

Italy

Designed Exclusively for: The Martin Family

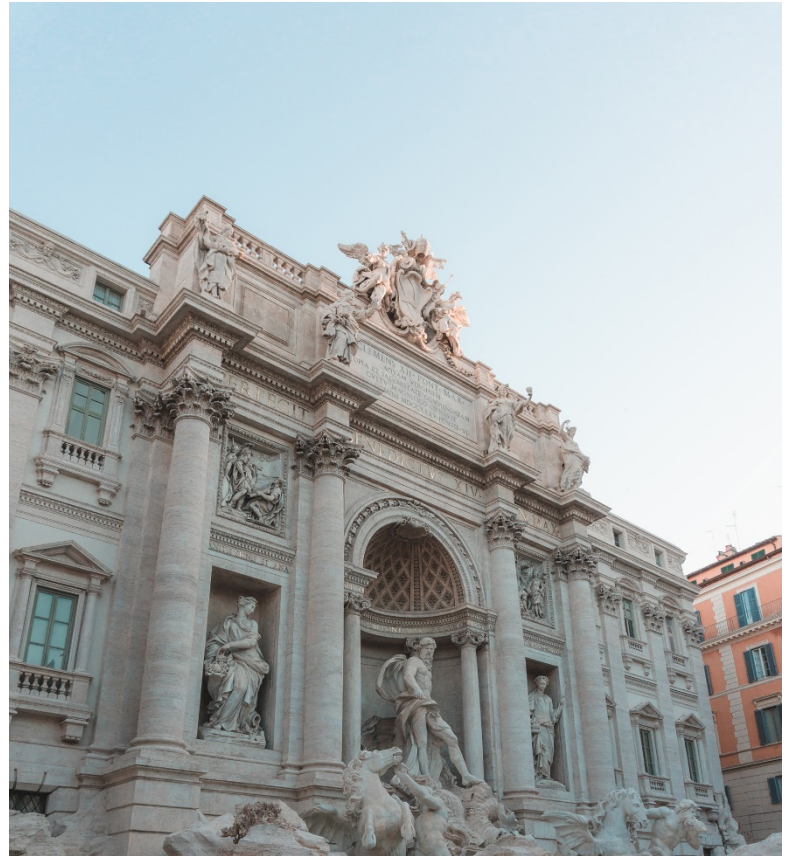
Wednesday, July 17 ROME

Welcome to Rome. You are greeted with a VIP Arrival into Rome Fiumicino Airport.

Upon arrival, meet your private English-speaking assistant at the door of the aircraft and be escorted through customs and baggage claim. You will be led to meet your private driver and be transferred to your five-star hotel, Hotel Eden.

Upon check-in, enjoy your suite and surroundings. Dinner will be at your leisure in a nearby restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Eden



Thursday, July 18

MORNING: VATICAN AND ST. PETER'S BASILICA AFTERNOON: PRIVATE GELATO CLASS & EXPERIENCE

MORNING:

This morning's Vatican experience takes you to the must-see sights of the world's smallest country. Prepare to be moved by Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, staggered by St. Peter's and totally taken with the Museum's treasures.

Enjoy private transportation to the Holy See for and skip the lines at the Vatican Museum's entrance with your expert local guide. This educational and entertaining tour will show you see the city-state's most beloved masterpieces and little-known treasures, while sharing tales of intrigue, tragedy and power from the Holy See's turbulent history.

Originally built as papal palaces for the Renaissance pontiffs, the Vatican Museums have an unparalleled collection of classical statuary, ancient treasure like Egyptian mummies and Etruscan bronzes, a hallway lined with 16th-century topographical maps of Italy and paintings by Old Masters from Giotto and da Vinci to Titian and Raphael. Continue with a wander through the Sistine Chapel, gazing up at Michelangelo's masterful ceiling, and a stroll down the cavernous nave of St. Peter's Basilica with its majestic dome and bronze canopy. The tour ends on the square of the same name, a sacred and monumental site where throngs of the faithful gather to receive the pontiff's blessing.

After, your guide will be delighted to show you to lunch.

AFTERNOON:

Nothing says Italy like an ice-cold creamy gelato! Today's afternoon experience takes you behind the scenes at one of Rome's most renowned artisanal Gelateria's for a lesson in – and a tasting of – this quintessentially Italian treat. Since the turn of the 20th century, Giolitti Gelateria has been delighting young and old with its hand- made gelato, delectable pastries and gravity-defying ice cream sundaes at its charming location near the Pantheon. With your local expert guide, you'll skip the line at this popular gelateria and go behind the scenes to for a lesson in all things gelato. Find out how the Giolittis started in the 19th century as a small dairy, learn how they turn fresh organic ingredients into this delicious creamy concoction and taste their signature flavors that range from the traditional – stracciatella and pistacchi – to the fanciful – marron glacé and melograno.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Eden



Friday, July 19

MORNING: ANCIENT ROME TOUR AFTERNOON: VINTAGE VESPA TOUR

MORNING:

From the rise of Julius Caesar to the fall of the Roman Empire, Rome became the center of its modern world. Join our expert local guide to explore the highlights of Imperial Rome on foot and by private vehicle.

Visit the best-loved sights of Rome in our highlights tour that perfectly combines walking with relaxed sightseeing in the comfort of a luxury vehicle. Follow in the footsteps of Cicero and Caesar in the valley of the Forum Romanum, as your guide recounts myths and legends that make the ruins come alive – like the Basilica of Constantine with its imposing arches. We continue down the Via Sacra to the triumphal Arch of Titus and make our way to the Colosseum. After admiring its exterior and exploring its interior, we'll walk the Palatine Hill and visit the ruins of the imperial palaces and the small museum. The tour continues to the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains to see the relics and Michelangelo's Moses, before venturing to the Vittoriano monument, sometimes disrespectfully referred to as the "Wedding Cake". The tour ends with a panoramic drive past Circus Maximus, where daring Romans competed in fast-paced chariot races, and the two closest of the seven Hills of Rome, Aventino and Palatino.

AFTERNOON:

After lunch, discover Rome's secret sights on the iconic scooter that has come to epitomize Italy's special brand of cool. Channel your inner Audrey Hepburn on your own private "Roman Holiday." Today's tour gives you the chance to see the sights of "Secret Rome" on the back of a vintage Vespa. Buzz through the small squares and backstreets loved by the Romans themselves and whizz past lesser-known gems like the Basilica San Giovanni, the Giardino degli Aranci and Gianicolo Hill. You will be in the capable hands of expert guides and drivers.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Eden



Saturday, July 20 FLORENCE

After breakfast, your private driver will take you to Rome Train Station. Board the First Class Cabin on the Freccia Rossa Train and depart for Florence.

Upon arrival in Florence, meet your English-speaking guide and driver for your transfer to the Four Seasons Firenze.

Enjoy your afternoon of leisure at your exceptional hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Hotel Firenze



Sunday July 21

MORNING: PRIVATE WALKING TOUR

AFTERNOON: CONTINUED PRIVATE TOURING

MORNING:

This morning join your local expert guide for a tour of Florence that is tailored specifically to your interests.

Visit Florence's highlights such as Piazza della Signoria: Europe's most beautiful square with the Palazzo Vecchio and the center of the city's political life for over 700 years. Next visit The Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the cathedral adorned by the lovely campanile and crowned with its imposing cupola. Then head to the Arno River and view the lovely bridges that span its waters and the charming riverfront houses of the Oltrarno district. The oldest bridge, the Ponte Vecchio, is lined with tiny old-style shops where meat was sold in medieval times and now are jewelry stores. But your expert guide won't stop there, they take you down roads less traveled, share fascinating tales from the city's history and hunt down hidden treasures chosen especially for you.

AFTERNOON:

Next, take a culinary break with a tour, coffee tasting, homemade gelato, and aperitif and crostini at one of the oldest wine bars in Florence.

End your day at Academy Galleria, home to what is undoubtedly the most famous sculpture in the world, Michelangelo's David. The Academy also houses five other Michelangelo sculptures and a collection of Gothic and Renaissance paintings that were once in the Medici collections.

ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Hotel Firenze



Monday July 22

MORNING: PRIVATE COOKING EXPERIENCE

AFTERNOON: PRIVATE TOUR OF TUSCANY

MORNING:

Today's cooking class begins with a visit to the Mercato Centrale and ends in Stefania's kitchen where the freshest local produce, time-honored traditions and a dash of storytelling are all part of the recipe...

One of the brightest ambassadors of her native Florence, Stefania welcomes you into her family home near the Porta Romana for a master class in cooking that goes beyond simply following recipes. Sharing culinary history, igniting passion for traditional recipes and creating inviting table settings are just as important to Tuscan cooking as relying on the finest in zero-kilometer produce. And to source the finest in farm-fresh produce for your cooking class, you'll venture to Florence's Mercato Centrale to join local chefs. Back in Stefania's kitchen, you'll discuss the day's menu over an aperitivo and then begin cooking a five-course meal including such traditional Tuscan fare as schiacciata bread, homemade ravioli with pesto made with basil from her kitchen garden and a cake made with chocolate and red wine. Stefania's enthusiasm is contagious, her tips and tricks are fool-proof and her recipes are all destined to become part of your regular meal rotation at home. As you take your place at her lovely table to enjoy the meal, you'll raise your glass of wine and toast to your new-found friend.

AFTERNOON:

When the sun starts to set and its rays shine golden on the vineyards and hilltop villages, Tuscany is at its most beautiful. Experience fine wines, traditional fare and the local lifestyle as evening comes to Chianti. Photographers call it the ora d'oro, or the golden hour: that magical moment when the sun gets low and paints the scenery in warm, golden light. Join your expert driver for an ora d'oro trip into Tuscany to see the stone farmhouses on cypress-lined lanes and endless rows of leafy vines at their most beautiful. At one of the local wineries, you will have a chance to look behind the scenes of this renowned wine growing area and taste the ruby-red Chianti Classico wines. Meeting these hard-working Tuscans, who are as deeply rooted in the terroir as their Sangiovese vines, will show you that Chianti is so much more than just a wine... The tour continues in one of the local villages for the late afternoon stroll called the passeggiata. Take your place among the locals for this daily ritual as they walk the cobbled streets, meet friends and family and enjoy a pre-dinner aperitivo. Dinner follows in a traditional trattoria, one of the many family-run locales where everyone is treated like an old friend and ordering off-menu is encouraged. After a dinner of Tuscany's best, your driver has one more surprise in store: on the way back to your hotel, you'll stop off at Piazzale Michelangelo to see the twinkling lights of the Florence cityscape by night.



ACCOMMODATION: Four Seasons Hotel Firenze

Tuesday, July 23

AFTERNOON: VIP TRANSFER & PRIVATE POMPEII EXPERIENCE

After breakfast, your private driver will take you to Florence Train Station. Board the First Class Cabin on the Freccia Rossa Train and depart for Naples.

Upon arrival in Naples, meet your English-speaking guide and driver who will ensure an exceptional afternoon experience.

Make your way from Naples to the enchanting Amalfi Coast, with a special stopover in Pompeii. Join your expert guide and relive the days of Ancient Rome, forever frozen in ash from that fateful day in 79 AD. Today's transfer takes you from the man-made treasures of Naples to the natural wonders of the Amalfi Coast, stopping en route to visit the world's most famous ghost town with an expert local guide. As you leave the chaotic city of Naples behind, Vesuvius rears its sleeping giant's head before you and Pompeii's eerie ruins spreads out at its foot. This once vibrant port town comes to life as your guide shares tales of industry, intrigue and passion from the city's storied past. You'll marvel at its basilicas and baths, its elaborate mosaics and detailed frescoes, its private homes and eerie plaster casts of the dearly departed. This glimpse into what life was like for Romans may surprise you – not because of how much things have changed, but how much they have actually stayed the same! After your tour, the drive to the fascinating Ravello continues to the craggy cliffs and the citrus scents of the Sorrento Peninsula in your luxury vehicle.

Your transfer will end at your stunning hotel in Ravello.

ACCOMMODATION: Caruso, A Belmond Hotel



Wednesday, July 24 AMALFI COAST

After a very busy few days, enjoy a day at leisure and the stunning views of the Amalfi Coast.

There are myriad ways to relax at Caruso – stroll through the lush gardens, unwind with a bespoke spa treatment, sip a signature cocktail to the tunes of the piano or float in the heated infinity pool – the highest in Ravello.

ACCOMMODATION: Caruso, A Belmond Hotel

Thursday, July 25 MORNING & AFTERNOON: PRIVATE YACHT

What's the best way to experience the Isle of Capri? From the water of course. Join your captain to cruise on a private motorboat across the Bay of Naples to what just might be the world's favorite island.

Meet your English-speaking captain at Amalfi Port and board your private motorboat for the crossing to Capri. Leaving the Amalfi Coast and the citrus groves of the Sorrento Peninsula behind, the Gulf of Naples opens up before you and Capri beckons with its myriad charms. Circling this 4-mile-long block of limestone is a quick trip, leaving plenty of time to get up close and personal with some of Capri's most legendary sights, like the Bagni di Tiberio where the century Roman Emperor used to swim; Lo Scoglio delle Sirene, the siren's rocks where legend has it Odysseus faced his greatest temptation and the storied Faraglioni, three staggering rock formations jutting out of the Tyrrhenian sea. Your captain is more than happy to customize the cruise to suit your needs – take a dip in a secluded cove accessible only by boat and make landfall to see and be seen with Capri's legendary jet set. Enjoy lunch Da Paolino to dine under the Lemon Trees, in a quiet corner of this beautiful Island, with a menu that offers a selection of local and traditional Italian dishes.

ACCOMMODATION: Caruso, A Belmond Hotel



Friday, July 26

MORNING: PRIVATE HELICOPTER EXPERIENCE & TRANSFER

Today a unique experience is waiting for you: enjoy a brief transfer by Private Sedan from your Hotel to the Heliport and get ready to fly over the Amalfi Coast with your Helicopter AS350! Described by many as the most beautiful stretch of coastline in the world, the Amalfi coast has long been a favorite amongst travelers. As you fly from Ravello, you will have a stunning view of the Amalfi Coast below, a perspective only a few people can enjoy: the sea, the cliffs, the coast with the little houses castled on the slopes... Everything will seem new to your eyes!

Land in Ladispoli where you will meet your driver and check into La Posta Vecchia.

ACCOMMODATION: La Posta Vecchia



Saturday, July 27 LA POSTA VECCHIA

La Posta Vecchia in Palo Laziale is a seventeenth century villa, sensitively transformed into a luxury hotel in 1990. Since 1992, it has been a member of the Relais & Chateaux Association. The villa overlooks the Tyrrenean Sea and is surrounded by 15 acres of Italian gardens. An archaeological museum containing many interesting Roman relics can be found on the premises. Thanks to the collaboration between J.P.Getty and the art critic Federico Zeri, each of the 7 Suites and 12 Rooms has its own distinct style. All the Rooms are double occupancy and afford dazzling views of either the Tyrrenean Sea or the surrounding gardens. They are decorated in the classic style, enriched with splendid antiques. The rooms offer the luxury of a previous era, while providing all present day conveniences.

At the Cesar Restaurant, one can enjoy the inspired Mediterranean cuisine while looking out over the azure sea. Much of the produce used by the Chef comes from La Posta Vecchia's organic vegetable garden. The indoor pool is glass encased, allowing one to enjoy the lovely view of the surrounding terrace and sea beyond.

Enjoy your day at leisure at this exceptional property. A stay at La Posta Vecchia will be the perfect finale to your trip.

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel La Posta Vecchia



Sunday, July 28 DEPARTURE

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An Incredible Elysian Travel Journey

