



# MICHELANGELO TOUR

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY FROM ROME



## RATE PER PERSON IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (LAND ONLY)

### SEASON-1 (Venice Island NOT included)

2023 MAR	26
2023 APR	2*, 9, 16, 23, 30
2023 MAY	5, 7, 12, 14*, 19, 21, 26, 28
2023 JUN	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
2023 JUL	2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23*, 28, 30
2023 AUG	25, 27
2023 SEP	1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17*, 22, 24, 29
2023 OCT	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27

DOUBLE/ TRIPLE	SINGLE
\$2,195	\$3,110

### SEASON-2 (Venice Island NOT included)

2023 AUG	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20
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DOUBLE/ TRIPLE	SINGLE
\$2,360	\$3,379

## OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

FLORENCE	Raffaello 4*
VENICE	Delfino (Mestre) 4*
ROME	St. Martin 4*

## PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Transfer in/out from airport in Rome
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- English Only speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Meals and Visits as per itinerary
- Rome: ENTER the Vatican Museums with no lineups!
- PRIVATE Gondola Ride
- 10% VAT Tax

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Island Stay Upgrade \*Supplement on request
- Tips, Drinks, Portage, Extras
- City/Tourist Tax
- Everything that is not mentioned under "Package Includes"

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### DAY 1 • ROME

Welcome to Rome! After meeting at the airport your driver, you will be transferred to your hotel (Transfer included!). At 07:45 pm p/up at the hotel and reach Via del Teatro Marcello. Our local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods, full with history and with a real Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks are its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe) in Piazza Mattei. The Jewish Ghetto of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine! Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: this is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away. Next Stop...Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder straight into the Trevi Fountain: it's said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top! After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to end this experience: relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato, it's on us! The tour ends in the Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Return to the hotel on your own and overnight stay.

### DAY 2 • ROME /ASSISI/SIENA/FLORENCE

Departing at 7:15 am from your hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest. (B, D)

### DAY 3 • FLORENCE

After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi. Cross a small piazza to see the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo,

Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence. (B, L)

### DAY 4 • FLORENCE/BOLOGNA/PADUA/VENICE

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. There, you will discover the elegant city centre with its "porticos", its shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven...don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (B, D)

### DAY 5 • VENICE

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". After this walking tour, let us offer you a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure but not until you journey the canals on a gondola ride and then return to the hotel at leisure and overnight. (B)

### DAY 6 • VENICE/TUSCANY WINE REGION (MONTEPULCIANO)/ROME

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in your hotel. (B, L)

### DAY 7 • ROME

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square with our exclusive "Skip the Line" access! No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, the tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world! The tour ends in St. Peter's Square. \*On this day it is possible to add the colosseum tour with lunch included! (Additional supplement applies please ask for more info). (B)

### DAY 8 • ROME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Arrivederci! (B)

*\*Alternative transfer to Rail Station can be requested. Post or pre-night(s) accommodation in Rome and/or other cities can be requested additionally at discounted "add-on package" price. Please inquire.*