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ITINERARY

Day 1 - Depart Home

Your Italian adventure begins as you depart on your international flight.

Day 2 - Arrive in Milan

Our representative will meet you at the airport in Milan. Then, begin your time in Italy with a stop overlooking Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake. Continue to Verona, home to Roman ruins and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Finish the day at your hotel in Verona.

Day 3 - Venice

Travel by boat to the magical city of Venice. Rising between sea and sky, this fascinating city boasts waterways and boats instead of roads and cars, it comprises 118 islands separated by more than 150 canals. Stand in the Piazza San Marco, bordered on three sides by palatial arcades in two tiers and faced on the other by the Basilica of St. Mark, one of the world's most magnificent churches. Tour the Basilica with its treasure of marble and gold background mosaics. From the square, you can see the famous Bell Tower and the Clock Tower, as well as the charming pink and white Doges' Palace. After seeing the romantic Bridge of Sighs, enjoy free time to explore on your own. You can shop, stroll along the bridges and canals, or even indulge in a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. Return to your hotel in Verona for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Pisa and Lucca

Travel to Pisa and snap your photo in front of the famous Leaning Tower. This 180-foot-tall round tower is over 10 degrees out of perpendicular. Originally designed to stand straight, it began to lean during its construction in 1173 and corrective efforts failed. Even without its tilt, the building would still be one of the most remarkable bell towers in all of Europe. Wander the medieval walled city of Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini. Each of the walls is lined with a different species of tree, and together they encompass a town full of medieval churches. Check into your hotel in Montecatini Terme for three nights.

Day 5 - Florence

The elegant city of Florence is nestled between a line of hills and the banks of the Arno River. During your visit to Florence, enjoy the beautiful gardens and a leisurely stroll through the open-air markets. Every street, square and winding alley is a showcase for Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance grandeur. Among Florence's masterpieces, you'll see the Piazza Della Signoria with its Neptune Fountain and Vecchio Palace, the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, which houses Michelangelo's unfinished Pietá, the Baptistry, which features Ghiberti's famous Gates of Paradise, and the Academy, where you can view some of Michelangelo's finished and unfinished work, including the awe-inspiring David.

Day 6 - San Gimignano & Siena

This morning, travel to one of the most charming and picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano. Magical medieval towers dominate the town, once numbering more than 70, only 14 towers remain today. Beautiful Siena is built across several hills and valleys. The focal point of the city is the shell-shaped town square, which is both a meeting place and marketplace. It is also the venue for the town's famous horse race known as the "Palio."



EXTENSION

Day 7 - Assisi

Your journey continues as you travel to Assisi, the charming medieval town once home to Saint Francis. Just two years after his death, the large Basilica was started in his memory. At one time, the land on which the church now stands was an execution ground for condemned criminals. In his humility, Saint Francis asked to be buried there, and it became known as the Hill of Paradise. The church contains his tomb and many great works of art. Finish your day by checking into your hotel in Rome for your three-night stay.

Day 8 - Ancient Rome

History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other place on earth. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. See the Circus Maximus, Arch of Titus, famous Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Constantine, and the Victor Emanuel Monument. View the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood, which spreads over three of her seven hills. In the afternoon, explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi.

Day 9 - Vatican City & Christian Rome

Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, tour St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Tour the Catacombs of St. Sebastino and see some of the only surviving examples of early Christian art. In the 1840s, Pope Gregory XVI took steps to preserve the catacombs and their treasures. Visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which stands over the place where Constantine built the first church (over St. Paul's grave), before returning to your hotel to begin packing for your return journey home.

Day 10 - Return Home or Enjoy the Optional Amalfi Coast Extension



Amalfi Coast
Starting at \$1,598*

Day 10 - Sorrento

Travel to Castel Gandolfo, the pope's summer residence. The Romans also preferred this area in the summer to get out of the heat. Enjoy the incredible beauty of this region as your bus travels to Sorrento. You will be in awe of the dramatic cliff-top drive that leads to your hotel. During your three-night stay, you'll have time to discover the colorful ambiance of this delightful town and enjoy the view of Mt. Vesuvius.

Day 11 - Amalfi Coast

The Amalfi Coast is considered to be one of Italy's finest! You will be enchanted by the rich hues of the blue-green sea, the tiny mystical islands, and the pastel colored cottages gathered around tiny harbors! Have your camera ready to capture one breathtaking view after another! Snap a photo of the famous village of Positano, which has graced a thousand postcards and charmed at least three generations of travelers. Visit the town of Amalfi, a must for every visitor! A glorious maritime republic from the 9th to 12th centuries, the town is famous as the place where the compass was invented and boasts a splendid Duomo in Arab-Norman style. Time permitting, you'll stop at the village of Vietri Sul Mar, home of Amalfi Coast ceramic factories, which produce the colorful tiles that decorate every church tower in the area.

Day 12 - Capri

Enjoy a boat ride to the lovely Isle of Capri, which has enticed visitors for thousands of years. Today, you will have the opportunity to savor its beauty and be captivated by the fabulous views and elegant shops.

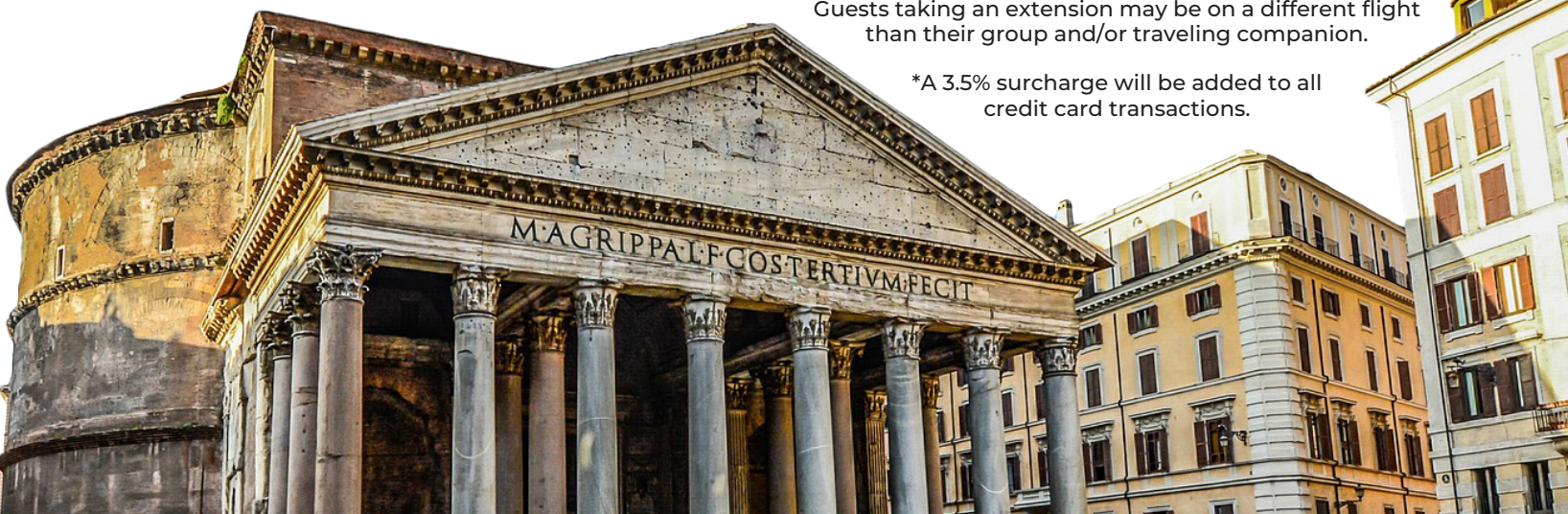
Day 13 - Pompeii

You will visit the spectacular ruins in Pompeii, which were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1,500 years until 1748. Excavations continue today and provide insight into life during the Roman Empire. Continue to the Rome area for dinner and overnight.

Day 14 - Return to the USA with wonderful memories to share!

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.

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 March 5 \$3,998*
 July 30 \$4,748*
 November 5 \$4,198*

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YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing
- Round-trip International Airfare from New York
Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
- Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes
Subject to change
- Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees
- Daily Breakfast & Dinner, Deluxe Motorcoaches
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\$150	\$125
11 Months Prior to Departure	10 Months Prior to Departure
\$100	\$75
9 Months Prior to Departure	8 Months Prior to Departure
\$50	\$25
7 Months Prior to Departure	6 Months Prior to Departure

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.



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Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages

Part A *	Maximum Benefit
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$150 Per Day)	\$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

Additional Cancellation Protection
 When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Tours Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be reimbursed in cash or in travel vouchers (depending on your reason for cancellation). Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website (www.eo.travel). **Plan costs must be paid in addition to the initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.**

Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. **Part B** - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. *In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

Conditions and Limitations

The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. *The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistance@tripmate.com. The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. This advertisement contains highlights of the plans developed by Trip Mate Inc., which include travel insurance coverages underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Principal Office located in Morristown, New Jersey, under form series 17000, 7210 et al and TP-401 et al, and non-insurance Travel Assistance Services provided by General Global Assistance and FootprintID9 and a non-insurance Cancellation Waiver provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. The terms of insurance coverages in the plans may vary by jurisdiction and not all insurance coverages are available in all jurisdictions. Insurance coverages in these plans are subject to terms, limitations and exclusions including an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions. In most states, your travel retailer is not a licensed insurance producer/agent, and is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms, benefits, exclusions and conditions of the insurance offered or to evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance coverage. Your travel retailer may be compensated for the purchase of a plan and may provide general information about the plans offered, including a description of the coverage and price. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from your travel retailer. CA DOI toll free number is 800-927-4557. The cost of your plan is for the entire plan, which consists of both insurance and non-insurance components. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Trip Mate, Inc. (dba Trip Mate Insurance in CA and UT; CA license #0805270); P.O. Box 527, Hazelwood, MO 63042; 1-833-297-2255; assistance@tripmate.com. While Trip Mate, Inc. markets the travel insurance in these plans on behalf of USF, non-insurance components of the plans were added to the plans by Trip Mate, Inc., and Trip Mate, Inc. does not receive compensation from USF for providing the non-insurance components of the plans.

Program Conditions

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Administrative fee
- Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Daily Breakfast and Dinner • Hotel gratuities
- Program fees • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Govt. Taxes \$98 (increases in govt. tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
- Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Visa for non-US citizens • Optional Amalfi Coast Extension
- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents
- Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Prices per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$598 during the basic tour. \$498 for Amalfi Coast Extension.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$100*	Registrations received by more than 10 months prior to departure. *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 6 months prior to departure.
\$300**	Registrations received 6-10 months prior to departure. **Additional \$300 deposit due 6 months prior to departure.
\$600	Registrations received between 6 months to 106 days prior to departure.
\$1,200	2nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account 105 days prior to departure to be ticketed
\$1,800	Registrations received between 105-76 days prior to departure must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment	Final Payment is due 75 days prior to departure. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 105 days prior to departure to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure. Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received 59 days prior to departure or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to your trip. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.eo.travel.com/travel-info/airline-fees.aspx.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 02/20/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel services to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world. Educational Opportunities Tours is the tour operator and is solely responsible for the travel program. Educational Opportunities Tours is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST24130. CST2027682-40.