

VIP ITALY EXPERIENCE

PREPARED FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Splashout Art Studio Party of 8

ON BEHALF OF PHIL HOFFMANN TRAVEL - RIZ CALLISTO A VIRTUOSO AGENCY



Saturday 18th June 2016

On Arrival at Fiumicino Airport please collect your luggage and make your way through customs and into the Arrivals hall where your driver will await you with a sign. Enjoy a leisurely minivan transfer from Fiumicino Airport to your Hotel in Rome.

Please note that porterage service is not included however if you wish you may request this locally and pay for it directly to the porters.

Check into the Hotel Colonna Palace where you have reserved your 4 Twin Rooms for 2 nights. Breakfast, Service and TAX's included. <u>Any eventual city</u> TAX to be paid directly to the hotel...

The Hotel Colonna Palace Roma has an enviable location in the heart of Rome, nestled between two monumental piazzas, Piazza Monte Citorio, with the Bernini-designed palace housing Italy's parliament and an Egyptian Obelisk, and Piazza Colonna, with the intricately carved 2nd century Column of Marcus Aurelius. Via del Corso with its stellar shopping is right around the corner, while must-see sights like the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon are just a short stroll away. The 102 guestrooms, including 5 suites, make the most of the hotel's historic 16th century palace with soaring ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows as well as a sleek modern design and bold color scheme in the recently renovated rooms. We love the sophisticated Suite Colonna with its loft bedroom, downstairs living room with a sofa bed and two good-sized bathrooms. The jewel in this four-star crown is the hotel's swank roof terrace. With views stretching all the way to St. Peters, there's no better spot to work your way through the vast complimentary breakfast buffet, relax by the whirlpool or sip a signature cocktail with Rome literally at your fingertips here.



Time at leisure to relax and settle into the property

Sunday 19th June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

This morning enjoy a very special introduction to the amazing highlights of Imperial Rome with your local expert guide and driver.

A great way to see and enjoy the highlights of Imperial Rome. On this tour we will visit the valley of the Roman Forum. We see the inside of the Senate and the inside of the Basilica of Constantine. From the outside we will see the other ruins (temples, basilicas, Reggia, etc.,). We will walk the Via Sacra to the Arch of Tito and enjoy the Coliseum both externally

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and from the inside. We'll walk to the palatine hill to visit the ruins of the imperial palaces and its small museum. We then head to the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains to see the Holy Chains of St. Peter and the Moses carved by Michelangelo! Not to mention the Vittoriano (otherwise known as the Wedding Cake). The tour ends with a panoramic drive past Circus Maximus, Aventino Hill and the Palatino Hill. (Tour duration: 4 hours) – <u>Entrances to the</u> Coliseum included



Lunch and afternoon at leisure in Rome

Visit the 'Quirinale', to witness Rome's own take on the Changing of The Guard. The event takes place every day at 3pm in front of the presidential palace. Near the Pantheon, take the small street off Via del Seminario, called via dei Pastini. There you will find a magical artisan shop, where working with wood is an art. Here, Pinocchio is king! very amusing! Tucked away in Trastevere's Piazza Sant'Egidio, you will find the Museum of Rome. This is the place to discover Roman life in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Major themes are costume, folk dancing, and festivals.



Monday 20th June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Check out of the hotel and settle any incidental accounts

Enjoy a very special day with your driver to head south to the beautiful Campania Region and take a step back in time with your local expert guide to enjoy the famous archaeological site of Pompeii as we transfer to Sorrento... This very special day will take us south through the heart of the Lazio Region and down into the beautiful Campania Region to take a step back in time to the Roman Empire as we explore the amazing site of Pompeii with our local expert guide. Following the tour of Pompeii with the guide, enjoy time at leisure for a light lunch in the heart of the town of Pompeii before heading to Sorrento with your driver (Tour duration with Guide in

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Pompeii: 2,5 hours) - Entrances to Pompeii Ruins included



Check into the Hotel Bellevue Syrene where you have reserved your 4 Classic Twin Rooms Sea View for 4 nights. Breakfast, Service and TAX's included. Any eventual city TAX to be paid directly to the hotel...

Perched on a cliff top setting that has enchanted royalty and glitterati, poets and lovers for more than a millennium, the Hotel Bellevue Syrene knows how to make the most of its setting and its history. All guestrooms and common areas face the Bay of Naples and the iconic Mount Vesuvius; the wine cellar and the unique Roccia signature suite inhabit ancient Roman grottos and the eclectic interiors blend the hotel's original features with fresh, contemporary design. This five-star property offers 45 rooms in the classic, superior and deluxe categories, each with a unique collection of antiques and oddities, a color palette mixing gleaming white with bold statement colors and all of the 21st century comforts you would expect. For something truly special, choose one of the five signature suites, like the Roccia suite in an ancient Roman cave with its four-poster bed and hydromassage pool or the De La Syrene suite with its vast vaulted ceilings, turquoise accents and seaview balcony. Within minutes you could stroll into town or board a scenic cruise for Capri, but why would you want to leave? The Syrene literally has something for everyone, from a cozy reading room to the sun terrace complete with a quick-dip pool, from a full service spa to the private beach accessible by lift or a Roman pedestrian passageway carved out of the caves. And one is never in danger of starving at the Syrene: a vast hot and cold breakfast buffet starts the day, with Salvatore Buonocore's creative cuisine served at lunch and dinner, either indoors in Mimmo Jodice and Gli Archi or outdoors on the terrace of La Pergola or Villa Pompeiana. If that weren't enough, the Club Lounge offers a dizzving array of complimentary sweet and savory snacks every day from 10 to 8 and the Wine Cellar hosts wine tastings under the capable tutelage of head sommelier Catarina Gargiulo.



Amenities

- Gift in every kind of room
- Dinner of 3 courses, drinks not included, for stays min. 7 nights
- Use of the 'Club Lounge' Open every day from 10,00am

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Time at leisure to relax and settle into the property

Tuesday 21st June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Today we will enjoy a wonderful introduction to the Island Of Capri and the beautiful towns of Capri and Ana Capri with our local expert guide.

Our Tour today will take us from Sorrento port with our guide on the hydrofoil to Capri. As we cross the sea our guide will introduce us not only to the Sorrentina Peninsula and Bay of Naples but also the beautiful island of Capri. On arrival we will enjoy exploring the port area, known locally as Marina Grande. From the port we will take the funicular railway up to Capri Town, which is a charming white town which is daily worn down with the treat of many visitors. The architecture of Capri Town complements the islands natural beauty and much of what we consider to be typical and homemade Mediterranean building can be seen here in the older quarters of the town. Not only will you find beautiful stores here in Capri town but also there are plenty of moulded arches, domes, narrow streets and stairways to explore. Once explored we will taxi up to the higher level and town of Ana Capri which was once a fierce rival of Capri town. Whilst also elegant Ana Capri has more of a rustic air to it and here you will see many olive streets, surrounding vineyards and a more simple Moorish style of architecture. As well as the main areas we can visit the Piazza San Nicola and its 18th century Church of San Michele, the Church of Santa Sofia and from Piazza Vittoria we can head over to the Villa San Michele of Acel Munthe. For those seeking a little more adventure, you can take a chairlift to the summit of Monte Solaro – the highest point on the island from where the views are quite stunning. Following our visit to these areas of Capri we return to the Marina Grande with the taxi to catch the hydrofoil back to Sorrento- (Tour duration: 8 hours) – Hydrofoil and funicular tickets included



Wednesday 22nd June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Today we will enjoy and explore the beautiful Amalfi Coast with our local expert driver who is so proud to call this area home. This tour will take you on one of the most beautiful coastal drives that you will ever enjoy

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in Italy. From Sorrento, we will begin to enjoy the 'Amalfi Drive' following the coastline to Positano. Positano is a town which definitely owes its good fortune as a tourist destination thanks to the stunning scenery. It is a dream like place that almost does not seem real when you are there, but once you have left Positano the 'want' to return there is very real. The fashion and the shopping in Positano is well worth your visit, the collegiate church of Santa Maria Assunta which dates back to the 1200's is a must, the port area is worth the trip down to see, what you must do on this tour is simply take in the atmosphere, enjoy some people watching and soak up the magic of this place. Following your time in Positano, we continue along the coastline to Ravello (about 40 mins drive). Ravello, is lesser known than Positano and not a seaside town however its just as beautiful and magical. The view over a vast portion of the Amalfi Coast that one can enjoy from Ravello is one of the most picturesque and sublime sights that human eyes can gaze upon. Ravello itself lies on a spur which separates the Dragon Valley from the Maiori Valley. Nowadays it is one of the most renowned holiday resorts in Italy. The Arab Sicilian style of the buildings is due to the trading relationships which the city had established with Sicily and countries of the East. In Ravello you can take optional visit to the Gardens and Cloisters of the Villa Rufolo, the most famous monument of Ravello which dates back to the 13th century. (Tour duration: 10 hours)



Thursday 23rd June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Full day at leisure in Sorrento

The Town of Sorrento began its career back at the beginning of the 19th century when Naples began to grow too piquant for English tastes. Sorrento's secret is a certain perfect cosiness, comfortable like old shoes or a favourite cardigan. It certainly helps that Sorrento is a lovely, civilized old town. Not many resorts can trace their ancestry back to the Etruscans or claim a native son like the poet Torquato Tasso.



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Friday 24th June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Check out of the hotel and settle any incidental accounts

Private Minivan transfer from Sorrento for Rome: Please meet your driver in the Hotel Lobby to enjoy a leisurely minivan transfer to Rome...

Check into the Hotel Colonna Palace where you have reserved your 4 Twin Rooms for 1 night. Breakfast, Service and TAX's included. <u>Any eventual city TAX</u> to be paid directly to the hotel...

Time at leisure to relax and settle into the property

This evening we will enjoy one of the world's most special experiences -a behind closed doors visit to the amazing Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum with our very own local expert guide.

Enjoy a very exclusive experience, an after-hours tour of one of the most amazing building in the world that houses one of the world's most important art collections. This amazing complex of Museums, which were originally papal palaces built for Renaissance Popes such as Sixtus IV, Innocent VIII and Julius II also house the Sistine Chapel and the Raphael Rooms which should not be missed. The only problem is 'where to begin'. Your local expert guide will take you on the most incredible journey through what is considered to be one of the most important buildings in the world. (Tour duration: 2 hours) - **ON REQUEST - Please note that this does not include a visit to St Peter's Basilica**



Bags, backpacks, umbrellas:

The cloakroom staff will accept the visitors bags and personal belongings (irrespective of the form, material or dimension of the object), with the exception of clothing items, hats, portable umbrellas.

It is obligatory to deposit in the cloakroom suitcases, backpacks and containers with dimensions larger than cm 40 x 35 x 15.

It is obligatory to deposit in the cloakroom bags and backpacks which are cumbersome, except those small-sized, that carried on shoulder, don't jut out by 15 cm from the body's shape in its highest point.

It is obligatory to deposit in the cloakroom umbrellas with a spike tip, umbrellas of medium and large size, walking sticks (except those required by disabled visitors to

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facilitate their movement), tripods for cameras and video cameras, signage of any kind. (except signs used by official guides for their identification).

It is obligatory to deposit in the cloakroom knives, scissors, any tools that could be harmful to other persons or a damage works of art in the Museums.

It is not possible to deposit in the cloakroom, firearms of any kind or other dangerous objects. It is strictly forbidden to enter the Museums with any kind of weapon.

Access to the Museums by armed visitors is not permitted. Non exception to this rule is made for visitors holding a firearm permit, or if the weapon forms part of a uniform (police, military or others).

Saturday 25th June 2016

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Check out of the hotel and settle any incidental accounts

IC Bellagio is a proud sponsor of the Rome Sustainable Food Project (RSFP) at the American Academy in Rome, donating one euro for each of our guests to this worthy cause. The project was founded in 2007 by inspiring chef, restaurateur and advocate Alice Waters, in an aim to provide a replicable model of sustainable dining for educational institutions worldwide. Capitalizing on good, seasonal and fair food sourced from local producers and the Academy's own kitchen garden, RSFP provides a community table where scholars and artists can engage in interdisciplinary exchange and dialogue. <u>www.aarome.org/about/rsfp</u>



IC Bellagio is delighted to announce the new "I-C-Italy" photography competition! Each month we will announce a new photography theme where the winning photographs will be displayed on our social media – so be sure to remind your clients to check our Facebook Page! At the end of the 12 months, all of our favorite photos will go before an expert panel of judges with a chance of winning the I-C-Italy grand prize – a week of bliss at the Villa dei Sogni in Bellagio. For more details please go to <u>www.icbellagio.com/icitaly/</u>

Buon Viaggio!!!!!



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We hope these indications of the **average maximum and minimum temperatures** over the time you will be in Italy are useful. Remember Italy is home to high mountain ranges and beautiful warm coastline, as a rule temperatures rise at least a few degrees the further South you go.

June: 12° to 24° C / 39.2° to 75.2° F

