



Day 1 - DEPART U.S.

Depart from the U.S. on your overnight flight to Rome, Italy

DAY 2 - ARRIVE ROME – COLOSSEUM - ROMAN FORUM – WELCOME DINNER

Arrival and short orientation tour of the Town.

Lunch at your own.

Introduction to the program at Palazzo delle Esposizioni, the center for contemporary arts in Rome, with a contemporary music section.

Dinner in a typical Roman trattoria. D

DAY 3 - ROME

The best of the rock music in Rome. Visit to an independent record producer. A group in the recording studio. B

DAY 4 - COACH TO FLORENCE – The Rock contest

Leave Rome this morning on a deluxe motor coach that takes you through the lovely Tuscan countryside to your hotel in the heart of Florence. This afternoon you will meet the management of Controradio, a rock radio station in Florence, working with independent music producer and promoting good contemporary music.

Participation to the selection of the rock competition (only in October) – Rock Contest Festival. B,D

DAY 5 - WALKING TOUR OF FLORENCE – The Banda Bardot

Begin the day with a guided walking tour of this art-filled city. One of the highlights will be the Cathedral with Brunelleschi's wondrous dome that dominates the skyline and stands as the symbol of Florence. We also visit the famous and unique Ponte Vecchio bridge. In the afternoon meeting with the music group Banda Bardot. Participation to the selection of the rock competition (only in October) – Rock Contest Festival B,D

DAY 6 - FLORENCE – SIENA & THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

Excursion into the famous Chianti region of Tuscany, guided wine tasting in a winery and special Tuscan menu. Arrival in Siena, a coffee with Gianna Nannini in Piazza del Campo. Return to Florence, meeting with the management of the Rock Contest Festival. B

DAY 7 - COACH TO VENICE

After breakfast you'll leave by motor coach across the Po river valley to Venice. The coach stops right on the Grand Canal, so you'll transfer to your hotel by private motor launch. Venice is an urban masterpiece with canals instead of streets, boats instead of buses, and ornate bridges instead of subways. In the evening Concert of Baroque Music in S. Giorgio dei Greci Church.

DAY 8 - WALKING TOUR OF VENICE

On today's guided walking tour of Venice* you will see many reminders of the wealth and trading power of the Venetian Republic. Walk along the waterfront of the basin alive with gondolas, water taxis and the vaporetti that function as waterbuses. Finish your tour with a visit St. Mark's Cathedral, and the Doge's Palace, a 14th-century Gothic building that was both the Venetian ruler's residence and the government building. This afternoon we meet members of the Accademia Musicale di S. Giorgio and of the Fenice Theater. Farewell Dinner B/D

DAY 9 - DEPART VENICE & RETURN HOME

Early this morning transfer by private motor launch to Venice's Marco Polo Airport to board your return flight to the U.S. You may also arrange to extend your stay in Italy. B

= UNESCO World Heritage Site

ACCOMMODATIONS LIST: TREASURES OF ITALY

CITY – ACCOMMODATIONS – LOCATION - RATING

Rome – Hotel Adriana (or similar) – city-center - 3-star

Florence – Hotel Silla (or similar)– city center – 3-star

Venice – Hotel Belle Arti Venice (or similar) – city center – 3-star