



**Fifth Annual Italy Tour 2009  
Venice to Rome & The Vatican  
(Tentative Schedule)**

**Sunday, September 20** \_\_\_\_\_ *dinner*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Venice*

Arrival at Marco Polo Airport.  
Meeting and transfer by private motorboat to a downtown hotel.  
Balance of the day at leisure.

7:00pm: Welcome dinner at Hotel Restaurant or at a nearby Restaurant

**Monday, September 21** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Venice*

09.00am Morning walking tour with professional English speaking guide including: St. Mark's Square and Cathedral, Duke's Palace, Bridge of Sighs, Piombi prisons. Walk to the Rialto Bridge and to the central area with visit of the open air fish and vegetables market and embark on private motorboat for a private tour of the Gran Canal to admire the magnificent architecture of the Venetian Palaces.

Lunch on your own.  
Afternoon and evening at leisure

**Tuesday, September 22** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/lunch*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Venice*

09.00am Full day excursion to Torcello, Burano and Murano by private motorboat and guide. Visit of the Torcello's Venetian-Byzantine Cathedral with its stunning mosaics of the last judgement and of the Madonna.

Noon Lunch at the Restaurant 'Locanda Cipriani' or 'Locanda Il Ponte del Diavolo' in Torcello.

2:00pm Visit the two other Lagoon islands of Burano (lace handicraft) and Murano (glass factories) before returning to Venice.

Balance of the day at leisure.

**Wednesday, September 23** **breakfast/lunch**

**Overnight at the Hotel in Ravenna**

- 09.00am: Transfer, by private motorboat, from the hotel to the Car Terminal  
Board a private motor coach for a transfer to Ravenna via Brenta Riviera and Padua  
Along the Brenta River, from Padua to the Venetian lagoon, are more than 100 villas built over the centuries by wealthy Venetian families as summer homes. The most outstanding are Villa Foscari built by Palladio and Villa Pisani. Both villas can be visited.
- 1:00pm Lunch at a Restaurant in Mira
- 2:30pm Proceed to Padua. Guided visit of Padua including St. Anthony Basilica, Regione Palace, Caffè Pedrocchi, the University, Piazza delle Erbe, Scrovegni Chapel with the Giotto's frescoes. At the end of the tour proceed to Ravenna(Padua/Ravenna: 2 hours driving time)

Evening at leisure

**Thursday, September 24** **breakfast**

**Overnight at the Hotel in Ravenna**

- 09.00am Start a half day city tour of Ravenna with private motorcoach and English speaking guide including St. Vitale Basilica, Mausoleum of Galla Pacidia , Neoniano Baptistry, Church of St.Apollinare in Classe, tomb of the Poet Dante Alighieri and possible visit of a world famous mosaicist Atelier.

Lunch on your own

Remainder of the day at leisure

**Friday, September 25****breakfast/lunch**

**Overnight at the Hotel in Orvieto**

- 09.00am: Drive to Siena with stop for lunch and a brief tour of Monteriggioni
- Noon Lunch at the Restaurant IL POZZO.
- 2:00pm Walking tour of Siena with local professional English speaking guide.
- 5:00pm leave for Orvieto

Evening at leisure

Ravenna/Monteriggioni, kms 240; Monteriggioni/Siena, Kms 21; Siena/Orvieto, kms 123

**Saturday, September 26** **breakfast/lunch**

**Overnight at the Hotel in Orvieto**

- 09.00am Walking tour of Orvieto with professional English speaking guide including the visit of the Cathedral and St. Brizio Chapel with the last Judgement frescos by Luca Signorelli.  
Drive to Civita di Bagnoregio.
- 1:00mp LUNCH in Civita di Bagnoregio
- 2:30pm After lunch time at leisure for an own visit of Civita di Bagnoregio
- 4:00pm Return to Orvieto
- Evening at leisure

**Sunday, September 27** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/dinner*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Orvieto*

Morning at leisure in Orvieto.  
Mass at the Cathedral in Orvieto.  
In the afternoon leave Orvieto and drive to Rome

7:30pm Reception and orientation meeting in Hotel, followed by dinner.

**Monday, September 28** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/dinner*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Rome*

9:30am Restoration laboratories: Tapestry, Stone, Painting and Paper  
10:30am Coffee break in the ethnological Museum  
11:00am Continue visit of restoration laboratories: Tapestry, Stone, Painting and Paper  
1:30pm return to hotel for lunch and afternoon at leisure  
  
5:00pm Reception at the US Embassy to the Holy See  
7:00pm Dinner in a Roman Restaurant organized by The Vatican

**Tuesday, September 29** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/lunch*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Rome*

9:00 am Visit to the Scavi, the tombs of the popes and St. Peter's Basilica  
11:00am Coffee break  
11:30am Walking tour of Vatican Gardens  
12:30 pm Lunch in Casina Pius IV  
2:00 pm Tour of the Pauline Chapel and the contemporary art Museum  
4:00pm Return to hotel for evening at leisure

**Wednesday, September 30** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/lunch/dinner*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Rome*

9:00am General Papal Audience  
12:30pm Lunch on Etruscan Terrace  
2:00pm return to Hotel  
  
5:00pm Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Lajolo  
6:00pm Tour of the Vatican Museums  
7:30pm Reception and Gala dinner in the Vatican Museums

**Thursday, October 1, 2008** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast/lunch*  
*Overnight at the Hotel in Rome*

9:00am Departure in Luxury Coach for Castel Gandolfo  
*Casual travel attire. No shorts for men or sleeveless shirts for women).*  
10:30am Guided visit of the Papal Gardens organized by the Vatican Office  
12:30pm Lunch in Castel Gandolfo  
2:30pm Back at hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure.

**Friday, October 2, 2008** \_\_\_\_\_ *breakfast*

The tour ends after breakfast this morning. Individual tours of The Vatican can be scheduled.