

OCTOBER 6, 2019: DEPARTURE FROM CANADA

Departure from Toronto to Milan with KLM connecting in Amsterdam.

OCTOBER 7, 2019: ARRIVAL IN MILAN / LAKE MAGGIORE

Welcome to Italy! English speaking assistance at Milan airport. Departure for a panoramic city tour of Milan. You will have the opportunity to see Sforzesco Castel, the Duomo, the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery and La Scala, the most famous theatre of the world. At the end of the visit, transfer to your hotel in Lake Maggiore (approx. 90km).

*Accommodation: Hotel Bristol 4**

OCTOBER 8, 2019: LAKE MAGGIORE (B)

Meet your local guide at the hotel for a full day visit of Borromeo Islands. The islands take their name from the aristocratic Borromeo family, who took ownership of the land in the 16th and 17th centuries. The islands of Bella and Madre were transformed into grand, luxurious residences, while the third island, named “dei Pescatori” after its age-old fishing community, was left to continue its traditional way of life. In the morning, you will discover Isola Madre and its exotic gardens. You will have some free time for lunch on Isola dei Pescatori. In the afternoon, you will visit Isola Bella with its Baroque Castle. Transfer back to your hotel, evening at leisure and overnight.



OCTOBER 9, 2019: LAKE MAGGIORE / VERONA (B)

Transfer from your hotel in Lake Maggiore to your hotel in Verona (approx. 240 km). Upon arrival, free time for lunch. After lunch, meet your local guide at the hotel for a half day city tour of Verona. Let's visit Verona, a visually-stunning city of excellence and one of the 51 Italian sites on the UNESCO World Heritage. The city is especially known for the legendary story of Romeo and Juliet. During the guided tour you will see the beautiful Roman amphitheater, known as the Arena, which is the symbol of the city. You will discover the city center and see the House of Juliet with its famous balcony, Piazza delle Erbe (Market's square), which is the ancient Roman forum, and Piazza dei Signori, dominated by the statue of Dante and the Arche Scaligere. During the tour, there will also be a few stops to taste some local products.

*Accommodation: Hotel Accademia 4**

OCTOBER 10, 2019: VERONA (B)

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Verona.

OCTOBER 11, 2019: VERONA / BOLOGNA / MONTECATINI (B)

Transfer from your hotel in Verona to Bologna (approx. 140 km). Upon arrival, meet your local guide for a half day city tour of Bologna. City of art, culture and commerce, with a streamlined trade-fair organization and a well-known manufacturing and motor tradition, Bologna is famous for its almost 40 km of arcades, the longest in the world. A first look at the city is from the beautiful Piazza Maggiore where medieval palaces look down upon an intense public life and economic activity. Among the symbols of Bologna there are the Neptune Fountain by Giambologna, and the medieval towers, including the magnificent Two Towers: Asinelli tower (98 m) and its neighbouring "twin" Garisenda (48 m, also mentioned in Dante's Inferno). During the tour, you will do some local food tasting stops. After the visit, transfer to Montecatini (approx. 130 km). Check-in at your hotel, evening at leisure and overnight.

*Accommodation: Grand Hotel Tamerici & Principe 4**



OCTOBER 12-15, 2019: MONTECATINI (B)

During your stay, 2 excursions are included + 2 days at leisure (dates to be determined).

During your days at leisure, you can discover Montecatini on your own, do some shopping, or also enjoy the hotel's spa (access included for 2 hours in your package).

Full day guided tour of Chianti area (8 hours) with transfers from hotel in Montecatini.

Also included: light lunch and wine tasting in Chianti area!

A journey through one of the most fascinating and famous Tuscan territories, Chianti. This hilly region of Tuscany, located between Florence and Siena, offers nice and characteristic views: vineyards, olives fields and medieval burgs. The area is famous for the production of wine and olive oil. This excursion will allow you to discover some typical villages of Chianti area, such as Greve in Chianti and Panzano in Chianti. During the excursion we will visit a wine cellar, where you will discover the secrets of local wine production. Then, you will enjoy some typical dishes and taste the delicious local wine!

Full day guided tour of Pisa and Lucca (8 hours) with transfers from hotel in Montecatini.

Discover two charming Tuscan towns, famous in the world for their tradition and history. Our guide will show the pearls of Pisa: Piazza dei Miracoli, with the Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, the monumental cemetery and the Baptistery, Piazza dei Cavalieri with the Tower of Conte Ugolino and the Carovana Palace. After some free time for lunch in Pisa, we will head towards Lucca. Enjoy a walking guided tour through the most important sites of Lucca, Piazza Napoleone with Palazzo Ducale and Giglio Theatre, San Martino Dome, the characteristic medieval streets such as Via degli Antiquari and Via Fillungo, Piazza Anfiteatro, Torre Guinigi and San Ferdinando Basilica.



OCTOBER 16, 2019: MONTECATINI / LA SPEZIA (B)

Transfer from your hotel in Montecatini to your hotel in La Spezia (approx. 100 km).

*Accommodation: Hotel CDH Hotel La Spezia 4**

OCTOBER 17, 2019: LA SPEZIA (B)

You can't go to Italy and not see this lovely costal portion of Liguria, declared UNESCO world heritage site. Those who visit this region will hardly forget its charm and atmosphere. First, departure by ferry boat to the charming village of Portovenere, the sixth Cinque Terre Village. Portovenere is a little medieval town in Liguria and the most beautiful location on the Gulf of The Poets. Then you will continue towards Monterosso. The village is divided in two distinct parts, the old and the new town. Here you will have some free time for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon our guide will show you the small villages of Vernazza with its lovely natural harbour, pastel coloured houses and seaside piazzetta. Then you will see Vernazza, a traditional fishing village. Transfer back by ferry boat to La Spezia and rest of the day at leisure.



OCTOBER 18, 2019: LA SPEZIA / FLORENCE (B)

Transfer from your hotel in La Spezia to your hotel in Florence (approx. 150 km). Upon your arrival in Florence, guided tour included (3 hours). Visit the artistic capital of Italy, well known as the "Cradle of the Renaissance", with its charming historic city center, declared a world heritage site by the UNESCO in 1982. Our local guide will show you some of the most important treasures that make the city absolutely unique: Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Republic Square, Old Bridge, Signoria Square (the center of Florence's civil life government for centuries), and Palazzo Vecchio. End of the visit at your hotel, check-in and rest of the day at leisure.

*Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Ognissanti 4**

OCTOBER 19, 2019: FLORENCE / PARIS / TORONTO (B)

Transfer from hotel to Florence airport. Flight back to Toronto with Air France connecting in Paris.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

KL692	06OCT	YYZ-AMS	17:15 - 06:25	+1
KL1629	07OCT	AMS-MXP	10:20 - 12:00	
AF1467	19OCT	FLR-CDG	10:15 - 12:05	
AF356	19OCT	CDG-YYZ	13:50 - 16:10	