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May 15, 2023

10
DAY TOUR

**Chicago - Rome - Assisi - Perugia
Siena - Florence - Milan - Chicago**

Join Della Schmidt and Jeremy Hess, along with their spouses, on this magnificent tour of historic Italy, home base to three Greater Burlington manufacturing businesses; Alfagomma, Borghi USA, and Cobo USA. Touch the beauty of Tuscany & Lake Como, splendors of Rome, history in Florence and style of Milan!

Price per person on
double occupancy:

\$3079

Single Person
Supplement:

\$729



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Embark on an incredible 10-day tour of Italy, that begins in Rome, The Eternal City home to the world-famous Roman Colosseum. Visit Venice Square and Capitoline Hill before you explore Vatican City, a principal center of Christianity in the world. We will drive to Assisi, a breathtaking town home to some of the most fascinating museums, art galleries, and World Heritage Sites in Italy. Next, is Perugia, followed by Siena, an extraordinary city that is rich in history and art! See Florence, the Birthplace of the Renaissance where you will discover many artistic masterpieces including the David of Michelangelo. Visit Milan, the northern capital of Italy before ending your trip with mesmerizing Lake Como. While on the trip, a small delegation of Burlington business leaders will meet with the Italian-based manufacturing companies that have operations in our region. In addition to strengthening relationships with our current businesses, the delegation will explore prospects to attract new manufacturing operations.

TOUR LODGING INFO: 8 Nights hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Rome	3 Nights	Hotel Colombo or similar
Perugia	1 Night	Hotel Gio or Similar
Florence	2 Nights	Hotel Grifone or similar
Milan	2 Nights	Hotel Bianca Maaria or similar

Hotel may be replaced with similar superior property for operational reasons

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Rome, the breathtaking capital of Italy, home to the famous Roman Colosseum
- Explore Vatican City and visit St. Peter’s Basilica, the largest cathedral in the world
- Drive to Assisi, a holy pilgrimage city and the birthplace of St. Francis (1181-1226)
- Travel back in time with a trip to Perugia, the largest walled medieval city in Italy
- Discover the architectural splendors of Siena, one of Italy’s top medieval towns
- Travel to Florence, a beautiful city in Tuscany home to the Piazza Della Signoria
- Travel to Milan, financial and industrial capital of Italy
- Experience the beautiful Lake Como and Bellagio

INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from Chicago
- 8 Nights’ accommodation on double occupancy basis at superior or similar hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Meet and Greet service at the Airport on arrival
- Transportation in airconditioned deluxe motor coach
- Services of English-Speaking Tour Guide/Escorts
- Full day guided tours in Rome & Florence
- Half day guided tour in Assisi
- Half day guided tour in Milan
- Full Day Tour to Lake Como and Bellagio
- Entrance fees to monuments
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes - except city taxes at the hotels

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1/ MAY 15 - MON CHICAGO

Arrive in time at O’Hare Chicago airport to check-in and board your overnight flight to Rome. Enjoy inflight meals and services.
Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 2/ MAY 16 - TUE ARRIVAL IN ROME

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival at the Rome International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
Overnight in Rome





Optional tour: Frascati Wine Tasting (3.30 Hrs)

\$85 Per Person

Departs: 03.00 PM - Meeting Point: In Piazza Re di Roma, in the exact center-point of the square

** Clients have to reach the meeting point 15 minutes prior to departure **

Enjoy an afternoon away from the city as our private air-conditioned coach takes you into the fresh air of the Roman countryside where vineyards and olive groves are everywhere the eye can see. Visit an historic family-owned wine producer where you will wander the vineyard and production site as your guide tells you all about the history of wine in the Roman culture... from Bacchus the God of wine to the Roman origin of the modern wine bottle size. As your last stop on the tour your expert English-speaking guide will take you for a well-deserved tasting of a selection of local red and white wines along with extra-virgin olive oil on fresh baked bread... afterwards enjoy a quick trip back to Rome on our private air-conditioned coach.

Optional tour: Dark Heart of Rome (1.30 Hrs)

\$35 Per Person

Departs: 09.15 PM - Meeting Point: On the steps of S. Andrea della Valle Church.

** Clients have to reach the meeting point 15 minutes prior to departure **

When the sun sets on Rome, another side of the city comes to life, an older and more mysterious Rome where fact & legend are intertwined to stimulate the imagination as much as the eye. A Rome known only by a few... You are invited to discover this other side of the city for yourself on Rome's only night-time walking tour. Your guide will bring the Eternal city's most enthralling historical and supernatural mysteries to life in a highly entertaining and informative tour that is unlike any other. A night-time walking tour, based on history, legends, mysteries and Ghost stories, points out the lesser-known sights in Rome's historic center that any passer-by would easily miss. The tour wanders through the areas surrounding Campo de' Fiori and Piazza Farnese including Via Giulia, Via del Governo Vecchio and Castel Sant'Angelo.

DAY 5/ MAY 19 - FRI ROME – ASSISI – PERUGIA (B/-/-)

After a delicious breakfast, you will depart for a short drive to Assisi where you will have some free time to explore the historical town, surrounded by breathtaking walls that were built during the Middle Ages. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the incredible masterpieces of Giotto and Cimabue. This afternoon, continue your journey to Perugia, situated in a hilltop region surrounded by the valleys and mountains of Umbria. Explore the city with a local guide as you will climb the ramps crossing the rocky outcrop, discovering its squares and stone cobbled streets.

Overnight in Perugia



DAY 3/ MAY 17 - WED ROME & VATICAN – FULL DAY TOUR (B/-/-)

This morning embark on a two-and-a-half-hour scenic tour of Rome with a local guide. This tour will be an incredible introduction to the Eternal City. You will visit various attractions such as the Caracalla Baths, Venice Square, Circo Massimo, the Capitoline Hills, the St. John Lateran. The tour will end in the Vatican City, the principal center of Christianity in the world with a visit to the Vatican Museum where works from the immense collection amassed by the Catholic Church and the papacy throughout the centuries, including several of the most renowned Roman sculptures and most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world are on display. There will also be time to visit St. Peter's Basilica. This evening, you will be provided transportation to the Trastevere district area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese, and international cuisine. A return to the hotel will be included.

Overnight in Rome

DAY 4/ MAY 18 - THU ROME (B/-/-)

Spend the day at leisure. You may pick and choose between the suggested optional tours and activities.

Overnight in Rome

Optional tour: Crypts & Catacombs Tour (3.30 Hrs)

\$95 Per Person

Timings: 02.30 PM - Meeting Point: Center of Piazza Barberini, by the large Triton (Tritone) fountain

** Clients have to reach the meeting point 15 minutes prior to departure **

Discover imperial and early Christian Rome and millennia of history as you descend into the Eternal city's underground burial chambers, its long winding catacombs and its crypts. Go below and beyond to a time when Christianity was considered a simple cult whose members were executed as pagans and buried as martyrs. The one and only tour that takes you to crypts and catacombs from different historical eras, in various locations and with varying styles. Much of what Rome has to offer is buried underground-and through this tour, our guests can discover the underside of Rome through three select sites--The Cappuccini Crypt (chapel decorated entirely by human bones), Domitilla Catacombs (or San Callisto or San Sebastiano) and the Church of San Clemente (built over an ancient fourth century church built over an even older Roman house containing Christian artifacts and a pagan temple-with ruins reaching 57 feet deep).



DAY 6/ MAY 20 - SAT PERUGIA – SIENA – FLORENCE (B/-/-)

We leave Perugia and continue to Siena, an UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the Palio, a historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square, the Piazza del Campo. You will have some free time in Siena to explore the medieval city center before travelling on to Florence. Overnight in Florence

DAY 7/ MAY 21 - SUN FLORENCE (B/-/-)

This morning set off on a walking tour of Florence. Stroll through the picturesque Signoria Square, where you will discover magnificent statues by Cellini, Giambologna, and Ammannati, before continuing to the famous Ponte Vecchio. Explore Santa Croce Church Square where the tombs of distinguished Florentine citizens such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli can be found, as well as fascinating works by Giotto and Donatello. Visit the Accademia Gallery Museum and discover one of the city's eternal masterpieces — the David by Michelangelo. Overnight in Florence

Optional afternoon tour: Pisa and the Leaning Tower Afternoon Tour from Florence \$125 per person

See the iconic Leaning Tower on this half-day trip to Pisa from Florence. Admire Cathedral Square and the Pisa Baptistery as you follow an expert guide past the city's main attractions. After posing with the UNESCO-listed Leaning Tower of Pisa, some time to explore the area independently. Your trip concludes with transportation back to Florence.

Optional tour: Pizza and Gelato Making Class – Evening (3H) \$95 per person

Meeting Time: 0600 PM

Learn to make Pizza and Gelato just like the Italians do! Join our late-afternoon class where our chefs will be delighted to introduce you to the history of these glorious Italian creations. Make pizza in a proper pizza oven with our professional pizza chef, called pizzaiolo. You will learn how to make tender, flexible yeast dough that stretches to almost paper-thinness, and the secret for a flavorful yet light tomato sauce. Even if you bake pizza in your own oven, these techniques are universal and using them really makes a difference. With the help of the pizzaiolo, you will prepare your very own pizza, stretch the dough, sauce it up, bake it, slice it - it may well be the best pizza you ever tasted, and you

made it yourself! Then our expert chef will fill you in on why gelato remains Italy's favorite dessert while giving you an insight into the "gelato culture" that continues to grow. Get to know the basic raw ingredients, and how to select the best products available according to specific principles during a presentation and tasting of some of the flavors used in gelato making. Learn about the development and application of natural colors, the heating and freezing techniques, and how each has a different effect on the ingredients. It is always great to discover the recipe of the world most-loved dessert! This activity is strongly recommended for families that wish to have children learn about the Italian culture, an easy and fun experience that will last forever in their memory.

DAY 8/ May 22 - MON FLORENCE -- MILAN (B/-/-)

After breakfast depart to Milan by coach. Upon arrival in Milan check in at your hotel. This unique city offers the perfect mix of historic architecture, modern high-rise skyscrapers, and a traditional Italian lifestyle. Milan is also known for its abundance of high-end fashion retailers and the beautiful Duomo Cathedral.

In afternoon depart on a walking tour of Milan with visit of the Duomo Cathedral and Last Supper of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Overnight in Milan

DAY 9/ May 23 - TUE MILAN - LAKE COMO – MILAN (B/-/-)

After breakfast depart to a Full day tour to the pearl on the northern region - Lake Como.

For a Lake Como Day trip from Milan, look no further. A great way to discover the timeless beauty of the Italian lakes, this experience includes a walking tour of the chic lake town of Como plus a Lake Como cruise to see snow-peaked mountains and luxury lakeside villas from the water. In the summer, visit the village of Bellagio for free time to eat and explore.

Overnight in Milan

DAY 10/ May 24 - WED MILAN - CHICAGO (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to Milan International airport to check in for your flight back home.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Optional excursions
- Travel insurance
- Local city taxes to be paid directly at hotels
- Checked Baggage may be charged with additional fees
- Visa fees (not for US citizens)
- Any other items not under inclusions