

CHRISTMAS IN ROME & NEW YEAR'S EVE IN VENICE – 2010 **December 22/10 – January 1/11**

What better way to spend your holidays than on a vacation to some of Italy's most famous cities! Leave the stress of the holidays behind and head to Italy for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Of course, you'll see the famous sights in Rome: the Vatican Museums, Colosseum, and Roman Forum. Enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner with wine in one of Rome's lively restaurants, and spend time exploring Rome or attending Mass on Christmas day.

You'll also travel to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, and Florence, home to Michelangelo's David. Completed in 1504, the artist worked over thirty months for a mere 400 florins (roughly \$50,000 today). On this tour, you'll get a chance to see this famous statue.

In Venice, see the famous sights, shop for Murano glassware, enjoy a romantic gondola ride, taste sumptuous Italian cuisine, and enjoy a drink in St. Mark's Square. Celebrate New Year's Eve in Venice with dinner and wine—a perfect way to ring in the New Year! This year, don't settle for the same old holiday activities. Instead, join this wonderful trip and celebrate the season in style!



Itinerary

Day 1: Board your overnight transatlantic flight.

Day 2 Arrive in Rome, Italy: Time to rest or start exploring the “Eternal City.” At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome drink at your hotel

Day 3 Rome: Start with a guided visit of the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL, world famous for Michelangelo’s ceiling paintings and The Last Judgement. Next, visit monumental ST. PETER’S SQUARE and BASILICA. Then, cross the Tiber and visit the COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Tonight is Christmas Eve—enjoy a special Christmas dinner with wine at one of Rome’s lively restaurants. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 Christmas in Rome: A whole day to further explore Rome or go to Mass. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for how to spend your day. (Breakfast)

Day 5 Rome–Assisi: In peaceful Assisi, walk with your Local Guide from ST. CLARE’S CHURCH via pretty Piazza del Comune down to ST. FRANCIS’ BASILICA. Hear about monastic life and admire the priceless frescoes adorning the walls of the church. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6 Assisi–Florence: A leisurely departure today for Florence, “Cradle of the Renaissance.” Enjoy time to explore the city and the many shops. (Breakfast)

Day 7 Florence: Follow your Local Guide to the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS with Michelangelo’s celebrated David and the magnificent CATHEDRAL. Admire Giotto’s Bell Tower, the Baptistry’s “Gate of Paradise,” and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Tonight, why not join an optional dinner outing to a fine Tuscan restaurant and try out the Chianti wines? (Breakfast)

Day 8 Florence–Verona–Venice: Stop in Romeo and Juliet’s Verona to see Juliet’s Balcony and the Arena, the Roman amphitheater. Arrive in style by PRIVATE BOAT in Venice, powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers. (Breakfast)

Day 9 Venice: Highlights of your guided walking tour are ST. MARK’S SQUARE and its BASILICA, lavish DOGES’ PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Also watch skilled GLASSBLOWERS fashion their delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Later, you may wish to join an optional cruise to the charming island of Burano, followed by dinner. (Breakfast)

Day 10 At Leisure. New Year’s Eve in Venice: A whole day at leisure to further explore Venice. Tonight, celebrate New Year’s Eve with your traveling companions and enjoy an included farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Your homebound flight arrives the same day. (Breakfast)

Vacation Highlights:

Headsets throughout the tour

Rome: Welcome drink; guided sightseeing, visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Square and Basilica; Christmas Eve dinner at a local restaurant.

Assisi: Guided walking tour, visit St. Clare’s Church and St. Francis’ Basilica

Florence: Guided walking tour, visit Michelangelo’s David, the cathedral, and Signoria Square

Verona: Walking tour including Juliet’s Balcony and the Arena

Venice: Private boat ride; guided walking tour, visit St. Mark’s Square and Basilica, Doges’

Palace and the Bridge of Sighs; glassblowers' demonstration; New Year's Eve dinner at a local restaurant

MEALS - (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner: Full buffet breakfast (B); 3 dinners (D), including a **Christmas Eve dinner with wine in Rome and a New Year's Eve dinner with wine in Venice**

SUPERIOR HOTELS - (D) Deluxe (SF) Superior First-Class (F) First-Class **Rome** Starhotels Michelangelo (SF), **Assisi** Windsor Savoia (F) or Subasio (F), **Florence** Starhotels Michelangelo (SF) or Albani (SF), **Venice** Residence Palazzo Selvadego (F) or Starhotels Splendid Venice (SF)

| Details | Departure Date | Tour Start Date | Return Date | Land/Cruise Price Only |
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| | 12/22/2010 | 12/23/2010 | 1/1/2011 | \$2,239.00 |

Single room supplement: \$374

Triple room reduction per person: \$53

Experience a little more of Rome – add an extra night. Rates per person in Rome: in single room \$239, in twin room \$176, in triple room \$141

Or stay a little longer in Venice - Extra nights per person in Venice: in single room \$340, in twin room \$258, in triple room \$227

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