

The Grand Tour Includes

- 11 nights lodgings in superior hotels personally selected by Gina
- 11 Buffet Breakfasts
- 10 Additional Meals with wine
- Happy hours with local wines and cheeses
- Land transportation, museum entrances, first class train transfers, bus passes
- Vaporetto ride on the Grand Canal, Venice
- Saint Mark's Basilica, Venice
- Saint Mark's Square, Venice
- Glassworks of Murano, Venice
- Church walk of Titian and Veronese, Venice
- Piazza della Signoria, Florence
- Santa Croce, Florence
- David of Michelangelo and Accademia, Florence
- San Lorenzo Market, Florence
- The Cathedral Complex, Florence
- The Leather School, Florence
- Roman Forum, Rome
- Coliseum, Rome
- Vatican Museums—Sistine Chapel, Rome
- Basilica of St. Peter, Rome
- Pantheon Walk, Rome
- Trevi Fountain, Rome
- The Spanish Steps, Rome
- Ancient and Medieval Rome
- Balcony of Rome
- A fulltime private bi-lingual escort
- Private guides for venue tours
- Pre-trip orientation
- Educational handouts and literature
- Flexibility in daily schedules

"This trip met and far exceeded our expectations. We had a wonderful time and truly enjoyed you and our tour mates. So many of our experiences were one-of-a-kind which will last a lifetime...We can never find the words to thank you for fulfilling our dreams." Mike & Shelley, La Pine, OR

Why Gina's Italy?

A native speaking, vibrant soul, Gina has roots in this amazing country. Her passion, love, and first hand knowledge of the arts, culture, and landscape exude a natural and contagious enthusiasm. Gina has personally researched activities to insure an authentic experience for the discerning traveler. Gina's Italy provides full day activities, and each day is carefully structured for the finest experience. In addition, each traveler receives personal attention and assistance from a menu translation to a post-card purchase. Each tour is full of unique and authentic experiences, and is designed to create lasting memories for the traveler. Traveling with Gina will allow you to discover Italy...really discover Italy.



"I don't know how to thank you for helping me make a dream come true! This was an incredible trip. You are a pleasure to be around and you have the patience of a saint. Joanne, Downington, PA

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The quiet dream of a lifetime will manifest itself into a marvelous reality when you choose Gina's Italy to accompany you through Italy's classic, venerable cities, Rome, Florence and Venice. Gina will help to create a foreign travel experience for you; an experience which will weave your wishes, desires and vision into the exquisite fabric of your own spirit.



The Grand Tour

For 12 days/11 nights trace the steps of poets, artists, architects, historians, archaeologists, writers and food lovers. See what you have studied in art books and history books with your private escort Gina of Gina's Italy. This inclusive tour shows you how to enjoy the Italians and their ways. Gina shares her multitude of experiences with each participant in the hopes of opening up a new world to adventure. With Gina, the grand tour of these remarkable cities is truly, "**The Grand Tour.**" Not only will you see the cities' well known, magnificent highlights, but in addition Gina will escort you "around the corner," to lesser known, yet equally remarkable sights. Here is a taste of what you can expect!

Days 1-4 Roma (Rome)

Get ready for the "eternal city" of Rome, a city of Caesars, antiquity and piazzas. Begin your stay by meeting your fellow travelers over an aperitivo and snacks. Afterwards enjoy a walking, guided tour to give you an overview of what is to come. While others may dart to and from in a real quandary as to what to see and do, Gina will quietly escort you with expertise and tranquility to the important historic sites you have come to be a part of; your heart, mind and physical being will be at ease and prepared to absorb the magnificence of all which is being offered. Experience the majesty of the Coliseum and the glory of the Roman Forum. Stand in awe at Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel to which he dedicated over 10 years of his life. Oh yes, throw your coin into the Trevi fountain and insure a return trip. While in Rome, "do as the Romans do," and take the time to sit in ancient piazzas and sip wine or a coffee pondering your day's excursions,

and exploring shops and neighborhoods where you may make that serendipitous discovery which will create memories so very personal.

Days 5-8 Firenze (Florence)

While digesting your Roman experience you will be overwhelmed by Florence, "Birthplace of the Italian Renaissance." Walk the medieval streets of artisans, artists and goldsmiths. See the oldest bridge, The Ponte Vecchio. No trip to this jewel box would be complete without a visit to the Accademia, where the David of Michelangelo awaits you. Gina's art history background and complete familiarity with the city will ensure your time in Florence is memorable.

For a bird's eye view of the city take a break and head for Piazzale Michelangelo. Charming piazzas will tug at you to sit, be still, and watch the world go by. Gina will introduce you to shops where you will find the goods of traditional artisans and craftsmen including paper, leather, silks and linens along with Florentine haute fashion.



Days 9-11 Venezia (Venice)

Your "**Grand Tour**" is completed by this truly, "grand city." Truman Capote has been quoted saying, Venice is like eating an entire box of chocolate liqueurs in one go." Your senses will be on high alert.

Begin your journey in this romantic city by a ride on the vaporetto and a walk through the campi. Gina will be with you as you explore the stunning, almost overwhelming, Piazza San Marco. Take a walk with our personal Venetian and hear about the secrets of the Doge past. You will begin to understand why this republic withstood centuries of peace and strength. Pause in stunning neighborhoods, shops and cafes and of course opt for an evening ride on the Grand Canal. Visit a glass factory/laboratory on the island of Murano. Watch the teams of artisans take sand and create artistic pieces all with a history. Elect to venture to the island of Burano, the island of fisherman and lace making boutiques. Upon your return to the main island, the Bridge of Rialto awaits you to explore its many shops and offerings.

With experiences abounding and memories alive complete your journal with notes and wishes for the next time you visit this enchanting land of history, culture, good food, wine and people.

Buon viaggio!

Pricing:

Based upon 6 travelers:

Double Occupancy: \$5125 (Plus Air)

Based upon 8 travelers:

Double Occupancy: \$4775 (Plus Air)

Single Supplement: Ask for pricing

Travel Dates:

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