

Ah, Italia...see the Splendor of Italy with The Detroit Anthropology Group



Rome

and



The Grand Tour of Italy

March 22 – April 1, 2018

\$2995.00

(The Price includes the very expensive air fares to & in Italy, 1st-class hotels, & all sightseeing!)

Rome - Tuscany - Florence - Pisa - Lucca - Prato - San Gimignano

The Roman Colosseum - One of the **Seven Wonders of the World**, and only **2 blocks** from our **1st-class, 4-star deluxe** hotel. It's the easiest way to see it, **both day and at night!**

Under the Tuscan Sun – The original classic D.A.G. tour, visiting the very best of Tuscany!

Pisa and the Leaning Tower – Exciting town, **2nd** of “7 Wonders of the World” on this trip!

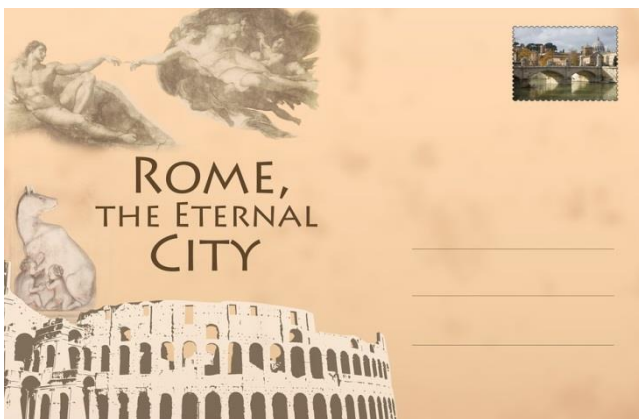
The Pope & Palm Sunday - St. Peter's Square for the traditional greeting & Palm blessing.

Florence and the Glory of the Renaissance - One of Italy's most beautiful cities.

Lucca - Tuscany's most charming town, best olive oil, great food, and “family tower castles”.

All this is Included in the Tour Price

- **ROUND TRIP NON-STOP FLIGHTS** between Detroit & Europe on **Delta** Airlines, and a lot of Delta Sky Miles.
- **TRANSPORTATION IN ITALY:** Between all cities & towns.
- **NON-STOP IN-EUROPE FLIGHT** to Rome, nonstop, from the connecting city in Europe.
- **HOTEL IN ROME:** Deluxe **1st-class, 4-star** hotel, with private bathrooms, & a **10-minute** walk to the **Colosseum**.
- **HOTEL IN TUSCANY:** **1st-class** hotel, Under the Tuscan Sun.
- **2 OF THE 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD:** Leaning Tower of Pisa, and the Colosseum in Rome.
- **ROME SIGHTSEEING TOUR:** With an English-speaking expert Italian tour guide.
- **THE VATICAN & ST. PETER'S SQUARE:** A private visit to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican, with a chance to see the **Pope** at the **Pope Francis** appearance on **Palm Sunday**.
- **PISA & THE LEANING TOWER:** A private day-visit to see the interesting town of Pisa, and the famous Leaning Tower.
- **LUCCA:** A day visit & tour in one of the most charming towns in Tuscany, & the best olive oil in antique bottles.
- **SAN GIMIGNANO:** A visit and walking tour of this colorful castle town with the best views - and wines - in Tuscany.
- **TUSCANY SCENIC DRIVE,** with vineyards and castles.
- **PRE-TRIP PLANNING MEETING** to help you prepare, with maps, a 16-page “Day-by-Day Itinerary”, & Italian wine-tasting.
- **A SERIES OF 8 PRE-TRIP NEWSLETTERS:** On climate & clothing, Italian customs, Italian foods & restaurants, & packing.
- **TOUR LEADER:** Experienced tour leader throughout the trip.
- **TREVI FOUNTAIN:** From “3 Coins in the Fountain” movie – Will you throw **your** coin in the Fountain? Will you be chosen?



A Roman Holiday 2 blocks from the Colosseum, plus Pisa, Florence, & the Best of Tuscany!

Day 1 (March 22, 2018): Detroit Departure for Rome.

We depart this evening on a **nonstop** flight to Europe, with **free meals & drinks, and over 200 free movies** to choose from. Enjoy your “**Bliss Sheet**” too! Take your 16-page “**Day-by-Day Itinerary**” on the flight with you, to read the details of this exciting holiday discovering the treasures of **Rome & Tuscany**, and the splendors of **sunny Italy**.



Day 2 (March 23): Rome - the Colosseum 7th Wonder.

We arrive in Europe this morning, & then change to a 1-hour flight to **Rome**, the Eternal City. A private bus & professional driver will be waiting for us at the airport, to take us to our **1st-class, 4-star deluxe hotel** in one of the **very best locations** in all of **Rome** – it’s only a **10-minute** walk to one of the **7 Wonders of the World**, the Roman **Colosseum!**

After checking in, and refreshing, we will take that **10-minute stroll** to the magnificent **Colosseum**, but don’t forget your camera. You’ll be able to walk back and forth to the Colosseum any time you like over the next few days. We’ll view it during the **daytime**, and also in the **evening** when the **Colosseum is illuminated in all its glory**, just for the blissful members of The Detroit Anthropology Group. The Colosseum was completed in **80 A.D.**, - ironically the year after **Pompeii** was destroyed by **Vesuvius** in the south.

Day 3 (March 24): Julius Caesar & Highlights of Rome.

Today we take a complete sightseeing tour of most of the highlights of this great city, seeing and visiting many of the places you’ve heard and read about your whole life, including **The Pantheon**, the **Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, the **Roman Forum**, **Circus Maximus**, **Palatine Hill**, **Arch of Constantine**, **Piazza Navona**, and the Forum of **Julius Caesar**. The tour is included in the price of our trip. After the tour, the rest of the afternoon and evening is free for shopping, visiting one of Rome’s great museums, or taking a walk along the biblical **River Tiber**. Tonight, an authentic **Italian folklore show** is nearby if you want to join us for a **Roman musical evening**.

Day 4 (March 25): Pope Francis on Palm Sunday.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you when we wake today & we go to **Vatican City** & St. Peter’s Square. It’s **Palm Sunday** in the Christian world, & we’ll be in the **Square** when **Pope Francis** gives his traditional Palm Sunday speech & the Papal **blessing**. **No matter what religion you are**, if any, this will be interesting.

Then we visit **Rome’s Trastevere**, historic “old town” with cobble-stone streets, coffee shops, poets, cafes, boutiques, pubs & Bohemians. **Trastevere** is Rome’s “Greenwich Village” & most colorful neighborhood. You might stay for a little **jazz** or **poetry reading**, this evening.

Day 5 (March 26): Rome; Under the Tuscan Sun.

The morning is free for exploring or last-minute shopping in **Rome**. Then we go on to everyone’s favorite region of Italy – **Tuscany**, & some of the places from our D.A.G. original classic tour, “**Under the Tuscan Sun**”, over the next few days. We will be staying in **the same hotel in Tuscany**, & then we take day trips to some of the most beautiful & most famous **Tuscan towns**. And that includes the **second** of **two** of the “**7 Wonders of the World**” that you will see on this **Grand Tour of Italy** in the Spring of 2018. We stay in the all-time favorite Italian & Tuscan towns for members of The Detroit Anthropology Group, the very quaint Prato. We stay in a comfortable **1st-class hotel** in the center of town. After check-in, we’ll take a casual walking tour and orientation stroll around this very charming town, with **castles** and wonderful **Italian and Tuscan restaurants**. Tonight we’ll attend a **free medieval concert** in **St. Stefan’s Duomo** (Cathedral) on Piazza Duomo, a **4-minute** walk from our hotel. Before going to sleep tonight, be sure to read your “**Bliss Sheet**” that will tell you all about tomorrow’s scenic day trip thru the Tuscan countryside to the well-preserved & ornate village of **Lucca**, a D.A.G. favorite in Tuscany for many years.



Our scenic ride thru breathtaking countryside in Tuscany

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Day 6 (March 27): A Tuscan Treasure – Lucca!

Today we enjoy a modern **European train ride**, the traditional way to travel, for the scenic **1-hour ride** to one of D.A.G. members' longtime favorite town in Tuscany, **Lucca!** This is one of the very **best preserved** medieval towns in Italy, and we'll begin with a colorful walking tour through some of the **no-traffic** cobblestone streets. The town is located at the foot of the **Italian Alps**, but it is a mostly **-flat** city which makes walking easy. We'll see the **Duomo**, the chapels, and the unusual "family castle towers". We then go to the amazing **archaeological** remains of a **Roman amphitheater** from the 1st century A.D. A favorite street for travelers is the **Pedestrian Promenade**, lined with little shops, restaurants, cafes, and **castles**...but no traffic is allowed. See the many **olive oil** shops in Lucca, where the **best** oil in Italy is produced. The famous Lucca olive oil comes in **ornate, antique bottles** which make perfect gifts. After the tour, you will have a couple hours free for shopping & lunch in quaint Lucca! You may want to walk on top of the well-preserved Wall that surrounds the town, after our special visit, **of course**, to the **Cathedral of San Martino** (St. Martin!).



Day 7 (March 28): Florence, the Renaissance City.

Today we visit one of the most famous cities in the world, not just Italy, when we go to beautiful **Florence** for the day. After the **1-hour scenic ride**, we'll have an Orientation and casual walking tour to the monuments and treasures of this glorious city of the Renaissance. Florence is **Detroit's sister city** in Europe, along with Montreux, Switzerland. D.A.G. members have visited Florence more than **25** times, & each time seems to be better than the last. Florence is also the **birthplace of gelato**, and it's the best in Italy here. Our walking tour in this very **flat, easy walking town** will include views of castles, palaces, the original **Statue of David** (the most famous sculpture in the world), the "old town", and the **Ponte Vecchio** (the oldest & most famous of the wooden bridges crossing the River Arno, & lined with Florentine leather, gold, silver & textile shops for bargaining.)

Day 8 (March 29): Pisa & the Leaning Tower.

Today we take another scenic hour & 15-minute ride, to one of the most famous towns in Italy – **Pisa** – and the **second** of the **two 7 Wonders of the World** that you will



see on this Trip of Highlights. We begin with a casual walking tour & orientation to see the treasures on the **Campo del Miracoli** ("the Field of Miracles"), a luscious green square that features the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**, **AND** the **Duomo**, **Baptistry**, **Leaning Tower Museum** & the ancient cemetery. You have a chance for great pictures of the Leaning Tower, & you can go inside the Tower & walk part way up it, for photos of the other miracles! They began building the Tower in 1100's, & it has been leaning ever since. (Or, is it as some people believe, just an optical illusion & not leaning at all. **You** be the judge.) Nearby are many **pizza & pasta** outdoor restaurants, for lunch with a very **special, leaning, view!**

Day 9 (March 30): San Gimignano, Tuscany's Best

We've saved the **best for last** today when we take the most scenic ride yet through the **Tuscan countryside** to the magical village of San Gimignano. This is the least-known of the highlights of Tuscany, except to members of The Detroit Anthropology Group who have enjoyed this wonderful, magical village for many years. (**At the end** of our **last** tour to Tuscany, when asked which town they would like **most** to visit again, it was unanimous by our travelers – **San Gimignano** they said! Will you too?)

Day 10 (March 31): FREE DAY IN TUSCANY!

Today is the only completely free day on the trip, & it is reserved for **you** - to do anything you want to do: For that **last-minute shopping** for family & friends who are not here with you? **Or** for that interesting **Museum** that you haven't been to yet? **Or** a **boat-ride** on the **River Arno**? **Or** visit the medieval streets of the "old town"?

Day 11 (APRIL 1): THE JOURNEY HOME.

Alas, we must fly back to Detroit today. Meanwhile, **The Experience is Ended. Long Live the Experience.**

Tour Reservation Coupon and Terms & Conditions for Rome & Grand Tour of Italy 2018

Tour Agreement: This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the tour operator, Europa Tours Inc., of Detroit/Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, in return for payment of the amount indicated as the tour price, agrees to provide you with this tour. Please read these terms & indicate your agreement by signing the Tour Reservation Coupon & sending it with your deposit.

What Is Included: All items listed in the *Included features* box on the front page. (Not included are shopping, meals, passport, airline/airport taxes & fees.)

Itinerary Variations: Our prime concern is that you enjoy your holiday. We therefore reserve the right to vary itineraries if improvements can be made or unforeseen circumstances make changes necessary. There are many national and local holidays which affect opening of shops, museums, & other facilities. Wherever possible, slight itinerary adjustments will be made to minimize inconveniences. The services of any IATA or Government Certified Airline may be used in conjunction with this tour. All passengers will be provided with an Itinerary & list of hotels, & other suppliers providing services on this tour.

Payment Schedule & Requirements: All checks for deposit & payments must be made out to: *Europa Tours Inc.* Europa Tours then makes the timely and non-refundable payments for you to the airlines & other suppliers by their required dates. If your payment does not arrive on time, we cannot make the payments for your seat. Your seat will then be canceled & previous deposits and payments will be forfeited. The schedule below will apply for this tour and again, all payments will be forfeited and reservations cancelled if the deadline for any payment is missed: (You will receive an Invoice, with *coupons* to use for your payments.)

\$400 Deposit:
 1/3 Remaining Balance: Due on a **1st-come, 1st-served** basis.
 2nd 1/3 of Remaining Balance: No later than 195 days before departure.
 Final 1/3 of the Balance: No later than 135 days before departure.
 Due 95 days before the departure date.

We will send you an Invoice with **coupons** & due dates to for your payments.

Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance: It is recommended that travelers purchase a travel protection plan to protect themselves & their trip investment. Now, in this day and age, more than ever it's extremely important to think about the unexpected. The Travel Insurance Protection plan information will be mailed back with the receipt for you original deposit.

This plan provides insurance coverage for your trip that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer, insurance agent or broker. The purchase of this plan is not required in order to purchase any other travel product offered to you by your travel retailer. You'll receive a detailed travel insurance brochure (**Travellex**).

Cancellation Schedule & Regulations: The following cancellation schedule will apply for this tour. If your written or email cancellation is received:

Up to 195 days before departure: Full refund less \$75 cancellation penalty.
 Between 194 & 135 days before departure: Full refund less \$850 penalty.
 Between 134 & 95 days before departure: Full refund less \$1250 penalty.
 94 or less days before departure, for all "No Shows", and for cancellations not received in writing by the appropriate dates above: No refund.

We recommend that you purchase travel insurance to protect you & payments.

Cancellation Notice: Must be received in writing or email by the dates above.

Group Tour: It is understood by the traveler, by sending a deposit or payment & the Tour Reservation Form, that this is a Group tour, different than individual travel. If necessary, we may have to substitute for a tour leader. There may be times that the Tour Leader or Tour Company must make a decision that is thought to be best for the group overall, even though one or more may not prefer it.

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Mail the Tour Coupon below with a deposit of \$400 per person, on a *1st-come, 1st-served* basis, by the postmark date on your envelope. Make checks out to: "Europa Tours Inc." For information, send e-mail to: JimDetAntGrp@gmail.com.

Tour Reservation Coupon

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Tour Name: *Rome & Grand Tour of Italy.*
Tour Dates: *March 22 – April 1 2018.*
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Print Legal Passport 1st Name: _____ **Print Passport Last Name:** _____ **Legal Passport Middle Name:** _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ **Cell Phone** (____) _____ **FAX No.** (____) _____
E-Mail Address: (*Print clearly*) _____

No. of Seats Requested: _____ x \$400 each. **Total Amount Enclosed \$** _____ **Passport?** Yes No

Room Mate Information: (*check one below*)

I do have a roommate. My roommate on the tour will be: (*Print Name*) _____

I do not have a roommate. Please try to **match me** up with someone: Male. Female. Transgender. Smoking Non.

I do not have a roommate. I request a **private, single room** and will pay the Single Supplement of \$795 for this tour.

If there's no roommate available, I prefer a **triple room with 3 beds,** if 2 others willing to share, instead of paying a single supplement.

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 (*I understand that my signature indicates that I am aware of, have read & agree to the terms & conditions above & in the pre-trip Newsletters.*)

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