

Adventure to Italy 2023

September 29 - October 7, 2023

What's not included in the package price? Travel Insurance; Meals not listed above or included in the Tour itinerary; Sightseeing not listed or included in the itinerary; Passport fees; Airline luggage fees; and any items of personal nature. Please note we can offer airfare from other cities. If you do not live in the Joplin/Neosho area, we can easily make those air arrangements from your home city.

Gratuities included: The Tour Director and Driver gratuities are included in our package price. The gratuity cost is a total of \$66US, per traveler. If you do not want to pre-pay, please contact GalaxSea to discuss, but so you know - they are "included" in our package price.

Travel Insurance: Insurance costs are \$279 per person (\$319 for Single). This comprehensive plan protects all of your vacation costs, and provides you with Medical coverage and emergency assistance during your travels. Protect yourself and your vacation by purchasing travel insurance at time of your deposit.

Airline luggage fees: Most airlines allow for (1) free check-in bag (up to 50lbs), along with a carry-on bag and a personal item. Once our official flight schedule is in place, we can discuss baggage fees, limits, and all other components associated to your flights. Our detailed air conversation will most likely occur later in April.

How do you join? Deposit is \$500 per person, plus insurance is due when you join. Contact GalaxSea at 417-451-5468 to sign up, or you can complete the enclosed Reservation Form and send along with your deposit to GalaxSea Cruises & Tours, 210 N Business 49, Neosho, MO 64850. Another \$500 per person payment will be collected on March 1, 2023, and June 1, 2023. The final balance will be due by July 14, 2023. Monthly payment plans are also available.

When is the last date to join? Space is sold on a first-come, first-served basis. We only have a limited numbers of seats on the package. Our registration deadline for group pricing will expire on March 1, 2023; Early booking savings expires January 28th. We encourage you to join before it's too late.

Can I visit more of Italy? Our trip and costs are focused specifically on our scheduled tour. However, it is very easy to adjust your plan around our tour dates to include many of the other Italian regions and cities. Even if you wanted to extend your stay in Rome or Venice a few days, that can be easily arranged. Customizing your program in Italy is something you should consider. GalaxSea will help you every step of the way. If you're more comfortable traveling with the group, and Wendy & Lauri – then stay with the package program.

Free Time & Optional Excursions

While our Italy tour has many items included for you each day, there will be some free time while on the tour. During this free time, you are free to explore as you wish, or, you can take advantage of some other optional excursions that will be offered from our tour company, Cosmos. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show, or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, these optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation experience even further.

Allowing you flexibility to choose is what makes this type of tour special. While many of the "must-see" sites and experiences are included in the package itself, we understand people take interest in different activities and the flexibility of this tour allows each traveler to craft a more personal vacation experience by providing optional excursions and free time that they can hand-pick based on appeal and personal interest.

The optional excursions for this tour will be announced later in April. We will discuss these options in detail before you depart, and will include information about the opportunity to pre-book most of these excursions. All of this will occur with plenty of time and planning before you leave on tour.

Other Helpful Travel & Tour Detail

Passport Names & Expiration Date: You are required to have a passport for this trip. Please double check your name spelling and make sure that is listed correctly on the Reservation Form. Your passport expiration date must be valid thru March 2024.

What is the weather in Italy like in October? It's certainly hard to predict the weather, let alone control it. Even a few weeks before you leave on your trip it's hard to be 100% accurate as to what will exactly occur. We can tell you specifically that you should experience mild temperatures mostly in the 60's and possibly low 70's during the daytime; and upper 50's during the overnight hours. While we don't expect anything in the upper 70's, there is always a chance. As you move farther north towards Venice it's possible some cooler evenings in the 40's will occur. It should be pleasant and comfortable, and not too cold, and certainly not hot. There is always a chance for rain, though nothing significant should happen. You will need a jacket, and some rain protection like an umbrella. You can wear casual clothes during the entire tour – no formal dress is required. Comfortable clothing, comfortable shoes, are suggested for the tour.

You will need an electrical adapter: These adapters are not expensive; usually \$15-\$20. You will need one, perhaps two. Many of these adapters have plugs containing multiple outlets and USB ports for additional charging capabilities. Locally, you can find them at places like Walmart, Target, Walgreens, and TJ Max, but you can also find them online. You need one that will work for "Europe". A hair dryer will be in your hotel, so no need to bring yours, unless you want too. For a straight iron or curling iron, you may want to consider getting a dual voltage iron, which can also be found at our local stores nearby.

How do you get money on tour? The (cash) currency in Italy is the Euro. You will either pay for your items with a credit card or use the local cash/currency. If you use a credit card, a Visa or Master-card is widely accepted. American Express can be used at some stores, but Discover card is not accepted as much in Italy. To obtain local currency for your travel, we recommend you use a Debit Card at any ATM after you arrive in Italy. You can also get cash at any time thru the ATM's, as needed during the tour. We will discuss this information again during our trip meetings, and several times before you leave on your trip.

Are any shots or vaccinations needed? No medical shots or vaccinations are needed for this trip, unless you will be traveling into Africa or Asia within the few months prior to Italy.

Extend your trip! Without a doubt we suggest you consider extending your trip. Additional time in Rome or Venice could easily be added. You also have other areas in Italy that are very close and easy to extend if needed. Everyone in our group won't be extending, but we can customize everything you need for a hassle-free transition to your travel needs. Our sample suggestions below will give you an idea on how you could extend your trip. Contact GalaxSea at 417-451-5468 to plan and customize your Italy experience around our tour.

Rome – 2 Night extension. With so much to experience in Rome, you honestly can't see it in a day to two. A very easy way to enhance your tour is to extend for a couple of more nights. We can easily add your arrival transfers in Rome to meet you and get you into your hotel; add some sightseeing to compliment the already included sightseeing on our Cosmos tour. After your fun filled extra time in Rome, you'll meet the rest of our group at the tour hotel to start the tour. \$499 per person for the extend stay in Rome. Call us for the single rate.

Venice – 2 Night Post-tour experience: Venice is also easy to add at the end of our tour, and a few extra days here are an excellent way to end your visit. The Cosmos hotel on our tour is located outside of the island of Venice, so we might suggest a different location for your hotel on this particular extended stay. Pricing will be determined based on your hotel selection.

Sorrento, & Amalfi Coast: One of the other magical areas of Italy is the Amalfi Coast. Extending your trip to enjoy this location would fit very well on the front side of our tour. You would fly you into Naples first, and have you stay in Sorrento for (3) additional nights. Sightseeing in the area will include Pompeii; Isle of Capri; the Amalfi Coast; and Sorrento. When your stay is completed, we'll get you back to Rome via the highspeed train so you can join the Cosmos tour in Rome. For more details on any pre/post stay, or to customize your own pre or post tour adventure, call Wendy Charlton at GalaxSea, 417-451-5468.