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Reflections of Italy

with Optional 3 Night Taormina Pre Tour Extension

April 28 May 7, 2025



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10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Michelangelo's *David*, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island, Lake Como

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome
Day 4	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 5, 6	Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
Days 7, 8	Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice
Day 9	Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, Como

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Monday, April 28, 2025 Overnight Flight Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Rome On a locally guided tour of the Vatican Museums* explore the Papal palace housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt along with works by great Renaissance masters such as Perugino, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant Last Judgement. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Later this afternoon, take in views of the River Tiber, the Circus Maximus and the Colosseum during a panoramic drive back to your hotel. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, May 1, 2025 Rome - Assisi - Perugia Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the Piazza IV Novembre or visiting medieval palaces and elegant cathedrals. (B)

Day 5: Friday, May 2, 2025 Perugia - Cortona - Florence Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and medieval architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence – the "Cradle of the Renaissance" – and visit the world-famous Academy Gallery* to see Michelangelo's *David*. (B)

Day 6: Saturday, May 3, 2025 Florence This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on a walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistry, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

Day 7: Sunday, May 4, 2025 Florence - Venice Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the Apennine Mountains toward the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L, D)



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For bookings made after Oct 29, 2024 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Des Moines Municipal Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from DSM

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590; Business Class \$3,990

• * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Monday, May 5, 2025 Venice See Venice from the water and take a boat** to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic center of Venice and see the Castello district with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the opulent façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime – a serenaded gondola ride. (B)

villas, lush gardens, and colorful villages reflected in the lake's blue waters. Enjoy some time at leisure to explore Bellagio's charms before sailing back to Como where you check into your hotel in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 Venice - Lake Como This morning, you'll be whisked across the plains of northern Italy to the shores of glamorous Lake Como. During a ferry ride to alluring Bellagio, admire the endless succession of historic

Day 10: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Lake Como - Tour Ends
Your journey comes to a close in Como this morning. (B)

Experience It! Assisi

Experience the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here you'll discover a blend of Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and beautiful churches that make this a must-see destination. Once a pilgrimage site and historical treasure, Assisi offers you the chance to return to another time. With a history that stretches back to 1000 B.C. (predating the Roman Empire), the town rests among the gently rolling hills of Umbria. Marvel at the Basilica of San Francesco, find an out-of-the-way shop, look out at the stunning landscape, or sit and relax at a quiet café.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Taormina Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,499.00 USD double, \$1,699.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1261965>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Oct 29, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. On this tour, some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Venice and Florence which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. Large crowds are to be expected in Rome, the Vatican Museums, Florence and Venice. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Travel with a group size of an average of 37 travelers, up to a maximum of 44 travelers.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. Academy tickets are not guaranteed and subject to availability. On the occasion that tickets are not available, you will visit receive the Ghiberti Pass, which offers entrance to 3 major sites in Florence. The pass includes the entry to the interior of the Baptistery, the access to the excavations of the ancient basilica of Santa Reparata under the cathedral, and the admission to the Opera del Duomo Museum, which houses the Baptistery's original gilded bronze doors by Ghiberti, known as the Gates of Paradise, along with sculptures by Michelangelo and Donatello, and a terrace offering grand views of Brunelleschi's Dome.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our air travelers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Lake Como to Milan airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.



IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

******On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

Modest dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Academy Gallery Museum. Due to heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm). While cloakrooms are available they are not secured and in some instances such as the Vatican Museums, your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 22, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 28, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until October 29, 2024.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1261965>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**



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 DEPARTURE DATE: April 28, 2025 GROUP NAME: Des Moines Area Community College Foundation

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Florence

Tuscan Feast

\$90 USD

This evening, set off on a scenic drive to nearby Galluzzo, famous for its Carthusian monastery which rests upon one of the beautiful hills surrounding Florence. Prior to dinner, enjoy an after-hours visit to this 14th-century monastery – La Certosa.* Revel in the beauty that lurks inside and experience the monastery’s magnificence as you learn about monastic daily life. Then your evening of fun continues at one of the area’s most popular dining establishments. Experience an authentic and traditional dinner served family-style! Savor local wines and Tuscan food and enjoy the entertainment. It’s a memorable – truly Italian – evening out that you won’t want to miss! *Visit to the monastery may not be possible when weddings are taking place. Gratuities are included. *Duration: Approximately 4.5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Venice

Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise

\$75 USD

Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways. Partake in one of Venice’s most famous pastimes – a gondola cruise. Take a pleasant stroll toward the Grand Canal to board your gondola. As you relax in your elegant watercraft, your gondolier navigates the Grand Canal as well as smaller side canals. Admire the scenery as you listen to the melodic voice serenading you in true Italian style – just like in those romantic Italian movies! This option operates weather-permitting. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Rome

Roman Serenade

\$100 USD

Enjoy a pleasant serenade with dinner in Trastevere, a charming, bohemian district where Rome’s locals often frequent. Indulge in a hearty, traditionally Roman menu, complete with wine. As you savor the delicious tastes of Italy, talented performers entertain you with folk songs. This lively, fun-filled evening will be an unforgettable part of your visit to Rome and an engaging immersion into Italian culture. *Duration: Approximately 4 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 4/28/2025 TERRITORY: M9
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Reflections of Italy

For Reservations Contact: Collette (800) 581-8942, Please Refer to Booking #1261965

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590 Business Class \$3,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class, or First Class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$549 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "3-Night Taormina" () Yes () No

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Tuscan Feast <i>*Visit to the monastery may not be possible when weddings are taking place. Gratuities are included.</i>	90.00
	Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise <i>This option operates weather-permitting.</i>	75.00
	Roman Serenade	100.00

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Optional 5 Days 3-Night Taormina Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,499.00 USD double, \$1,699.00 USD single, land & air inclusive
4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Sicily – an island paradise nestled amongst the deep blue waves of the Mediterranean.

Day 2: Taormina, Sicily - Tour Begins

Arrive at the Catania airport and transfer to Taormina, a seaside hub of ancient Greek theaters and hilly walkways. Settle into your new home for a 3-night stay in this Sicilian gem perched high above the Mediterranean Sea. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Taormina - Walking Tour - Afternoon at Leisure

Uncover Taormina's charms in company of an expert local guide. During your walking tour, you'll see Corso Umberto, the imposing Corvaja Palace, and the city's well-preserved Greek theatre. Walk in the footsteps of ancient attendees and take in an unparalleled viewpoint of the adjacent ocean. Spend the afternoon on your own. Perhaps you'll grab a bite to eat at a sidewalk café, or peruse the local boutiques for handcrafted souvenirs. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Taormina - Mount Etna - Taormina

See Sicily's wilder side on an off-road adventure to Mount Etna. Stare up at the iconic peak as your off-road vehicle climbs along the sides of Europe's largest active volcano. Spend the day exploring this legendary giant, passing by lava formations and basalt rocks. Back in Taormina, enjoy an evening at leisure in this enchanting resort town. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 5: Taormina - Rome

Say *Arrivederci* to Taormina as you transfer to the Catania airport for your flight to Rome. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

A **Hosted Extension** is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

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An additional air segment is required for this extension, quoted at time of booking. Additional air charges may apply.