

# ITALY: ART, HISTORY, & ARCHITECTURE TOUR

Trip: Oct. 23 - Oct. 31

**Deposit Deadline: May 15** 

Final Payment: August 30

Embark on an unforgettable 7-night journey through Italy's heart, from the enchanting canals of Venice to the Renaissance splendor of Florence and the ancient majesty of Rome. This exclusive trip includes round-trip airfare, hotel transfers, and accommodations in handpicked hotels, complemented by daily breakfasts and select group dinners. Experience Italy like never before with expert guides and four private walking tours led by art history and art instructor David Ouellette, exploring iconic art and architecture across these storied cities.



### Oct. 23 - Departure to Italy.

• Board your overnight flight to Venice.

### Oct. 24 - Arrival to Italy.

 Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner featuring local specialties served with beer or wine.



## Oct. 25 - A Day Exploring Venice

- Start your morning with a captivating tour of Venice, exploring its iconic churches, meandering canals, and vibrant piazzas by foot and vaporetto. Discover why this city of 118 islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is famed for its architectural wonders and its deep, intricate connection with the surrounding waters.
- In the afternoon, join David Ouellette for an insightful walking tour focused on art and architecture. From the exquisite designs of San Marco Basilica to the historic Rialto Bridge and the masterful works of Titian at Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, this journey offers a deep dive into Venice's rich cultural heritage, capped off with a delightful Flagler group dinner.



## Oct. 26 - Journey to Florence

- Journey across the picturesque Apennine Mountains to Florence, the heart of Tuscany and a haven of Renaissance art and architecture. Explore the city's UNESCO-listed historic center with a local guide, marveling at the iconic Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, or Duomo, renowned as the world's third-largest church. Wander beside the Arno River and through the Uffizi Gallery's courtyard, leading to the majestic Piazza della Signoria.
- Conclude your day of discovery with a group dinner, where
  the flavors of Florence come alive in a meal shared among
  friends, surrounded by the city's unparalleled beauty and
  historical ambiance.





### Oct. 27 - Exploring Florence

 After breakfast, join the Flagler group for a captivating walking tour led by David Ouellette, exploring Florence's art and architecture. From the majestic Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo) Cathedral and San Giovanni Baptistry to the historic churches of Or San Michele, Santa Maria Novella, and San Lorenzo, immerse yourself in the city's rich cultural heritage. The tour wraps up by lunchtime, leaving you free to enjoy the rest of your day and evening in this Renaissance gem at your leisure.



### Oct. 28 - Travel to Rome

 Depart from Florence to Rome, the storied capital of Italy, where ancient history and UNESCO heritage sites abound, including the Forum, Colosseum, Pantheon, and the enduring edifices of papal Rome. Embark on a guided tour to walk in the footsteps of the ancients, exploring the Eternal City's rich tapestry of history, art, and architecture.



# Oct. 29 - Exploring Rome

• Start your exploration of Rome with David Ouellette's guided walking tour, delving into the city's art and architecture. Discover the majestic Santa Maria Maggiore, the enchanting Fountain of the Naiads, and the architectural marvels of Santa Maria degli Angeli and San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane, among others. Concluding around lunchtime, you'll have the afternoon and evening to explore more of Rome at your leisure.





# Oct. 30 - Continued Rome Exploration

• Continue your journey through Rome's artistic and architectural wonders with another insightful tour led by David Ouellette. Marvel at the ancient Pantheon, the iconic Trevi Fountain, the vibrant Piazza Navona, and the exquisite churches of Sant'Agnese in Agone and Santa Maria della Pace, punctuated by a visit to one of Rome's talking statues. After the tour, which ends around lunchtime, enjoy some free time before gathering for a memorable farewell group dinner.



### Oct. 31 - Departure back to U.S.

• Transfer to Rome's airport for your flight home.

