

K100 ~ VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME

8 Days from Venice to Florence and Rome

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily, 1 lunch & 4 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- * Venice
- * Florence
- * Assisi
- * Rome

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Venice, Sunday

Arriving at Venice's airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until you gather for a Welcome Dinner with your Tour Director and traveling companions. **(D)**

Day 2, in Venice, Monday

We begin our exploration of Venice with a boat ride to the Murano Island, famous for its artistic glassware. **Visit a glassblowing factory**, where you will watch a demonstration of traditional Venetian glassblowing by master craftsmen. Then, on to St. Mark's Square, for the walking tour, visiting **St. Mark's Basilica** and the **Doge's Palace**, and enjoying views of the Bell Tower and Bridge of Sighs. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop, or perhaps join an optional gondola ride. **(B)**



Day 3, Venice to Ferrara, Pisa and Florence, Tuesday

Drive to Ferrara, a Renaissance gem in the Emilia-Romagna region, standing on the banks of the Po River. After an orientation tour, continue to Pisa where you'll view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistery, and Duomo. Then on to Florence for dinner and a free evening. **(B, D)**

Day 4, in Florence, Wednesday

Today's morning city tour begins at the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's splendid bronze "Gates of Paradise." Then, visit the **Academy of Fine Arts**, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. The tour ends at the Piazzale Michelangelo with a spectacular view over Florence. The remainder of the day is yours to savor the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital your own way. **(B)**



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Day 5, Florence to Assisi and Rome, Thursday

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany with its iconic landscapes as you make your way to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Here, take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive **Basilica of St. Francis**. Continue to Rome for dinner and an evening at leisure. **(B, D)**

Day 6, in Rome, Friday

A full-day sightseeing tour shows you all the highlights of the incomparable Eternal City. Visit the **Vatican Museums** with moving **Sistine Chapel** and grand **St. Peter's Basilica**. Then on to visit the **Coliseum**, ancient Palatine Hill overlooking Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace, and the **Roman Forum**. **(B, L)**

Day 7, in Rome, Saturday

Your day is free in spectacular Rome! Your Tour Director will have suggestions on how to spend your time. You might want to visit some of the chic shops, galleries, and museums; do some more sightseeing on your own or relax in a sidewalk cafe with a glass of fine Italian wine, a cold Limoncello, some refreshing gelato, or a hearty dish of pasta. Tonight, a festive farewell dinner with your fellow travelers is the perfect way to celebrate your glimpse of Italy. **(B, D)**

Day 8, depart Rome, Sunday

One last breakfast in Italy before you are transferred to Rome's airport. Your homebound flight arrives the same day. **(B)**

HOTELS:

- * **Venice:** Carlton Hotel (F)
- * **Florence:** Starhotels Michelangelo (F) / Croce Di Malta (F)
- * **Rome:** Starhotels Metropole (F)

TOUR K100		
Start date:	End Date:	Prices:
17-Mar	24-Mar	\$1,898
31-Mar	07-Apr	\$2,385
14-Apr	21-Apr	\$2,385
28-Apr	05-May	\$2,385
12-May	19-May	\$2,498
02-Jun	09-Jun	\$2,498
07-Jul	14-Jul	\$2,348
21-Jul	28-Jul	\$2,348
04-Aug	11-Aug	\$2,348
18-Aug	25-Aug	\$2,348
01-Sep	08-Sep	\$2,498
15-Sep	22-Sep	\$2,498
06-Oct	13-Oct	\$2,498
13-Oct	20-Oct	\$2,498
20-Oct	27-Oct	\$2,498
03-Nov	10-Nov	\$2,098
Single room supplement:		\$859

