

# Family Adventure

#### INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- O English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- O Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- O Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- O Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- O Internet Access
- O Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- O Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

# DAY 1 ARRIVAL ROME, ITALY

Arrive in Rome, the capital of Italy, where you are greeted by your Guardian Angel, transferred to your hotel and assisted with check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day in your spare time.

Villa Agrippina Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY2 O ROME | TREASURY HUNTS & VATICAN SPLENDOR

Join your expert guide for a morning of discovery by private vehicle along central Rome's narrow streets and wide squares. Listen as your guide tells the stories behind the fountains and monuments you pass by, and create a treasure hunt for symbols and animals among Rome's famous marble statues. See the still visible outline of the Roman athletics track that once stood in place on the stunning oval-shaped Piazza Navona, and see Bernini's famous Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of Four Rivers). Take a walk to the nearby Pantheon, Rome's best preserved ancient monument. Pass the ministries of the Italian Government, pass the Via del Corso, walk the narrow cobblestone streets, go to the world-famous Trevi Fountain, make sure you will want to throw a coin here, so one day you will return to Rome. Finish your morning in the elegant Piazza di Spagna by the Spanish Steps ascending the Trinita dei Monti. Climb the hill (or choose the elevator) for spectacular views of the Roman hills. After lunch in your spare time, continue to the Vatican, where you go on a visual, treasure hunt of all ages through the magnificent collections of art, maps and sculptures kept in museums, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. As the smallest sovereign state in the world, Vatican City is one of the highlights of any visit to Rome. Home to the Pope and perhaps most famous for Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the walled city-state also encompasses the circular, pillared splendor of St. Peter's Square; the majestic St. Peter's Basilica; and a complex of museums filled with centuries-old fine arts, sculptures, and manuscripts. Villa Agrippina Meals: Breakfast

## DAY3 O ROME | THE COLOSSEUM & GLADIATOR SCHOOL

Start today at the Colosseum, Rome's most famous landmark. Built in 72 AD, the large amphitheater hosted gladiator battles and other shows that entertained 50,000 spectators. Continue to the Roman Forum, a patchwork of ruined temples set between the church and the arch ruins. Then, visit the Palatine Hill, the site of Rome's legendary founding, and see the Farnese Gardens. Back to school this afternoon - Gladiator

# YOUR JOURNEY



School. Enjoy a two-hour, all ages session, starting with a short historical introduction. Then wear a tunic, grab a rubber sword and participate in a series of exercises that prepare you for a mock tournament, complete with a prize for the winner and a certificate for all participants.

Villa Agrippina Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY4 SIENA / FLORENCE | PALIO SCAVENGER HUNT

Head to Florence, stopping on the way in the Tuscan town of Siena. Enjoy lunch at your leisure and learn about the famous Palio, one of the oldest and most famous horse races in the world, before exploring this medieval city. Make an extraordinary visit to the neighborhoods where Palio competitors have been selected by joining an engaging scavenger hunt in the city. Get a map of the city, a scarf from a contrada, and a customized wooden coat of arms as you set out to discover the traditions and legends of knights and jockeys. Enjoy a break from hunting with traditional Siena almond cookies and ricciarelli tasting. After your time exploring Siena, continue to Florence and check-in to your hotel.

Hotel Savoy Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY5 | FLORENCE | RENAISSANCE WONDERS

This morning, take a walking tour of Florence, passing Piazza della Signoria and visiting the Palazzo Vecchio (Town Hall). Then see the astronomer Galileo's work, telescopes, microscopes, clocks and other scientific instruments at the Science History Museum. Then, cool off with a behind-the-scenes tour of Florence's oldest and best ice cream parlors. Learn briefly about the gelato heritage in Florence before trying all kinds of gelato mixes, including cocktails. Finish off by riding the carousel at Piazza della Repubblica before enjoying the rest of the day in your spare time. Hotel Savoy

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY6 PISA | THE FAMOUS LEANING TOWER

The journey to Pisa, a city sparkling with historical landmarks, is a reminder of its glorious past as a maritime republic. When you get there, take a walking tour with your local guide to see the Campo dei Miracoli (Site of Miracles), a UNESCO World Heritage Site with Pisa's famous Leaning Tower. Climb the tower if you're so inclined (minimum age 8) Visit the inspiring 11th-century Duomo, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture, and the majestic, circular Baptistery, the largest of its kind in Italy. Just like the tower, both the cathedral and the baptistery (as in other buildings in Pisa) have a simplicity due to the unstable soil rich in groundwater. Return to Florence and enjoy the balance of the day at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY7 | FLORENCE | MICHELANGELO'S DAVID

Walk in admiring the city's beautiful squares, churches and palaces. See the Galleria dell'Accademia, where you see Michelangelo's David, as well as the Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore). Walk through Florence's historic Mercato Centrale and taste a variety of Tuscan street food. After lunch in your spare time, zoom into Venice by high speed train, where you continue by boat to your hotel. San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice

Meals: Breakfast

## DAY8 VENICE | ST. MARK'S BASILICA & VENETIAN MASK MAKING

Visit the magnificent St.Mark's Basilica on a family-oriented walking tour, watch the four bronze horses outside, and admire the interior filled with bright mosaics and marble floors. Also visit the Doge's Palace and continue walking through unique local sites as your private guide explains their history. Come to a Venetian mask studio where you learn how to decorate a real Venetian mask. You can choose to make a mask from Carnival, Venetian everyday life, theater (Commedia dell'Arte) or maybe try a modern, fantastic mask. Finish off with a handmade mask of your own design to wear and take with you. Tonight, enjoy a gondola ride on the iconic Grand Canal. San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice

Meals: Breakfast

# DAY9 💍 VENICE | A FREE DAY

Spend a day at "La Serenissima" in your totally free time, relax, enjoy the many possibilities of your luxury accommodation or explore the city on your own. San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice
Meals: Breakfast

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#### DAY 10 DEPART VENICE

Transfer to Venice airport and departure after breakfast.

Meals: Breakfast