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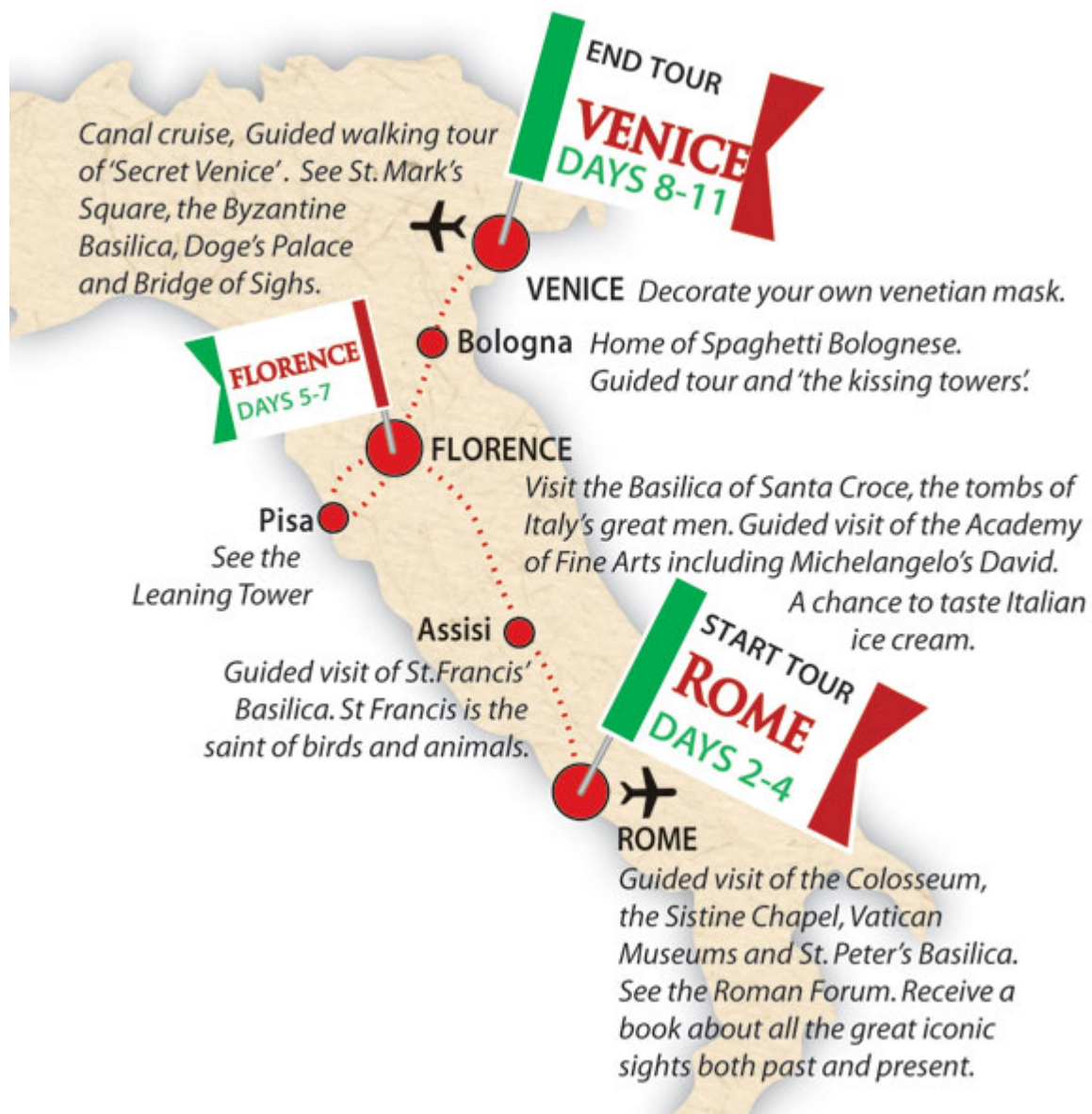
Gladiators, Gondolas and Gold 2010

11 day tour from US\$2435*

Tour Type: **Family**

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Summary of Gladiators, Gondolas and Gold 2010



With each stop come new delights for every member of the family to enjoy. We show you Italy's greatest

cities, offer a pizza-making lesson, stop for some gelato, unwind in Nice, stand in the shadow of the Matterhorn, and much more!

Highlights:

- Rome
- Florence
- Bologna
- Pisa
- Assisi
- Venice

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Day 1 - Depart USA

Overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2 - Rome (3 nights)

Ciao Roma! Get to grips with the Italian traffic on your way to the hotel. After check-in, maybe try your first 'gelato' or ice-cream before meeting your Tour Director later this afternoon for a Welcome Drink.

Hotel: Aran Mantegna (3 nights)

Day 3 - Rome sightseeing

On our guided tour we visit the Vatican Museums and are amazed by Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, before visiting inside the vast St. Peter's Basilica. Later we overlook the Roman Forum and visit the Colosseum where the gladiators fought to the death! This evening we learn how to make real Italian pizza and get to eat it too! (Buffet breakfast / Dinner)

Day 4 - Rome at leisure

Maybe have your picture painted in Piazza Navona, throw coins in the Trevi Fountain, discover the 'Mouth of Truth' or visit Rome's Water Park, Hydromania. (Buffet breakfast)

Day 5 - Rome - Assisi - Florence (3 nights)

First to Assisi where we enjoy a guided visit of the town dedicated to St. Francis, patron saint of birds and animals. Later we drive on to Florence, the artistic city where the decoration of leather with gold leaf still continues. (Buffet breakfast)

Hotel: Astoria Boscolo (3 nights)

Day 6 - Florence sightseeing

Our guided walking tour features the magnificent cathedral, the famous baptistery and the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's original statue of David plus we get the chance to taste some delicious and refreshing flavours of ice cream! (Buffet breakfast)

Day 7 - Florence - Excursion to Pisa

Make sure your camera and phone are charged today as we get to see the incredible leaning Tower of Pisa in the cleverly named Square of the Miracles! Tonight we enjoy a special dinner in a typical Tuscan restaurant – sitting outdoors - with beautiful views across the olive groves and vineyards. (Buffet breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

Day 8 - Florence - Bologna - Venice (3 nights)

We drive through the forested Apennine hills and stop in the home of 'spaghetti bolognese', Bologna.

Later, we cross the wide River Po en route to Venice, the magical city originally constructed on wooden piles in the middle of the lagoon. (Buffet breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre (3 nights)

Day 9 - Venice - Canal Cruise & Orientation

Our private cruise takes us to St. Mark's Square where we see the Bridge of Sighs, where condemned prisoners caught their last glimpse of the city, the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica and the Campanile. We watch how glass is blown and then have the chance to learn about the Venetian tradition of Carnival masks and paint and decorate one of our own! Later maybe there is time to take a ride on a gondola, propelled by the skillful gondolier – great way to see all the little canals and really ancient buildings. (Buffet breakfast)

Day 10 - Secret Venice walking tour & visit to the market

We cruise along the Grand Canal to Rialto Bridge where our tour begins with a visit to the colourful fish market, before exploring many hidden parts of the city. Tonight we enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (Buffet breakfast / Farewell Dinner)

Day 11- Venice - USA

Ciao Italia! Time to start on our way home with fantastic memories of our Italian vacation as we say 'arrivederci' to our Tour Director. (Buffet breakfast)

Free airport transfers:

Transfer times on Day 1 at Rome Fiumicino Airport will operate at 09.30, 12.30, and 15.30. Passengers arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers on the last touring day will arrive at Venice's Marco Polo Airport at 08.00.

Gladiators, Gondolas and Gold 2010 What's Included

Sightseeing Highlights

- **Rome:** Guided visit of the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. See the Roman Forum. Receive a book about all the great iconic sights both past and present.
- **Florence:** Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, the tombs of Italy's great men. Guided visit of the Academy of Fine Arts including Michelangelo's David. A chance to taste Italian ice cream.
- **Pisa:** See the Leaning Tower.
- **Venice:** Canal cruise, Guided walking tour of 'Secret Venice'. See St. Mark's Square, the Byzantine Basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Decorate your own Venetian mask.
- **Assisi:** Guided visit of St. Francis' Basilica. St. Francis is the saint of birds and animals.
- **Bologna:** Home of Spaghetti Bolognese. Guided tour and 'the kissing towers'.

Meals

- 9 hot buffet breakfasts
- 2 three-course dinners
- Highlight Dinner in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Florence
- Farewell Dinner with drinks in Venice

Total 13 Meals (See Itinerary)

Travel Highlights

- First Class hotel accommodation includes twin-bedded rooms with private facilities, all hotel service charges, local taxes, baggage handling and hotel tips are included.
- Touring by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats.
- Trafalgar's top professional Tour Director.
- A qualified local city guide in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Bologna and Venice.
- Airport transfers are provided on Day 1 and Day 10, conditions apply.

Dates & Rates

- Definite departures have already been confirmed as departing and only limited space is available.
- Any departures with a 'LMD' icon are Last Minute Deals which are discounted for a limited time only.

| Departs On | Returns On | Land Price |
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| Thu, Apr 01, 2010 | Sun, Apr 11, 2010 | US\$2525.00 |
| Thu, Jun 10, 2010 | Sun, Jun 20, 2010 | US\$2599.00 |
| Thu, Jun 17, 2010 | Sun, Jun 27, 2010 | US\$2525.00 |
| Thu, Jun 24, 2010 | Sun, Jul 04, 2010 | US\$2525.00 |
| Thu, Jul 01, 2010 | Sun, Jul 11, 2010 | US\$2465.00 |
| Thu, Jul 08, 2010 | Sun, Jul 18, 2010 | US\$2465.00 |
| Thu, Jul 15, 2010 | Sun, Jul 25, 2010 | US\$2435.00 |
| Thu, Jul 22, 2010 | Sun, Aug 01, 2010 | US\$2435.00 |
| Thu, Jul 29, 2010 | Sun, Aug 08, 2010 | US\$2435.00 |
| Thu, Aug 05, 2010 | Sun, Aug 15, 2010 | US\$2435.00 |
| Thu, Aug 12, 2010 | Sun, Aug 22, 2010 | US\$2435.00 |

* For earlier departures than listed below please contact your travel agent.

** For single travelers purchasing the twin-share option, please note that there is a no smoking policy in all shared rooms.

*** All prices are per person, twin share

For details on discounts that apply to this tour please contact your travel agent.

The displayed prices are based on twin-share accommodation. A single supplement price is available on request.

- These prices are correct at the time of the website going live, however are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.
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