

# Italy (Rome & Florence): Feb 18 - 25, 2023

(B-Breakfast; L-Lunch)

## Saturday, 18 Feb 2023: Leave USA

- Depart MSP to FCO

## Sunday, 19 Feb 2023: Arrival in Italy - FCO

- Arrival to Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO)
- Meet & greet by airport transportation driver. Transfer to hotel for check-in
- Remainder of day at our leisure



**Accommodations:** NH Collection Roma Centro (3 nights)

Erica, Dianne (Kaye will meet us in Rome)

## Monday, 20 Feb 2023: Panoramic Tour of Rome (B)



- Breakfast at hotel
- After breakfast, we will enjoy a private panoramic tour of Rome with a guide & driver. We will have an opportunity to move around Rome to see many of the main attractions, including the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, Campo de Fiori, etc. The guide will also be able to show us many hidden gems that are not seen on most tours.
- Start time: 10:00am

Erica, Dianne, and Kaye

## Tuesday, 21 Feb 2023: Colosseum | Roman Forum | Vatican (B, L)

- Breakfast at hotel
- After breakfast, we will join a small group for a full-day tour of the Colosseum, Sistine Chapel, Palatine Hill, Roman Forum, Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Lunch included: Appetizer or salad of our choice, two different tastes of pasta, dessert, coffee and/or water
- Start time: 9:00am

Erica and Dianne



**Wednesday, 22 Sept 2023: Travel Rome to Florence (by train) | Pizza & Gelato Cooking Class (B)**



Erica, Dianne, and Kaye

- Breakfast at hotel
- After breakfast, we will travel from Rome to Florence (by train); transfer to hotel for check-in upon arrival
- Pizza & Gelato Making Class. This evening, we will join a small group for a pizza and gelato lesson with famous local chefs. Use of aprons/cooking utensils, all ingredients for pizza and gelato making, wine tastings, graduation certificate and a booklet with recipes are all included!
- Start time: 6:00pm

**Accommodations:** Hotel Adler Cavalieri (3 nights)

**Thursday, 23 Sept 2023: Siena | San Gimignano | Chianti | Impruneta | Pisa (B, L)**

- Breakfast at hotel. After breakfast, we will join a small group for a full-day tour of the Tuscany region.
- Our first stop is Siena, where we will enjoy a guided walking tour through the ancient town and main central square.
- From there, we will visit San Gimignano, famous for its medieval skyscrapers; high walls and narrow lanes that embody most people's image of a Tuscan hill town.
- We will then continue to Chianti, for a visit to an antiquated boutique winery, where we will have lunch and taste some incredible Chianti wines, while learning about wine production and going to their cellars.
- Our next stop: The charming medieval town of Impruneta, famous for being home of the ancient art of terracotta. Here, we will learn about the production of terracotta.
- Our tour ends in Pisa, where we will explore its well-known Piazza Dei Miracoli, with its Cathedral, Baptistry, famous Leaning Tower.
- Start time: 8:00am

Erica, Dianne, and Kaye



**Friday, 24 Sept 2023: Florence Walking Tour | Galleria dell' Accademia di Firenze (The David) (B)**



- Breakfast at hotel.
- After breakfast, we will join a small group for a walking tour through the main attractions of the city center. We will visit Piazza della Repubblica, with its charming cafès, and Piazza della Signoria, the heart of the political life of Florence. We will also have the chance to see Dante's house, the place where legend says he met Beatrice for the first time. Continuing through the historic streets of the city to arrive in Duomo Square, where from the outside, we will learn the secrets of Giotto's Bell Tower, the famous Baptistery and the breathtaking Cathedral itself.
- To end the tour, we will visit the famous Galleria dell'Accademia – best known as the permanent home of the most famed sculpture in the world, David by Michelangelo. We will also be able to view a series of other Renaissance masterpieces.
- Start time: 9:00am

Erica, Dianne, and Kaye

## Saturday, 25 Sept 2023: Return to USA; Florence Airport Peretola (FLR)

- We will depart for the airport for our return trip at approx 3:30am. Based on the departure time, there is no guarantee we will be able to get breakfast at the hotel.
- Departure from Florence Airport, Peretola (FLR)



### MEET YOUR TRAVEL DIRECTOR



Hello! My name is Erica Walker, and I am your Travel Director for our amazing trip to Italy in February 2023!

In my role as Travel Director, I am your main point of contact, ensuring that each of your questions are answered prior to our departure, as well as your Tour Leader once we arrive in Italy.

As a frequent traveler, both domestically within the US and internationally, I utilize the travel knowledge and experience that I have gained over the years to provide you with an amazing travel experience. My appreciation for culture, art, history, music, and food has been highlighted in international travels that have taken me all across the world. Whether traveling solo or in a group, I am always ready for the adventure!

This passion for travel is what drives me to provide the absolute best experience for you. I look forward to meeting each of you and having an

amazing experience in Italy!!

*Erica Walker*

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