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13 Days • 18 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Venice, Winery Tour & Tasting, Republic of San Marino, Cooking Class, Ravenna's Mosaics, Truffle Hunting Experience, Gran Sasso Mountain Village Stay, Impact Moment, Canoe Ride, Rome

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Abbazia, Venice
Days 4 – 6	Borgo Conde Wine Resort , Forlì
Days 7, 8	Hotel Charlie in Pesaro, Pesaro
Days 9, 10	Sextantio Albergo Diffuso , Abruzzo
Days 11, 12	Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Day 1: Saturday, October 2, 2027 Overnight Flight Travel Italy's lesser-known eastern coast, tracing a route from Venetian canals to Rome's timeless grandeur. Along the way, uncover sparkling mosaics, Renaissance cities, medieval villages, rugged mountains, and wine-producing countryside where heritage, culture, and adventure intertwine.

Day 2: Sunday, October 3, 2027 Venice, Italy Welcome to enchanting Venice, with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. As arrival times will vary, today is yours to explore at your own pace. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome drink.

Day 3: Monday, October 4, 2027 Venice This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's most enduring symbols: the gondola. During an **Impact Moment**, visit one of Venice's few remaining traditional boatyards, witnessing the skill and dedication that have kept this time-honored craft alive for centuries. Wrap up the morning at a local café, enjoying a classic Venetian spritz and taking part in the beloved Italian ritual of *aperitivo* (pre-lunch drink), a pause before lunch at leisure. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the floating city. Perhaps you'll head out for your own treasure hunt in search of the city's hidden gems. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, October 5, 2027 Venice - Dozza - Romagna Countryside Say *ciao* to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Your first stop is the charming hilltop village of Dozza, renowned for its vibrant murals, atmospheric lanes, and striking medieval castle. In the afternoon, continue to your hotel, nestled amidst the rolling vineyards of the Romagna countryside, where you'll settle in for a relaxing 3-night stay. This evening, enjoy an exclusive tour of your resort's winery, followed by a dinner featuring their own expertly crafted wines. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, October 6, 2027 Romagna Countryside Grab your passport* and set off for the Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched atop Mount Titano, this historic gem offers breathtaking views of the Adriatic Riviera and the rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Spend your free time exploring the Old Town's fascinating network of fortification towers, walls, gates, and bastions. Later this afternoon, return to your hotel and roll up your sleeves for a hands-on cooking class,

enjoying the meal you've prepared together. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, October 7, 2027 Romagna Countryside Spend the day uncovering the treasures of Ravenna, a city that rose to prominence during the twilight of the Roman Empire, thanks to its strategic location. As power shifted between the Byzantines and the Goths, Ravenna's rulers adorned its churches with breathtaking mosaics that still dazzle today. On a guided walking tour, explore the city's most iconic monuments and marvel at its rich history and artistry. This evening, return to your wine resort and indulge in a wine-paired dinner, savoring the flavors of the region in a truly idyllic setting. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, October 8, 2027 Romagna Countryside - Urbino - Pesaro, Marche Region This morning, journey into the Marche region, where rolling hills are lined with olive groves and vineyards. Stop in the hilltop city of Urbino, birthplace of Renaissance painter Raphael, and visit the impressive Ducal Palace — once home to a powerful ruling family and now a showcase of Renaissance art and architecture. Later, continue to the seaside town of Pesaro, where you'll settle in for a two-night stay. (B)

Day 8: Saturday, October 9, 2027 Pesaro Today, uncover another side of the Marche — its reputation as a truffle haven, known for both black truffles and the rare white truffle (found only from October to December). Join a truffle hunter and his dogs for a walk through the woods in search of these elusive fungi, followed by an organic, farm-to-table lunch at the family's farm. The afternoon is free back in Pesaro, birthplace of opera composer Gioachino Rossini, best known for *The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*. (B, L)

Day 9: Sunday, October 10, 2027 Pesaro - Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo Mountains Much of the day is spent traveling by coach as you make your way into the Abruzzo Mountains. Arrive in the medieval village of Santo Stefano di Sessanio, a peaceful, pedestrian-only locale where you'll walk to your accommodations. Your stay in a unique *albergo diffuso* serves as an **Impact Moment** and features rooms set in historic buildings throughout the village, offering a simple, rustic atmosphere.** This evening, connect with local traditions during a hands-on experience making regional cheese and bread, then gather for a dinner featuring what you've prepared, embracing the slower pace of mountain life. (B, D)

Day 10: Monday, October 11, 2027 Santo Stefano di Sessanio Begin your day with a scenic drive across the Campo Imperatore plateau, more than 7,000 feet (2,100 meters) above sea level, with sweeping views of the Gran Sasso peaks, the highest in central Italy. Along the way, stop to enjoy some *al fresco arrostitini* — grill-it-yourself lamb skewers and a beloved local specialty rooted in Abruzzo's sheep-herding traditions. Back in Santo Stefano di Sessanio this afternoon, **it's your choice!** Join a guided walking tour exploring your village's fortified layout, stone lanes, and historic buildings **-OR-** take part in a challenging, guided 4-hour mountain hike to Rocca Calascio, a dramatic stone fortress set high above the surrounding mountains.*** (B)

Day 11: Tuesday, October 12, 2027 Santo Stefano di Sessanio - Rome Say goodbye to the quiet lanes of Santo Stefano di Sessanio and journey to the Tirino River, known for its striking blue-green, crystal-clear waters. Set out by canoe and drift along this peaceful waterway, surrounded by gentle currents, reeds, and birdsong in one of Abruzzo's most serene landscapes. As the saying goes, all roads lead to Rome. After this peaceful encounter with nature, continue your journey to the Italian capital, arriving in the late afternoon for a two-night stay in the Eternal City. (B, L)



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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

Day 12: Wednesday, October 13, 2027 Rome This morning, embark on an extensive walking tour through Rome's medieval district, a captivating neighborhood that grew atop the ruins of the ancient city. Wander through its narrow cobblestone streets, admire the dark tufa stone buildings, and marvel at the ingenious ways Roman ruins have been repurposed over the centuries. Ascend to the panoramic terrace of the Vittoriano to take in one of Rome's most breathtaking views. From this vantage point, gaze out over the remnants of the Roman Empire, from the sprawling Forum to the iconic Colosseum. The afternoon is yours to explore the Eternal City at your own pace, soaking in its timeless charm. This evening, come together to celebrate the end of your Italian adventure with a farewell dinner and a toast to the unforgettable journey you've shared. (B, D)

Day 13: Thursday, October 14, 2027 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 03, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of

time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation and mandatory drop-off and pick-up points, especially in historic city centers such as Ravenna, Urbino, and Rome. When visiting towns and cities, you will need to walk 0.3–0.7 miles (500 meters – 1 kilometer) from the designated drop off/pick up points to the tour start/end locations. This is in addition to the walking required during the actual sightseeing tours.

***If you elect to participate in the hike to Rocca Calascio, you will take part in a guided 4-hour mountain hike covering approximately 4.2 miles (6.6 km) round trip that requires the ability to walk continuously uphill for an extended period of time. The route includes a sustained 2.1-mile (3.3 km) uphill climb with an elevation gain of 500 feet (150 meters) on an unshaded, unpaved mountain trail with loose gravel and uneven footing, followed by the same distance downhill on the same steep trail. There are no level or resting sections. Good balance, leg strength, stamina, and secure footing are required throughout. Both the ascent and descent place strain on knees and joints, and there are no handrails or supports along the route. Depending on weather and trail conditions, this activity may be replaced by a shorter hike or cancelled entirely. If selecting this choice, we recommend packing hiking shoes, thick supportive hiking socks, breathable clothing suitable for layering, a soft-shell jacket or fleece, a windproof and waterproof jacket, a hat and neck warmer, a day pack, and a refillable water bottle. Trekking poles will be provided on site.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit

narrow streets, and climbing over multiple bridges with steps up and down. Agility is required to board the small motorboats (12-15 seaters) needed for arrival and departure transfers.

While in Rome, the visit to the Vittoriano roof terrace requires negotiating 3 flights of steps up and 3 back down. The elevator is not accessible for those who require special assistance as it requires climbing steps to reach it and may not be suitable for those suffering from vertigo.

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

During the two-night stay in Santo Stefano di Sessanio (Abruzzo region), you will be at an elevation of 4,100–7,100 feet above sea level (1,250–2,100 meters). Travelers suffering from altitude-related ailments should take proper precautions. At these heights, the weather can shift quickly and dramatically, with conditions that may include strong winds, sudden fog, low clouds, and intense downpours. Snow is possible even in late Spring (May) and early Fall (September). The average daytime temperature ranges from about 53°F (12°C) in Spring and Fall to around 70°F (21°C) in summer. Temperatures can drop suddenly to below freezing. For your comfort, we recommend packing a wind-breaker, warm fleece, scarf, hat, and a pair of gloves—even during the warmer months.

The truffle hunting activity takes place in the countryside on unpaved paths and in wooded areas. To participate you must wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes. Waterproof shoes are recommended as mud and puddles are common in the area.

The areas featured on this tour require extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel. For your comfort, we recommend bringing well-broken-in walking shoes.

Important: please note, days of features are interchangeable.

In smaller towns and villages, shops and businesses are usually closed on Sundays. In larger cities, many remain open, though they may close for national or religious holidays.

*Bring your passport to San Marino if you would like to have it stamped with the country's entry visa.

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

Your accommodation in Santo Stefano di Sessanio is not in a traditional hotel. This property is designed as an immersive experience in a restored medieval village, with features that reflect the simplicity and constraints of historic mountain living.

Rooms are scattered throughout the pedestrian-only village and located in restored historic dwellings. You must be able to walk to your assigned room, located along uneven paths or cobblestone streets. Most rooms are accessed via uneven exterior steps. Several buildings originally served as stables, bakeries, or workshops, and their historic character has been preserved with small windows to protect from the cold but affording little daylight. Rooms vary widely in size, configuration, and accessibility. Many are split-level, and you must be able to use a steep internal staircase to reach the bedroom area.

Rooms are intentionally simple to reflect traditional mountain life. There are no refrigerators, no televisions and no telephones. Heating and Wi-Fi are provided; air conditioning is not, as the village sits at 4,100 ft (1,250 m) where evenings are cool.

All bathtubs are located inside the bedroom area, with tall sides and no grab bars. There are no separate enclosed showers; you must be able to bathe in the tub using a hand-held shower wand, with no curtain or enclosure. Bathrooms and toilets are partially enclosed behind walls

must be able to use a step to climb in and out of bed.

**Travelers booked in a double or twin room who prefer greater privacy for bathing and personal use may request accommodation in two separate single rooms for this portion of the itinerary. This option is available with a supplement and must be arranged no later than 60 days prior to departure.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Bus toilets cannot be used due to limited waste disposal facilities. Frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will arrive into Venice airport and depart from Rome airport.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

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

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department's latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers 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.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 24, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 04, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until March 03, 2027.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

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AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$1,990 ☐ Business Class \$4,790

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Venice" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Hotel Charlie in Pesaro – Standard Partial Ocean View (included)

() Hotel Charlie in Pesaro – Standard Frontal Ocean View (additional charge of \$110.00 double, \$220.00 single required)

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Sextantio Albergo Diffuso – Standard (included)

() Sextantio Albergo Diffuso – Upgrade to Single (additional charge of \$250.00 required)

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