



# Reflections of Italy



## Highlights....

Rome • Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • Florence •  
Chianti Winery • Venice • Murano Island • Lugano,  
Switzerland • Como

**10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Experience the benefits of Whisper Headsets, designed for better communication between you and your guides throughout your tour.
- ★ Visit the beautiful resort town of Como in the Italian Lake District.
- ★ Discover Siena's narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo.
- ★ A tour of Florence showcases the cultural treasures of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- ★ Enjoy a visit to one of Chianti's treasured wineries complete with a visit to its medieval castle and a special lunch.
- ★ Spend a day in the breathtaking region of Umbria as you visit two of its most important cities: Assisi and Perugia.
- ★ Spend some time in Switzerland visiting the beautiful resort town of Lugano.
- ★ Regional wines included with every dinner.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Rome, "The Eternal City."

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

You arrive in Rome today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Rome

This morning it's your choice! Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica\* will be on your personal sightseeing list. **This afternoon, enjoy a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine and the famous Trevi Fountain.** *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia

Today enjoy a full day of sightseeing complete with a short lesson on the local language. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St.

Francis. Then you are off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy, the Piazza IV Novembre, and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Perugia - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. You will be delighted by its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena with its great shops and outdoor cafes. En route to Florence, visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Florence

**In Florence, the "Cradle of Italian Renaissance," visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible Statue of David.** During your cultural tour of Florence, you'll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Church of Santa Croce, burial place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. End your morning with an informative explanation of Florentine gold and its fascinating techniques at a local gold shop. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 7: Florence - Venice

**Start your day with a trip to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region with its very own 12th century castle. Learn about Tuscany's famous wines and enjoy a lunch filled with local specialties.** This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing over the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 8: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

**Your day begins with a boat trip\* (weather permitting) to Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration.** Next, return to

Venice and visit charming St. Mark's Square, the lively hub of the city's activity and events. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour of the area featuring St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 9: Venice - Lugano, Switzerland - Como, Italy - Milan Malpensa**

Today you travel to the picturesque Italian Lake district. Cross into Switzerland and the lakeside resort of Lugano to enjoy beautiful views

of Lake Lugano with excellent shopping opportunities. Returning to Italy, spend time in the elegant town of Como. Lake Como's charm is tied to its beautiful villas, lush gardens and spectacular views. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends in Milan Malpensa this morning. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Hotel Diana Roma, Rome or Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome
Day 4	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Day 5, 6	Starhotel Michelangelo, Florence or Mediterraneo Grand Hotel, Florence
Day 7, 8	Hotel Ai Mori D Oriente, Venice or Hotel Papadopoli, Venice
Day 9	Crowne Plaza Malpensa, Malpensa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

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

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette 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.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

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.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

\*Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums in the afternoon.

Vatican Museums are closed on Sundays and holidays that fall on Saturday.

Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If visiting the Academy Museum falls on a Monday on your itinerary, reservations will be made to visit the museum on Sunday upon arrival to Florence.

\*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.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate Collette vacation. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad 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.

**\*Airline Fuel Surcharges:** Our air inclusive vacations are priced including airline fuel surcharges valid at time of print. These fuel surcharges are assessed by the airlines and are subject to increase without notice. Government taxes and fees are additional.

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**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies, as fees vary by airline and destination.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be

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