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the University of North Alabama *presents...*

# Venice, Florence & Rome

*A Bicentennial Celebration of our Sister City, Florence!*

August 5 – 12, 2018

Book Now  
& Save  
**\$250**  
Per Person



*Please join the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, the University of North Alabama, and the City of Florence, Alabama as we celebrate the Bicentennial by visiting our Sister City – Florence, Italy. The trip will include stops in Rome, Venice, and Florence. While in Florence, we will visit with City officials and build upon the existing bond between our beautiful cities.\*\**



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**8 Days • 10 Meals:** 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

## Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person:

Double ~~\$4,299~~; **Double \$4,049\***

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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$290 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from BHM

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### Culinary Inclusions

- Dine in true Italian-style with wine at every included dinner!
- Enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more during a Bologna food walking tour.

### Collette Experiences

- Take in a glass-blowing demonstration on Venice's Murano Island.
- Visit the Academy Gallery to view Michelangelo's extraordinary David.
- Join a local expert and explore the rich history of Rome's Colosseum.

### Must-See Inclusions

- Come to know Venice, one of Italy's most unique cities, with a local expert.
- Embark on a walking tour featuring Florence's artistic and architectural gems.
- Join a local guide on your panoramic tour featuring Rome's treasures.

**Highlights:** Venice, St. Mark's Square, Bologna, Food Walking Tour, Florence, Duomo, Academy Gallery, Rome, Colosseum

#### Day 1: Sunday, August 5, 2018

**Overnight Flight** Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country.

#### Day 2: Monday, August 6, 2018

**Venice, Italy - Tour Begins** Welcome to Venice, often called *La Serenissima* (the most serene) of cities. This evening, meet your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner. (D)

#### Day 3: Tuesday, August 7, 2018

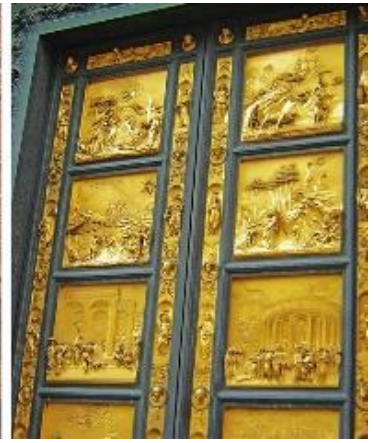
**Venice Explore** enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens

on Murano Island\* for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the city's lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore the hidden spots of this charming city; perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride. The locals say the best way to get to know Venice is to 'get lost' here. (B)

#### Day 4: Wednesday, August 8, 2018

**Venice - Bologna - Florence** Travel the beautiful Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions to Bologna, Italy's foodie





capital. Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour highlighting the culinary side of this historic city. Explore one of Bologna's oldest food markets and check out traditional food shops. Discover Bologna's culture, architecture and history as you enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and more. Then sit down for lunch at one of Bologna's traditional restaurants. Later we continue to Florence – the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.” (B, L)

**Day 5: Thursday, August 9, 2018**

**Florence Meet a local expert for an introduction to this city** that is a work of art all its own. On a walking tour your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. Later, **discover the Academy Gallery** to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of *David*. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring Florence's cultural riches. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 6: Friday, August 10, 2018**

**Florence - Rome** Today we journey to Rome. This afternoon, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome features such sights as the Piazza Venezia, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. **During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum**, your guide recounts its rich history. The catacombs, burial place of early Christians, the mythic Pantheon, and Piazza Navona are also featured. (B)

**Day 7: Saturday, August 11, 2018**

**Rome Enjoy a full day at leisure** to bask in Rome's cultural treasures independently. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 8: Sunday, August 12, 2018**

**Rome - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy. (B)



#### **Itinerary at a glance**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Sant'Elena, Venice
Days 4, 5	B4 Astoria Firenze , Florence
Days 6, 7	Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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### **Experience It! Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**

Standing tall among many architectural wonders of Florence towers the imposing Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, also known as the "Duomo," the third largest cathedral in the world. The exterior is a colorful mix of pink, white and green marble; important artwork, statues and intricate stained glass adorn the interior. This famous landmark, designed by Arnolfo di Cambio, began construction in 1296. In the 15th century, the cathedral's world-renowned dome was added, a creation of architect Filippo Brunelleschi. This architectural wonder was created without using a centering support for the masonry. This is a feat that has not been achieved by many, particularly with one of its size. It is still the biggest dome in the world where this technique was used. It weighs an estimated 37,000 tons and it's said that a staggering four million bricks were used.

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For important reservation information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/840041>.

You can also find this information on your tour documents.

**Please Note:**

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

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

Florence state museums, including the Uffizi and the Academy Gallery, are closed on Mondays.

Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays.

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

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.

\*\*Visit with City Officials in Florence will be arranged by Shoals Chamber of Commerce

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

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

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.

**A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. If you purchase our Travel Protection Plan, the deposit is only \$250 per person plus the cost of the Insurance. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of January 30, 2018 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 06, 2018. Deposits are refundable up until February 06, 2018.**

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TRAVEL DATE: 8/05/2018 TERRITORY: S9  
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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Country of Issuance: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

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**TRAVEL PROTECTION:** ( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$290 ( ) 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 \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Collette ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Billing Address:  Check if address is the same as above \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Expiration Date: \_ \_ / \_ \_ / \_ \_  
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**SIGNATURE REQUIRED** for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

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I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. See <http://www.gocollette.com/about-collette/terms-and-conditions> for full terms and conditions of your purchase.

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