

JEWISH HERITAGE ITALY

MAY 11 - 22, 2011



ITINERARY

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Depart the USA for Italy. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey.

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Arrival in Rome airport. After clearing customs and immigration, we will meet our tour escort. Then, we board a private motor coach and drive into the Eternal City of Rome enjoying a panoramic tour en route. After checking into our hotel, you will have time to relax and recover from the flight, or you can venture into the city for a little independent exploration. Your tour manager can help with suggestions on where to go. Tonight, before dinner, we enjoy a walking tour of the Jewish Ghetto and synagogue with our tour manager to work up an appetite and get into the spirit. Our welcome dinner, including wine, will be in a typical Jewish restaurant in the heart of Jewish Rome. Roman Jewish culinary tradition is very old and very rich.

Overnight: Rome Ponte Sisto Hotel or similar (D)

Friday, May 13, 2011

After breakfast at the hotel, we have a private transfer to the Vatican for a visit of the Museums, with a "Jewish twist". (Tour based on the book *The Sistine Secrets: Michelangelo's Forbidden Messages in the Heart of the Vatican*). After some free time for lunch on your own, continue this afternoon with a guided tour of Rome's city center: Forum and Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, etc.

Overnight: Rome Ponte Sisto Hotel or similar (B)

Saturday, May 14, 2011

This morning we leave Rome and drive to Ostia. Located at the mouth of the Tiber River, this town was a major port for Rome in ancient times. The synagogue of Ostia Antica is not only among the oldest in Europe but also one of the oldest in the world. Next, drive north to the renaissance city of Florence, your base for the next three nights. This evening, dinner is included at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Florence Hotel Villa Carlotta or similar (B, D)

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Full day tour of Florence with a local guide. You will start the day with Jewish interest sites including the beautiful synagogue, then on to visit the Academia and famous David statue as well as a guided visit of the exclusive Uffizi gallery.

Overnight: Florence Hotel Villa Carlotta or similar (B)

Monday, May 16, 2011

This morning we leave Florence and drive to the walled city of Siena. Enjoy a guided visit of the Jewish sites, and some free time. Return to Florence in the afternoon with time to explore the Ponte Vecchio, stroll this artistic city and maybe do some shopping.

Overnight: Florence Hotel Villa Carlotta or similar (B)

Escorted Tour Includes:

- 10 nights in superior 4 star hotels
Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice overnights plus visit Pisa, Siena, Ferrara and more
- 10 Breakfasts and 5 Dinners
Welcome & Farewell dinners include wine
- Group arrival and departure transfers
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager from departure to return
- Expert local guides with in depth knowledge of Jewish sites and history
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- A Brit Olom Tours professional will escort you throughout this special tour
- Porterage of one piece per person on arrival and departure at each hotel

Special Features:

- Custom Jewish Heritage itinerary
- Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel, Rome
- Forum & Colosseum, Rome
- Ostia Synagogue
- Michelangelo's David and Uffizi Gallery, Florence
- Doge's Palace and island of Murano, Venice

PACKAGE PRICING

Land Only

\$3499 per person double occupancy
\$899 single supplement

Airfare

\$1070* per person from Miami
call for alternate gateways

Pre and post packages available

Group Travel Insurance is recommended.

Call for rates.

* Air taxes and fees \$130 additional and subject to change

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ITINERARY CONTINUED

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Pisa. On arrival, view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, the Duomo, and the Monumental Cemetery. The four monuments of this extraordinary piazza make for a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Of course, we will also visit the synagogue. Then, finally, drive to Bologna. Dinner at a good local restaurant in Bologna to sample some of the reasons why this is the culinary capital of the peninsula.

Overnight: Bologna Hotel NH Bologna De La Gare or similar (B, D)

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Morning guided tour of Bologna with a focus on Jewish interests. You will also visit the old produce market. It is the only one in Italy remaining in a city center and functioning since the Middle Ages. There, you will be amazed by the numerous Italian food stuffs, further proof that Bologna is the seat of Italian gastronomy. After some free time for lunch, drive to Carpi, site of Jewish deportations during WWII. Return to Bologna by early evening.

Overnight: Bologna Hotel NH Bologna De La Gare or similar (B)

Thursday, May 19, 2011

This morning we will head north to Ferrara, rich in Jewish heritage dating back many centuries. The ghetto area has remained mostly intact, and is now a pedestrian area complete with historical markers and local businesses. The Community Building in Ferrara was built as early as 1481 (and possibly earlier). The city's Addizione Erculea Jewish cemetery goes back to the 15th century and is the final resting place for writer Giorgio Bassani, author of The Garden of the Finzi-Continis. From here we will drive to Venice to check in to the hotel and prepare for a lovely dinner at a local establishment.

Overnight: Venice Papadopoli Hotel or similar (B, D)

Friday, May 20, 2011

Morning guided tour of Jewish Venice with its important synagogues. Venice is

the first city in history to have set private Jewish quarters and coined the word "ghetto". After sailing to the island of Murano to witness the world renowned art of glassblowing, enjoy a guided tour of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. Overnight: Venice Papadopoli Hotel or similar (B)

Saturday, May 21, 2011

Full day at leisure to wander around Venice and explore the canals and alleys at your own pace. Tonight we will gather for a special farewell dinner including wine.

Overnight: Venice Papadopoli Hotel or similar (B, D)

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Non-refundable Deposit of \$300 per person.
Final payment due on or before March 11, 2011.
Payments: all major credit cards accepted.
Minimum tour participation required
Single Accommodations are on a request basis and subject to availability.

Cancellation Penalty
up to 61 days prior to departure: \$300 per person
60 to 31 days prior to departure: 50% of land cost plus 100% of air cost per person
30 days or less prior to departure/ no-show: 100% of all services per person

- RESERVATION COUPON



Please fill out, detach, and mail with deposit.

Jewish Heritage Italy
May 11 - 22, 2011
(Ref #330421)

Please reserve space for _____ person(s) x \$300 non-refundable deposit.

ALL NAMES MUST APPEAR AS THEY ARE ON YOUR PASSPORT

Full Name: _____

Names must appear exactly as it does on your Passport.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Optional Travel Insurance: Yes No

Pre-tour request Yes No Land option city/cities _____ Cruise _____

Post-tour request Yes No Land option city/cities _____ Cruise _____

Deposit amount to be charged _____

Or deposit amount by enclosed check _____

Cardholder (print name): _____

(If not one of the traveling Passenger(s), Card Holder must submit a copy of the front and back of the card)

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Type of Card: Visa Mastercard American Express Discover

Charge final payment to this credit card on March 11, 2011

Address if different from above: _____

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I/We have read the Terms & Conditions and agree to its terms.

(Signature) _____

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