountain to guarantee your return to *Roma!*

DAY 8 ROME Leave Italy behind as you cross the Tiber and enter the independent city-state of the **Vatican**. Among the impressive works in the **Vatican Museum** is the Sistine Chapel's vault by Michelangelo. See Bernini's legacy, St. Peter's Square, and visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. The rest of the day is free for exploration with your advisors.

DAY 9 DEPART Return home with new appreciation for the dazzling land of Resorts and Renaissance.



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