

# Italy

## featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play

### Highlights....

Rome • Papal Audience\* • St. Peter's Basilica •  
Colosseum • Assisi • Perugia • Siena • Florence •  
Padua • Venice • Murano Island • Trento •  
Oberammergau • Passion Play

**12 Days • 17 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 6 Dinners**

#### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ In Rome, enjoy a fun-filled evening of fine Italian wine, cuisine and traditional music.
- ★ Behold the unsurpassed beauty of St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.
- ★ Discover Siena's narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo.
- ★ A tour of Florence showcases the cultural treasures of the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."
- ★ Enjoy the canals and charm of Venice, including a boat ride to the famous Murano Island.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Rome, "The Eternal City."

#### Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

You arrive in Rome today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Rome - Vatican City - Papal Audience

★**This morning, visit Vatican City to attend the weekly papal audience\* and receive the blessing given by His Holiness, Benedict XVI.** ★ Later, visit St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. Known as the grandest of the world's churches, St. Peter's is unsurpassed in beauty. In the Vatican Museum\* you will view such historical treasures as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's restored mural of the Last Judgment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Rome

★**This morning enjoy a locally guided panoramic tour of Rome featuring the impressive Piazza Venezia, the Circus Maximus, the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine and the famous Trevi Fountain.** ★ This afternoon, explore Rome on your own - perhaps visit the legendary Spanish Steps or shop for one-of-a-kind gifts. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Rome - Assisi - Perugia

★**LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:** ★ Today, your Tour Manager will help you discover the origin and history of the language(s) you will experience on your tour along with key words and phrases that will help you communicate with the locals. Today you are off to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then, travel to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Here you will behold one of the grandest squares in Italy, the Piazza IV Novembre, and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Perugia - Siena - Florence

A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. You will be delighted by its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. Upon arrival in Florence,

visit a family-owned leather shop and learn the traditional Italian techniques of leather making. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Florence

In Florence, the "Cradle of Italian Renaissance," visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible Statue of David. During your cultural tour of Florence, you'll also view the Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Church of Santa Croce, burial place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Florence - Padua - Venice

★**Today you journey through central Italy to the medieval city of Padua to view the impressive six-domed Saints Basilica, dedicated to St. Anthony.** ★ Then it is on to the canal-laden city of Venice. This enchanting city was built on 117 tiny islands and is characterized by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Venice - Murano Island - Venice

★**Your day begins with a boat trip\* (weather permitting) to Murano Island for an up-close glass making demonstration.** ★ Next, return to Venice and visit charming St. Mark's Square, the lively hub of the city's activity and events. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour of the area featuring St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 10: Venice - Trento - Oberammergau, Germany

Today you make the scenic journey to the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. En route, travel through the majestic Dolomites with a special stop made in the Alpine town of Trento. During your visit, stroll the quaint streets and admire the artistic heritage of this Renaissance-inspired center. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 11: Oberammergau - Passion Play

The morning is at leisure for you to explore this lovely village. ★**This afternoon, witness a performance of the Passion Play.** ★ The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During the break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 12: Oberammergau - Tour Ends

*Today breakfast will be included.*

## YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Sunflower Hotels, Rome
Day 5	Sangallo Palace Hotel or Hotel Gio, Perugia
Days 6, 7	Hotel Mediterraneo, Florence
Days 8, 9	Hotel Ai Mori D Oriente, Venice
Days 10, 11	Oberammergau Regional Hotel or Garmisch-Partenkirchen Regional Hotel, Oberammergau Region

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Oberammergau

## Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Please note that most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

\*The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule.

Proper dress is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy, are closed on Mondays.

\*Vatican Museums are not available on Saturday afternoons & Sundays.

Collette air passengers will depart from the Munich, Germany airport. All Collette transfers will depart from Oberammergau/Garmisch-Partenkirchen for this airport.

All tours will be subject to the finalization of play tickets. In the event that Collette cancels the tour, you will be refunded 100%.

Due to flight restrictions, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to secure single accommodations it is highly recommended that you book early. Also, triple and child rates are not available.

Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. Some of the unique experiences, such as visiting historical areas, mean accessing locations by foot because motorcoaches are restricted. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate Collette vacation. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### PAYMENTS:

A per person deposit of \$1,500 Per Person is due with passenger names. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

\***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of cancellation. This air ticket is covered by Collette's travel protection plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the

remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** For Oberammergau: Deposits are non-refundable; A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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