

# ITALY GRAND TOUR

**12 Days featuring Venice, Florence, Rome, Tuscany, Assisi & Sorrento**

**2011 Departures**

**Prices Include Airfare**

Sun to Thu, Oct 2 to 13, '11.....\$2979.95\*

Sun to Thu, Nov 3 to 14, '11.....\$2819.95\*

\* Prices are per person, double occupancy, includes current (September, 2010) air taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change). For single occupancy add \$520. Triple same as double. Prices listed have been discounted by \$90. off regular prices to reflect payment by check, money order or cash. However, deposit amount (\$300.) and insurance premium may be paid by other means without losing the discounted price. Regular pricing will apply if payment by other means exceeds \$300 plus the insurance premium, if you purchase insurance.

**Deposit Required \$300.** per person, plus insurance premium (if purchased) The premium is not included in the prices listed. We strongly urge the purchase of comprehensive coverage.

**Full payment due 90 days prior to departure**

**U. S. Passport Required**

## **YOUR GRAND TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Round trip transatlantic flights to Italy
- Round-trip transfers in Italy
- Deluxe private motor coach
- 10 nights First class hotel accommodations
- 10 Substantial Italian breakfasts
- 10 Delicious dinners
- 1 lunch
- Fully escorted
- Extensive guided sightseeing
- All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen



Colosseum, Rome



Gondolas on the Grand Canal, Venice

**For Information & Reservations  
Call:**

**THE Travel Authority, Inc.  
800-220-3900  
215-638-5750**

## Itinerary for Your Grand Tour of Italy:

**DAY 1 – USA to ITALY:** Travel to the departure Airport, either JFK or Newark to board your overnight transatlantic flight to Italy with airline meal and beverage service aloft.

**DAY 2 – FLORENCE-MONTECATINI:** *Benvenuti in Italia!* Arrival at the Florence Airport where we will be met by your Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Scenic morning drive to Montecatini for check-in at the *Hotel Columbia* (or similar). The remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening, we will gather for a "Welcome Dinner" and orientation meeting at our hotel. Overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – FLORENCE:** Breakfast at our hotel. Full-day guided sightseeing tour of Florence including a walking tour of the historic city center and a visit to the famous Academia Museum, site of Michelangelo's monumental statue – *The David*. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (BB, D)

**DAY 4 - VENICE:** Breakfast at our hotel. Full-day excursion to Venice for a walking tour of Piazza San Marco, visiting the Doge's Palace and crossing the Bridge of Sighs which connects to the Piombi Prisons. After our tour, we will enjoy a full meal at a local restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon is free for shopping and browsing. A light dinner during our return trip to Montecatini. Overnight. (BB, L, D)

**DAY 5 – SIENA-SAN GIMIGNANO:** Breakfast at our hotel. Depart for Siena. We will drive southwest through the heart of Italian wine country, over the rolling hills of Chianti. Once in Siena, our escort will lead us to Piazza del Campo, through the narrow streets, past medieval towers and walls. One of the notable highlights of Siena is San Domenico, which holds the relics of St. Catherine. We will next visit San Gimignano, often described as "*The most famous small town in Italy.*" This charming Medieval hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape. You will have dinner and overnight at our hotel in Montecatini. (BB, D)

**DAY 6 – MONTECATINI-ASSISI-ROME:** Breakfast and hotel check-out. Depart for Rome, with a stop in Assisi to view St. Francis' Cathedral and have some free time to browse the city. Upon arrival in Rome - "The Eternal City", we will check-in at the first-class *Hotel Tiberio* (or similar). There will be time to rest, relax, shop, and freshen-up. Dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 7 – ANCIENT & MODERN ROME:** Breakfast at our hotel, followed by day-long city sightseeing tour. In the morning, we will have our "Ancient Rome" guided tour, featuring the most famous monuments and sites of Ancient Rome, and in the afternoon, following time for lunch on your own, we'll meet up for a tour of Modern Rome. By the time our day winds to a close, we will have seen the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, and so much more! Then, back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 8 –VATICAN CITY:** After breakfast, we will visit the St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Raise your eyes to see Michelangelo's 'Creation' and the famous 'Last Judgement'. Lunch is on our own. The afternoon is at leisure for shopping-and-browsing or exploring on our own. Dinner at the hotel that evening. (BB, D)

**DAY 9 – ROME-POMPEII-NAPLES-SORRENTO:** Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we say goodbye to Rome! Stop for a guided tour of Pompeii, destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD and, today, some of the best preserved ruins of Roman times. Next on our agenda is a guided panoramic sightseeing tour of the famous port city of Naples. Arriving in Sorrento, we will check-in at the *Hotel Michelangelo* (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 10 – AMALFI COAST:** After breakfast at the hotel, we will take on an excursion along one of the most scenic roads in the world – *The Amalfi Drive!* Our first stop will be above Positano, one of Italy's most famous and elegant resorts. We will then continue our drive through the ancient marine republic of Amalfi. There will be some free time to visit the beautiful Cathedral of St. Andrew, explore the town or browse and shop. Stop for lunch (*on our own*) and in the afternoon we will visit Ravello. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

**DAY 11 – ISLE OF CAPRI-SORRENTO:** Today we will visit the beautiful Isle of Capri! Our excursion begins with a ferry ride across the Bay of Naples to Capri. Guided sightseeing in the town of Capri is very chic with shops, hotels, and restaurants lying along winding streets. The main square, Piazza Umberto, has a pretty white church and several open-air cafes where we can sit and watch the world go by. Afternoon return to Sorrento, by ferry, for some free time to shop for that last minute gift or explore on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Sorrento. (BB, D)

**DAY 12 – SORRENTO-NAPLES-USA :** After breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer to the Naples Airport to board our return flight to with full meal and beverage service. (BB)

**TO BOOK A TRIP** a signed enrollment form & deposit of \$300. per person is required. In addition the non-refundable insurance premium, which is not included in the trip price, should be added to the deposit amount, unless you opt out (choose not to purchase) the insurance in writing on this enrollment form. Payment in full is due 95 days prior to departure

**REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION:** All U.S. Citizens must carry a valid U.S. Passport. Many countries require that the expiration date of the Passport must be six months or more after the return date of the trip you are booking. It is the responsibility of non U.S. Citizens to contact the Immigration authorities of all countries being visited and the U. S. to determine their documentation requirements. You will be denied boarding without the required identification. THE Travel Authority, Inc. and its Agents will not be responsible for any expenses and/or damages incurred as a result of such denied or delayed boarding or passage at the border.

**CANCELLATION CHARGES & REFUND POLICY:** You have the right to cancel your trip. If you cancel your trip for any reason the following cancellation charges will be assessed per person. These charges are in no way punitive and include Agency Administrative Charges. If written notice of cancellation is received by THE Travel Authority, Inc....

On or before 96 days.....\$150 per person\* (plus non-refundable insurance premium)

From 95 to 76 days.....50% of total trip per person\* (plus non-refundable insurance premium)

75 days or less.....(including "no-shows") 100% of total trip price per person\* (plus non-refundable insurance premium)

If THE Travel Authority, Inc. issues or causes to have issued airline tickets for the trip you book, the price of that ticket, once issued will be added to the cancellation charges itemized above.

\*In the event a cancellation causes an additional cost (single room supplement, etc.) for a person(s) still going on the trip, the canceling party shall have that additional charge added to the cancellation charges itemized above. If you cancel, to receive any refund, you must return all travel documents including air and/or cruise tickets to THE Travel Authority. Refund will be processed 30 days after receipt of your written cancellation and aforementioned documents. Written notice of cancellation (and travel documents, if applicable, must be sent to THE TRAVEL AUTHORITY, INC., Box 254, Bensalem PA 19020. Date of cancellation shall be determined by the date on which such written notification is received by THE Travel Authority, Inc.. Telephoned or other non-written communication to THE Travel Authority, Inc. will not constitute notice of cancellation. If a tour member's full payment is not received by THE Travel Authority, Inc. on or before due date, the reservation of the Tour Member may be deemed canceled at the sole discretion of THE Travel Authority, Inc.. In such instance, the cancellation provisions detailed above will apply with the date of cancellation being deemed the date at which payment was past due. As no exceptions shall be made on the cancellation charges, you are strongly urged to purchase trip protection that includes Trip Cancellation Protection.

**COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL PROTECTION:** We strongly urge that you purchase a comprehensive travel plan to cover you for your trip. The plan we offer is administered by Trip Mate. It provides cancellation charge reimbursement for many, but not all reasons, Emergency medical and dental (secondary coverage), lost or stolen baggage and other coverages. Details of the coverages provided, as well as limitations and restrictions, will be sent to you upon request. When you book, you also will receive a copy, unless you choose not to purchase the coverage. The protection plan we offer will be added to the package you are purchasing at the appropriate additional cost indicated on the enrollment form below unless you opt out of it by checking the box so indicated. Insurance premiums are nonrefundable. Such nonrefundable premiums are in addition to the trip cancellation charges detailed above. Note: Medicare and many other medical insurance policies do not provide for coverage outside of the United States!

**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** THE Travel Authority, Inc. cannot provide special assistance for walking, eating or other personal needs. Those needing such assistance must be accompanied by a companion to provide such assistance. Any special needs requests must be received, in writing, by THE Travel Authority, Inc., at least 60 days prior to departure. THE Travel Authority, Inc. will forward such requests to the appropriate suppliers but can not guarantee they will be provided. A number of sites on this tour may not be handicapped accessible.

**OTHER INFORMATION:** Unless otherwise arranged, travel documentation will be mailed to the address provided on the enrollment form approximately 10 days prior to departure. Prices listed have already been discounted to reflect payment by check, cash or money order. If payment(s) made by other means exceed the requested deposit amount, the discount will be negated and regular price will be charged. Trip components, including, but not limited to

Hotels, Airlines, Shows, Meals, etc. may be replaced by THE Travel Authority, Inc. with components of equal value. After the trip has commenced, no refund will be made if you do not utilize a trip component(s). The trip may include visits to establishments in which you may make purchases. THE Travel Authority, Inc. and it's Agents" make no representations concerning the merchants or their merchandise and/or services and are not responsible for any purchases you make during your trip.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** THE Travel Authority, Inc., P.O. Box 254, Bensalem, PA 19020, the Travel Agent, and its employees, agents and representatives, otherwise referred to in this document as "THE Travel Authority, Inc.", act only as agents for tour members in making arrangements for hotels, cruise ships, air flights and other transportation, sightseeing, restaurants and other services or components in connection with the tour. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements. However, they do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident or delay to persons or property due to anything beyond their direct control, including, but not limited to, sickness, acts of war or terrorism, any act of default, negligence, wrongful act, error or omission of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, person or other third party rendering any of the services rendered in the tour, weather, machinery breakdown, strike or labor action, civil commotion, quarantine, action of a government, pilferage or act of God. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, cruise line, hotel, restaurant or other contractor or third party rendering services or components of the tour, shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor or third party and tour member. "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents" and other contractors or third parties supplying tour services and components accept no responsibility for any injury, death damage, loss, accident or delay to persons or property for any reasons including, but not limited to, sickness, acts of war or terrorism, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, or any act, omission or event during the time tour members are not on board its own conveyance or within its own facility. THE Travel Authority, Inc., its Agents and the owners and employees of pick up locations are not responsible for vehicles, or their contents, left at any of the Tour Pick Up Locations. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries, tour components or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time. No guarantees or warranties are expressed or implied as to the psychological satisfaction of tour members as pertains to the tour. No refunds will be made to tour members for unused tour components. In view of the statutory and/or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage loss, the purchase by tour members of Trip Cancellation/ Interruption, Travel Accident, Emergency Medical and Health, Baggage, Trip Delay, Medical Transportation Assistance and other coverages are strongly recommended. The Travel Agent, THE Travel Authority, Inc., shall not be deemed to have received a tour member's funds until such time as those funds are cleared into its bank account. Payments made to third parties shall not be deemed to have been received by "THE Travel Authority, Inc. until such time as those funds are forwarded and have cleared into THE Travel Authority Inc.'s bank account. "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and it's Agents", in the event of trip cancellation by supplier, shall have no responsibility other than a refund of any moneys paid by tour member, upon return of such funds from suppliers and contractors for whom they act as Agent, less any cancellation charges and expenses incurred. Prices are based upon currency exchange rates, tariffs, taxes, fees, and facility charges in effect at the time the tour was initially planned and are subject to change. Any increase in price of 15% or less of the total trip price(s), including airfare, where applicable, quoted herein shall not modify the cancellation or other terms of this agreement. Any legal action brought against "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents" shall only be brought in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. All services provided by "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents" shall be subject to the laws of Pennsylvania. Tour members agree that, if they file a legal action against "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents", they will reimburse "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents" for all expenses and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, associated with the defense of any action brought by the tour member(s) against "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents" where said tour member(s) is unsuccessful in obtaining judgment against "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and It's Agents." Should any provision of this contract be found invalid, the remaining provisions as set forth shall survive and be enforceable. THE Travel Authority, Inc. is not responsible for typographical or other errors in the promotion material, confirmations, billings, etc. and reserves the right to correct such errors. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the tour participant and "THE Travel Authority, Inc. and it's Agents." Any changes, additions or other representations that alter this agreement that may be expressed or implied by any person or entity shall not be valid.

Italy Grand Tour 2011 Terms & Conditions Contract & Enrollment Form Continued from other side

\*\*\* Please return entire page with payment \*\*\* THE Travel Authority, Inc. \*\*\*

I/We agree to the terms and conditions in this promotion piece. Enrollment and / or payment towards the trip indicates such acceptance:

Dates of Trip being booked \_\_\_\_\_ Destination \_\_\_\_\_

# of persons enrolling on this form [ ] Signature(1) : \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(2): \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 1. (as on Passport) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) Street State ZIP (Day) ( ) (Evening) ( ) -

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

NAME 2. (as on Passport) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S) Street State ZIP (Day) ( ) (Evening) ( ) -

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

(A valid Passport is required for U.S. Citizens. If Passport information is not available, mark as TBA, and provide information when available)

TRAVEL INSURANCE is not included in your trip price. However, We strongly recommend this protection. A non-refundable, Trip Mate Travel Protection premium will be added to your bill and deducted from your deposit unless you decline coverage by checking the "Opt Out" box beneath this paragraph.

[ ] CHECK IF YOU DO NOT WANT OPTIONAL INSURANCE "OPT OUT"

CALL FOR CURRENT INSURANCE RATES

Trip Deposit ..... \$300 per person (unless otherwise indicated) (Full Payment if booked within 96 days of departure)
Add Insurance Premium \_\_\_\_\_ per person
Sub Total \_\_\_\_\_ per person
Total # of clients x \_\_\_\_\_
TOTAL DEPOSIT DUE ... \$\_\_\_\_\_

Full payment due 95 DAYS PRIOR TO TRIP DEPARTURE

MAKE PAYABLE & SEND (with enrollment form) TO: THE Travel Authority, Inc.
P. O. Box 254
Bensalem Pa. 19020
800-220-3900 or 215-638-5750

Source Code | \_\_\_\_\_ |

Copies of this form may be used, provided both sides are duplicated in their entirety.