UW Waukesha Italy

MAY 12 – 21, 2015

ITINERARY

May 12 – USA – ROME
Depart the U.S. to Rome.

May 13 – ROME
After arrival in Rome meet your guide who will guide you to your waiting motor coach. On the way to your hotel your guide will point out some of the famous sights of Rome like the Quirinale Palace, once the residence of kings and popes, fashionable Via Veneto, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain. Your tour ends with a visit of the Coliseum. Check into your hotel. Your welcome dinner tonight will be served in a local restaurant within walking distance of your hotel.

May 14 – ROME
Meet your guide for a tour of the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peters Basilica. The remainder of the day is free for shopping or to visit some of the other exciting sights of Rome.

May 15 – ROME
Morning departure to Pompeii where Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. and buried the city under a thick layer of ash. The city was rediscovered in 1748. Visit the excavations. Today lunch and the visit of a Cameo factory/workshop is included. Return to Rome for overnight.

May 16 – ROME – SIENA
Depart Rome and drive into the heart of the Tuscany. Your destination today is Siena.

May 17 –SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO - FLORENCE
Morning guided walking tour of Siena. Stroll over the Piazza del Campo, see the scallop shaped town square and visit the magnificent Cathedral. After your tour continue to another jewel of the Tuscany, the charming city of San Gimignano, almost untouched since the middle ages. After some time on your own continue to Florence.
May 18 – FLORENCE
Morning walking tour of Florence also called the City of the Renaissance. You will enjoy Santa Groce Church, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Academia, home of Michelangelo’s famous statue of David. Balance of the day at leisure.

May 19 – FLORENCE – PISA – VENICE
First stop this morning is Pisa, home of the leaning tower. Take some pictures and continue to Venice.

May 20 – VENICE
Meet your local guide and walk through the old quarters incl. St. Mark’s Square, St. Mark’s Cathedral, the tragic Bridge of Sighs and the Doges Palace. Your tour also includes a visit to the island of Murano famous for its glassblowing tradition.

May 21 – VENICE - USA
Today it is time to say "Arrivederci" when you board your transfer to the airport and return flight to the U.S.