DA ROMA IN PARADISO

Experience the beauty of Umbria, Tuscany, Padua and Northern Italian Lakes

August 28- September 10, 2020

Experience the history, rich culture and great food of ITALY. Little World Travel in Belmont is offering a 14-day tour of Italy, including a touch of Umbria, Tuscany, Northern Italian Lakes Como and Maggiore. Giovanni Tempesta, lecturer in Italian at Stanford, will personally lead the tour.

This tour will start in **Rome**, where we'll spend **one night**. Then we will continue on to **Orvieto**, where we will stop for lunch. ORVIETO is the most important of the Etruscan cities of Umbria, famous for its majestic Duomo founded in 1290 and one of the most beautiful Cathedrals in Italy. For **lunch** we'll try the excellent dry white wine and pasta with **BLACK TRUFFLES**, the pride of the Umbrian region.

From Orvieto, on to **Montefalco**, where we'll spend **two nights** at Hotel **Villa Pambuffetti**, which will make your dreams come true. It is an intimate hotel, which is surrounded by a beautiful garden full of spectacular trees, and with a great view of the Umbrian valley below. While in Montefalco, we'll also visit a well-known **WINERY** that makes some of the best **SAGRANTINO** and **ROSSO DI MONTEFALCO** wines in the area.



On the second night in Montefalco, we will be treated to a "Dinner Extravaganza" at the Villa.

In the morning, after breakfast, we'll visit **St. Francis' Assisi and the Porziuncola**, the original church rebuilt by St. Francesco in Santa Maria Degli Angeli.

From Montefalco, we'll continue to **Lucca (two nights)**. **Lucca** and its incredible walls is also the city of **Giacomo Puccini**, one of the greatest Italian composers.

From Lucca, we'll go to **Florence (two nights)**, **LA BELLA FIRENZE**, the Cradle of the Renaissance, where we'll spend two wonderful days visiting the Uffizi Gallery and many monuments. Our **HOTEL BERCHIELLI** is one minute from the Ponte Vecchio, right on the Arno River. From Florence, we'll continue on to **Padua (two nights)** famous for its University and the **Scrovegni Chanel** with **Giotto**'s famed frescos. On our second day in Padua, you can even catch a

Scrovegni Chapel with **Giotto**'s famed frescos. On our second day in Padua, you can even catch a train and spend a full day in **VENEZIA**, if you wish.

From Padua, we'll depart for **Cernobbio** on **Lake Como (two nights)**, the most beautiful of the three Italian lakes, with its Alpine vistas, palatial villas, and rose-laden belvederes. On our way to Cernobbio, we'll make a stop in **Cremona** the city of **Stradivari and we'll visit the world-renowned Violin museum,**

On our second day, we'll drive to **Tremezzo**, where we'll visit **VILLA CARLOTTA** in a beautiful setting forming a belvedere overlooking the lake. The 18th century VILLA contains an interesting collection of 19th century marble statues, including a famous group of **LOVE AND**



PSYCHE by CANOVA.

Then we will board a private boat to **Bellagio**, the "Pearl of Lake Como," a magnificent site on a promontory, famous for its narrow streets, nice walks, views, villas, and gardens, and lots of great shops selling the best **silk** in the world. You will have time for shopping for great **silk items** in Bellagio.

From Cernobbio we'll go to **Stresa on Lake Maggiore** for **two nights.** Our **hotel** has an excellent position on the lakefront- central and quiet. On our second day, we'll board a private boat and visit **Isola Bella**, a multi-terraced, baroque confection, rising from the lake. We'll visit the **palace** and the gardens of this magnificent island. We will then go by boat to the **ISOLA DEI PESCATORI** and visit the charming little fishermen island.

Back to Stresa in the early afternoon on our private boat.

The next day, we'll fly home to the USA from Milano Malpensa airport.

The land cost is \$ 5,398.00 per person and includes accommodations in four star hotels, all visits in museums, sightseeing, boat transfers and two meals daily with wine included in restaurants chosen by Giovanni, ten of the thirteen days of the tour. (In Florence, Padua and Cernobbio only breakfast will be included on one of the two days we are spending there). Space limited to 20-passengers.

Single supplement is \$850

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