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**DISCOVER SOUTHERN ITALY – SAINT ANDREW’S FEAST**

 **Escorted by Yolanda of Wooster Street Travel**

**June 24th – July 4th, 2017 *(10 days and 9 nights)***

**TRAVEL DAY – JUNE 24th, 2017 (SAT): DEPART USA**

**Bus to JFK Airport will depart from Wooster Street Travel office at TBD AM (**by a private deluxe motor coach. If you cannot make it to the office by that time, you will have to have your own transportation to JFK . Our flight # TBD **with Alitalia from JFK Time ???pm US time and arrive in Rome TBD am Italian time 25 June**

**DAY 1- JUNE 25th, 2017 (SUN): ARRIVE ROME – TRANSFER TO SORRENTO**

You will collect your bags and proceed through customs where our motor coach and driver will be waiting for us to board and begin our journey through Southern Italy. We will drive southerly along the “Highway of the Sun” to the Campania region – our destination: the charming sea-side town of Sorrento, which sits high on a beautiful plateau where we are greeted by the **sapphire blue bay of Naples** and the **Majestic Mount Vesuvius.** This will be a leisurely travel day as we transition from the airport to the Campania region. . **This evening, our Welcome Dinner will be included at the Hotel. (B/D)**

**DAY 2 – JUNE 26th, 2017 (MON): SORRENTO – CAPRI – SORRENTO**

This morning, after breakfast, bright and early, we will depart our hotel for a spectacular day. We will board the high speed hydrofoil to the fabled island of **Capri**. After a touring of the beautiful Capri, **lunch will be on your own.** You will have time to stroll through the streets of Capri and shop before we board the hydrofoil and arrive back in Sorrento. **Tonight, dinner included at the HOTEL. (B/D)**

**OPTIONAL -CAPRI: An optional tour on a private boat around the Island of Capri and Anacapri**

**DAY 3 – JUNE 27th, 2017 (TUES):**

 **SORRENTO – POSITANO -AMALFI – SAINT ANDREW’S FESTIVAL - SORRENTO**

Today, after breakfast, depart our hotel for drive to the pier where we will pick up a boat and visit **Positano,** a beautiful little village literally built into the rocks**.** We will have time to stroll through the village and have either a sip of Espresso or taste of Gelato. **Lunch will on your own in Positano**. For the afternoon, we will visit **Amalfi** and experience THE BEAUTIFUL FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW’S, PATRON SAINT OF AMALFI AND ALSO OF SCOTLAND. **Both Lunch and Dinner will be on your own. (B)**

**DAY 4 – JUNE 28th, 2017 (WED): SORRENTO – POMPEII – TUSCANY (PISTOIA)**

Today, bright and early, we bid farewell to Sorrento and journey northerly to the beautiful region of Tuscany – birthplace of the Italian Renaissance for the next 3 nights. We will journey through lush landscapes to our hotel located in Pistoia. En route, we will make a stop in the **ancient city of Pompeii,** which lay buried beneath volcanic ash for over 1000 years. We will be joined by **our** Local Guide for a tour that will reveal the remarkable ruins of an advanced civilization, which was abruptly ended by a violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. This afternoon, you are free to enjoy the streets and alleyways of Sorrento. **We will arrive at our hotel early afternoon where you will have time to enjoy a leisurely lunch on your own.** **Dinner this evening will be at the HOTEL. (B/D)**

**DAY 5 – JUNE 29th, 2017 (THURS):**

**PISTOA – FLORENCE – BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE AND SHOPPING - PISTOIA**

Today we depart bright and early after breakfast, to meet our **Local Guide**. The tour begins with a visit of the **Academia Museum**, where we'll see **Michelangelo's original statue of "David",** the Florentine symbol of courage and independence. Our next stop is in the **Piazza del Duomo**, where we will visit the **Church of Santa Maria delle Fiore**; capped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome, the **Baptistery** with its "Gates of Paradise" bronze doors by Ghiberti and **Giotto's Bell Tower**. We will continue to the **Piazza Signoria**, the political center of the city, where we'll see the **Loggia della Signoria** and the **Palazzo Vecchio** where the powerful Medici's once held office. Our tour concludes at the **Church of Santa Croce**, which contains the tombs of **Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo and other great Florentines**. **This is the City of lots and lots of GOLD JEWELRY shopping, LEATHER and more**. **Lunch will be on your own**. After we spend all of our MONEY, we return to our hotel. **This evening, Dinner at a Local Winery (included)**. **(B/D)**

**DAY 6 – JUNE 30th, 2017 (FRI): PISTOIA – SAN GIMIGNANO – LUCCA - PISTOIA**

Today we drive through the beautiful countryside to **San Gimignano**, an attractive town often bypassed by travelers. This small, medieval town has kept its appearance virtually unchanged throughout the centuries. We will meet our **Local Guide** and tour this beautiful town **most renowned for its towers** which were best used in the yesteryears for detecting enemy troops advancing for an attack. We'll have some time to walk through the narrow, cobbled streets, now lined with craft shops and boutiques and enjoy **lunch on your own**. Late afternoon , we visit beautiful **Lucca**, a cultural and artistic hub in Tuscany, which was formerly an Etruscan city. In fact, Etruscan work is still visible in the foundations of ***Lucca’s massive stone walls***. It’s the more than 2000 years of history that makes Lucca one of the most fascinating Italian cities with its magnificent character. We will enjoy a **guided tour with a Local Guide** as we walk through this beautiful city. **This evening, Dinner at a Local Winery (included)**. **(B/D)**

 **DAY 7 – JULY 1st, 2017 (SAT): TUSCANY – ROME**

Today, we bid farewell to the Tuscan region and journey along the highway of the sun to the Eternal City of Rome. The balance of the day will be Free to take in the sites, relax or enjoy more of the Italian Cuisine. **Lunch will be on your own**. **Tonight, dinner included at the HOTEL (B/D)**

**DAY 8 – JULY 2nd, 2017 (SUN): ROME – THE ETERNAL CITY**

Today, bright and early, after breakfast, we will be joined by our **local guide** and begin an exciting tour of the beautiful ancient city of Rome. We will start with a visit to the Coliseum **(Entrance NOT included**). We will then enjoy a walking tour of Rome which will include a visit to the Piazza di Spagna (Spanish Steps), the Pantheon, the Piazza di Navona and the Trevi Fountain where you will have a chance to toss 3 coins over your should and wish to visit Bella Italia again soon! If the pope is in town and time permitting, we may be able to see him from his papel window (around noon-time). **Lunch will be on your own. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at Local Restaurant. (B/D)**

**DAY 9 – JULY 3rd, 2017 (MON): ROME – VATICAN CITY**

After an early breakfast, we depart our hotel this morning for a very special, **privately guided tour with our local guide** of the priceless collection of art, maps and tapestries of the **Vatican**. We'll tour **Raphael's rooms**, decorated with frescoes **by the artist, Raphael**, whose paintings inspired the revolutionary style of the high **Renaissance.** But the highlight of our tour is the **Sistine Chapel**, where **Michelangelo's famous frescoes** are to be seen in new splendor after their recent renovation. The scene on the ceiling is literally a painted Bible and the story of humanity, a task that took four years of mental and physical anguish. The scene of the **"Last Judgment"** painted 30 years later behind the main alter, is a powerful and dark expression of the moment of final judgment. **Lunch will be on own.** **Tonight Farewell Dinner will be in a Local Restaurant with Entertainment.** **(B/D)**

**DAY10 – JULY 4th, 2017 (TUES): DEPART ROME FOR USA -ARRIVEDERCI ROMA**

This morning bright and early after breakfast, and depart for the Rome Airport Italian Time 8;30 AM. Our flight is Alitalia flight # 610, Departure From Rome 2;45pm and arrives 6;20 pm US Time) at JFK. We should arrive back in Hamden approximately TBD pm in the Wooster Street Travel parking. **(B)**

**Please join me for a wonderful 10-day tour of Italy. A summary of the itinerary follows:**

3 nights **Sorrento/Amalfi**

3 nights **Tuscany**

3 nights **Rome**

 **TOUR FEATURES INCLUDE:**

* Bus from Hamden to the airport round trip.
* Round Trip coach airfare via Alitalia Airlines (transfers included).
* 9 night - accommodations at First Class hotels or similar with private bath or shower.
* Buffet breakfast daily (depending upon hotel’s service)
* **8** dinners at local restaurants or hotels; **2** in Sorrento (1 of which is Welcome Dinner); **3** in Tuscany (2 of which are dinners at local wineries, and **3** in Rome – (1 of which is the Farewell Dinner) - including wine (1/4 bottle pp), (1/2 bottle mineral water pp) coffee as described above.
* All sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in itinerary. Professional English Speaking Local Guide for the entire trip.
* Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
* Portage of one (1) piece of luggage per person entire trip. **Must be no more than 28 inches and cannot** exceed 50 pounds

**NOT INCLUDED**

* Gratuity for the maids
* Gratuity for waiters ($1 per person per meal – lunch or dinner when with group)
* Gratuity for bus driver, tour escort, or local guides.
	+ - Breakdown of gratuity will be provided.
* Optional Tours will be at own expense and must be 25 persons minimum.

**Tour Escort Yolanda**

**Below is a full disclosure item that all travelers must be made aware of and adhere to:**

Transportation of Hazardous Materials

1) Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your luggage or on your person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. Examples: Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles, and radio-pharmaceuticals. (2) There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in your luggage and certain smoking materials carried on your person. For further information contact your airline representative or visit [Alitalia Restricted Items](http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/traveling-with-us/baggage/before-your-trip/restricted-items.html) section.

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 **$500.00 non-refundable deposit plus Insurance (see below for price) per person is required with reservation. Credit Cards cannot be accepted for this tour.**

**Please return this reservation form along with your non-refundable deposit of $500.00 + insurance -payable by check to Wooster Street**

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**The balance in full is due by March 10th, 2017. After final payment is made, there will be no refunds under any conditions (100% penalty applies). In case of illness, medical documentation will be needed to support the claim which will be submitted to the insurance company.**

**Wooster Street Travel strongly suggests to our clients to purchase travel protection and trip cancellation insurance. The amount will be either $ TBD pp/double or $TBD pp/single.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_