

ROME - FLORENCE - VENICE



DAY I - ROME

Arrive and check in to your hotel. Afternoon: The visit of the Eternal City starts with the **Trevi Fountain**, we then proceed to **Piazza Colonna**, which is named after the column of the Emperor Marco Aurelio, here you will be able to admire the Italian government buildings; **Palazzo Chigi** (Government), **Palazzo Montecitorio** (House of commons) and **Palazzo Madama** (House of the Senate). From here we arrive in **Piazza della Rotonda** from where you can see the **Pantheon** built for Emperor Adriano. From here we arrive in **Piazza Navona** with the magnificent fountain of the four rivers by Bernini. The tour terminates with the **Ara Pacis**, alter dedicated to peace by the Emperor Augusto. Dinner in Hotel.

DAY II - ROME

After breakfast visit of **St. Peter's Basilica**, the world largest, with a surface area of 15.000 square meters. Inside the Basilica you will be able to admire many works of art such as the **Pietà** by **Michelangelo** and the bronze **Baldachin of Gian Lorenzo Bernini**. Visit **the Crypt** where the rests of St. Peter, of Pope John Paul II and numerous other Popes can be found. Finally visit St. Peters externally and admirer the **colonnade** by Bernini. **Afternoon:** Visit of the **Vatican museum**. The tour finishes in the **Sistine Chapel** with its frescos of the **Genesis** and the **Last Judgement**, opera of Michelangelo Buonarroti. Dinner in hotel.

DAY III - ROME

After breakfast visit of **the world's largest archaeological area**. The **Colosseum**, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, the **Arch of Costantine** (in 315 AD), followed by the **Arch of Titus** (1st century AD), proceeding we can admire the **Roman Forum** steeped in history and after this we climb up the **Capitoline Hill**. Not to be missed is the view of the **Ara Coeli church**. On the opposite side of the Hill is **Piazza Venezia**, home of Europe's largest monument : the monument to the unknown soldier also called the **Vittoriano**. Afternoon free, for who wishes, visit of one of Rome's many museums; of particular interest is the **Capitoline Museums**. Dinner in hotel.

DAY IV - ROME

Morning: breakfast. **Tivoli** (ancient Tibur). Well worth the visit for its Villas: **Hadrian's Villa** the largest villa ever to have been owned by a Roman Emperor. It was built for the Emperor Hadrian between 118 AC and 133 AC. Afternoon: visit of the beautiful **Villa d'Este**, built in 1550 for Cardinal Ippolito II d'Este, it is famous for its artistic marvels in particular its impressive waterfalls. **Villa Gregoriana** who's park, spreads from just underneath the acropolis, on top of which are two temples of the 3rd and 2nd century BC. The presence of archaeological findings of different periods gives this park great environmental, historical and artistic importance. **Depart to Florence, arrive and dinner in hotel.**

DAY V - FLORENCE

The tour starts with the visit of **Piazza S. Croce** and its namesake church where the spoils of Michelangelo Buonarroti, Galileo Galilei and Niccolo Machiavelli are preserved. We then proceed to **Piazza della Signoria** which is the central museum of Florence with its 6th century statues of which Perseo of Benvenuto Cellini, the abduction of the Sabine Women of Giambologna Giambologna and the David of Michelangelo Michelangelo. Afternoon **visit of the Uffizi museum** with its many works of art. You can admire works of **Giotto, Cimabue, Duccio**. Also the paintings of **Leonardo** and the only finished painting of **Michelangelo**, even **Raffaello** and some artists of the **Venetian School** (Tiziano, Tintoretto and Veronese). Dinner in hotel.

DAY VI - VENICE

After breakfast depart to Venice; arrive and check-in to your hotel. Afternoon **visit of the city** (Grand Canal, Rialto bridge, Saint Marks Square, the Basilica of Saint Mark, Palazzo Ducale). Dinner in hotel.

DAY VII - VENICE

After breakfast morning free for individual visits. Afternoon: departure.

