

Itinerary [tentative]

Art of Italy: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque.

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Depart from the USA

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**Day 1 – June 5 (Tue) – Arrive in Milan – Padova-Venice**

Arrive at Milan Airport.

Meet your Cosmos Tour Director.

In Milan visit Leonardo Da Vinci's "Last Supper" at the CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DELLA GRAZIE.

In Padua view Giotto's frescoes in the SCROVEGNI CHAPEL

Brief visit to BASILICA OF SANT'ANTONIO, in front of which is Donatello's bronze statue "Gattamelata.

Transfer to the hotel in Venice.

VENETIAN NIGHT OUT WELCOME DINNER.

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Note: Visit to "Last Supper" is subject to availability at the time of booking the reservation. Group reservations can be difficult to confirm. Requests for reservations are usually not accepted until approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the visit. Visits on Day 1 are subject to a morning arrival into Milan.

**Day 2 – June 06 (Wed) – Venice**

Following visit:

Visit DOGE'S PALACE (c. 1 ½ hrs.) – Local Guide included.

No Local Guide for the following visits:

Visit the BASILICA SAN MARCO (c. 1hr.)

Visit SCUOLA SAN ROCCO (c. 1 hr.)

Visit DEI FRARI BASILICA to see Titian's "Assumption" (c. ½ hr.)

Remainder of the day and evening is at leisure.

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**Day 3 – June 07 (Thu) – Venice**

Visit GALLERIA DELL'ACCADEMIA (c. 2-2 ½ hrs.)

Visit CHURCH OF SAN ZACCARIA to see Bellini's "San Zaccaria Altarpiece" (c. ½ hr.)

Take VAPORETTO to Palladio's CHURCH OF SAN GIORGIO MAGGIORE for Tintoretto's "Last Supper" (c. 1 ½ - 2 hrs.)

Remainder of the day and evening is at leisure.

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**Day 4 – June 08 (Fri) – Venice – Ravenna – Florence**

Travel to Ravenna.

See the mosaics in SAN VITALE & MAUSOLEUM OF GALLA PLACIDIA (c. 1 ½ hrs.)

Visit SANT'APPOLINARE NUOVO (c. ½ hr.)

Visit ARIAN or NEONIAN BAPTISTRY (c. ½ hr.)

Brief visit to DANTE'S TOMB

Visit SANT'APOLLINARE IN CLASSE (c. 1 hr.)

Continue to Florence and hotel check-in.

TUSCAN FLAVORS DINNER. A lovely meal in the Tuscan countryside. La Certosa Restaurant

is situated in front of the Charterhouse of Florence, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.  
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**Day 5 – June 09 (Sat) – Florence**

Visit the ACCADEMIA to see Michelangelo's "David" and "Slaves." (c. 1 ½ hrs.)

Visit the BARGELLO MUSEUM (c. 1 hr.)

This afternoon visit the UFFIZI MUSEUM (c. 4 hrs.)

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**Day 6 – June 10 (Sun) – Florence**

Following visits: (no Local Guide)

Visit IL DUOMO AND BAPTISTRY (c. 1 ½ hrs.). Cross Ponte Vecchio to CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DEL CARMINE to see the BRANCACCI CHAPEL FRESCOES by Masaccio (c. 1 hr.)

Brief visit to the CHURCH OF SANTA FELICITA to see Pontormo's "Deposition" (c. ½ hr.)

Visit the CONVENT OF SANT'APOLLONIA for Castagno's "Last Supper" (c. ½ hr.)

Visit the MUSEO DEL'OPERE DEL DUOMO (c. 1 ½ hrs.)

Visit the MEDICI CHAPEL (c.1 hr.)

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**Day 7 – June 11 (Mon) – Florence – Orvieto – Rome**

Travel to Orvieto

Brief visit to the Gothic DUOMO and its frescoes by Signorelli

Continue to Rome

Visit BORGHESE GALLERY (c. 3 hrs.)

Hotel check-in.

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Note: Some Rome visits may be moved to this afternoon, on arrival, if necessary for timing purposes.

**Day 8 – June 12 (Tue) – Rome**

Visit CHURCH OF SAN PIETRO IN VINCOLI to see Michelangelo's "Moses" (c. ½ hr.)

Visit the COLOSSEUM, Arch of Constantine, and through the FORUM by BASILICA OF CONSTANTINE (c. 1 ½ hrs.)

Visit IL CAMPIDOGLIO and CAPITOLINE MUSEUMS (c. 2 hrs.)

This afternoon visit the following churches:

(c. ½ hour for each = 2 hrs.)

SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI

SANTA MARIA DELLA VITTORIA'S CORNERO CHAPEL to see Bernini's "Ecstasy of St. Teresa"

Pass by the facade of Santa Susanna, on way to Borromini's SAN CARLO

Brief visit to Bernini's SANT' ANDREA AL QUIRINALE.

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**Day 9 – June 13 (Wed) – Rome**

Morning visits to the following churches:

(c. 30 min. for each)

IL GESU

SANT'IGNAZIO

SANTA MARIA SOPRA MINERVA

The PANTHEON

CONTARELLI CHAPEL in SAN LUIGI DEI FRANCESI to see Caravaggio's "St. Matthew"

paintings,

SANTA MARIA DEL POPOLO'S CERASI CHAPEL to see Caravaggio's paintings.

This afternoon visit the CATACOMB OF PRISCILLA (c. 2hrs.)

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**Day 10 – June 14 (Thu) – Rome – The Vatican**

Morning visit to VATICAN MUSEUMS (c. 8:30 am – 1:30 pm):

BRACCIO NUOVO (briefly if possible),

PIO CLEMENTINO MUSEUM

BELVEDERE COURTYARD

PINACOTECA

RAPHAEL'S STANZE,

SISTINE CHAPEL.

Afternoon visit ST. PETER'S BASILICA (c. 2 hrs.)

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**Day 11 – June 15 (Fri) – Rome – Excursion to Pompeii.**

Travel to POMPEII. Meet the Local Guide for a WALKING TOUR:

Forum, Baths, Theater, such houses as House of Faun, House of Vettii, Villa of Mysteries, other accessible sights. Return to Rome. FAREWELL DINNER with drinks at a popular Roman Restaurant.

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**Day 12 – June 16 (Sat) – Rome – Transfer to the Airport**

Group transfer to the airport.

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