# Missoula Senior Center presents...

# Italian Vistas

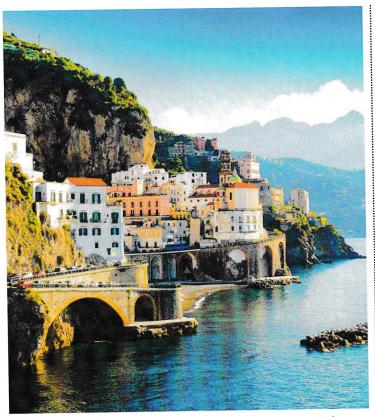
with Optional 3-Night Taormina Pre Tour Extension

March 24 – April 5, 2025



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13 Days • 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Colosseum, Ruins of Pompeii, Choice on Tour: Iconic Pompeii Walking Tour or Leisurely Pompeii Walking Tour, Sorrento, Florence, Statue of *David*, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Tuscan Winery, Venice, Murano Island, Verona, Lake Maggiore, Stresa, Choice on Tour: Isola Bella & Palazzo Borromeo Tour or Simplon Pass Day Trip

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Days 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 4 Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome

Days 5, 6 Hotel Michelangelo, Sorrento

Days 7, 8 Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence

Days 9, 10 NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

Days 11, 12 Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Monday, March 24, 2025 Overnight Flight Ciao, Italy!

**Day 2: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Rome, Italy - Tour Begins**Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Rome Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, adorned with Baroque fountains. Spend the evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll head to the medieval *Monti* neighborhood where the cobblestoned streets are lined with antique shops, independent boutiques and local restaurants. (B)

**Day 4: Thursday, March 27, 2025 Rome** Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian *Trastevere* district. (*B*)

Day 5: Friday, March 28, 2025 Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. In Pompeii, it's your choice! Soak in 2,000 years of history at your own pace. Pick between a leisurely paced tour of the highlights -OR- a faster paced visit of Pompeii's off-the-beaten-path gems. Pause in nearby Gragnano for a late lunch and visit to a pasta factory. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento,\*\* your home for the next 2 nights. (B, L)

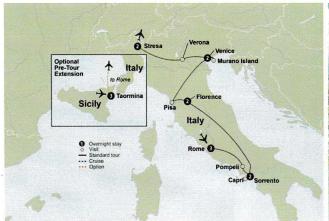
Day 6: Saturday, March 29, 2025 Sorrento Today, sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri.\*\*\* Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise,\*\*\* passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous *piazzetta* and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. (B)

**Day 7: Sunday, March 30, 2025 Sorrento - Florence** Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of *David.* Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. *(B, D)* 

**Day 8: Monday, March 31, 2025 Florence** Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant. (*B*)

**Day 9: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Florence - Pisa - Venice** Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (*B, L*)

Day 10: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 Venice Embark on a boat trip\*\*\*\* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the *Castello* district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the





## **Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person:**

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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Missoula International, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers **Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package

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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

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Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 11: Thursday, April 3, 2025 Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore Depart Venice for Verona, and stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lake Maggiore. (B, D)

**Day 12: Friday, April 4, 2025 Stresa** Today, **it's your choice!** Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace and gardens\*\*\*\*\* **-OR-** cross into Switzerland as your motor coach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori\*\*\*\*\*\* for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery. (B, D)

Day 13: Saturday, April 5, 2025 Stresa - Tour Ends Your Italian adventure comes to a close today. (B)

#### Experience It! Pompeii

Step into the past in Pompeii, a land eerily conserved in time. When Mount Vesuvius erupted in the 1st century AD, the city was covered in nearly 20 feet of ash, conserving its last tremulous moments. Excavations began in the 1700s but were not complete for centuries. In 1863, a technique was developed to use plaster into the spaces where bodies had decomposed – creating a near-perfect image of the victims. Explore this legendary UNESCO World Heritage Site with an expert guide and get a glimpse into what life was like in this prosperous ancient city.

#### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

### Optional 5 Days 3-Night Taormina Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$899.00 USD double, \$1,099.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1196654

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Sep 25, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

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 for the 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.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy and Switzerland are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time. For example, when the Vatican option falls on a Wednesday, the order of included and optional tours may be reversed in order to participate in all activities for that day.

All included museum visit dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays. If the Academy Museum is featured in your itinerary on a Monday, reservations will be made to visit the museum on an alternative day.

\*\*On occasion your hotel may be located in one of Sorrento's neighboring towns. In which case you will still visit Sorrento on the day you tour Capri.

\*\*\*Your boat trip to Capri may not be available due to inclement weather. If this happens, we will make alternate sightseeing arrangements. In case the scenic boat ride around the Isle of Capri cannot operate, you will visit Anacapri village instead.

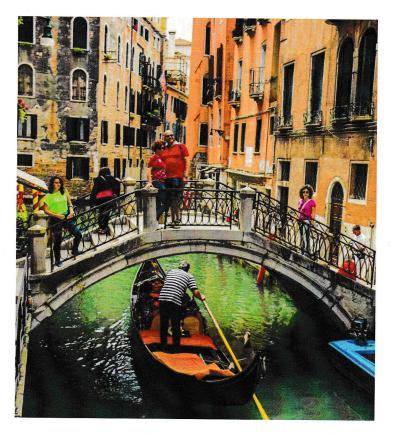
\*\*\*\*Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.

\*\*\*\*\*Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace are open from April 1 to October 31. If you are travelling between November 1 and March 31, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromean Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Colosseum, the Vatican Museums and The Academy Gallery Museum.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb



three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Pisa, Venice, Verona and Florence which requires minimum 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

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.

Air passengers will depart from Milan airport. All return transfers will depart from Stresa hotel for Milan airport.

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.

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

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of September 18, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 23, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until September 25, 2024.

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A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of December 27, 2023 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 05, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until January 03, 2024. 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 <u>legal</u> name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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