

Italy with Eddie Forman & John Gora

June 2 - 12, 2019

NAPLES ▪ SORRENTO ▪ CAPRI ▪ POMPEII ▪ CASTEL BARONIA ▪ MONTE CASSINO ▪ VATICAN CITY ▪ ROME ▪ SIENA ▪ FLORENCE ▪ PISA ▪ MONTECATINI ▪ LUCCA



JUN 2 (SUN) USA / CANADA - NAPLES. OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Depart with the group from New York, Chicago, or Toronto or meet the group in Naples or Sorrento on June 3rd.

JUN 3 (MON) NAPLES - SORRENTO (WELCOME DINNER)

Located on the crystal blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea, Naples dates back to the 2nd millennium B.C. and over the centuries has accumulated a rich history filled with art and music and of course Neapolitan pizza! It is the perfect landing point for our visit to Italy. On our panoramic tour we will see the Royal Palace, Castel Nuovo, Tetr San Carlo, Galeria Umberto Im Via Orazio and the affluent hillside area of Posillipo. We then continue along the Bay of Naples to our hotel on the Sorrentine Peninsula.

Join us for our welcome dinner .

Overnight in Sant' Agnello on the Sorrento coast at Hotel Cristina (or similar)

JUN 4 (TUE) CAPRI- SORRENTO (BREAKFAST, DINNER & TARANTELLA SHOW)

Today we sail to the legendary isle of Capri. This rugged island is probably one of the most picturesque and colorful island in the world and has long been a playground for the rich & famous. Some of the most interesting sites are the Marina Piccola, Piazza Umberto I, Augusta Gardens, the Villas of Tiberius, Villa Jovis, Anacapri- Piazza Vittoria, Villa San Michele. If weather and sea conditions permit, a visit to the Blue Lagoon is also a must. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a folk performance of the "Tarantella" dance which originated in southern Italy as a dance to cure a spider bite!

Overnight in Sant' Agnello on the Sorrento coast at Hotel Cristina (or similar)

JUN 5 (WED) POMPEII –CASTEL BARONIA- CASSINO (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

Our first stop today will be at "Villa Massa" to visit a lemon grove and taste the sweet Limoncello liqueur made from these lemons. Continue to Pompeii, the site of a town buried by ash and pumice in AD 79 when Mount Vesuvius erupted. The mysterious remnants of Pompeii are frozen in time by ash and rock - walk among the ruins and just imagine yourself living in those ancient times. From Pompeii a sentimental journey to Castel Baronia ☺ before arriving in Cassino for dinner and overnight.

Overnight in Cassino at Hotel Edra (or similar)

JUN 6 (THU) MONTE CASSINO – ROME (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

Morning visit to the Polish Cemetery at Monte Cassino, to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who fought there 75 years ago. We will also visit the Benedictine Monastery where Benedict of Nursia established his first monastery, the source of the Benedictine Order around the year 529. Our journey now continues to the Eternal City of Rome. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Rome at Hotel Hosianum (or similar)

JUN 7 (FRI) ROME (BREAKFAST, DINNER WITH FOLKLORE)

On our walking tour today we will see the ancient and baroque sites of Rome including: Roman Forum, Colosseum, Pantheon, The Capital, Circo Massimo, La Bocca della Verita "the Mouth of Truth", Trevi Fountain, Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi on Piazza Navona, and Spanish Steps. In the evening we invite you to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with lively local music and folklore.

Overnight in Rome at Hotel Hosianum (or similar)

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JUN 8 (SAT) ROME - THE VATICAN (Breakfast)

Vatican City. The headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church is home to the Pope and a treasure trove of art. Today we visit the Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel, with its famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo between 1508 and 1512, as well as St. Peter's Basilica to visit the tomb of St. John Paul II. The rest of the day is free allowing you the chance to explore Rome as you wish at your own pace.

Overnight in Rome at Hotel Hosianum (or similar)

JUN 9 (SUN) SUNDAY PAPAL BLESSING AT ST PETER'S SQUARE - SIENA (BREAKFAST, WINE-TASTING, DINNER)

Arrive early at St Peter's Square and await Pope Francis' blessing at noon. Afterwards we leave Rome and travel north to start our adventure "under the Tuscan Sun". Of course a visit to a vineyard is a must in Tuscany so we will stop near Siena for wine-tasting as well as tasting of olive oils and other local specialties. The historical centre of Siena is a UNESCO heritage site and the Piazza del Campo with its unique "shell shape" is truly one of Europe's greatest medieval squares.

Overnight on the outskirts of Siena at Hotel Garden (or similar)

JUN 10 (MON) FLORENCE "AN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM" (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

We will spend the full day in Florence, the capital of Tuscany. The greatest artists such as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Donatello, Brunelleschi all lived and created their masterpieces here. We visit the Basilica di Santa Croce where Michelangelo is buried, the Piazza della Signoria with a full-size replica of the statue of David, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence's famous bridge the Ponte Vecchio, and the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with its massive dome. Free time to further explore on your own before we leave Florence and drive to Montecatini Terme.

Overnight in Montecatini at Hotel Tettuccio (or similar)

JUN 11 (TUE) MONTECATINI - PISA -LUCCA - MONTECATINI (BREAKFAST, FAREWELL DINNER)

Today we will see the world's most famous leaning tower in Pisa and then continue to Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini. The entire town of Lucca is encircled by Renaissance fortified walls, a great place to walk. This is our last day in Italy so enjoy the ambience of this lovely historic town with its cobblestone streets. We return to Montecatini for our farewell dinner and overnight.

Overnight in Montecatini at Hotel Tettuccio (or similar)

JUN 12 (WED) FLORENCE & FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast and transfer to the airport in Florence.

(itinerary is subject to minor changes that may be required due to unforeseen circumstances)

Land only price starting in Naples/Sorrento June 3rd:

US\$ 2999 per person in double room, or single rate at US\$ 3650

Air (economy) & land price from New York departing June 2nd (subject to availability):

US\$ 4299 per person in double room, or single rate at US\$ 4950

Please ask about personalized flight options.

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Air & Land Package departing from New York is \$ 4299 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only price is \$ 2999 USD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Naples/Sorrento on Jun 3, 2019

Single room supplement \$ 650 USD

Terms and Conditions

AIR & LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Flights in economy class from New York Newark or JFK to Naples on June 2nd and return from Florence June 12th. A connection in Europe will be required but due to airline schedule changes the flight details are subject to change and will be advised at a later date.
- all transportation within Italy by air-conditioned motorcoach or mini - bus transfers where required
- English speaking local guides where required
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 8 dinners
- Hotels: All rooms with private bath or shower, based on two person sharing a room.
A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of \$ 650 USD.
Chopin Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category, when and if necessary.

LAND ONLY TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: As above except without the transatlantic air fare.

Land tour starts in Sorrento on June 3 at the hotel. If arrival / departure times do not coincide with rest of the group, transfers to / from airport may be arranged at additional cost.

NAMES: At time of registration please ensure that name is provided to us EXACTLY as it appears in the passport as well as date of birth.

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$ 500 USD per person is required with the registration form to confirm the reservation. This may be by Check, Visa or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

FINAL PAYMENT: Is due by March 04, 2019. If reservation is made less than 91 days prior to departure full payment will be due at time of booking. If we do not receive final payment, by this date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. Payment may be made by Check, VISA or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

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CANCELLATION BY TOUR OPERATOR: The tour operator reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. In the unlikely event of such a cancellations, you will be offered a different tour on the same day, the same tour at a later date, or a full refund of all monies paid.

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SIGHTSEEING: Complete sightseeing program as shown in each itinerary including ground transportation by motor-coach or other local conveyance, the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places visited as per itinerary.

TOUR ESCORTS: English-speaking escort will be provided throughout tour.

TIPS AND TAXES: Service charges and taxes imposed by government authorities are included. Standard tips to local guides and bus driver are included. Tips for any additional services are not included.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR: Excess baggage charges, insurance of any kind, wine, liquors, mineral water, coffee or tea, food or beverages not on the regular menus of the included meals. Items of personal nature such as: laundry, telephone calls, tips.

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