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## *Bella Italia!*

### ***A DaVinci Custom Travel Premier Group Escorted Tour From Cleveland***

**June 27 - July 10, 2011. 14 days/12 nights.**

**Featuring: Rome – Siena – Florence – Parma – Bologna –  
Venice & Milan.**

***With special visits to: Orvieto – Cinqueterre & Modena.***

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Day 1 / Monday June 27 – **DEPARTURE FROM USA to ROME.**

#### **Today's Events**

This afternoon our group will board CONTINENTAL FLIGHT # 524 departing CLEVELAND HOPKINS at 5:30 p. m. and arriving NEWARK LIBERTY AIRPORT at 7:14 p. m. Upon our arrival we'll connect to our overnight TRANS-ATLANTIC flight for ROME FIUMICINO AIRPORT departing at 10:00 p. m. arriving ROME at 12:30 p. m. local time.

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Day 2 / Tuesday June 28 – **ARRIVAL IN ROME**

#### **Today's Events**

Early afternoon arrival into **ROME FIUMICINO AIRPORT**. After clearing all entry formalities we will meet with our tour director and host who will direct us to our private bus for our transfer directly to ROME city centre where we will check –in at the **HOTEL NH GIUSTINIANO**. Lunch on your own at leisure. Balance of the afternoon to rest and relax from your overnight flight. This evening at 6:00 p. m. meet in the lobby of your hotel with your fellow group members for our included group dinner at the **RISTORANTE MEO PETTACA** situated in the Ancient historical area of **TRASTEVERE**.



Return to our hotel after dinner. **MEALS (D)**

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## DAY 3 / Wednesday June 29 – VATICAN COMPLEX & ST. PETER'S BASILICA

### Today's Events

Buffet Breakfast at our hotel. This morning following breakfast we'll meet with our local English speaking guide to begin our half day guided tour of the VATICAN. Transfer with local bus for the VATICAN where we will be accompanied by our guide to visit the VATICAN MUSEUM, SISTINE CHAPEL, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, the largest church in the Christian world built over the tomb of St. Peter, THE TOMBS of THE POPES including the TOMB of JOHN PAUL II. Lunch on your own at leisure. Afternoon at leisure for relaxation, shopping or to enjoy Rome on your own. Dinner on your own at leisure this evening. Return to overnight at our hotel. **MEALS (BB)**

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## DAY 4/ Thursday June 30 – CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST of ST. PETER & PAUL & ANCIENT TOUR of ROME.

### Today's Events

This morning following breakfast we'll board our motor coach to depart for ST. PETER'S BASILICA where we will attend a special holy mass celebrated by POPE BENEDICT in honour of Rome's patron saints of **St. Peter & Paul** scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. Lunch on your own at leisure.

After lunch meet with our local guide to begin our guided walking tour of ANCIENT ROME which will include a visit to the COLOSSEUM, ARCH of CONSTANTINE, ROMAN FORUM and THE PANTHEON. Return to our hotel. Dinner this evening at leisure. Enjoy a gigantic fireworks display this evening over ROME in celebration of their patron saints. Overnight in Rome. **MEALS (BB)**

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## DAY 5 / Friday July 1 – DEPARTURE FROM ROME / ORVIETO / SIENA

### Today's Events

Buffet Breakfast at our Hotel. Check – out of our hotel in Rome. This morning we'll bid goodbye to ROME and depart for the beautiful hilltop town of ORVIETO. Arrival into ORVIETO set high on a hill volcanic in origin, with cascading vineyards below. Visit its DUOMO considered to be one of Italy's greatest cathedrals: its facade is a visual treat, a blend of sculpture and mosaic with spectacular colours and its magnificent bronze doors. Wine tasting and lunch included today in ORVIETO.

Afternoon we'll board our motor coach for our departure to SIENA in the region of TUSCANY. We'll meet with our local English speaking guide for our walking guided tour of **SIENA** the former capital of **TUSCANY** including a visit of its magnificent **Cathedral, San Domenico Church and the Piazza del Campo site of the PALIO.**

After our tour we'll depart for RADDA IN CHIANTI and check-in at the HOTEL SAN NICCOLO. Dinner at leisure this evening. Overnight in RADDA IN CHIANTI. **MEALS (BB) (L)**



## DAY 6 / Saturday July 2 – MONTALCINO & PIENZA

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at our hotel. This morning we'll depart for the charming hilltop town of **MONTALCINO** well known for its production of the famous Brunello Wines. We'll visit the beautiful 9<sup>TH</sup>. Century **ABBEY of SANT ANTIMO**, a beautiful isolated Romanesque church that lies in a broad valley just below the village of **CASTELNUOVO dell'ABATE**. Enjoy a visit and wine tasting with a typical country lunch at the **Fattoria Altesino** close to Montalcino. Afternoon we'll visit the lovely town of **PIENZA**. Return to our hotel late in the afternoon. Overnight in RADDA IN CHIANTI. **MEALS (BB) (L)**

### OPTIONAL TRADITIONAL PALIO DINNER

*Around 6.00 p.m. depart by private bus for Siena to attend the original and unique dinner of the **CONTRADA** special dinner organized in each Contrada participating in the PALIO race the day after and prepared by the local women belonging to each of the Contrada . This is an historical dinner with long tables held in the open air along the Tuscan roads near SIENA. Return to our hotel after dinner.*

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## Day 7 / Sunday July 3 – SIENA & THE PALIO RACE

### Today's Events

Buffet Breakfast at our hotel.

This morning we'll depart for SIENA where you will witness and marvel at one of the greatest event in ITALY – THE PALIO! Meet with our English speaking assistant who will give us the history of the PALIO and the secrets of this historical event. Lunch on your own at leisure in Siena.



**INFORMATION FOR THE PALIO:** At 2.30 p.m. our escort will guide us through the city centre of SIENA to attend a special blessing held in the local church of the horses running in the PALIO. We'll witness the colourful historical parade of the Contradas along the roads of the city centre in Siena. After the historical parade there will be free time for shopping and to enjoy the atmosphere of this event. At the end of the race (around 8.30/9.00 p.m.) dinner is included in local restaurant centrally located in SIENA. After dinner attend a short visit to the winner circle of the Contrada to enjoy the celebration of their win. Return to our hotel late in the evening.

Overnight in RADDA IN CHIANTI. **MEALS (BB) (D)**

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## Day 8 / Monday July 4 – FLORENCE

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at our hotel.

This morning we'll board our motor coach for a full day excursion to **FLORENCE**.. Arrival in this great Renaissance city. We'll stop at the **Piazzale Michelangelo**, for the most beautiful panoramic view overlooking the entire city of **FLORENCE**. Meet with our local English speaking guide to begin our half day guided walking tour of **FLORENCE** which will include a visit to the **Accademia Gallery** and its famous **Michelangelo's David**, the **Cathedral**, **Sante Croce** & the **Piazza della Signoria**. Lunch on your own at leisure.

This afternoon free time at leisure to shop and to enjoy FLORENCE on your own. Return to our hotel in the early evening.

Dinner on your own at leisure.

Overnight in RADDA IN CHIANTI. **MEALS (BB)**



## DAY 9 / Tuesday July 5 – DEPARTURE FROM TUSCANY / CINQUETERRE / PARMA

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at our Hotel. This morning we'll check out of our hotel in **RADDA IN CHIANTI** and depart for the Tuscan coast to visit the beautiful seaside villages of **CINQUETERRE**. The tour will include to the sea side villages of **Riomaggiore, Manarola, Vernazza and Monterosso** by way of the local train and returning cruising along the coast. A seafood lunch is included to in a local restaurant in **MONTEROSSO**. We'll depart **CINQUETERRE** in the afternoon for the city of **PARMA**. Check –in at the **Hotel Palace Maria Luigia** located in **Parma**. Dinner is included this evening at our hotel. Overnight in **PARMA. (BB) (L) (D)**

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## DAY 10 / Wednesday July 6 – PARMA & MODENA

### Today's Events

Buffet Breakfast at our Hotel. Following breakfast we'll meet with our local guide to begin our walking tour of **PARMA** which will include the **Cathedral, Palazzo Vescovile, the Baptistery and Palazzo della Pillotta**. After our tour enjoy a light lunch at the Enoteca Piovani in Langhirano for the famous Parma ham. Following lunch we'll depart for **MODENA**. Stop in Sorbara for a visit to sample its famous balsamic vinegar in a local **Acetaia Paltrinieri** and after stop for a short orientation tour of **MODENA**. Time at leisure for shopping and return to Parma in the early evening. Dinner this evening in Parma at leisure. Overnight in Parma. **MEALS (BB) (L)**

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## DAY 11 / Thursday July 7 – BOLOGNA

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at our Hotel.

This morning depart with our private motor coach to **BOLOGNA**, considered by many to be the most beautiful preserved city in **EUROPE**. Meet with our local English speaking guide to begin our half day walking guided tour of **BOLOGNA**. The tour will include a visit of the **Piazza Maggiore, the major Basilicas, the towers and the city centre**. Lunch at leisure. This afternoon depart for **MARANELLO** where we will enjoy a private group visit to the **Ferrari Museum**. Return to Parma in the early evening. Dinner this evening at leisure. Overnight in Parma. **MEALS (BB)**



## DAY 12 / Friday July 8 – DEPARTURE PARMA / VENICE / MILAN

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at our Hotel.

This morning depart with our private motor coach for **VENICE**. Upon our arrival we'll board our private water taxi for our transfer to **PIAZZA SAN MARCO**. Meet with our English speaking local guide in **Venice** city centre to begin our guided walking tour **VENICE** which will include: **St. Mark Square, the Cathedral and the Doge's Palace**, once the official residence of the elected officials of the Venetian Republic. After our tour we'll attend a private Venetian Murano glass blowing demonstration.

Afternoon at leisure to enjoy **VENICE** on your own. Enjoy an optional gondola ride along the Venetian Canals. Transfer from Venice city centre by private water taxi where we will board our motor coach for our departure to **MILAN**. Check –in at the **Starhotel located in the city centre of MILAN**. Enjoy dinner this evening at leisure. Overnight in Milan. **MEALS (BB)**

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## DAY 13 / Saturday July 9 – MILAN

### Today's Events

Buffet breakfast at your Hotel.

This morning following breakfast meet with our local English speaking guide to begin our walking tour of **Milan** which will include **its magnificent Gothic DUOMO, the GALLERIA a vast 19<sup>th</sup>. century shopping arcade with a massive glass dome, stylish shops and cafes, La SCALA OPERA HOUSE and THE LAST SUPPER painted by Leonardo da Vinci on a wall of the 15<sup>th</sup>. Century convent, Santa Maria delle Grazie.** (Lunch on your own at leisure. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy shopping along the fashionable streets of Milan. Optional Farewell Dinner this evening. Overnight in Milan. **MEALS (BB)**



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## DAY 14 / Monday July 10 – DEPARTURE TO USA FROM MILAN

### Today's Events

This morning we'll check out of our hotel. Board our motor coach for our transfer to MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT for our return flight back to the USA.

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## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Monday June 27 – DEPARTURE  
Information to come.

Monday July 10 – RETURN  
Information to come.



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