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August 23, 2024 depart the USA for Roma! American Airlines 0110 from Chicago to Rome (arrive next day)

August 24, 2024 Arrive Rome. Rome has been referred to as the Eternal City by the ancients due to their belief that no matter what occurs in the rest of the world – the city of Rome would always remain standing. Built on seven hills, Rome has endless sights to see and be enthralled by. Between the religious significance, architecture, cuisine and general passionate spirit, Rome always captures the hearts of its visitors. After clearing customs and immigration, you will be picked up and comfortably **transferred** to the Star Hotel Metropole, centrally located in Rome. Afternoon at leisure to get situated, relax – and explore!

StarHotel Metropole Rome, Via Principe Amedeo 3, Rome

August 25, 2024 **Breakfast** at the hotel. This morning (begin at a comfortable approx. 9am) enjoy a comprehensive Guided sightseeing **Tour** of much of the splendor that Rome has to offer such as the Palazzo Massimo, Jewish Quarter, Castel St. Angelo, Borghese Gallery. (Note – if you toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain, it's said you will return to Italy one day...!) And perhaps at the conclusion of your tour today, ask your expert guide for a good recommendation for a scrumptious Roman dinner spot for the early evening.

StarHotel Metropole Rome

August 26, 2024 After an ample **breakfast** at the hotel – **Tour**, together with your Guide, visit the Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museum (Vatican, according to availability), St Peter's Basilica, and more. Take memorable photos, (as permitted) and immerse yourselves in the glory of Rome during this very full day of sightseeing.

StarHotel Metropole Rome

August 27, 2024 **Breakfast**. Today take a first class **Train** ride (the Rome train station is near the hotel, an approximate 5 minute walk) and go from Rome to Naples, the high energy, artistic, cultural vicinity for the next part of your Italian Adventure (approximately 2.5 hrs away) Arrive Naples, be **picked up by your Driver/Minivan**, and head over to your hotel, Sorrento (approximately 1 hour away) Welcome! Get comfortable and take a walk around the area, perhaps sample some gelato and get to know the surroundings.

Hotel Continental, Piazza della Vittoria 4 80067 Sorrento

August 28, 2024 **Breakfast** at the hotel. Today, **sightseeing, together with your Guide** of the marvels of Pompeii. Comfortable walking shoes and your phone camera are all you'll need to consider while enjoying this glorious day. **Cooking class** anyone? Enjoy an authentic, taste journey with a 4 hr cooking class that culinary dreams are made of! Prepare traditional local dishes while enjoying a gourmet journey of discovery of the scents, flavors and colors of Mt. Vesuvius. Toast to your experience and success with a glass of Lacryma Christi DOC vino, enjoying the fruits of your labor during a most special day.

Hotel Continental, Sorrento

August 29, 2024 Begin the day with **breakfast**, and good Italian coffee which is readily found here, and then off to the Amalfi Coast for an all day treat of views, stopping for a treat along the way, together with your **Guide and Driver**, visiting Positano, Ravello and more. What a visual marvel, almost each turn is post card lovely.

Hotel Continental, Sorrento

August 30, 2024 Enjoy your morning meal when you decide to, and plan *not to plan* today! Today is at glorious leisure to relax and explore this charming vicinity. Enjoy the day happily! **Hotel Continental, Sorrento**

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2 August 31, 2024 After an early breakfast, be picked up by your **Driver and Minivan** and head to Naples. In Naples, your driver take you to the train station in Naples to visit (with **first class train tickets**) Florence. Florence is said to be many people's favorite Italian city. Will it be yours? Upon arrival Florence, stroll 5 – 10 minutes to the hotel, and enjoy a bit of free time, perhaps for a bite. Then off to a private, **Guided walking tour** of Florence, to feature the Accademia Gallery (where Michelangelo's David is found), Piazza Signoria, Piazza Duomo, thereby becoming familiar with Florence. Conclude this full day back at the hotel early evening.

Hotel Albini Florence Via Fiume,12 Firenze

September 1, 2024 Enjoy a leisurely morning and **breakfast**, perhaps to locate a leather souvenir, before making your way to the vicinity of Cinq Terre (approximately 4 hours away) with your **driver and minivan**. Cinque Terre, pronounced "chink eh terr uh" an area shaped like a "Y" offers charm and genuine Italian beauty. Enjoy your time at the well regarded, Gran Hotel Provenere and plan to relax, enjoy the sights – and even get some rest or reading in, balancing your trip so very nicely.

Gran Hotel Provenere CT Via Garibaldi,5 Portovenere

September 2, 2024 After breakfast, stroll outside on a 5 minute walk to the Pier and enjoy some time on a boat choosing to stop where you gravitate towards – whether it be, Portovenere, Riomaggiore, Manarola Vernazza, Monterosso. Choices!

Gran Hotel Provenere, CT

September 3, 2024 Start the day with a leisurely, yet abundant **breakfast**, and decide in which direction to head out to today. Cinq Terre is stunning and anywhere you go will provide a memorable vision to capture – and fondly recall! The beach is a 5 minute walk away.

Gran Hotel Provenere, CT

September 4, 2024 After your **morning meal** and great coffee, depart, and head out together with your **driver/minivan**, to Belleagio, a town renown for its breathtaking views and so much more. (Approx 3.5 hours, arriving at about Noon....) Lake Como has beautiful sights to offer and your home in Bellagio is the Hotel Excelsior. Arrive, get comfortable, and take a glance around at leisure. **(If we do today differently, it would take several public transportation methods, schedule managing, and a lot more time, therefore this day, this method is most efficient, let's keep as is)**

Hotel Excelsior Bellagio, LC Via Lungo Lario Manzoni,28^ Bellagio

September 5, 2024 **Breakfast** in Bellagio at the Excelsior. Take today to shop, walk, and simply discover. There's lots to see, and discover, and can be done at your own pace. (Today is a good day to visit the Villas, if desired.)

Hotel Excelsior Bellagio, LC

September 6, 2024 After a leisurely morning, and **breakfast**, at the hotel, this afternoon head to Tirano (approximately 3 hours) together with your **Driver/minivan** and expect to be dazzled by the majestic prettiness of this vicinity.

Hotel Curt di Clement Tirano Via dei Castelli,2 Tirano

September 7, 2024 **Breakfast** starts an exciting day! Take a **train** (approximately 2 hrs each way) from Tirano to St. Moritz, Switzerland (without luggage!) Embark on a 'wagon' to ride and see the prettiness that this special area of Switzerland is well regarded for. Photos! Free time to explore, have a taste of fondue, and drink/breathe in the freshness of this inviting destination. *Head back later in the day to Tirano via **Train**, schedule provided.*

Hotel Curt di Clement Tirano

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September 8, 2024 After **breakfast**, do some last minute shopping, and early afternoon head to Milano, taking a 1pm **train** (schedules and tickets provided)) for the sake of the proximity of the international airport, and make your way to Milan, for an afternoon/evening at glorious leisure in this trendy Italian town - to head back to the USA tomorrow, now filled with memories of a stunning destination with heartwarming sights. **Hotel Milano**

September 9, 2024 **Transfer** to the airport for the American flight back to the USA, now, filled with memories, -and pictures of Italy (and Switzerland).

(All of the details contained in this personalized itinerary are included as indicated (see items in **bold**) Order of tour(s)/sights may (unlikely) change (sequence) in the best interest of the tour experience and local schedules.)

Rev **32324**

\$ per person, all above land arrangements

\$1000 per person deposit due, check preferred

Air: booked on American Airlines Chi to Rome, Milan to Chi on 3/16/24

Balance due May 3, 2024, check preferred (as credit card incurs 3% fee)

Inclusions, Hotels w breakfasts, extensive sightseeing as outlined w entrances, transportation as indicated. Planning, Services/communication with my office (Roxan 908 451 8110, as well as Italy office 24/7)

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