

# ITALY Fantasia North Italy, (10D/9N)

Rome – Assisi – Siena – Florence – Bologna – Padova – Venice – Milan – Lake Orta – Stresa – Como – Bellagio – Varenna – Bergamo – Brescia – Sirmione – Riva Del Garda – Verona – Milan

# **Operated every Sunday from May till October, 2014**

## Flight details: Alitalia

AZ 827: BEY – FCO / 04.25 – 07.00 AZ1023 : MXP – FCO / 19.00 – 20.15 AZ 826: FCO – BEY / 21.50 – 02.10+1

#### Included

- Round trip transfers: airport hotel airport
- 9-night accommodation at 4\* hotels centrally located
- Meals: daily breakfast , 2 dinners, 1 lunch
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach as per the program
- Entrance fees to Museums
- Assistance of our representative in Italy

#### Excluded

- Round trip ticket to Rome and return from Milan
- Airport taxes
- Travel insurance
- Visa charge
- Optional tours
- All other expenses
- City tax to be paid by clients directly to the hotel

### Prices are per person in Euro:

DEPARTURES 2014	4-star hotels			
	TPL	DBL	SGL	1CHD (2-6)
MAY: 11 - 25	€ 1,880	€ 1,930	€ 2,565	TBA
<b>JUNE:</b> 8 – 15 – 22	€ 1,880	€ 1,930	€ 2,565	TBA
<b>JULY:</b> 6 – 20	€ 1,820	€ 1,850	€ 2,445	TBA
<b>AUGUST</b> : 17 – 24	€ 1,820	€ 1,860	€ 2,515	TBA
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> : 14 – 28	€ 1,890	€ 1,955	€ 2,625	TBA
<b>OCTOBER</b> : 12 – 26	€ 1,845	€ 1,895	€ 2,495	TBA

Above rates are subject to change without prior notice During trade fairs in Milan Supplement of € 150 per person and overnight outside Milan

#### Selected hotels: (or similar)

Nights	Region / City	4-star	
1	ROME	Diana 4*	
2	FLORENCE	Mediterraneo 4*	
1	VENICE	Carlton Grand Canal 4*	
1	MILAN	NH Touring 4*	
1	COMO	Albergo Le Due Corti 4*	
1	BRESCIA	NH Brescia 4*	
1	VERONA	Hotel Mastino 4*	
1	MILAN	NH Touring 4*	



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# **Detailed Itinerary:**

**DAY 1: BEIRUT – ROME** Upon arrival to Rome, meet and transfer to the hotel for overnight

#### DAY 2: ROME - ASSISI - SIENA - FLORENCE

A.M. Departure for **Assisi**, the mystic town of Saint Francis still surrounded by ancient walls Time at leisure to visit the **Basilica of Saint Francis** with its early Renaissance masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue Proceed to **Siena**, the beautiful medieval city renowned for the Palio Continue to the hotel in Florence for dinner and overnight

#### **DAY 3: FLORENCE**

A.M. Departure for a panoramic visit of the beautiful **Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery of St. John and Santa Croce**, the 13<sup>th</sup> century Franciscan church with Cimabue's famous crucifix.

P.M. Free time at leisure or for optional tour of Pisa Dinner and overnight

#### DAY 4: FLORENCE - BOLOGNA - PADOVA - VENICE

A.M. Depart to Bologna where you will wander the elegant arcades, enjoy a walk from Piazza Malpighi to Piazza Nettuno

and Piazza Maggiore, where you find the **Neptune fountain, the King Renzo Palace, Podesta Palace, and the Basilica of San Petronio** (one of the biggest in the world).

P.M. Departure for Padova, to visit the famous **Cathedral of St. Anthony** Continue on to the hotel in Venice for dinner & overnight

#### DAY 5: VENICE - MILAN

After breakfast, departure to Milan, upon arrival you'll have the day to explore this metropolitan city Check-in to hotel

N.B: Up to five people, transfer will be by train

### DAY 6: MILAN - LAKE ORTA - STRESA - COMO

**A.M** Depart to the Lake Orta, a small and charming lake situated in the North-eastern side of the region Piedmont. Stop in the beautiful village of Orta San Giulio for a short visit. Then, tour by boat to reach the island of San Giulio, just in front of the village for a short visit.

Take the ferry back to Orta and departure by bus to Stresa, on Lake Maggiore, one of the largest Italian ones. Arrival in Stresa, an international tourist resort situated in a central but also panoramic and picturesque position along the lakeside roadway, stands just in front of the 'Borromee' islands.

Free time for lunch (not included)

P.M. Tour of the Pescatori Island (Fishermen Island) by boat;

Return to Stresa and depart to Como hotel

#### DAY 7: COMO – BELLAGIO – VARENNA – BERGAMO – BRESCIA

**A.M.** Make a short visit of Como, a small town with amazing natural panoramas of mountains, lake Como, and wild alpine valleys, Brianzola hill, downtown Como, and the small houses in the village. The lake itself, sometimes called lario, has long been famous for its y-shape, its three branches intersecting at Bellagio, where you will visit via boat. Separating the lake's two southern arms with the Alps dominating the horizon to the north, Bellagio is home to the most renowned beach in Italy.

Spend some time strolling into this picturesque village with its small streets, luxury hotels, villas, and gardens Stop for lunch in one of the many cafés in town (not included).

P.M. Back on the boat, and then make your way to Varenna, for a panoramic tour

Move on to Bergamo, for a short walking tour of in the city center

Depart to Brescia, check-in at hotel

#### DAY 8: BRESCIA - SIRMIONE - RIVA DEL GARDA - VERONA

Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, is the next destination.

**A.M.** Panoramic tour of the lake's west coast, taking in the splendid natural scenery: brilliant colors, the Dolomites of Brenta, and the gentle slopes of the Morainic hills. Enjoy the area's rich vegetation, including lemon trees, oleanders, magnolias, and bouganville, that flourishes thanks to the Mediterranean climate. So be sure to taste some of the olive oil and wines made locally.



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Next, you will move on to **Sirmione**, where you will see the **Lake Garda** and its surroundings at their finest. See the sun shining off of the lake's blue waters and tree-lined shores, the Sirmione cape, the castle, and the Catullo's ruins during a boat tour.

Back on land, free time for lunch

**P.M**. Depart to Riva Del Garda on the north side of the lake, see its venetian-style historic center. Arrival to Verona, check in to hotel

#### DAY 9: VERONA – MILAN

Take a walk through its narrow streets will allow you to get in touch with Verona's varied and fascinating past: traces of its splendid roman origins, its medieval structures, its magnificent renaissance palaces, as well as the impressive fortifications protecting it. The combination of art and history will fascinate you. Free time for lunch (not included) before departing for Milan

#### DAY 10: MILAN - BEIRUT

Transfer to Malpensa airport in Milan for departure flight

# **BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

# **PAYMENT CONDITIONS:**

- > 50% down payment upon reservation (non-refundable in any case)
- > 75% payment is required for all bookings done within 15 days prior to departure
- > Balance upon delivering of travel documents

# **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Deposit paid upon reservation:

> 7 days or less prior to departure:

NON-REFUNDABLE FULL PAYMENT