

Italian Rendezvous



For **SINGLES 45 Years and Over**

19 June to 4 July 2010 (16 days / 15 nights)

Milan • Como • Venice • La Spezia • Florence • Assisi • Sorrento • Rome

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Discover all the best of one of the world's most romantic countries from the north to south.

Starting in the fashion capital of Milan you'll next visit the Italian lakes district before touring to Venice. From Venice, the tour crosses the Italian peninsular and onwards to La Spezia, on the eastern side of the Italian Riviera with a full day highlight excursion to Cinque Terre. Then the tour heads to Florence and stays over in Tuscany before enjoying the magic of the Amalfi Coast and finally, the ancient city of Rome. Join like-minded singles in your age group on this fully escorted tour.

Tour Highlights

- A two night stay in the picturesque Italian Lakes District
- Full day highlight excursion of Cinque Terre (five villages)
- A highlight dinner in the Chianti Hills, Florence
- A sightseeing tour of Florence including a visit to see Michelangelo's original 'Statue of David'
- A guided tour through the cobble-stoned streets of the ill-fated town of Pompeii
- Visit the superb Vatican Museums and admire Michelangelo's ceiling of the Sistine Chapel

Tour Pace

The tour is well paced with an exceptional three night stay in Florence and two nights of stay in all other cities except Milan and Assisi. The majority of driving days are not too long, with convenient stops at places of interest along the way for refreshments and sightseeing. With nine of the fifteen nights of dinners included in the itinerary it's the ideal balance of social group dining and the option to make your own arrangements.

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**Bookings close
19 April 2010**
or before places sell out



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- First class hotels for 15 nights*
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 9 dinners
- Sightseeing tours
- Group Tour Director
- Room mate matching service available
- Stylish travel wallet

** First class hotels are rated by the tour operator, Insight Vacations. As a guide, this standard compares to 4 star hotels.*

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person*	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Early Bird Price**	\$5395	\$6490
Tour Standard Price	\$5695	\$6790
Airfares	Quoted separately on request	
Pre and/or post tour hotel nights	Price on request	

** All prices are in Australian Dollars*

*** Early bird price valid for first 15 people who book and pay a deposit. The offer expires when places sell out and by 19 January 2010.*

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes, adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

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Itinerary for Italian Rendezvous

Day 1 (Milan). Welcome to Italy. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome drink with the Tour Director before dinner. **D**

Day 2 (Como). Today, we travel to our lakeside hotel in the picturesque Italian Lakes District. Settle into the hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy a two night stay. **BB**

Day 3 (Como). Today's highlight is enchanting Lake Como, considered the jewel of the Italian Lakes for its superb mountain setting. Como is dominated by its marble cathedral set in the narrow streets of the Old Town. Perhaps take an excursion to visit another lakeside town. Tonight we enjoy an exciting dining experience high above the city of Como. We start our evening by taking the cog railroad to the top of Mt. Brunate allowing time to take photos and see the lake from a new perspective. Dinner includes the best and freshest local cuisine from this unique region of Italy. The breathtaking views and excellent food will make this a dinner you will always remember. **BB HD**

Day 4 (Venice/Treviso). Briefly enter Switzerland to visit mountain ringed Lugano, and take time to stroll the lake's shores and shop for watches and chocolate. Continue to the elegant city of Verona. See the ancient Roman arena, venue for the opera each summer, and visit the courtyard of the Capulet home to see Juliet's balcony. Then it's on to romantic Venice, a glorious city of quaint bridges, ornate palaces, and gondolas. **BB D**

Day 5 (Venice/Treviso). Relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel by private launch to St Mark's Square. Admire the Doges' Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs, and later visit a glass showroom for a demonstration of traditional craftsmanship, unchanged for centuries. We also see the ornate St Mark's Basilica, the rest of the day is at leisure to explore Venice on your own, before we return to our hotel. **BB**

Day 6 (La Spezia). Today, we cross the Italian peninsula and see the quarries at Carrara, its milky white stone attracting everyone from Michelangelo to Mussolini. We then travel to La Spezia, on the eastern end of the Italian Riviera. **BB D**

Day 7 (La Spezia). Today, we experience a full day highlight excursion to Cinque Terre, or five villages, which were for years only accessible by donkey. Luckily, today we take the train we explore the spectacular area. A local expert will guide you around two postcard pretty villages, which both

retain their charm and reputation for producing one of Italy's most sought after and exclusive wines. For the adventurous there is a hill side track which leads from one village to another if you prefer to take in the scenery on foot! **BB D**

Day 8 (Florence). This morning we have a photo stop at the leaning tower of Pisa before we arrive in Florence. We have a sightseeing tour of Florence with a local guide who shows you Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery. Continue to see the Cathedral and baptistry, Giotto's 14th century Campanile (said to be the most beautiful bell-tower in the world), the 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square, political stage of the Florentines. **BB D**

Day 9 (Florence). This morning we drive to San Gimignano—a 'medieval Manhattan'—where there is time to explore this many towered town with its squares and winding streets. Then on to the walled town of Sienna where our Tour Director takes us to the famous Piazza del Campo, scene of the celebrated Palio horse race before heading back to Florence. **BB**

Day 10 (Florence). A whole day is reserved to enjoy Florence at your leisure. Discover the art treasures housed in the many museums and galleries? Why not dedicate today to shopping for leather and gold products, visit one of the many museums or simply relax at an outdoor café with a glass of vino? Tonight we enjoy a wine tasting, followed by a dinner in the Chianti Hills. **BB HD**

Day 11 (Assisi). We enjoy a scenic drive to the hill top town of Assisi, home of St Francis. Here we visit the Basilica of St Francis with its magnificent frescoes by the artist Giotto. The rest of the time is free to wander the cobblestone streets and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. **BB**

Day 12 (Sorrento). Our first stop is the Commonwealth Cemetery of Montecassino. Then through Campania to Pompeii where a local guide will walk you through the streets of this Roman resort buried by an eruption of the volcanic Mt Vesuvius in AD79. Later we make our way to Sorrento for dinner and our overnight stay. **BB D**

Day 13 (Sorrento). This morning we take a short drive for a birds eye view of the terraced houses of Positano. Then by mini buses we travel down into the heart of the town where we have time at leisure to explore. Later perhaps take an optional excursion to the island of Capri? Tonight why not try the local seafood at a local restaurant for dinner? **BB**

Day 14 (Rome). We head north to the celebrated wine town of Frascati and continue to Castel Gandolfo to see the Pope's summer residence and then travel to the 'Eternal City', Rome for our two night stay. **BB**

Day 15 (Rome). Sightseeing with a local guide begins with a visit to the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Visit St Peter's Basilica, built around the tomb of St Peter, and designed by some of history's greatest architects, Bramante, Bernini and Michelangelo. Crossing the Tiber, explore ancient Rome as you visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Spend the afternoon at leisure: shop, relax or continue sightseeing. As night falls, stroll to the Boat Fountain at the foot of the elegant Spanish Steps before enjoying a typically Roman dinner in a local restaurant. **BB HD**

Day 16 (Depart Rome). Our memorable tour comes to an end, and after breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for your return journey home. **BB**



MEAL KEY

- BB** Hot Buffet Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- D** Hotel Dinner
- HD** Highlight Dinner

NOTES. Hotels are subject to final confirmation at the time bookings for the holiday close. After final confirmation hotels are subject to change should circumstances dictate. We reserve the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate.

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