



FLORENCE



TUSCANY

**The
2024
Getaway**



Lake Como



MILAN



ROME

September 16—27, 2024

Fratelli & Company Group Travel, LLC

Dear Friends;

We are excited to present this grand trip to some of the splendid cities of Italy. Milan: with its magnificent Duomo, The Galleria, DaVinci's Last Supper and the Fashion Capital of Italy. Lake Como & Bellagio: with their glorious scenery. A visit to Bologna: an ancient University city and home to fine culinary delicacies. Florence: the Renaissance capital of the world. Tuscan Region: Wine Tasting, Medieval Villages and Truffle & Wine pairing dinner. Rome: the capital of the world "Cuput Mundi & Eternal City". We certainly hope that you can join us on this fantastic voyage through the heart Italy; truly a feast for the eyes and the palate!

Sincerely,

Lou Falconeri

Fratelli & Company Group Travel, LLC

Day 1 — USA to Milan, Malpensa Airport, Italy

Depart from USA on our overnight flight into Milan, Italy, dinner and overnight onboard. Anyone coming from other parts of the US join the group in New York or in Milan, Italy. Alternatively, we can assist you in making your air travel reservations if you wish. See page 10 for more information.

UNITED AIRLINES

September 16 / Flt # UA19—Newark (EWR) to Milan (MXP) Depart 5:30pm Arrive MXP 7:30am Sept. 17

September 27 / Flt # UA41—Rome (FCO) to Newark (EWR) Depart 11:00 am Arrive EWR 2:30pm Sept. 27

Day 2 — Arrival Milan, Italy

Arrival in Milan's Malpensa International Airport. We will be met by our motor-coach and proceed to center city Milan. Due to the fact that hotel check-in is not until the mid afternoon, we will have a walk through some of the sites of this metropolis in Italy's northern Lombardy region; global capital of fashion and design. Here in city center we will have some time to see the main square with the magnificent Duomo and the Galleria. We can have some time meandering through the square and Galleria. A good time to visit the ATM machines and grab a quick lunch or snack before checking into our hotel. After check-in, there will be some time to refresh and relax after a long trip. Early this evening we will gather for a Happy Hour before **dinner (included)**. Overnight in Milan. (D)



Day 3 — Tour of Milan—Duomo, Galleria, La Scala

Today after breakfast we will begin our guided tour of Milan city. Milan is the main industrial, commercial and financial center of Italy and a leading global city. Its business district hosts the Borsa Italiana (Italy's main stock exchange) and the headquarters of the largest national banks and companies. The city is a major world fashion and design capital. This morning we explore the vibrant city through an enjoyable guided tour that includes The **Galleria**; The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is Italy's oldest active shopping gallery and a major landmark of Milan.

Housed within a four-story double arcade in the center of town, the Galleria is named after Victor Emmanuel II, the first king of the Kingdom of Italy. **The Duomo**; Milan's famous cathedral, Basilica of the Nativity of Saint Mary; famous for its contrasting styles, such as Romanticism, Gothic Revival, and Gothic, Flamboyant, which display the work of various art legends from different generations. Duomo Milan is famous for its collection of 4000 statues, gargoyles, and figures. **La Scala Opera House**; was inaugurated on 3 August 1778 and was originally known as the *Nuovo Regio Ducale Teatro alla Scala* (New Royal-Ducal Theatre alla Scala). La Scala's season opens on 7 December, Saint Ambrose's Day, the feast day of Milan's patron saint. **Dinner (included)**, Overnight in Milan. (B,D)

Day 4 — Milan DaVinci's Last Supper

This morning after breakfast we leave the hotel enroute for our appointment to see D'Vinci's Last Supper; a mural painting by the Italian High Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci, dated to 1495–1498. The painting represents the scene of the Last Supper of Jesus with the Twelve Apostles, as it is told in the Gospel of John – specifically the moment after Jesus announces that one of his apostles will betray him. Its handling of space, mastery of perspective, treatment of motion and complex display of human emotion has made



it one of the Western world's most recognizable paintings and among Leonardo's most celebrated works. Housed in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan. *The Last Supper* is his largest work.

Later we will board our coach for the short drive to Como. Lake Como, one of the great lakes of northern Italy which



stretches from Como city into the southern hills of Switzerland. Lake Como has been a popular retreat for aristocrats and wealthy people since Roman times, and a very popular tourist attraction with many artistic and cultural gems. It has many villas and palaces (such as Villa Olmo, Villa Serbelloni, and Villa Carlotta). Many famous people have or have had homes on the shores of Lake Como; Matthew Bellamy, Madonna, George Clooney, Gianni Versace, Ronaldinho, Sylvester Stallone, Richard Branson, Ben Spies, and Pierina Legnani. Lake Como is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful lakes in Europe. Upon arrival, we will check in to our hotel and

have free time in the afternoon have a stroll of the main square at lakeside. Afterwards, time allowing, you will have some leisure time to take in the breathtaking views of this nirvana on earth. Several boats and hydrofoils each day travel all the way up the lake from Como to Colico stopping at most of the towns en-route. There are also frequent services between the 'triangle' of towns in the center of the lake - Menaggio, Bellagio & Varenna. **Dinner (on your own)** and overnight in Como. **(B)**

Day 5 — Como / Bellagio

Today after breakfast we will travel to Bellagio by boat; called the "Pearl of the Lake", Bellagio's world class hotels and restaurants provide the perfect place to soak up the lake's famous panorama. After a short walking tour there will be free-time for lunch or shopping before returning to Como. The village is characterized by century-old buildings, stone lanes and picturesque cobbled stairways filled with shops showcasing the finest Italian wares. There will be ample free-time to enjoy this village and have some lunch (on your own) at a local trattoria. **Dinner (included)** and overnight in Como. **(B,D)**



Day 6 —Como/ Florence via Bologna

Today, after breakfast, we depart this scenic and gorgeous area of Lake Como and head south to the magnificent Renaissance city of Florence.

Before arriving in Florence we will stop today to visit Bologna. We will have a short guided tour of the historic center ending at the Quad-



rilatero del Cibo, also know as “food street”.

The Quadrilatero: Bologna Italy’s

Oldest Market and Premier Foodie Destination. Here after the visit we can stop and taste all types of products on your own. It’s here where you’ll taste some of the best street food in Italy, find local shopkeepers, tradespeople, fish mongers, bakers, and other food and retail vendors working at selling everything from fresh fish and produce to local meats, cheeses, regional wines, homemade tortellini

pasta, fresh Italian breads, and other goods. A true Italian Food Capital.

<https://www.italyfoodies.com/blog/quadrilatero-bologna-market>

We proceed to Florence. Upon check in, some time to refresh and regroup before a **Welcome Drink** at the hotel prior to **dinner (included w/wine & water & coffee)**, this evening at a local restaurant with regional cuisine. *After dinner, for those still energized we will take a walk around the historic center of Florence this evening before our tour tomorrow.* Overnight in Florence.

Day 7 -Florence Full day City Tour (walking)

Today, after breakfast, we will begin our walking tour of Florence. Florence is one of the few cities around the world whose entire historical center is considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The reason is it offers hundreds, maybe thousands, of monumental arts and architecture. We will begin our day with a visit to the Accademia to see some of Michelangelo’s greatest works, especially the



“David”.

A f t e r -
w a r d s

o n t o t h e D u o m o , S a n t a M a r i a d e l F i o r e (o u t s i d e v i s i t) , B r u n e l l e s c h i ’ s m a s t e r p i e c e .

H e r e w e a l s o s e e G i o t t o ’ s B e l l T o w e r a n d t h e B a p t i s t e r y w i t h i t s “ G a t e s o f P a r a d i s e ” d o o r s . W e w i l l c o n t i n u e o n t o P i a z z a d e l l a S i g n o r i a a n d P o n t e V e c c h i o .

Dinner (included w/wine & water & coffee), overnight in Florence. **(B,D)**



Day 8 -The Chianti Road “La Chiantigiana”

This morning, after breakfast, we will leave Florence for the Chianti Wine Region. We will be traveling along the “Chianti Road” or “Chiantigiana”. The Via Chiantigiana is one of the most enjoyable motoring routes in Italy. It runs directly south from Florence to Siena through the middle of the Chianti Classico wine zone of Tuscany, one of the most instantly recognizable landscapes in the world. After passing Ugolino Golf Course, the oldest golf club in Italy, the Chiantigiana runs upward and follows the ridges between the Val d'Elsa and the Valdarno, wandering from one farmhouse and villa to another, from time to time passing through villages and small towns.



The territory traversed by the Via Chiantigiana has been one of the most important wine producing regions in Italy for over two centuries. In fact, it was the Habsburg-Lorraine ruling family, most notably Leopold I, Grand Duke of Tuscany, who, during the 18 C and 19 C, began cultivating the grapes that would become modern Chianti.

Since the 1920s, this territory has been the official area of production for the Consorzio del Vino Chianti Classico Gallo Nero wine makers consortium. *Time allowing*, we can make a short stop in the town of Greve with its unusual town square, once a produce and livestock market.

Lunch today will be at the Verrazzano Castle and will consist of a wine and food pairing meal.

Prior to lunch we will have a guided tour of the Castle cellars and wine rooms, some dating back to the 16th century.



In the Castel Verrazzano:

We are talking about the famous explorer who on April 17, 1524, at the age of 39, was the first European to discover the New York Bay. The castle, in Val di Greve, was the abode of his aristocratic family of origin, the Verrezzanos. In one of the letters Giovanni da Verrazzano wrote to King Francis I of France – at whose service he had started his adventures on the coasts of North America – the great seaman wrote: “We often went five or six leagues into the interior, and found the country as pleasant as is possible to conceive, adapted to cultivation of every kind, whether of corn, wine or oil...” Words we might borrow to describe the luxuriant Tuscan hills of Chianti Classico, where the Castle rises with its 16th-century cellars and its 220 hectares of land, which have produced excellent wine for almost a mil-

lennium. A place that was, and is to this day, “*as pleasant as is possible to conceive*”. Overnight in Florence **lunch (included) supper on your own. (B,L)**

Day 9 - Monteriggioni & San Gimignano



Today, we continue our journey south of Florence along the Chianti Road to the medieval village of Monteriggioni. Monteriggioni; represents one of the most important walled castles in the territory. It has incredibly preserved an intact structure as if time had never passed on the hill from which it elegantly dominates the surrounding landscape. Its perfect circular perimeter makes one suppose it to be an artificial construction while, in actuality, it was created by just following the curves in the natural ground. The castle was built by the Sienese between 1213 and 1219 for defensive purposes; its strategic location atop a hill overlooking the Cassia Road allowed

the castle to control the cities of the Val d'Elsa and Staggia and be on the lookout for any armies approaching Siena. The intact fortified wall presents 14 towers along which the guards used to walk to patrol the walls and 2 gates, one called the Roman Gate which faces Rome and the other known as the Florentine Gate since it heads toward Florence. The “well” in the center of the square is the well described in Dante’s Divine Comedy. Here in Monteriggioni we will have some free-time to meander through this unique citadel. Take some time for exploring, shopping or having a snack.



Later we head to San Gimignano, the city of Bell Towers. Encircled by 13th-century walls, its old town centers on Piazza della Cisterna, a triangular square lined with medieval houses. It has a skyline of medieval towers, including the stone Torre Grossa. The Duomo di San Gimignano is a 12th-century church with frescoes by Ghirlandaio in its Santa Fina Chapel. The "Historic Centre of San Gimignano" is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town also is known for saffron, the Golden Ham, and its white wine, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, produced from the ancient variety of Vernaccia grape which is grown on the sandstone hillsides of the area. There will be some free-time to explore this fascinating city on your own before heading out of the city limits to an “agriturismo”. *{try to see the old movie called “Tea with Mussolini “ which takes place during WW II in the city of San Gimignano, filmed on location there.}*

Podere La Marronaia, for delightful **early supper (included)** of Truffle and Wine tasting. **Podere la Marronaia** is a little jewel set on a hill, surrounded by vineyards and olive trees, a few kilometers from the historic center of San Gimignano, in a very scenic location.

The unique architecture of the property, which immediately drew the attention of the present owners, Luigi and Silvia, was the old watch tower, located in the central part of the building. From the info found in the historical archives of the town, it was discovered that this tower was part of a larger group of fortifications, towers, built around 1200 to defend the city of San Gimignano. Already at that time the property reported as “Marronaja”, thus the current “Marronaia”. In the XIX century Podere la Marronaia was owned by the Monastery of St. Jerome. Today the building is named among



the “special historical and artistic interest” heritage of the city. The guest of honor of this tasting with dinner is the famous Tuscan truffle. A guided tour by the staff, to discover the sharp accents of Tuscan truffles, harmonized throughout the meal with local products: extra virgin olive oil, wines,

appetizers and assorted dishes. Overnight in Florence. **(B,S,)**

Day 10 - Florence to Rome—St. Peter's Basilica / Vatican Museum / Sistine Chapel

At 22,067 square meters, St. Peter's is the world's largest church; regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines, it is a popular place of pilgrimage, even though it is neither the Mother Church nor a cathedral. It is hard to grasp its proportions until you have seen it. Particularly impressive is its height, 136 meters from the ground to the top of the magnificent dome, the tallest in the world. According to Catholic tradition, the Basilica is the burial site of the apostle St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. St. Peter's tomb is said to be



below the high altar. Many popes have been buried here since the Early Christian period. A church has been on this site since Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. Construction of the present basilica, which replaced the basilica of the 4th century, began on 18 April 1506 and was completed in 1626. St. Peter's Basilica is also famous as a magnificent work of art, to which major Renaissance artists, including Michelangelo, Bramante, Raffaello, Sangallo and Giacomo della Porta contributed. Gian Lorenzo Bernini designed the ample staircase and elliptical square surrounded by columns, which "introduces" the basilica, with the façade by Carlo Maderno. We will also visit the Vatican Museum



and culminate with the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums originated as a group of sculptures collected by Pope Julius II (1503-1513) and placed in what today is the Cortile Ottagono within the museum complex. The popes were among the first sovereigns who opened the art collections of their palaces to the public thus promoting knowledge of art history and culture.

As seen today, the Vatican Museums are a complex of different pontifical museums and galleries that began under the patronage of the popes .

Pizza dinner (included) and overnight in Rome. **(B,D)**

For those interested and on your own. The Dome (La Cuppola) At the entrance to the basilica, after the security check, there is a sign that directs you to the far right of the portico (past the Holy Door) and to the kiosk for the elevator. You can take the elevator to the roof level (saving 320 steps), but if you want to be on the top of the cupola you must take the stairs for the last portion (551 steps in total). The entrance cost is 7 Euros for elevator, 5 Euros for stairs. After the brief elevator ride (or the first 320 steps), before your climb to the dome, you can stop and enjoy the view from the gallery inside the dome looking down into the basilica . Take a few moments to absorb the astonishing beauty of the cupola from within, looking down onto the main altar. Michelangelo himself designed this dome, which measures 135m (450 ft.) above the ground at its top and stretches 42m (139 ft.) in diameter. Legend has it that in deference to the Pantheon, Michelangelo made his dome 1.5m (5 ft.) shorter across, saying "I could build one bigger, but not more beautiful, than that of the Pantheon." Carlo Maderno later added the dome-top lantern. The climb to the top of the dome proceeds through progressively narrower and sloping stairs. The narrow passageway can be uncomfortable if you are claustrophobic.



Day 11— Rome Monumental & Ancient

As legend has it, Rome was founded in 753 B.C. by Romulus and Remus, twin sons of Mars, the god of war. A people known for their military, political, and social institutions, the ancient Romans conquered vast amounts of land in Europe and northern Africa, built roads and aqueducts, and spread Latin, their language, far and wide. Today, after breakfast, we will begin our full day tour of some of the most important and popular sites of Ancient Rome. The Eternal City was the capital of the Roman Kingdom, the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire, which was the dominant power in Western Europe and the lands bordering the Mediterranean for over seven hundred years from the 1st century BC until the 7th century AD. The city is regarded as one of the birthplaces of western civilization. Since the 1st century AD Rome has been the seat of the Papacy and, after the end of Byzantine domination, in the 8th century it became the capital of the Papal States, which lasted until 1870. In 1871 Rome became the capital of the Kingdom of Italy, and in 1946 that of the Italian Republic.

Coliseum: Located just east of the Roman Forum, the massive stone amphitheater was commissioned around A.D. 70 -72 by Emperor Vespasian of the Flavian dynasty as a gift to the Roman people. In A.D. 80, Vespasian's son Titus opened the Colosseum—officially known as



the Flavian

Amphitheater—with 100 days of games, including gladiatorial combats and wild animal fights.



Capitoline Hill: The Capitoline Hill is the smallest among the seven hills of Rome. Even though it is the smallest it played a huge part in the religious and political aspects of Rome since the founding of the city center.

Piazza Navona: is one of the most beautiful and famous squares in the centre of Rome. In 86 CE, emperor Domitian commissioned this square with its unique, elongated shape. This shape is the result of its original function as the stadium for athletics competitions (Circus Agonalis) with stands for 20,000 spectators. Piazza Navona's main attraction of Piazza Navona is the trio of fountains that adorn the square. The central and largest fountain is the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers). It was constructed



between 1647 and 1651 on request of pope Innocent X.



Fountain of Trevi: is the largest Baroque fountain in the city and the most beautiful in the world. A traditional legend holds that if visitors throw a coin into the fountain, they are ensured a return to Rome. The Trevi Fountain is situated at the end of the Aqua Virgo, an aqueduct constructed in 19 BC by Agrippa, the son-in-law of Emperor Augustus. Over time the legend of the Trevi Fountain evolved to tossing a coin in to

ensure a return to Rome. The precise legend of the Trevi Fountain says you should stand with your back to the fountain and toss a coin over your left shoulder to guarantee a return trip to Rome. The monies in the fountain are collected by the city of Rome to assist the homeless and poor.



Spanish Steps: The elegant staircase of 135 steps was inaugurated in the Jubilee Year of 1725 by Pope Benedict XIII, originally used to link the Bourbon Spanish Embassy to the Church of Trinità dei Monti. The name comes from the Spanish Embassy to the Vatican that has been located in the piazza since the 1600s. The Spanish steps also represent figuratively and metaphorically the close relationship between the Sacred and the Eternal city, shown through the elevation and vastness of the monument. The longest and widest steps in Europe are also an important landmark in Rome as they host events and are home to Italian traditions. **(B,D)**

Much of today's tour will be on foot, please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

This evening we will enjoy a “**Farewell Dinner with wine and music included**” at a local trattoria. Overnight will be in Rome.

Day 12— Departure Day / Rome / USA

Today, we bid not farewell, but *Arrivederci* (see you again) to Italy as we transfer to airport. Not only will we be carrying many kilos of Italy in your luggage, but many memories of spiritual and fun days, wonderfully interesting meals shared with friends, a bit more culture to add to our already cultured consciousness, but above all, the recollection of an impressive and wonderful journey through central Italy on the **ITALIAN PENINSULA**. Morning departure from Leonardo d’Vinci Airport (FCO) to USA . **(B)**



INCLUDED:

AIRPORT TRANSFERS IN ITALY
ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT FROM DAY of ARRIVAL to DAY of DEPARTURE
ENGLISH SPEAKING LOCAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT
ENTRANCE FEES TO SITES INCLUDED
CONTINENTAL BUFFET BREAKFAST DAILY with coffee, tea, juice
DINNERS & LUNCHESS as per itinerary
DE LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED MOTORCOACH
PORTERAGE in HOTELS in ITALY
TAXES (22% VAT) & SERVICE CHARGES

EXCLUDED:

ROUND TRIP TRANSFERS TO US AIRPORTS
PASSPORTS and/or VISA FEES
GRATUITIES to DRIVER, GUIDES, TOUR ESCORTS
PORTERAGE IN AIRPORTS
ITEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE (Laundry, telephone calls, room service, etc)
BEVERAGES at MEALS UNLESS LISTED IN THE ITINERARY
CITY HOTEL STAY TAXES Approx \$44. USD per person to be added to your invoice.

AIRFARE & TRANSFERS

This trip is priced Land & Air separately. The reason: *anyone wishing to procure their own air travel through frequent flyer miles or other, may do so, keeping in mind, they must adhere to the “group” arrival and departure schedule in Milan Malpensa Airport & Rome, Fiumecino Airport in Italy, to be able to take advantage of the “included” transfers to and from the airport in Italy. Otherwise you may be obliged to take taxis or hire a private transfer to meet the group or return to the airport at your own expense. We will be pleased to assist you in booking your flights from the USA to Italy. *If you are booking “your own” air, please contact us before booking.*

INSURANCE

Many times we are asked about travel insurance. We, unless licensed by the State of New Jersey, we cannot sell you insurance of any kind. There are several options that you can research such as; AARP Members, AAA Members, check your “homeowner’s policies” for travel provisions, other organizations to which you may be a member, or check online at <https://www.insuremytrip.com/> . This web site will give you comparisons from which to choose.

PRIOR to DEPARTURE

Prior to all of our group departures Fratelli & Company LLC will provide you with an “information” packet which will answer many of your concerns and questions about the trip. It will give contact information, flight schedules, hotel information and telephone numbers to leave at home with family members. It will give you info for packing suggestions, type of weather to expect, Euro vs US Dollar exchanges, US Embassy telephone numbers and much more. However, if you have a question or concern beforehand, please do not hesitate to call or email our office.

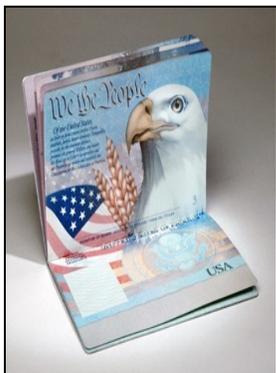
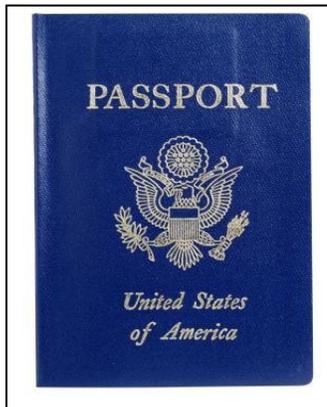
PASSPORTS

Make two copies of all of your travel documents (passports picture page) in case of an emergency or loss and leave one with a trusted friend or relative.

Travel to European Countries in the Schengen Area

Entry into any of the 26 European countries in the Schengen area for short-term tourism, a business trip, or in transit to a non-Schengen destination, requires that your passport be valid for at least **six months** beyond your intended date of return. Because many Schengen countries assume all travelers will stay the full 6 months allowed for *visa-free visitors, we recommend that U.S. citizens:

- Have at least **six month’s validity remaining** on your passport whenever you travel abroad.
- Check the expiration date on your passport carefully before traveling to Europe.
- **Carry your passport with you at all times in Europe. ID must be shown upon request by Government officials anytime in the Schengen areas.**



***The possibility exists that after January 1, 2024 all visitors to Italy will need a VISA.**

For US Citizens they will be obtainable online.

We will provide you with that info if and when the time comes.

Foreign Nationals, please check with your Consulates.

Fratelli & Company Group Travel, LLC.

E-mail — louis@fratelliandcompany.com – tel. or fax (908)766 -8994

***Land Package - \$4,099. per person (double occupancy)**

For Airfare — \$1,381. (see page 10 “Airfare & Transfers”) UNITED Airlines Round Trip Newark

*Land Price is based on 25 passengers.

Single Supplement/Private Room \$750.

Price quoted is based on payments made by check or cash only. **For credit cards please add 3.50%**

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT — PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Getaway—2024 - September 16—27, 2024

Name as it appears on passport: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cell or Res. Tel: _____ Work Tel: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: (City, State, Nation) _____

US CITIZENS

U S Passport #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

(please include a photocopy, photo or email a PDF scan of your passport)

FOREIGN NATIONALS—Contact your Consulate in case you need a VISA to travel to Italy

Foreign Passport # _____ Expiration Date _____

Alien Registration # (Green Card) _____

If you DO NOT have a passport at this time, please indicate, then provide to the tour organizer with the passport info ASAP.

I wish to room with: (room mate name) _____

Private Accommodations or Single Room: + Single Supplement Fee \$750..

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Fratelli & Co., LLC.

26 Pill Hill Road

Bernardsville, NJ 07924

\$500. – Due Now with Tour Application

Balance in Full Due 60 days prior to departure date. July 16, 2024

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO: Please provide one or 2 Names and telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

1. _____

2. _____

I am GLUTEN INTOLERANT ___yes or ___no

(Optional) Do you have any SEVERE FOOD or MEDICATION ALLERGIES: Please list use separate sheet if necessary

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Reservations/Deposits/Payments: Deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. Balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

Minors And Infirm: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

Tour Price: The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, January 2024. If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. Airport Taxes which are included in the tour price are subject to change. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

Cancellations: Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

Travel Insurance: Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are NOT included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

Sightseeing & Itinerary: Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

Passports: A valid passport is required, and MUST be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials.

Responsibility: Fratelli & Co.,LLC, your tour operator, has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

Cancellation of Passenger's Rights: In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1. cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, tour escort, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

Inclusions: Service charges, First Class Three or Four Star Hotels, Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

Exclusions: Hotel City Tax, Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

Physical and Emotional Limitations: The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

Miscellaneous: Any Litigation concerning this tour shall be brought in the State of New Jersey. This agreement shall be construed according to New Jersey and Federal law. The tour operator shall not be responsible for any typographical errors or misprints. The tour operator reserves the right to substitute in its discretion any air, land and sea carrier, hotels, and service providers and itinerary.

I have read terms and conditions of the tour and accept them. I represent I am not physically or emotionally challenged and I am able to meet the physical demands required by this tour.

signature:

date: