SAVENIO PRESENTS
VIVA ITALIA TOUR
ENJOY THE BEST OF ITALY AND SICILY

FULLY ESCORTED GROUP TOUR
DEPARTING 4 MAY 2016 – 23 DAYS
DAY 1: Wed 04 May 2016  
**Depart Australia**

Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome, one of the world's most historic cities, filled with classical antiquity, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. On arrival at Rome Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, meet your fellow travellers in the evening for a Welcome Reception and the opportunity to mingle over dinner at the hotel. (WD)

DAY 3: Fri 06 May 2016  
**Rome Sightseeing**

Today’s tour is joined by a resident expert who leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. More of Michelangelo's genius is on display next door in St Peter’s Basilica. Now cross the Tiber to visit the Colosseum, where Gladiators once fought and then overlook the Roman Forum - former religious, political and commercial heart of the Roman Empire. Rome is now yours to discover at your own pace. Perhaps head for the Piazza Navona with its pavement cafes, 17th Century fountains and architecture, or head to the design boutiques near the Spanish Steps? Tonight, we enjoy a pizza dinner in a typical Roman restaurant, before rounding off the evening with a sparkling illuminations drive. (BB, HD)

DAY 4: Sat 07 May 2016  
**Rome – Alberobello**

Head south to stop in Caserta, famous for its monumental palace built by the Bourbon King Charles III in the mid-18th century to rival the court at Versailles. The smooth motorway takes you across the Apennines to the lesser-known province of Puglia – the heel of Italy's boot. Continue through sun-baked landscapes, where donkey-drawn carts and olives knoll as trulli, pepper the olive groves, vineyards and wheat fields. Clustered together, these strange beehive buildings form the region's most spectacular trulli town is Alberobello. (BB, D)

DAY 5: Sun 08 May 2016  
**Alberobello**

Alberobello is a UNESCO World Heritage site, it's narrow streets are lined with conical, whitewashed trulli, clustered together like mushrooms, constructed entirely without mortar. Dating back to the 18th century, the trulli were built using local materials to adapt to the region's climatic conditions. It is a delight to the senses and tonight we recommend you to enjoy dinner in one of the many local restaurants. (BB, HD)

DAY 6: Mon 09 May 2016  
**Orvieto – Assisi – Tuscany**

We begin today with a visit to hilltop San Gimignano, famous for its beautiful towers and ‘Gates of Paradise’. Next stop is Siena, famous for its beautiful Palazzo Pubblico, the world's largest medieval civic building. We then continue to Mt. Etna, Europe’s largest active volcano. Therimp of Umberto, the Piazza IX Aprile offers panoramic views. The spectacular ‘Sassi’ - troglodyte dwellings of Matera, clustered together like mushrooms, constructed entirely without mortar. Dating back to the 18th century, the trulli were built using local materials to adapt to the region's climatic conditions. It is a delight to the senses and tonight we recommend you to enjoy dinner in one of the many local restaurants. (BB, HD)

DAY 7: Tue 10 May 2016  
**Calabria Region**

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DAY 8: Wed 11 May 2016  
**Taormina – Sorrento**

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The local roads take you south this morning to follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region. Continue along the Purple Coast to the toe of Italy and head your Ferry bound for Sicily. (BB, HL)

DAY 10: Fri 13 May 2016  
**Sicily Coast Excursion**

Travel along Italy’s finest coastline, the Amalfi Coast. Stop for a bird’s-eye view of the terraced houses of Positano before boarding minibuses to the heart of the town. There’s time to be tempted by the boutiques! Later this afternoon, among the lemon and olive groves of Sorrento is a small farm owned by the third generation of the Marciano family. Meet Maria and see how fresh mozzarella is made by hand. Walk through lemon groves, past the old olive mill before indulging your taste buds in a delicious meal of Italian specialties all fresh from the farm. Finish with a taste of the famous Limoncello! (BB, HD)

DAY 11: Sat 14 May 2016  
**Orvieto – Pompeii – Amalfi Coast Excursion**

Drive to the ancient roman city of Pompeii, eerily preserved beneath volcanic ash. See the Sorrento, the most spectacular of backdrops. Stroll on to the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's oldest hotel. (BB, HL)

DAY 12: Sun 15 May 2016  
**Tuscan Villas**

This morning we continue to hilltop Assisi nestled in the Umbrian hills. On a guided tour of the famous Sassi in AD79. Walk with a local expert through cobble streets to explore some of the shops, villas and temples. Witness colour and culture from the 18th century. Continue through the heart of Italy and to the town of Orvieto, located on a rock pedestal overlooking a vineyard covered plain. Savour the distinctly medieval ambiance during your orientation and admire the richly decorated façade of the Cathedral in Piazza del Duomo. Discover the history of the region, learn about the ingredients and Italian food culture. Join Chef Lorenzo for a fascinating live cooking demonstration, followed by dinner and a glass of the Orvieto Classico wine - a magical culinary experience! (BB, HD)

DAY 13: Mon 16 May 2016  
**San Gimignano, Siena and Volterra**

We begin today with a visit to hilltop San Gimignano, famous for its medieval towers that scarp the azure Tuscan sky. Ascend serpentine alleysways to the artisan ice-cream parlour of World Champion gelato Maestro, Sergio Dondoli for a taste of his finest frozen treats. There is some free time for you to explore on your own, before we move onto the narrow cobble streets of medieval Siena. Stroll through the city with the local expert to the vast Piazza del Campo, where the Palio horse race takes place amid great festivities. See also the splendid Cathedral and Baptistry, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Continue along the coast to Rapallo on the beautiful Italian Riviera. (BB, D)

DAY 14: Tue 17 May 2016  
**Florence Excursion**

Today is devoted to the Renaissance City of Florence! This morning we meet our local guide for a walk through the city at your leisure. Tonight, we recommend you to join the Academy Gallery to admire Michelangelo's original masterpiece 'Statue of David'. Continue to the multi-coloured Boboli Gardens to admire Giotto's bell tower and 'Gates of Paradise'. Next stop is Signoria Square, an open air museum and still the political heart of Florence. Stroll on to Piazza Santa Croce, famous for its Basilica and luxury shops. You then have free time to explore the city at your leisure. Perhaps shop for Florentine leather or gold! (BB)

DAY 15: Wed 18 May 2016  
**Tuscany – Pisa – Rapallo**

Drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills towards Pisa. On arrival, we head back to Pisa to explore the iconic Leaning Tower and visit the world famous Duomo. Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See also the splendid Cathedral and Baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Continue along the coast to Rapallo on the beautiful Italian Riviera. (BB, D)

DAY 16: Thu 19 May 2016  
**Capri Excursion**

Head for the port of La Spezia and a highlight of your tour, the Cinque Terre World Heritage site and one of Italy’s most beautiful landscapes! Appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages. Spend some time exploring the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing along to the elegant seaside village of Portomino, epitome of La Dolce Vita. Admire the colourfully houses, browse the boutiques, stay a while in the café bars on the piazzetta and watch the yachts moored in the harbour. Weather permitting, return along the rugged Ligurian coast by boat to your hotel. Tonight join your fellow group members for a Highlight Seafood Dinner in a local restaurant. (BB, HD)

DAY 17: Fri 20 May 2016  
**Rapallo – Italian Lakes**

This morning, head north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favourite retreat of the rich and famous when Alpine scenes were less popular. We visit a park once belonging to the Marquis of Mantua, on the famous lake island with its beautiful botanical garden and colourful fresh water plants. Tonight we recommend you stay at one of the many lovely hotels overlooking the Lake. (BB, HD)

DAY 18: Sat 21 May 2016  
**Como Excursion**

We travel to scenic Lake Como and visit Como Town, a pleasant town with a lovely historical centre, where there is time to enjoy a cappuccino or gelato in this picturesque lakeside village. Return to your hotel, where the remainder of the afternoon is free at leisure and soak up the scenery. Tonight we dine at a local restaurant. (BB)

DAY 19: Sun 22 May 2016  
**Italian Lakes – Venice**

Head east to Verona this morning for a leisurely walk past the well-preserved Roman Arena still used for operas performances. Stand beneath the balcony where the course of love was played out in the location of the famous balcony love scene. After some free time, we continue on to Padua, where we visit the famous Basilica of Scrovegni, adorned with frescoes by Giotto, original Romanesque architecture and Gothic style asies and eastern apes, which were added in the 13th century. Explore the interior of the Doges Palace and admire the tomb of the famous sonottiero Gattamelata and his son. Then it’s on to the enchanting city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. (BB, HD)

DAY 20: Mon 23 May 2016  
**Venice**

Even for the most experienced traveller, daybreak in Venice brings excitement and anticipation. Start with a waterfront gondola walk through some of the lesser-known quarters of Venice. A local expert guide introduces you to the back lanes and ‘campi’, small squares, where tourists seldom tread. You also explore the Rialto markets, a great place to sample local life. Not too far away, we see the mosaics of St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doges Palace where former kings were crowned, original Romanesque architecture and Gothic style asies and eastern apes, which were added in the 13th century. Explore the interior of the Doges Palace and admire the tomb of the famous sonottiero Gattamelata and his son. Then it’s on to the enchanting city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. (BB, HD)

DAY 21: Tue 24 May 2016  
**Depart Venice**

Our memorable Viva Italia Tour ends after breakfast today, for those returning home, we bid farewell with a transfer to Venice airport for your onward flight to Australia with arrival in Australia on Thu 26 May 2016. (BB)
CRUISE OPTION

For those extending their journey, this afternoon we board Ponant Cruises “Le Lyrical” and set sail for Croatia and it’s many hidden treasures. (SD)

DAY 22: WED 25 MAY 2016
Korcula, Croatia

Vineyards, olive groves and aromatic woodlands are dotted all over Korcula Island, in between hidden coves of limpid blue water. Built on a peninsular, perched on a promontory the island’s coastal fortress of the same name is like an open-air museum. The navigator Marco Polo was born in Korkula, a city of ancient honey-coloured stone redesigned to create unusual medieval architecture. The old town is a checkerboard of marble-paved streets polished by time and lined with impressive monuments, such as the 15th century St Mark’s Cathedral. (B,L,SD)

DAY 23: THU 26 MAY 2016
Sibenik – Split, Croatia

In the heart of central Dalmatia, Sibenik is proud of its purely Croatian architecture, unlike that of neighbouring cities founded by the Romans. Along the steep narrow streets behind the city walls, the old town retains a prestigious ensemble of churches, palaces and public buildings most built in the 15th and 16th centuries. You will not want to miss seeing St James Cathedral, a sparkling white jewel of a building, its dome standing proudly under the checkerboard of marble-paved streets polished by time and lined with impressive monuments, such as the 15th century St Mark’s Cathedral. (B,L,SD)

DAY 24: FRI 27 MAY 2016
Dubrovnik, Croatia

On the southern tip of Croatia, the walled-in city of former Ragusa reveals its secrets. Beautifully preserved, the architectural riches of this imperious town dazzle in the sunlight that illuminates the ochre-red roof tiles. Palaces, elegant buildings, cloisters and fountains are in perfect harmony in this unique setting, protected from the sea by its impressive city wall. Take your time as you stroll round the white marble paved streets, discovering a thousand years of history in one place. Long considered as a rival to Venice, this city’s illustrious past has earned it UNESCO World Heritage site status. Whether this is your first visit to Dubrovnik or not, the unique aura of the “Pearl of the Adriatic” always inspire the same emotions. (B,L,SD)

DAY 25: SAT 28 MAY 2016
Kotor, Montenegro

Located along one of World’s most beautiful bays is Kotor, a city of traders and famous sailors, with many stories to tell. The Old City of Kotor is a well preserved urbanization typical of the Middle Ages, built between the 12th and 14th century. Medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage have made Kotor a UNESCO listed “World Natural and Historical Heritage Site”. Through the entire city the buildings are cross-crossed with narrow streets and squares. One of these squares contains the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon (Sveti Tripun), a monument of Roman culture and one of the most recognisable symbols of the city. (B,L,SD)

DAY 26: SUN 29 MAY 2016
Hvar, Croatia

A mild sunny climate has earned Hvar the epithet as “Croatia’s Madeira” and is one of the most beautiful islands on the Dalmatian Coast. Protected from the wind by Mount Saint Nicolas, the town is encircled by ramparts and offers travellers many remarkable monuments such as the elegant cathedral. Be enchanted by the low white-washed houses as you stroll along the waterfront, where traditional fishing boats and leisure yachts line the quays. (B,L,SD)

DAY 27: MON 30 MAY 2016
Pula – Rovinj, Croatia

A passage between two worlds, Italian and Slav, the hills of Istria roll down to the sea. In Pula, a worthy heir to the Roman Empire, you will discover a culture that dominated Europe for five centuries. Here more than anywhere else time seems to stand still in the town’s symbol, the Roman amphitheatre. The clash of gladiators’ swords and the roar of 20,000 spectators may have fallen silent, but the terraces of this theatre are still very impressive. Built on a rocky outcrop on the west coast of Istria, Rovinj has only been connected to the coast in the last three centuries. Legend has it that the port was founded by the inhabitants of a submerged island city called Cissa. Once a peaceful fishing village of narrow winding streets, today it is a cultural centre and seaside resort, although the old town is a harmonious blend of urban architecture from the 17th and 18th centuries. The Venetian influence and a rich cultural heritage are in evidence everywhere in the architecture of the tall, red-roofed houses. The highlight of your visit will undoubtedly be the Church of St Euphemia, a revered treasure dating back to the 8th century. (B,L,SD)

DAY 28: TUE 31 MAY 2016
Depart Venice

Today we disembark and farewell Venice and transfer to Venice airport to meet your flight back home. (B)

DAY 29: WED 01 JUN 2016
Transit

DAY 30: THU 02 JUN 2016
Arrival Australia

MEAL KEY  (B) = Breakfast  (BB) = Buffet Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (HL) = Highlight Lunch, (D) = Hotel Dinner, (HD) = Local Restaurant Dinner,  (CD) = Celebration Dinner,  (WD) = Welcome Dinner, (SD) = Ship Dinner
TOUR INCLUSIONS
 INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS
 Rome: Join a resident expert to view the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel. Visit the Colosseum & overlook the Forum.
 Matera: Visit the famous 'Sassi' or cave dwellings, which were home to about 20,000 people until 1950.
 Taormina: Set on a cliff, open to the sky, take your seats in the ancient Greek Theatre and enjoy the view through the crumbling arches to snowy Mount Etna.
 Isle of Capri: Cruise to this famous isle and in the style of the jet-set, ride up to town by open top taxi.
 Amalfi Coast: Drive along the Amalfi Coast & visit the colourful town of Positano.
 Pompeii: Walk with a local expert through the cobbled streets of this ill-fated town.
 Assisi: Find out why the Basilica of St Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of medieval Europe.
 San Gimignano: Enjoy a tasting with award winning, master gelato maker Sergio Dondoli.
 Florence: Visit the Accademia Museum with an art expert to see Michelangelo’s masterpiece, the Statue of David.
 Cinque Terre: Spend time at this picturesque UNESCO World Heritage listed site.

INCLUDED FIRST CLASS SERVICES
 Escorted by Pam Mann
 Escorted by a professional Tour Director from Day 2 to Day 21
 Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
 Luxury air-conditioned 40 seater coach with extended leg room and on-board rest room
 19 nights in First Class hotel accommodation including all service charges, taxes and portage
 Group arrival and departure transfers at a scheduled time on arrival in Rome on Day 2 and departing Venice on Day 21

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING
 19 Buffet Breakfasts (BB)
 1 Welcome Reception and Dinner (WD)
 1 Highlight Lunch in a winery in Montalcino (HL)
 1 Highlight Dinner in Rome with a Sparkling illuminations drive (HD)
 1 Highlight Dinner in Sorrento at a small farm owned by the third generation of the Marciano Family, who will demonstrate how fresh mozzarella is made by hand, before a delicious meal of Italian specialities (HD)
 1 Highlight Dinner in Orvieto with Chef Lorenzo which includes a live cooking demonstration (HD)
 3 Highlight Dinners in Local Restaurants in Alberobello, Rapallo, Lake Maggiore (HD)
 5 three-course Evening Meals with choice, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)
 1 Celebration Dinner in Venice (CD)

ON OPTIONAL CRUISE
 All on board meals. Beverages, including select wines, champagnes and spirits, beer, soft drinks and bottled water as per Ponant Cruise “Open Bar” conditions.

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES
 For further information and to book for your dream Italian holiday, please contact:

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Tour Price
$11,690
per person twin share

Single Supplement: $1,690 per person

FULLY INCLUSIVE RATE AS PER 23 DAY LAND ITINERARY

*Return economy airfares to Italy ex Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth
Airfares subject to Early Bird availability

NB: CRUISE IS OPTIONAL AND NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE
(see Savenio for cruise pricing)

TERMS & CONDITIONS - LAND ONLY
(Contact Savenio for Ponant Cruises and airline terms & conditions)

NOT INCLUDED
Passport and applicable Visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed in the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance, travel to and from Brisbane airport. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please see Savenio for more details.

DEPOSIT
A non-refundable deposit of $500 per person is required within 7 days to secure a place on tour. Airfare deposit and final payment requirements will be advised at time of booking.

PART PAYMENT
A further non-refundable payment of $3,000 is due 30 Sep 2015.

FINAL PAYMENT
The balance of monies due for the tour must be paid by 4 Feb 2016. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card (no fees apply). Airfare and cruise final payment conditions will be advised at time of booking. Payments after this date may incur a late fee payment.

CANCELLATIONS
In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. Deposit will be forfeited on cancellation prior to balance payment. After due date for final payment, additional cancellation charges are subject to the conditions imposed by individually contracted tour operators, airlines and hotels.

CHANGES IN PRICE AND ITINERARY
Prices in this brochure are based on costs, charges, tariffs, taxes, levies and exchange rates at the time of publication. In the event that such fluctuations affect the price to be paid for services, Savenio reserves the right to adjust the price as necessary at any time. Insight Vacations reserve the right to deviate from this itinerary or change hotels should it be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. Coach use is subject to EEC Regulations. Gratuities For land tour only, gratuities for Insight Vacations Tour Director, Driver and local guides are included in the tour price.

TRAVELLING ALONE
We do not wish to disadvantage individuals travelling without a companion. Should you prefer a guaranteed single room, a single supplement will apply. Savenio will try to match you with another traveller of the same gender. Please understand that compatibility cannot be guaranteed and this offer is conditional on acceptance of this factor.

PORTERAGE
One suitcase on tour is included in the tour price and at arrival or departure from each hotel. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30 kg and dimensions not exceeding 77.5 cm x56 cm x 32 cm.

LOCAL CURRENCY, TRAVELLER CHEQUES
We recommend that you take with you a combination of holiday money, credit cards and local currency. Savenio can provide further assistance if required.

PASSPORT, VISAS AND TAXES
You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return.

SMOKING
is not permitted on board aircraft or coaches, and within the airport terminals.

SEAT CHANGES
A seat rotation system will apply on board our coach whilst touring.

DOCUMENTATION
Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from Australia, documentation will be received by your travel agent including a tour itinerary, a full hotel list, baggage labels and ticket wallet.

MINIMUM NUMBERS
A minimum of 20 passengers is required to operate this tour as brochure. Should this not be met, Savenio reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

For further information on any of the above conditions, please contact Samantha at Savenio.