



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## Pre-Departure Itinerary

## Venice, Florence & Rome

### Italiano Classico

**Saturday, November 14 - Sunday, November 22, 2009**

This November vacation is a true classic—a great introduction to three of Italy's most extraordinary cities.. Begin in **Venice** with accommodations steps away from St. Mark's Square and dinner with wine at a local restaurant. Your guided walking tour the next morning is followed by some free time so you may explore on your own. Don't forget to hit the markets and jewelry shops! **Florence** is your next stop complete with dinner and wine at a local restaurant. Enjoy a walking tour of central Florence and start marking the Renaissance monuments off your list. Make sure your list includes a visit to the **Uffizi Gallery** or **Accademia** and revel in Florence's artistic masterpieces. A bonus on this holiday is a stop in the famous medieval city of **Siena**; boasting one of the world's most unique piazzas—**Il Campo**—shaped like a seashell with scalloped edges. Once in **Rome** you'll enjoy a panoramic coach tour to acquaint you with the city's signature sights and sounds. To round off your week you'll have a whole day in Rome to continue sightseeing, wandering, shopping and people watching

#### Your itinerary at a glance

<b>Day 1</b>	Overnight flight from Boston
<b>Days 2-3</b>	Albergo San Marco, Venice
<b>Days 4-5</b>	Hotel Cellai, Florence
<b>Days 6-8</b>	Hotel Milani, Rome
<b>Day 9</b>	Return flight to Boston

#### Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Alitalia flights from Boston to Venice via Rome and Rome to Boston
- Seven nights' 3-star accommodations
- Ten meals: 7 breakfast, 3 dinners
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance
- Services of professional local tour manager

#### Highlights

Half-day guided walking tour of Venice, half-day guided walking tour of Florence, visit to Siena, half-day guided excursion to Vatican City, half-day guided panoramic motorcoach tour of Rome

#### Accommodations

##### ALBERGO SAN MARCO - VENICE

Piazza a San Marco Ponte dei Dai 877, Venice

Tel: 011 39 041520 4277

Fax: 011 39 041 523-8447

##### HOTEL CELLAI – FLORENCE

Via 27 April 14, 50129, Firenze

Tel: 011 39 055 489 291

Fax: 011 39 055 470 387

##### HOTEL MILANI – ROME

Via Magenta 12, Rome

Tel: 011 39 064 457 051

#### Rates

**\$1,659** per person double occupancy

**\$2,029** for single reservations

Triple accommodations may be available upon request.

Add \$395 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

## DAILY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Evening departure from Boston to Venice via Alitalia Airlines. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

### Day 2: Flight to Venice

Continental breakfast will be served before landing. Clear immigration and proceed to your connecting flight to Venice. Retrieve your luggage and clear customs. You will be met by your local Tour Manager, who will assist with the transfer, by private motorboat, to St. Mark's Square and the Albergo San Marco. Check in and receive

room assignment. The afternoon is free to relax and get acquainted with your new surroundings. Dinner this evening will be at a local restaurant. **(D)**

### **Day 3: Venice**

After breakfast follow your local guide on a walking tour of Venice. You will visit the Piazza San Marco, the lively heart of the "Serenissima," which is surrounded on three sides by historical buildings with arcaded facades. The afternoon and evening are free to discover Venice on your own. Stroll to the Rialto Bridge market to shop for bargains and souvenirs. For sheer romance, try a Gondola ride on the Grand Canal. **(B)**

### **Days 4: Venice – Florence**

After breakfast you depart for Florence. Upon arrival you'll be treated to dinner with wine at a local restaurant. Overnight is at the Hotel Cellai. **(B, D)**

### **Day 5: Florence**

After breakfast, meet your guide for a walking tour of Florence. This wonderful town flourished under the rule of the Medici Family who were not only clever bankers, but also generous patrons of the arts. Many great artists like Michelangelo and Brunelleschi lived and worked in Florence and left their mark here. Your tour features the Duomo, with its distinct colored marble and topped by the "Cupola" by Brunelleschi, symbol of the Renaissance architecture. Admire the Bell tower by Giotto and the Baptistery with the famous "Gate of Paradise" by Lorenzo Ghiberti. The afternoon is at leisure to continue exploration on your own. Dinner this evening is on your own to explore the specialties of Florence. Overnight is at the Hotel Cellai. **(B)**

### **Day 6: Florence – Rome**

After breakfast you'll depart for Rome. Along the way you'll stop in the medieval town of Siena and visit its unique piazza Il Campo. Continue on the Rome and arrive at the Hotel Milani in the late afternoon. After check in at the hotel you are free for the evening. **(B)**

### **Day 7: Rome**

This morning you will have a panoramic view of Rome by coach featuring Piazza Venezia with the Victor Emanuel Memorial, Trajans' Column and market, the Roman and Imperial Forum, the Palatine Hill, the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the Church of St Peter in Chains. The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring on your own. Tonight choose from thousands of Roman restaurants to enjoy dinner on your own. **(B)**

### **Day 8: Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is a full day at leisure to enjoy the Eternal City and continue exploring on your own. A few ideas: stroll the Via Veneto and savor a cappuccino at one of the sidewalk cafes' then on to the Spanish Steps just around the corner. Don't forget to toss your coins in the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome. You can also shop for bargains at the designer boutiques of Via Dei Condotti, Via Frattina and Via del Corso. The possibilities are endless. A farewell dinner with wine is included this evening at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

### **Day 9: Return to Boston**

Morning coach transfer to Rome airport for your return flight to Boston. **(B)**

***Proof of Citizenship*** is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid Passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveller.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure. Flight schedules are approximate, and will not be guaranteed until 30 days prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*