

## What's Included

- Round Trip Airfare from Houston (Bush) to Venice, Italy; Naples, Italy to Houston (Bush)
- 4\* Hotels with breakfast daily – 11 nights
- 3 Dinners
- 1 Lunch
- Whisper headsets
- Services of tour manager throughout tour and licensed city guides as needed
- All Entrance Fees and hotel city tax
- All transportation by bus, train and boat as listed in itinerary
- Gratuities for driver and guide
- Visa as required

## What's Not Included

- Travel Insurance
- Optional Day tour to Capri
- Meals and other personal spending not listed on the itinerary

## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended to safeguard your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances. Insurance must be purchased within 14 days of registration to cover any pre-existing medical conditions. Visit [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) for more information on travel insurance.

## Payments and Conditions

- Tour cost – \$5,595 per person (based on double occupancy)
- Optional Capri Island Tour – \$125 per person
- Single Supplement (Private Room) – \$1,200
- Land only (you purchase your own airfare) – \$4,395
- (Cost of the tour is guaranteed through December 31, 2023. Registrations received after this date may be subject to an increase in price due to airfare)

## Payment Terms

- \$595 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit due upon registration
- \$2,500 due Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- \$2,500 due Wednesday, January 10, 2024
- Payments can be made by credit card @ [www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) or by mailing a check to Prelude Tours (3% discount if payment by check)

## Cancellation Policy

- Prior to November 9, 2023 – \$595 cancellation fee
- After November 10 and prior to January 9, 2024 – \$3,095 cancellation fee
- After January 10, 2024 – no refunds

## Additional Information

- **Activity level of tour – Level 3:** This tour is an active tour with walking, standing for longer periods of time on sometimes uneven ground or terrain and climbing steps. There will be some longer days and earlier mornings balanced with free time to enjoy your own interests. Guest should be able to walk 8,000 – 10,000 steps per day and manage their own luggage as needed
- Passports must be valid for 6 months AFTER the date of return to the United States – (October 22, 2024)
- There will be no refund for unconsumed hotel meals or unused entrance fees
- The itinerary as listed is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Prelude Tours
- This tour is non-transferable upon cancellation (If one cancels their tour, they can not transfer the payments to another person)
- When purchasing airfare with the group, seats are assigned by the airline and Prelude Tours has no control of seat assignments. If you prefer specific seats or upgrades, it is recommended that you purchase the land-only option through Prelude Tours and purchase your own airfare to align with the group schedule.



# Best of ITALY



April 9-21, 2024

For additional information and to register, visit  
[www.preludetours.com](http://www.preludetours.com) or call (281) 667-1057





## Itinerary

**April 9** - Depart from Houston Bush Intercontinental airport to Venice, Italy – overnight flight

**April 10: Venice** - Welcome to beautiful Italy! After landing at Venice Airport, we'll be met and escorted via water taxi to our hotel located along the water on the Venice Lido. This evening, our tour director hosts an orientation followed by a welcome dinner with wine. Overnight Venice (D)

**April 11: Murano Island & Venice** - This morning we will travel by boat to the island of **Murano**, world-renowned for its long tradition of glass craftsmanship. We will visit a glass factory and see a demonstration of the famous Murano glass being made. After lunch, we journey back to Venice where a local guide will bring this remarkable city to life as you explore on foot the **Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square)**, the golden Byzantine **Basilica di San Marco (Saint Mark's Basilica)**, the lavish **Doge's Palace**, and the famous **Bridge of Sighs**. This afternoon, lose yourself in **Venice** as you walk the cobblestone streets marveling at attractions and shopping for unique crafts and souvenirs. Overnight Venice (B)

**April 12: Bologna** - Today we will travel south to **Bologna**, one of the most beautiful and best preserved historic districts in Europe with many towers from the Middle Ages. We will enjoy a guided tour through the old university city and see the **De Gli Asinelli tower**, **The Della Garisenda Tower**, **The San Petronio Basilica** and the **Neptune Fountain**. After a typical lunch of Tagliatelle al Ragù, we will continue our journey to Florence. Overnight Florence (B)(L)

**April 13: Florence & The Accademia Gallery** - After breakfast, we will explore the beautiful city of **Florence**, the cradle of the Renaissance. We'll enjoy the sculpture-filled **Piazza della Signoria (Signoria Square)**, the magnificent **Duomo** (cathedral) and **Ponte Vecchio (the Old Bridge)** lined with craft shops. After lunch, we will visit **The Accademia Gallery** famous for several Michelangelo artworks which are preserved there and the world-famous **Statue of David** which was moved from Piazza Della Signoria in 1874 to the Accademia Galleria. Overnight Florence (B)



**April 14: Pisa and free time in Florence with Tuscan farmhouse dinner** - This morning we travel to **Pisa**, one of the most important cities in Tuscany. Pisa is extremely well-known in the world because of its famous symbol, **The Leaning Tower**. We will tour the UNESCO-recognized **Duomo Square** and its four masterpieces of medieval architecture – the bell tower, the cathedral, the baptistry and the cemetery. After lunch, we return to **Florence** where you will have leisure time to check out local museums or stroll along the scenic **Arno River**. Late afternoon, we will head to the **Tuscan Hills** for a savory dinner at a local farmhouse. Overnight Florence (B)(D)

**April 15: Civita di Bagnoregio** - After breakfast we will continue our southward journey and visit **Civita di Bagnoregio**, one of the most picture-perfect villages in Italy. Civita di Bagnoregio is a one-of-a-kind, stunning hilltop village in Central Italy perched on the top of a steep, crumbling rock formation in the Calanchi Valley, between Rome and Florence. The village is isolated from the surrounding villages and can only be reached via a long bridge connecting it with Bagnoregio, its neighboring town. We will enjoy free time in the village and then continue to Rome. Overnight Rome (B)

**April 16: Ancient Rome and Rome by night** - This morning we will visit Imperial **Rome** and listen to the echoes of centuries of gladiatorial combat and public spectacles in the **Colosseum**. We will walk under the **Arch of Constantine** and marvel at the ruins of the **Roman Forum**, the day-to-day heart of ancient Rome. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or to indulge in Rome's favorite pastime, people-watching from the bustling Via Veneto outdoor cafes, or explore the many piazzas of Rome. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner at a typical Roman restaurant, complete with wine and entertainment. The day ends with an illuminated **Rome by night tour**. Overnight Rome (B)(D)

**April 17: Vatican Museum** - This morning we will experience one of Christendom's most sacred places, **The Vatican**. Our guided visit will include the awe-inspiring **St. Peter's Basilica** (erected over the apostle's tomb), the gloriously painted **Sistine Chapel** and the **Vatican Museum** (abundant with priceless collections of art and treasures). The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy more of Rome's fascinating sites and history. Overnight Rome (B)



**April 18: Naples / Sorrento and Pompeii** - We depart Rome this morning and travel towards Naples. We will stop en route and visit **Pompeii**, a flourishing resort city south of ancient Rome. In 79 A.D., the city was buried under thick volcanic ash after the famous eruption from the nearby Mount Vesuvius. Pompeii is one of the most significant proofs of Roman civilization that provides outstanding information on the art, customs, trades and everyday life of the past. After lunch, we will visit **Naples**, Southern Italy's largest city, famous for its mix of old-world charm and modern grit. Overnight Sorrento area (B)

**April 19: Amalfi Coast** - After breakfast we will enjoy an excursion along the **Amalfi Coast**. The beautiful and dramatic coastline with cliffs that descend into the blue sea is one of UNESCO's natural world heritage sites. The lush mountains and the picturesque villages have attracted celebrities such as Greta Garbo, Richard Wagner and Henrik Ibsen. We visit the charming town of **Amalfi**, once a mighty lake republic. We will have free time for lunch and to visit the famous cathedral. From Amalfi, we will enjoy a boat ride to **Maiori** where our bus will meet us to continue back to the hotel. We will enjoy a local **Limoncello liqueur tasting** in the afternoon as we return to Sorrento. Overnight Sorrento area (B)

**April 20: Day at leisure or OPTIONAL excursion to Capri** - Today is a **day of choice** – you can enjoy the nearby village of **Sorrento** or enjoy a visit to the nearby island of Capri. This *optional*/full-day excursion to the stunningly beautiful **Capri Island** will include a local guide to show us the cities of **Anacapri** and **Capri**. We pass **Villa San Michele**, which was built by the Swedish doctor, Axel Munthe, a close friend and physician to Queen Victoria. There will be time for an optional visit to the Villa and its famous gardens. Overnight Sorrento area (B)

**April 21** - Depart for U.S.A. from Naples, Italy

(B) breakfast included  
(L) Lunch Included  
(D) Dinner included



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