
FLORENCE – FULL DAY EXCURSION



Itinerary:

October 17, Sunday FLORENCE

Livorno - Florence

You will be met at the ship by your English speaking guide and transferred to Florence for a full day in this remarkable city.

First up is your visit to the Accademia; one of the most important museums in all of Italy. Of course this is the home of the REAL David sculpture by Michaelangelo. But what is more fascinating and perhaps lesser known is that it is also the home of his four nonfiniti "Slaves" or "Prisoners." Whether the master sculptor had meant for them to remain unfinished has been an ad nauseum point of debate. Regardless, the impact of the forms struggling to come alive from the rough forms of stone is absolutely incredible.

A reservation with pre-paid tickets will be made to see Michelangelo's David.

Entry time is TBA.

Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with its impressive dome and external visit to Giotto bell tower. See also Piazza della Signoria, home of the Gothic Palazzo Vecchio with its ornate courtyard and artistic treasures, and the Ponte Vecchio, a marvel of medieval construction and the only Florentine bridge to escape unharmed in the Second World War, Santa Croce is the church of the Franciscans and was started in 1294 and completed in the second half of the 14th century. The façade and the campanile date from the 19th century. The interior is vast as the church was designed for preaching and consists of a single spacious nave and slender apse with fine 15th century stained glass windows. The church is paved with 276 tombstones and along the walls are sumptuous tombs.

On your return to Livorno you will pass through Pisa. Visit the "Piazza dei Miracoli" which is ringed by four major works of medieval architecture: the Cathedral, the Baptistery, the Cemetery and, of course, the Leaning Tower.

Construction of the Tower began in 1174 and it began 'leaning' almost immediately. In recent years the settling had accelerated at such a rate that it was predicted the Tower would almost certainly fall unless something was done. Extensive work has now been carried out to return the Tower to its original tilt of 300 years ago and it is now open once again for visitors.

After your visit in Pisa you will return to the ship at approximately 5:00 pm.

Book Today as Space is Limited!!

Included Services

- Full day of private sightseeing tour in Florence
- Licensed professional guide in English Language
- Air- conditioned luxury vehicle with a professional driver
- Entrance fees to museums and sites according to the above itinerary
- Bottled water provided throughout the tour

Not included:

- Gratuities to guide and driver
- Lunch

Pricing in CAD:

10 - 19 guests - \$ 350.00 per person
20-26 \$ 205.00 pp
27-50 \$ 183.00 pp

Pricing is subject to change and will be firmed at time of confirmation.

A non refundable deposit of \$ 25.00 is required at time of booking. All requests must be received by May 23, 2010 with full payment required at that time. Any requests made after this date is on a first come, first served basis and pricing may change.

Services are 100% non-refundable after June 25, 2010.

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