



**ADRIATIC COAST OF ITALY TOUR ITINERARY:
OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

DAY 1 -10/25 -BOSTON - FRANKFURT -BOLOGNA DEPART Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Bologna (via Frankfurt).

DAY 2 -10/26- BOLOGNA: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at Guglielmo Marconi Airport in Bologna, we will meet our tour escort who will help us transfer to our private motor coach for the drive to Bologna. Upon arrival, we will check into our hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to familiarize us with our surroundings. **Dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

- PLEASE REFER TO YOUR ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR ALL DETAILS
- ALL DINNERS INCLUDE WINE AND MINERAL WATER

DAY 3 -10/27 - BOLOGNA: After **breakfast**, today's tour takes us to one of Italy's most historic, yet modern centers - Bologna! Bologna, one of the oldest cities in Italy, lies at the foot of the Apennine Mountains and has long been known for its graceful architecture, outstanding universities, and mouth-watering cuisine. Our local guide will acquaint us with the area around the Main Square, including the Church of San Petronio (with its unfinished façade), the fantastic Statue of Neptune of Giambolognas, the famous Middle Age towers - Torre Garisenda and Torre Asinelli - and many other important landmarks. **Lunch** at Salumeria Tamburini and a special cioccolato tasting at Maiani, are included today. **Dinner** tonight will be at Ristorante Donatello .We will return to our hotel for overnight.

DAY 4 -10/28 -CESENATICO & RIMINI: **AFTER breakfast**, we will head to the picturesque beachfront town of Cesenatico. We'll have **lunch** in a local restaurant. Then in the afternoon transfer to Rimini for shopping. Return to Bologna for **dinner** at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5 - 10/29 - GRADARA CASTEL & REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO: After **breakfast** at our hotel, we'll board our motor coach for a morning drive to Gradara Castel to discover the legend has it that the castle was the scene of the famous and tragic love story of Paolo and Francesca. Then we continue to the third- smallest country in Europe, officially known as "The Most Serene Republic of San Marino." On our guided tour, we will see the Gothic Palazzo Pubblico, the colorful Fortress Guards at the Piazza della Liberta, the Neo-Classical Basilica of San Marino, and many other historic sites. Our tour ends at the Fortress of Mount Titano, which offers tremendous panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the Adriatic Sea. We will return to Ristorante Donatello for **dinner** prior to returning to our hotel overnight.

DAY 6 - 10/30 - VENICE: After **breakfast**, we will depart our hotel for Venice. We will board a vaporetto to San Marco Square, where a local guide will be waiting to show us around this unique city, "the Queen of the Adriatic." We will visit the Doge's Palace, San Marco's Basilica; walk over small bridges to the Bridge of Sighs and past winding waterways to the Rialto. After our sightseeing tour, we will enjoy lunch (on your own) in a local restaurant. In the afternoon we have free time for taking a gondola ride, shopping, individual sightseeing, or visiting the outlying islands (most notably Murano, famous for its glassware, and Burano, famous for its lace). Returning to Bologna, we will have **dinner** at the Restaurant Victoria. We will return to our hotel for overnight.

DAY 7 - 11/1 -PARMA: After **breakfast**, we head out to Parma. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the historic center. Our tour will include Palazzo Ducale, the Baptistery, Strada and Piazza Garibaldi, the St. Giovanni Evangelista Church, the Duomo, and the University (in a 16th century building). We will then travel to Busseto, birthplace of the famous composer, Giuseppe Verdi. Later we continue to Langhirano for a visit to a prosciutto factory. Here, we will enjoy a **light lunch** with prosciutto and local products. Afterwards, we will return to our hotel in Bologna for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 8 -10/31 - FLORENCE: After **breakfast**, we depart by private motor coach with an English-speaking escort for Florence. On our tour, we will walk around the stirring sights of Florence, including Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and Brunelleschi's Dome. The tour ends in Signoria Square. We will have time for lunch (on your own) and the afternoon at leisure to explore. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Accademia (home to Michelangelo's David). Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio Bridge or the Medici Palace. Return to Bologna and **dinner** at Ristorante Donatello. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 9 - 11/2 - BOLOGNA~FRANKFURT~BOSTON: After **breakfast** and hotel checkout, we transfer to Guglielmo Marconi Airport in Bologna to board our return flight to Boston. (Via Frankfurt)

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE