



Moostash Joe
TOURS

10
day tour



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Classic Italy by Rail

October 23 - November 1, 2023

Discover the wonder



★ **Book by March 31, 2023 and receive \$200 off the tour price!**

Only \$5,199

per person double occupancy, *airfare included from Omaha*

Brand New for 2023! Featuring Italy's High-Speed Trains! Travel through the scenic countryside, alongside lush vineyards and wineries to discover the magnificent art and architecture of Italy's renowned cities! Explore Venice, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Montecatini and Rome along with visits to The Coliseum, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, Leaning Tower of Pisa and more!

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Depart Omaha / Overnight flight en route

Meet us today at one of our many convenient pick-up points as we make our way to Omaha’s Eppley Airfield and connect to our overnight flight to Venice, Italy.

Day 2 – Venice, Italy

Welcome to Venice – known as “the Jewel of the Mediterranean!” Upon arrival, meet your local tour representative and transfer to your hotel via canal boat. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before our evening welcome dinner. **(D)**

Day 3 – Venice, Italy

Today we visit the magical and truly romantic city of Venice. The city itself boasts a marvel of engineering feats, built on 118 small islands crossed by its world-famous canals. Who can think of romance without imagining a pair of lovers floating beneath graceful bridges in a Venetian gondola? During our walking tour, our local guide will help discover the exotic sights that surround you as you navigate the picturesque alleyways and cross bridges over the quaint canals filled with gondolas. See the soaring domes of St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doges Palace and Bridge of Sighs among other sites of this remarkable city built on water. This afternoon is at leisure for you to explore, sip coffee in a small cafe, shop in the boutiques and enjoy this romantic city. **(B)**

Day 4 – Florence, Italy / Montecatini

This morning we depart on high-speed train to Florence. What a great way to travel as you watch picturesque towns, lush vineyards and beautiful wineries pass by. Upon arrival, we’ll walk in the footsteps of great rulers, artists and philosophers as you explore Florence, the breathtaking capital of the Italian Renaissance, on our walking tour. The city is steeped in the achievements of great minds who found inspiration here. A visit to the famous Accademia Gallery is included where you’ll get an up-close view of Michelangelo’s masterpiece, David. Undoubtedly the world’s most famous sculpture, the museum also houses five other Michelangelo sculptures – the four unfinished Prisoners and St. Matthew – and a collection of Gothic and Renaissance paintings that were once in the Medici collections. After the tour, enjoy free time for exploring and shopping for Italian leather goods, art and crystal as lovely reminders of your journey through Italy. This afternoon we continue to Montecatini, our home for the next three nights, where we also enjoy dinner together. **(B, D)**

Day 5 – Siena, Italy

Today we enjoy a full-day excursion to Siena. This is one of Italy’s most popular destinations, known for its fine cuisine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio, a horse race held twice a year in the Piazza del Campo. Our local guide will walk you through this beautiful Tuscan town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the highlights of the city, including the Duomo of Sienna, the 12th-century cathedral that serves as a splendid example of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture. See the Palazzo Pubblico, once City Hall, now an art museum, showcasing its famous frescoes or climb the “Torre del Mangia”, the tall bell tower overlooking the Piazza del Campo. Siena is also known for its glazed terracotta pottery as well as locally produced wines and olive oil. Be sure to taste the delicious gelato and panforte, a cake made with honey and candied fruits. You’ll have free time for lunch and shopping on your own for local specialties before returning to Montecatini this evening. **(B)**

Day 6 – Pisa, Italy

Depart this morning to Pisa, best known for the bell tower of the cathedral, the “leaning Tower of Pisa.” Our local guide will explain the history of this beautiful town as you walk around the Piazza dei Miracoli and see the architecture and historic walls of this medieval city. Later, return to Montecatini for an afternoon at your leisure. It’s the perfect time to stroll through the city center or visit a spa with the curative water and healing springs for which the town is famous. **(B)**

Day 7 – Rome, Italy / The Coliseum

This morning we travel by motorcoach to Florence and board our high-speed train for the journey to Rome. With a history spanning more than 2,500 years, Rome offers a breathtaking overview of the highlights of Western civilization. From the remarkable Coliseum to the gorgeous Trevi Fountain, this bustling metropolis invites you to imagine life centuries ago as you gaze upon memorials to ancient civilizations. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic city tour and a guided visit to the Coliseum. Built between 70-80 AD, the Coliseum is considered one of the greatest works of Roman architecture and engineering, and remains the largest amphitheater in the world. Later, we check-in to our hotel for the next three nights. **(B)**

Day 8 – Vatican City / Sistine Chapel

This morning, enjoy a guided visit to the spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Church and the smallest independent state in the world: Vatican City. During the guided visit of the Vatican Museums, you’ll walk through halls containing some of the most priceless art treasures in the world. The highlight of the visit for many of you may be the Sistine Chapel, which houses the single most impressive work of art by Michelangelo. Continue to St. Peter’s Basilica and experience the magnificence of Bernini, Michelangelo and other great artists of the Roman Renaissance and Baroque periods. Be sure to see Michelangelo’s famous statue, Pieta, created by the artist when he was only 25 years old. This afternoon and evening are free to enjoy on your own. **(B)**

Day 9 – Rome at Leisure

Your last day in Rome is yours to enjoy as you wish. This evening, we all come together for a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 10 – Return Home

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport and depart Italy filled with memories of Renaissance art and architecture, rolling hills and vineyards, and the glory of the Roman Empire. Upon arrival in Omaha, say goodbye to your fellow travelers and Moostash Joe Tour Director as you arrive back at your initial pick-up points. **(B)**

MEALS INCLUDED:

- (B)** – Breakfast
- (L)** – Lunch
- (D)** – Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Night One** – Overnight flight en route
- Nights Two & Three** – Hotel Cavalletto, Venice, Italy
- Nights Four, Five & Six** – Grand Hotel Tamerici and Principe, Montecatini Terme, Italy
- Nights Seven, Eight & Nine** – Hotel Universo, Rome, Italy

Departs: Norfolk, Fremont, Lincoln & Omaha, NE



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Single Occupancy Price:
\$5,999

Deposit Due:
\$400 per person

Travel Protection Price:
\$373 per person

Cancellation Penalties:
Up until 121 days before departure: \$400 Penalty (Deposit Amount)
120-91 days before departure: 50% of Tour Cost
90 days or less before departure: No Refund

A valid passport is necessary to take this tour.