

# Bella Italia

By Inside Italy Tours  
May 27-June 5 2024



Enjoy 10 days in the beautiful land of art, history, and wine. In this small group tour designed especially for those who want to enjoy the sights and tastes of Italy from big city Rome to the small towns.

Air transportation on your own. Fly first class or use miles to fly whatever airline you choose. Beth can help arrange flight and transportation to the city of Rome. Fly out on May 26 to arrive on May 27.

## **Itinerary:** (may be slightly revised based on availability and cost)

DAY 1 - Meet your tour guide, Beth Watts, in Rome at our centrally located hotel. Enjoy a stroll through the Piazza Navona, Campo di Fiori, and the ancient Pantheon. Meet the rest of the group at dinner.

Group dinner.

Overnight in **Rome**



DAY 2 - Wear some comfortable walking shoes as we traverse the steps of the ancient Romans in the **colosseum** and the **Roman Forum**. We will also visit the Mamertine prison where the apostle

Paul was imprisoned. End the day with shopping or people watching near the Spanish steps. Dinner on your own. Overnight in **Rome**



DAY 3 - Today we visit the heart of the Catholic church, St. Peter's Basilica and the **Vatican Museum**. View masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Pieta, the Roman Laocoon, and Raphael's School of Athens, culminating in the magnificent Sistine Chapel. We will finish the day with a group dinner and a visit to the Trevi Fountain where you can toss in your coins to guarantee a return trip. Overnight in **Rome**

DAY 4 - Train to Perugia. Spend the afternoon exploring the quaint town of Perugia.

Our hotel in Perugia is a splurge; check out the website:

<https://www.sinahotels.com/en/h/sina-brufani-perugia/>. Relax in the pool, enjoy a glass of wine on the terrace, or book a massage.

Group Dinner

Overnight in **Perugia**



DAY 5 - Day trip to Assisi, a Unesco Heritage Site. Explore one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world and one of Italy's most captivating little towns.

Dinner on your own. Overnight in **Perugia**



DAY 6 - Day trip to Torgiano, a member of the most charming villages in Italy. We will visit the wine museum and the olive and oil museum. After lunch, we will travel to Deruta, another charming village and home of the over 200 ceramic workshops. Spend the afternoon wandering the streets and viewing (or buying) some ceramics.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight in **Perugia** .

DAY 7 - Private van to Siena for a morning walk through the city. After lunch, we will continue in our van to Florence train station. Board train to Venice. Arrive in Venice, take a water taxi down the Grand Canal to our hotel. Group Dinner.

Overnight in **Venice**.

DAY 8 - Morning orientation tour of city. Afternoon boat tour of islands - watch a glass blowing demonstration on Murano and shop for handmade lace on Burano. Dinner on your own tonight. Optional: Enjoy a Gondola ride through the canals.

Overnight in **Venice**

DAY 9 - Today you will see the best of Byzantine art in St. Mark's Basilica and the early Renaissance of the Doge's Palace.

Farewell Group Dinner

Overnight in **Venice**



DAY 10 - fly home from Venice.

**TOTAL: \$3925 (double occupancy)**

Price includes 9 nights accommodation in centrally located, three star hotels, 9 generous breakfasts, 5 group meals including a cooking class (5 meals included with wine/water. Soft drinks extra), admission to all planned activities, bus/train transportation within Italy, and tour guide and concierge services of an experienced guide 24/7. Does **not** include plane tickets, snacks, souvenirs, dinners on your own, taxis, unplanned activities, airport transfers, travel insurance or tips.

**Payment:**

**\$500 deposit due with registration form to hold your spot. - Please pay by October 1.**

The balance of \$3425 payable in three methods:

- \_\_\_\_\_ full payment (\$3425) (total minus \$500 deposit) Due November 1.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3 payments (\$1142 each due November 1, January 1, and March 1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ contact Patsy Ricks to work out a payment plan.

**Please make checks payable to Inside Italy Tours. You may give to Beth Watts or mail to Patsy Ricks, Inside Italy tours, PO Box 16124, Jackson, MS 39236.**

\*Please save this for reference.



**Fine print:**

**What else can I expect to pay?** I would budget (per person) approximately \$50/dinner; \$25/lunch; \$25/day miscellaneous (water, snacks, gelato, taxi). Plane ticket - varies widely, approximately \$1500 (from JAN). Transportation from airport to Rome - \$50. Souvenirs - depends on what you intend to buy! Some people come home with a Prada purse or Gucci wallet, spending hundreds, some with only a magnet and a t-shirt.

**Other info:** You will need a current passport, valid for 6 months past the date of travel. At this time, no covid vaccination or testing is required.

**Cancellation Policy:** \$500 is nonrefundable. Before Jan 1, full refund (less deposit); Jan. 1-March 1: 75% refund; March 1-April 1: 50% refund. After May 1, no refund.

You may purchase travel insurance that offers a cancellation policy.

If you can find a replacement for you, full refund less deposit.

**What if I need to arrive late or leave early or want to stay longer?** Just talk to Beth, and she will work out the arrangements and provide a specific price for you.

**Health considerations:** This trip involves walking 5-10 miles/day. You will also need to carry your own luggage (to/from hotel; on/off train, etc.) I recommend only bringing a carry-on suitcase and a backpack. You should be in reasonably good health to enjoy the active days. But don't worry, we'll fuel up on plenty of carbs and wine!

**First time international travelers:** Beth will guide you every step of the way from what to read before you go and how to pack to tips for long flights and adjusting to a different culture.

**Why travel with Beth Watts of Inside Italy tours?**

Beth has had over 20 years of experience leading tours to Italy and planning trips for families. A teacher of Latin and Greek, Beth is an expert in classical history and art, and she speaks Italian.

"From my first trip to Italy, the magic and beauty of the country has captivated me. The more I visit Italy, the more its language, its history, its natural beauty, and its art charm me. I love taking people to Italy and sharing that same wonder with them."

Ready to Enroll? Fill out the following form and return with \$500 deposit.

Questions? Contact Beth at [beth@insideitalytours.com](mailto:beth@insideitalytours.com) or (601) 383-2942.



## Enrollment Form May 2024

**\*\*To reserve your spot, please return this completed form along with \$500 deposit (payable to Inside Italy Tours).**

**Name of Passenger** (first, middle, last):

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This name should match your passport EXACTLY. (if you do not have a current passport, apply for one immediately).**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**cell number:** \_\_\_\_\_

[This is an important means of communication about the trip. Please put all applicable numbers/addresses.]

**Passenger's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Passenger's City of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Expiration:** \_\_\_\_\_

if you don't have this info, turn into me asap. Please make a copy of your passport to give to me. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months AFTER date of travel.

**Allergies/health conditions that tour leader might need to know:**

**Is there any reason that you can't walk distances? If yes, please explain.**

**I have read all the attached information and agree to the payment deadlines, cancellation policy, and other information.**

**Passenger signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Inside Italy Tours. Deposit paid: \_\_\_\_\_ check #: \_\_\_\_\_

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*"I find other countries have this or this, but Italy is the only one that has it all for me. The culture, the cuisine, the people, the landscape, the history. Just everything to me comes together there."*

— FRANCES MAYES - AMERICAN NOVELIST, MEMOIRIST AND PROFESSOR



## HOTEL INFORMATION:

All hotels are centrally located, safe, and clean, and they have AC and WIFI.  
Click on the websites to view more information.

### ROME:

Hotel Santa Chiara

<https://www.albergosantachiara.com/en/>



Located directly behind the Pantheon, in the middle of historic Rome.

### PERUGIA:

Hotel Sina Brufani

<https://www.sinahotels.com/en/h/sina-brufani-perugia/>

Deluxe Double Room



### VENICE:

Hotel Ala

<https://www.hotelala.it/en/>

Superior double room

