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BEST OF ITALY

GROUP TOUR: FEB. 21 – MAR. 4, 2026

with Optional 2-Night
VENICE Pre-Trip Extension

hosted by **collette**

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*Trip includes
Cooking Class
and a Food Tour!*





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12 Days • 16 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Venice, Gondola Ride, Classical Music Concert, Ravenna, Republic of San Marino, Winery Tour & Cooking Class, Florence, Orvieto, Rome, *Trastevere* Food Tour Dinner

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	Maison Venezia UNA Esperienze, Venice
Days 5, 6	Borgo Conde Wine Resort , Forlì
Days 7, 8	Grand Hotel Cavour Florence, Florence
Days 9 – 11	Ponte Sisto Hotel, Rome

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Saturday, February 21, 2026 Overnight Flight Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Journey to the wine-producing Romagna countryside for a two-night stay in a wine resort, and visit the Republic of San Marino, an enclave state of Italy. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

Day 2: Sunday, February 22, 2026 Venice, Italy Welcome to enchanting Venice (UNESCO) with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. This evening, meet your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, February 23, 2026 Venice This morning, join a local guide for a walking tour of Venice's most iconic sights. Pause for the perfect view over the Bridge of Sighs and take in St. Mark's Square, adorned with marbled palaces and gilded basilicas. Travel by boat to Murano** for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Following an afternoon at leisure, delve into Venice's classical music heritage while attending a live performance of the *Four Seasons** composed by the great Venetian Antonio Vivaldi. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Venice This morning, explore the traditional Venetian craftsmanship behind one of the city's symbols: the sleek, iconic gondola boats. Visit a local *Remèr* oar-making workshop, one of only a handful still active in the city. Then, glide along the canals during a gondola ride.** The afternoon is yours to explore more of the floating city. Perhaps you'll head out for your own treasure hunt in search of the city's hidden gems such as the whimsical Scala Contarini del Bovolo or the imposing Arsenal where the Republic of Venice built its merchant fleet and its commercial fortune. (B)

Day 5: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 Venice - Romagna Countryside Say "ciao" to Venice as you journey towards the Romagna region, famous for its epicurean lifestyle and its *joie de vivre*. Spend the afternoon exploring Ravenna (UNESCO). During the darkness that enveloped the last days of the Roman Empire, Ravenna emerged as a center of power thanks to its strategic position. The city's rulers – the Byzantines, the Goths – adorned its churches with dazzling mosaics. During a guided walking tour, discover the city's most illustrious monuments. In the late afternoon, continue to your hotel nestled among vineyards in the Romagna countryside and settle in for your two-night stay. This evening, be immersed in this bucolic setting during a wine-paired dinner at your wine resort hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, February 26, 2026 Romagna Countryside Grab your passport*** and journey to the landlocked Republic of San Marino, the fifth-smallest country in the world. Perched at the top of Mount Titano, the old town of San Marino (UNESCO) gives visitors sweeping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the gentle rolling hills of the Romagna countryside. Explore the Old Town's intricate system of fortification towers, walls, gates and bastions during time at leisure. This evening, wrap up your stay in the Romagna Countryside with a tour of your resort's own winery, before joining the local chef for a hands-on cooking class centered on Romagna's typical *piadina* flatbread, and pasta staples such as handmade *tagliatelle*. Then, sit back and enjoy the results of your work for dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, February 27, 2026 Romagna Countryside - Florence Today, travel to the Emilia region, Italy's foodie haven. During an **Impact Moment**, meet students and teachers at a vocational high school**** dedicated to the culinary arts and agriculture. Here, Italy's future chefs and farmers learn how to make *Parmigiano Reggiano* cheese according to traditional standards, dating back to the 1300s. Students also try their hand at aging balsamic vinegar, a generational process taking anywhere from 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a farm-to-table light lunch prepared by the culinary students using ingredients from the school's farm. Later, continue to Florence (UNESCO), the "Cradle of the Renaissance" and your home for the next two nights. (B, L)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$5,599; Single \$6,499

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

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- * Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

* *All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 8: Saturday, February 28, 2026 Florence This morning, meet a local expert for a walking tour of a city that is a work of art all on its own. Your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You'll also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Florence's cultural riches independently. Perhaps you'll visit to one of the city's many museums,***** such as the Uffizi or Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* is kept. (B)

Day 9: Sunday, March 1, 2026 Florence - Orvieto - Rome This morning traverse southern Tuscany, the ancient land of the Etruscans. This mysterious civilization predated the Romans, who assimilated them, erasing most of their way of life, even though many early kings of Rome were Etruscans. By all accounts, they were an advanced society and culture. One of the Etruscans' most important cities was hilltop Orvieto. Here, **it's your choice!** Join an expert local guide for an in-depth walking tour of the city **-OR-** enjoy free time to eat, drink, and dive into the local scene. Arrive in Rome (UNESCO) in the late afternoon and settle in for a three-night stay. (B)

Day 10: Monday, March 2, 2026 Rome This morning, your extensive walking tour winds its way through Rome's medieval district, which developed organically from the ruins of the ancient city. This neighborhood is a charming combination of narrow cobbled streets, dark tufa stone, and repurposed Roman ruins. Ascend to the panoramic terrace of the *Vittoriano* with a combination of stairs and elevator to take in one of the city's most impressive views. Gaze upon the vestiges of the Roman Empire, from the Forum to the majestic Colosseum before making the most of a free afternoon in the Eternal City. This evening, explore Rome's dynamic dining scene during a food tour** in the bohemian *Trastevere* district. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Rome Delve into Rome's second Golden Age on a walking tour exploring the city's Renaissance and Baroque heritage, alongside views of the Pantheon and the oval-shaped Navona Square. Then, **it's your choice!** At your own pace, peruse the remarkable collection of antique Greek and Roman statuary of the Palazzo Altemps museum **-OR-** extend your walking tour with a challenging visit to the Castel Sant'Angelo fortress. Standing tall above the river Tiber, this imposing castle sheltered Popes and became the setting for Puccini's beloved Opera, *Tosca*. The afternoon is yours. Perhaps you'll indulge in some shopping along Rome's Cola di Rienzo street or make your way to the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter's Basilica.***** Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 Rome - Tour Ends Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Due to motorcoach access restrictions in Florence, your hotel stay will require a 15-minute walk to the property. You will be responsible for

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carrying your hand luggage to the hotel while larger luggage will be transferred via luggage van.

Agility is required for boarding the gondola boats and motorboats in Venice.

While in Rome, the visit to the Vittoriano roof terrace requires negotiating 2 to 3 flights of steps. The elevator is not accessible for those who require special assistance as it requires climbing steps to reach it and may not be suitable for those suffering from vertigo.

During your Choice on Tour in Rome, if you select Castel Sant'Angelo, it will require climbing 9 very long flights of stairs to reach the top floor. Escalators and elevators are not available at this site.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The areas featured on this tour require extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel. For your comfort, we recommend bringing well broken-in walking shoes.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

In Italy, some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that forbid motor coaches from circulating, especially in the historic areas of Venice, Ravenna, San Marino, Florence, Orvieto and Rome.

*Exact concert program is confirmed 6 months ahead of your tour departure date and is subject to change. Occasionally the orchestra may be on tour and unavailable.

**On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory, and your gondola boat ride may be substituted with a motorboat transfer. In Rome, your food tour may be served in a local restaurant instead.

****During weekends and school holidays, the visit to the culinary vocational school will be replaced by a visit to the Pavarotti museum, and lunch will take place at a local balsamic vinegar producer.

*****Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

*****The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel are closed on Catholic holidays, May 1 and on most Sundays (the Museums are open the last Sunday of the month and are free of charge: because of that, lines are usually longer than on other days). The Vatican Museums require advanced reservation to access. In order to avoid standing in long lines, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit during your free time in Rome. While there is no reservation required (or available) for Saint Peter's Basilica, you must be prepared for long lines and security checks. Due to the large crowds expected around the 2025 Catholic Holy Year, you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Due to heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm).

***Bring your passport to San Marino if you would like to have it stamped with the country's entry visa.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our 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 pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

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

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers 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.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the second half of 2025, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/> for the most up-to-date information.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of July 15, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 23, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until July 22, 2025.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$1,790 ☐ Business Class \$4,290

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$549 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver 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. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Venice" () Yes () No

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette

Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 2-Night Venice Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$699.00 USD double, \$999.00 USD single, land only
2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Give yourself the luxury of extra time in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic." Start your trip early with a pre-tour extension and make the most of your time in Italy's most romantic city.

Day 2: Venice, Italy

Arrive in Venice, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. Your hospitality desk representative will be present in the hotel's lobby for two hours this evening, providing you with suggestions for your time at leisure.

Day 3: Venice

This morning, join an expert local guide for a walking tour of the 500-year-old Rialto Bridge and San Polo's district. Rialto is the oldest among only four bridges spanning the Grand Canal. Pause at the top, taking in the views of the city's prime waterway, flanked by the ornate facades of Venice's noble palaces. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. You may choose to experience the local cuisine at a typical *bacaro*, a small wine bar where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called *ombra* – and a quick bite of local tapas – that Venetians call *cicchetti*. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Venice

Enjoy a whole day to explore Venice at your leisure. You can meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-laden canals. Perhaps you'll visit the Venetian Ghetto, the oldest Jewish quarter in Europe. Or take a local public waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. This evening, join your fellow travelers arriving for the main tour. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____