



# AN ITALIAN EXPERIENCE FOR INDEPENDENT WOMEN ITALY THE SEQUEL



An exclusive 22-day Italian tour for women who prefer not to travel alone, led by Penny King. Due to the popularity of Penny's original Italy tour, we are pleased to introduce 'Italy the Sequel'.

Catering for women of all ages and interests, this tour is for small groups of no more than ten. Designed to deliver memorable experiences, in the same vein as the original, this itinerary takes in some lesser known but equally as beautiful places. Highlights include Da Vinci's Last Supper in Milan, Duomo di Milano – the Gothic Cathedral that took nearly six centuries to complete, the Mottarone cable car to view the seven lakes and the summit of Monte Rosa, "Valley of the Temples" near Agrigento, Trulli houses in Puglia and an overnight stay in Castel Gandolfo – a tiny village where the Pope has his summer home and garden. Minimum 2 night stays in each city.

## Itinerary

### Day 1-3

Fly from Adelaide to Venice. On arrival take a private water taxi to see Venice

at its best. You'll have free time to get your bearings, take a guided walking tour and enjoy traditional meals including dinner along the Grand Canal.

### Days 4 – 7

We will be staying in Stresa on beautiful Lake Maggiore. Highlights of the next four days include the magnificent views of the lakes region from the cable car above Stresa, relaxing island cruises, a concert of alpine songsters and a visit to Como – the silk centre of Italy.

We will visit Bellagio – the Pearl of Lake Como. There will be guided walking tours of stately homes and villas including Villa Carlotta. We will have specially guided garden visits to a selection of famous gardens including Isola Bella, Villa Taranto, Villa San Remigio and Il Giardino Alpino.

### Days 8 – 9

We will return to Milan and have more time to explore this wonderful city

and experience some of the shopping Milan is so famous for. Enjoy an evening performance at La Scala Opera House.

### Days 10 – 14

We move on to Sicily, staying on the island of Ortygia in Syracuse harbour. We will visit ancient sites rated by UNESCO – the famous Villa Romana del Casale – still intact, huge mosaics and the 200 year old Greek theatre. We will have grandstand views of Mt Etna at the Balcone di Sicilia. Enjoy touring peaceful hilltop towns mixing Roman, Greek, Phoenician and Norman ruins and fortifications along the Mediterranean coast, the celebrated "Valley of the Temples" near Agrigento and chocolate factory







visits. We will spend some time in Taormina – the resort town with a Greek heritage, and eat in old-fashioned Sicilian trattorias for a relaxed dining experience.

#### Days 15 – 19

Moving over to Bari in Puglia – the deep south of the boot of Italy, we will see the Trulli houses and hotels like hobbit homes, found only in this region and visit Matera – a township of cave dwellings. Experience simple and wonderfully fresh ‘peasant-styled cooking’ from this region with a demonstration and lunch. We move on to Lecce, Bari. Fabulous Baroque towns are on the agenda, and we will have a history tour with our own guide Stella. This area has very few tourists – a virtually “off-the-beaten-track” region.

#### Days 20 – 21

Our last stop before heading home, we will spend overnight at Castel Gandolfo. On a hilltop lake above Rome, this is the tiny village where the Pope has his summer home and garden. Castel Gandolfo is close to the airport for easy access in the morning for our flights out of Roma Leonardo da Vinci Airport. Fly from Rome to Adelaide.

### Your experience includes...

Return economy airfares, single use of double accommodation throughout, two meals per day, all transfers, train and bus travel, museum entrances and guides, art and architecture information sessions, special events

and visits, tips and taxes. Travel insurance not included. Taxi fares not included, unless stated at the time. Our dining is a mix of rural and local places with regional food, through to wonderful, picturesque restaurants with books for menus. Each day you will be provided with breakfast and one other meal. Walking at a leisurely pace is a large component of our tour. In each place we visit, we walk for either most of the morning or afternoon so we can get the true sense of the place we are in. Each included walking tour is approximately 2 – 3 hours.

**Prices start from \$14,300\***

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