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LAND
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Pearls of Italy

Inspiring Moments

► Sip Chianti wine during a visit to the cellars of Castello di Monsanto.
► Stroll through the exquisite gardens of the Borromean Islands.
► Breeze through the canals of Venice aboard a water taxi.
► See the glittering mosaics of St. Mark’s Basilica.
► Admire the towers that form San Gimignano’s medieval skyline.
► Enjoy early access to the Vatican Museums.
► Experience six UNESCO World Heritage sites.

ACCOMMODATIONS
(With baggage handling.)

► Three nights in Stresa, Italy, at the first-class Hotel La Palma.
► Two nights in Venice at the first-class Hotel Saturnia & International.
► Three nights in Florence at the first-class Grand Hotel Baglioni.
► Two nights in Rome at the first-class Rose Garden Palace.

TRANSFERS

► All transfers within the Land Program: high-speed trains, deluxe motor coaches and water taxis, including baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

► Ten breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

► Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
► Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
► Free time to pursue your own interests.
► Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
► Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
► Tipping of guides and drivers.
► Complimentary travel mementos.

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INCLUDED FEATURES

ITINERARY

Day 1  Depart gateway city‡
Day 2  Arrive in Milan | Transfer‡ to Stresa
Day 3  Borromean Islands | Stresa
Day 4  Stresa
Day 5  Milan | Train to Venice
Day 6  St. Mark’s Square | Venice
Day 7  Train to Florence | Walking tour
Day 8  Accademia Gallery | Florence
Day 9  Chianti | Florence
Day 10  Train to Rome | Walking tour
Day 11  Vatican City | Rome
Day 12  Depart for gateway city‡

‡Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Excursions often require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.
**DISCOVERY**

**The Borromean Islands.** Cruise Lake Maggiore to visit all three Borromean Islands: Isola Madre, which has a beautiful botanical garden; Isola dei Pescatori, which has a charming fishing village; and Isola Bella, home to a 17th-century baroque palace and gardens.

**Milan.** Visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see Leonardo’s “The Last Supper” and the Duomo. Enjoy some time at leisure in the city.

**The Piedmontese Kitchen.** Take a drive into the hills to a family-owned restaurant to learn how to prepare the delicious regional cuisine. Then, tuck into this delicious meal, complemented by the view of the lake.

**Venice.** Visit St. Mark’s Square. Take in the Italo-Byzantine exterior of St. Mark’s Basilica before stepping in to see the gilded interior. Visit the Doge’s Palace.

**Florence.** Discover the Renaissance legacy of Florence. See Brunelleschi’s dome, the Piazza della Signoria, the Ponte Vecchio and the Palazzo Vecchio.

**Ancient Rome in a Modern City.** Stroll by the remnants of ancient Rome’s greatest monuments, the Colosseum and the Forum. Continue to Piazza Navona to see its ornate fountains and Bernini sculptures.

**The Vatican.** Enjoy early access to the Vatican Museums, which are home to some of the world’s most exciting art collections. Step into the Sistine Chapel to marvel at the incredible frescoes, which Michelangelo spent four years creating. Then step into St. Peter’s Basilica, the largest cathedral in the world.

**ENRICHMENT**

**Italy’s Lake District.** Discover how this beautiful region became one of Europe’s favorite retreats.

**Renaissance Art.** Examine the artistic genius of this age and the resulting gifts to the world.

**Italy Today.** Discuss current affairs shaping contemporary Italy.

**AHI Travel Expertise**

**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

**Lecturers** | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Hotel La Palma** | Stresa [http://www.hiplapalma.it/en/](http://www.hiplapalma.it/en/)

**Hotel Saturnia & International** | Venice [http://www.hotelsaturnia.it/](http://www.hotelsaturnia.it/)

**Grand Hotel Baglioni** | Florence [http://www.hotelbaglioni.it/index_eng.html](http://www.hotelbaglioni.it/index_eng.html)


**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci, Milan
2. Venice and its Lagoon
3. Historic Center of Florence
4. Historic Center of San Gimignano
5. Historic Center of Rome
6. Vatican City

**ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE**

We have designed an optional activity to allow you to craft your individual trip.

**Uffizi Gallery.** Tour the 16th-century, Vasari-designed Uffizi Gallery. Trace artwork from the 12th-16th centuries, with an emphasis on Renaissance masterpieces.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost

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