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**F**rom the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this leisurely tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art and beautiful natural scenery. You'll especially appreciate the small size of your group as you stay in unique accommodations in the Tuscan countryside and a medieval village.



Avg. High (°F)	Apr	May
Amalfi Coast	65	72
Rome	66	74
Venice	62	70

### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Stunning Amalfi Coast ... Ruins at Pompeii ... Amalfi Coast cruise ... Rome sightseeing, including St. Peter's Square, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, Forum ... Pastoral Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy ... Italian cooking demonstration ... Visit to the walled city of Assisi ... Comprehensive Tuscany sightseeing: San Gimignano, Siena, Florence ... Local wine tasting ... Timeless Venice ... Three- and four-night stays in intimate small hotels in Amalfi, Tuscany and Umbria

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Naples		
2-4	Amalfi	Marmorata Hotel	First Class
5-7	Rome	Empire Palace	Sup. First Class
8-10	Orvieto (Umbria)	Grand Hotel Italia	First Class
11-14	Siena (Tuscany)	Hotel Villa Lecchi	First Class
15-16	Venice	Carnival Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
17	Depart Venice for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Naples, Italy

**Day 2: Arrive Naples/Amalfi** After arriving in Naples this morning, we travel to seaside Amalfi, a popular resort and our base for exploring Italy's Campania region. We dine at our hotel tonight, as we will throughout our stay here. **D**

**Day 3: Amalfi/Ravello** This morning we experience this breathtaking coast by sea as we cruise from our hotel to Amalfi Center (weather permitting). Here we enjoy a brief tour of the region's largest town then have lunch on our own. Next we ascend to mountaintop Ravello, with its spectacular gardens and coastal views. **B,D**

**Day 4: Pompeii/Amalfi Coast/Sorrento** Our full-day excursion begins in Pompeii, the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE but not excavated until 1748. After a tour and lunch on our own here we embark on a breathtaking drive along the winding Amalfi Coast high above the azure Mediterranean — with stops for photos and in Sorrento along the way. We return to our hotel late this afternoon. **B,D**

**Day 5: Amalfi/Montecassino/Rome** En route to Rome today we visit the town of Montecassino, whose Abbey is the mother church of the Benedictine order and a center of medieval art. A German stronghold during World War II, the hilltop Abbey was destroyed by Allied bombing then rebuilt as a replica of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century original. We tour the Abbey, then continue on to the Eternal City. We arrive at our well-located hotel mid-afternoon; our tour director will lead an informal walk of the nearby area. **B**

**Day 6: Rome** This morning we tour the heart of ancient Rome: the 55,000-seat Colosseum, built in 72 CE to stage gladiator spectacles; and the temples of the Forum, ancient Rome's political and legal center. The afternoon is free to explore on our own; the possibilities endless: shopping



Rome's Saint Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church

along the fashionable Via Veneto; sipping *espresso* in beautiful Piazza Navona; seeing the Pantheon, the city's best preserved ancient building; tossing a coin into Trevi Fountain; or visiting any number of renowned museums and churches. **B**

**Day 7: Rome** Another morning of touring followed by a free afternoon. Today we visit the Vatican for a tour of St. Peter's Square and Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican Museums. Highlights include Michelangelo's "Pietà" in St. Peter's, considered one of the greatest sculptures of all time; his frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, now restored to its original glory; and art-filled St. Peter's itself, the most important church in all Christendom. **B**

**Day 8: Rome/Umbria** Leaving Rome, we travel north through a pastoral landscape of gentle agricultural land bounded by mountain wilderness and dotted with traditional villages and medieval hill towns. Mid-afternoon we reach Orvieto, perched high on a plateau above a vineyard-clad plain. After checking in at our hotel in the heart of the city's medieval quarter, our tour director leads us on an informal walking tour. Tonight we attend a simple cooking demonstration followed by dinner at Zeppelin Restaurant. **B,D**

**Day 9: Orvieto** This morning we embark on a guided walking tour of this dramatically-set city. We visit the medieval *Duomo* featuring a frescoed chapel by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli's masterpiece, "The Last Judgment." Next we explore the formerly secret passages of Parco delle Grotte, a labyrinth of underground caves used since Etruscan times. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **B**

**Day 10: Orvieto/Assisi** Today's excursion is to Assisi, considered a gem of an Umbrian town with inviting plazas, abundant flowers, buildings of white marble, and a pervasive medieval air. We visit St. Clare Church and the renowned Basilica di San Francesco, the burial place of St. Francis and a sacred pilgrimage site. Inside are Giotto's priceless frescoes "The Life of St. Francis." There's time on our own to stroll the fountain-splashed *piazze* and to enjoy local specialties for lunch. We also visit Deruta, known for its prized hand-painted Majolica ceramics. **B**

**Day 11: Orvieto/Perugia/Siena** Continuing our journey, we leave Umbria for the equally alluring region of Tuscany. We stop along the way in charming Perugia. Late afternoon we reach Villa Lecchi, our restored 18<sup>th</sup>-century country villa hotel outside Siena. **B,D**

## Post-Tour Extension

**MAY 22-24, 2014**

**VENICE – ON YOUR OWN**

**3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price**

**Single Supplement: \$295**

*Enjoy time on your own  
in this most timeless of cities.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Carnival Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

"ROME – THE CITY  
OF VISIBLE HISTORY."

– GEORGE ELIOT

**Day 12: Siena** Today we visit walled Siena, whose ochre-colored buildings and ancient ramparts evoke the city's medieval past. Fan-shaped Piazza del Campo is one of Europe's greatest public squares; its *Duomo*, one of Italy's finest. We set out on a guided walking tour that includes an inside visit to the *Duomo*, housing masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello, then have free time to explore on our own. **B,D**

**Day 13: Florence** A living monument to the Renaissance, Florence is the crown jewel of Tuscany. We encounter this splendid city on a full-day excursion that includes a morning walking tour. Then we visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's sublime "David," as well as his pieces for the papal tombs; and the revered *Duomo*, with its stupendous dome by Brunelleschi. This afternoon is free to enjoy Florence as we wish. **B,D**

**Day 14: San Gimignano** We encounter classic Tuscany today as we visit the hill town of San Gimignano, known for the 13 watchtowers that have left its skyline virtually unchanged since medieval times. Later we visit a local winery and enjoy a tasting before returning to our lodgings mid-afternoon. **B,D**

**Day 15: Siena/Venice** Leaving Tuscany today, we travel through the Veneto region to Venice, arriving early this afternoon. Then we're free to explore this wondrous city on our own. **B**

**Day 16: Venice** This morning we take a guided walk through vast St. Mark's Square and surroundings. Our afternoon is free to explore Venice independently; tonight we bid "*arrivederci*" to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. **B,D**

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We depart early this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. **B**

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 15 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 15 breakfasts, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We visit splendid Florence on Day 13.

### Tour Departs: May 6, 2014

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

New York	\$5,284
Boston, Philadelphia	\$5,484
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Washington, DC	\$5,584
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,684
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of \$689, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,995 per person (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. In addition, several of our small hotels do not have elevators. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at **888-370-6765**

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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**Dear VMFA Members,**

Join us on a 17-day grand tour of *bella Italia!* In a small group of no more than 24 guests you will experience the best of Italy’s countryside and the finest of its famed cities — Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Starting in Italy’s Campania region, stay in the stunning seaside resort of Amalfi and visit historic Pompeii and lovely Sorrento. Next, stop in Montecassino and visit the Abbey there, which is a center for medieval art. During three days in Rome, see the city’s most famous sights including St. Peter’s Square, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, and Forum, and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own.

Then it’s on to Umbria and Tuscany with their traditional villages and medieval hill towns: Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, and San Gimignano. Immerse yourself in Renaissance art in Florence, and enjoy a wine tasting at a local winery. Your journey concludes in magical Venice with time to view its main sights. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension, “Venice — On Your Own,” is also available.

Space on this program is limited to VMFA members and family and will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Adele “Hutch” Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

**VMFA RESERVATION FORM: PORTRAIT OF ITALY**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_ person/people on **Portrait of Italy** departing **May 6, 2014**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. **Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and mail check (along with completed reservation form) to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458.** Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour Extension: “Venice — On Your Own”:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Portrait of Italy, May 6-22, 2014**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment, payable by check or credit card, is due 95 days prior to departure.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only Tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline.

### Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure to either their departure city and/or the optional post-tour extension, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Responsibility

The liability of the VMFA Foundation, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The VMFA Foundation and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the VMFA Foundation assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to: frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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