



Sunday · September 11th - Friday · September 23rd

# ITINERARY SUGGESTION FOR CLIENTS OF WRIGHTSTONE CUSTOM TRAVEL

Itinerary for Amalfi, Rome, Tuscany & Venice

**Sunday · September 11th** Depart US for Naples, Italy arriving the next day

Monday · September 12th Transfer from Naples airport to your hotel in Sorrento

Stay at a hotel in Sorrento (3 nights)

Tuesday · September 13th Amalif Coast Drive Excursion

Thursday · September 15th Rome - Points of Interest

Transfer to Rome

Stay within walking distance of Villa Borghese, Spanish Steps, Pantheon and

other sites in Rome! (3 nights)

Enjoy a Food Tour!

Friday · September 16th Tour the Vatican

Saturday · September 17th Visit the Colloseum

Sunday · September 18th Transfer to Tuscany

Stay at an agriturismo while in Tuscany (3 nights)

Monday · September 19th Tour the Chianti Countryside

**Tuesday · September 20th** Relax until later this afternoon when you have your cooking class.

Wednesday · September 21st Transfer to Venice

Stay in Venice

Venice - Points of Interest

**Thursday · September 22nd** Enjoy a Walking Tour and Gondola Ride in Venice

**Friday · September 23rd** Depart Venice for US, arrive home the same day

## Sunday · September 11th



## Notes

For those leaving out of Cincinnati, we usually use Delta Airlines however, if you are a frequent flyer on another airline, please let me know so I can check into their rates for you.

# Monday · September 12th



#### Start Time

12:00 PM

#### Notes

Arrive around 12:00pm local time and be greeted at the airport after your long international flight for a private transfer directly to your hotel in Sorrento. How nice to see a sign with your name on it when you've been up all night!

# Monday · September 12th - Thursday · September 15th



2:00 PM Check-in 3 nights
Duration

## Notes

I have a wonderful property to suggest that provides lovely views of Sorrento. Consider upgrading to a room with a view!

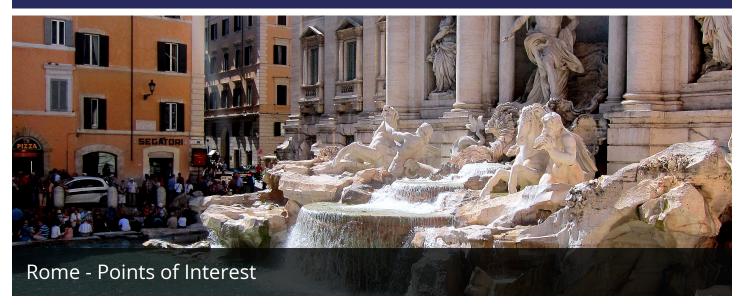
# Tuesday · September 13th



## Description

For an 8 hour full day's tour of the Amalfi Coast, your driver would pick you up at your hotel in Sorrento and drive south taking you over to the Bay of Salerno. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the Amalfi drive with stops in Positano, Amalfi & Ravello. We can arrange a lunch for you, or you can do lunch on your own. Don't forget to try lemoncello, a lemon liquor that is a speciality of the region!

## Thursday · September 15th



#### Notes

The ancient capital of the Western World and the center of Christianity for nearly 2,000 years, Rome provides an inexhaustible feast. Visit the ruins of the Forum, view the splendors of the Sistine Chapel, or climb the Spanish Steps, once the heart of Rome's Bohemian Quarter.

Rome has been a magnet luring the world's greatest artists, architects, and philosophers since the days of the Caesars.

## POINTS OF INTEREST:

#### St. Peter's Square and Basilica -

St. Peter's Square is a bustling piazza where the masses receive the Pope's weekly blessings. This ornate square frames the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica, where St. Peter was martyred and buried.

## Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel -

Rich in religious and cultural significance, The Vatican Museums house one of the most impressive collections of art in the world, including the Sistine Chapel, home to Michelangelo's masterpieces.

#### Colosseum -

The grandest of Rome's monuments, the Colosseum was used by Emperors to entertain the public with spectacular games. Built in 1st century AD, the amphitheater is an architectural and engineering wonder.

#### Trevi Fountain -

The largest and most famous Baroque fountain in Rome, legend has it that if you turn your back and toss a coin into its aquamarine waters, you are guaranteed to return to the Eternal City.

#### Pantheon -

One of the best-preserved monuments in the Eternal City, this magnificent, cylindrical building with 16 towering columns, built more than 1800 years ago, is a truly awe-inspiring look back in history.

#### Spanish Steps -

The Piazza di Spagna is the site of Rome's most beautiful stairway, the Spanish Steps. Designed in the Roman Baroque style, its unique butterfly design will charm you with its graceful elegance.

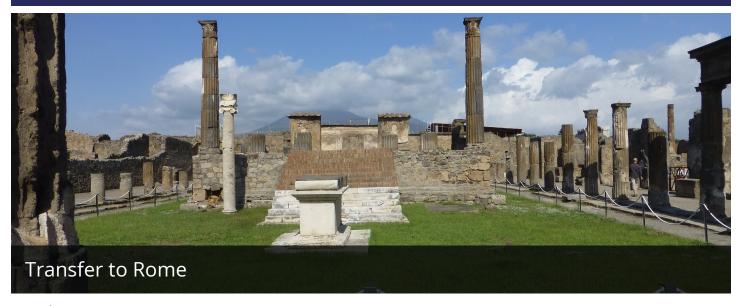
## Piazza Navona -

A celebration of Baroque style, this lively square is situated in the historic center of Rome. Street performers and outdoor cafes surround three intricate fountains that dominate the piazza design.

#### Forum -

The center of political, religious and commercial life in ancient Rome, this vast ensemble of ruins echoes the grandeur of a ruling empire and reveals historic remnants of an advanced society.

# Thursday · September 15th



## **Start Time**

8:00 AM

#### Notes

You can either take the train from Naples to Rome or do a private transfer (my suggestion) with a stop in Pompeii, the archeological site that stayed frozen in time due to the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius.

## Thursday · September 15th - Sunday · September 18th

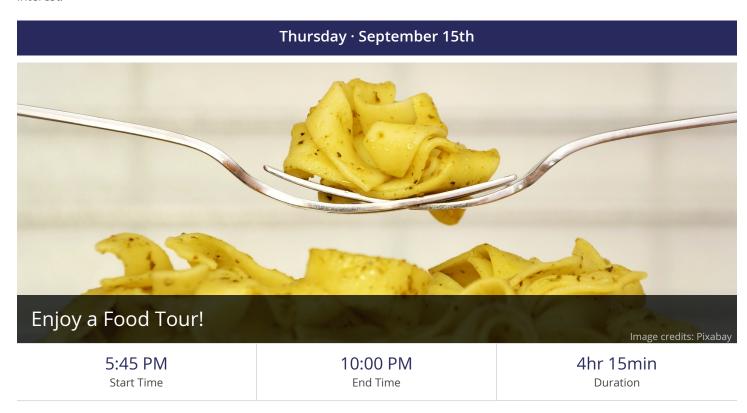


Check-in

Duration

#### **Amenities**

We have a wonderful property to suggest that places you in the heart of Rome providing the ability to walk to most places of interest.



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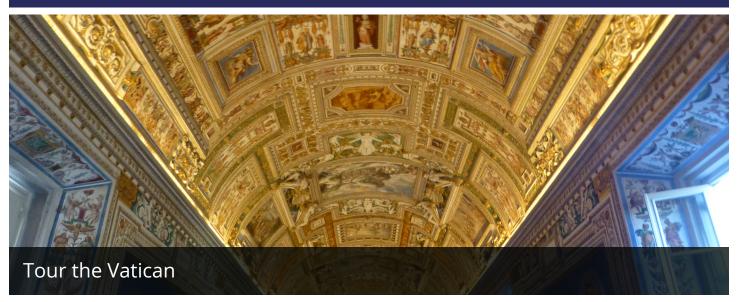
I highly recommend a food tour soon after you arrive in your destination. Many food tours include a walking tour so you get to know the city plus you get some great ideas on where to eat for the remaining days.

We have a great Food Tour to suggest you join in Rome.

It combines a great guided sightseeing tour of Rome at night plus a wonderful dinner enjoyed over the course of about 4 hours.

Not only do you stop at a couple of restaurants, there are stops at a couple of local delis to try real Italian Coffee, Gelato and more.

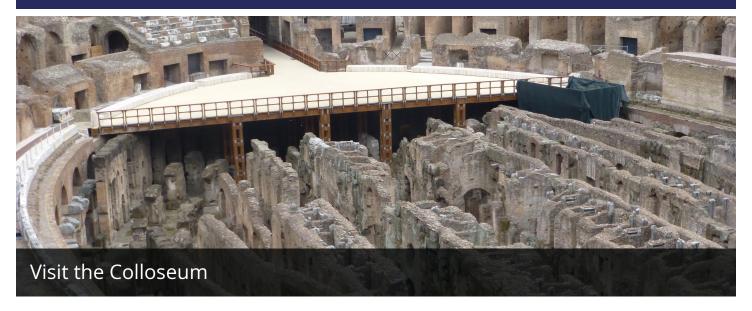




## Description

Given that 2,000 people can be in the Vatican, consider joining a tour that gives you early entrance into the Vatican and it's museums. It's well worth the extra cost!

# Saturday · September 17th



## Description

Visit the world's largest amphitheater. For a special experience, do a VIP tour of the Colosseum that includes the underground tunnels. After seeing where the gladiators would wait prior to fighting men or animals, walk out on to the arena floor. Only 24 people are allowed at one time - it's quite an experience and the view of the Colosseum is amazing from here!

# Sunday · September 18th



## **Start Time**

9:00 AM

## Notes

Enjoy a private transfer from your hotel in Rome to a lovely stay in the Tuscan Countryside.

Stop in Siena on your way.

# Sunday $\cdot$ September 18th - Wednesday $\cdot$ September 21st



4:00 PM Check-in 3 nights
Duration

## **Amenities**

One of my favorite places to stay in Italy, the B&B I recommend immerses you in the Tuscan Countryside. Due to their position on top of a hillside, the sunrise and sunsets are breathtaking!

You can rent a car and visit several Tuscan towns or get a driver (my recommendation) so that everyone gets to enjoy the scenery and wineries!

# Monday · September 19th



## Description

Tour the Chianti Countryside with your own driver. Enjoy the area that stretches between Florence & Siena stopping in Greve, Panzano & Volpaia. Visit a winery or try some extra virgin olive oil. The experience can be tailored to your wishes - no big tour buses!

# Tuesday · September 20th



#### Notes

The property in Tuscany I recommend offers a cooking class - you create your meal in the afternoon and are served it that evening. You are given and apron & cookbook as a momento!

## Wednesday · September 21st

# Transfer to Venice

## Notes

Private transfer to Venice. Optional stop in Bologna.

# Wednesday · September 21st - Monday · May 23rd



4:00 PM Check-in 11:00 AM Check-out

## **Amenities**

Surrounded by calm and tranquility, we have a wonderful boutique hotel we can recommend for your stay in Venice. With only a 10-minute walk to the Rialto Bridge, or 20 minutes to St. Marks, the property is in a great location.

# Wednesday · September 21st



## Start Time

5:00 PM

#### Notes

Rising from the waters of the Laguna Veneta, Venice has long - and rightly - been regarded as one of the world's most beautiful cities. Napoleon, who had an eye for acquisitions, once described St. Mark's Square as the finest drawing room in Europe. Certainly, no other site can quite match its superb campanile, Doge's Palace and recumbent lions. Just over two miles in length, the Grand Canal is lined with stunning buildings that reflect the city's unique heritage. Cruise through its winding canals on a gondola or watch the bronze Moors on the clock tower strike the passing hours as they have for 500 years - Venice is an unparalleled experience.

The city began life as a refuge from barbarian invasions. By the Crusades, Venice's dominion extended throughout the Adriatic and Mediterranean. The winged lion - symbol of St. Mark - flew over palaces and fortresses from Gibraltar to the Black Sea.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST:

#### St. Mark's Square & Basilica -

A breath-taking landmark, this famous basilica is unlike any other. It's adorned with golden facade mosaics, marble and bronze statues, five domes, and spectacular city views from the bell tower.

#### Doge's Palace -

Perhaps the city's most famous symbol of Venice's culture, this magnificent 14th century palace was the seat of power and the palace of justice. The Bridge of Sighs was built to link it to the prison.

#### Grand Canal -

This busy water way is lined with 170 buildings dating between the 13th to 17th centuries.

#### Murano Glass Showroom -

Murano Island has been the place for Venetian glassworks since 1291. In Saint Mark's area, You'll get to see the craft and examine some of the exquisite works for yourself as you tour one of the leading glass showrooms.

#### Gondola Ride -

This is the ultimate Venetian experience. Traditionally clad gondoliers pilot you along the some of the Floating City's inner waterways crossed with scores of ancient stone bridges.

## San Giorgio Church -

The 16th century Church and monastery is considered one of architect Andrea Palladio's masterpieces. It boasts two of Tintoretto's greatest works: "The Last Supper" and "The Gathering of the Manna."

#### La Fenice Theatre -

It is one of the most famous theatres in Europe, the site of many famous operatic premieres. Like the Phoenix for which the theatre is named, Teatro La Fenice finally rose from the ashes in November 2004. Following a devastating fire in 1996 that nearly burned the famous opera house to the ground, massive reconstruction took place to restore the theatre to its original splendor. Known worldwide for its dramatic beauty, La Fenice is also known for being the cradle of many great operas.

#### Burano -

The quaint fishing village with its streets lined with brightly colored houses and small shops, is revered for its lace making, a Venetian specialty.

# Thursday · September 22nd



## Description

While it may seem "cheesy", most clients do not consider their visit to Venice complete until they have enjoyed a gondola ride. Gondolas are very Venetian as they were a primary form of transportation back in the 18th century.

We recommend a walking tour that includes St. Mark's (the most well known church in Venice) and a gondola ride.

# Friday · September 23rd

Depart Venice for US, arrive home the same day