



## MELODIES, FLAVORS AND SECRETS OF ITALY

7 DAYS ■ OCTOBER 16, 2024



AAA Travel and your Host, Pamela Freund-Striplen invite you to experience an exclusive once-in-a-lifetime journey to Italy. Your adventure will start in Rome with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, an architectural masterpiece and an exploration of the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's masterpiece awaits. After Rome, travel to Castello di Postignano in Umbria for an amazing three-night stay. Here, attend a classical chamber musical concert in Umbria featuring renowned musicians Luigi Piovano, Pamela Freund-Striplen, Grazia Raimondi and Giuliano Mazzocante who will enchant you with their performances. Visit the prestigious Bulgari Auto Museum to explore the exquisite collection of luxury automobiles. Delight in the ambiance of a Speakeasy-themed evening, reminiscent of the glamorous days of the Roaring Twenties with the soulful sounds of a live Jazz Quartet. Your experience will also include a culinary journey with gourmet meals accompanied by wine pairings. Please join us on this enriching experience full cultural discoveries, culinary delights, and unforgettable musical moments.

From **\$9,499** per person, land, based on double occupancy

*For details or reservations, contact:*

### AAA EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Nights in Rome
- St. Peter's Basilica
- The Sistine Chapel
- Palazzo del Grillo
- Magistral Villa at Piazza Cavalieri di Malta
- Private Bulgari Auto Museum Collection
- Spoleto
- 3 Nights in Castello di Postignano, Umbria
- Classical Chamber Musical Concert in Umbria
- Gourmet meals and Wine Pairings
- Olive Oil Tasting
- 7 Breakfast, 2 Cocktail Parties, Wine Tasting, 4 Dinners





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### **Day 1 - Oct 16**

#### **Welcome to Rome, Italy**

Upon your arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport, a private transfer will be waiting to whisk you away to your charming, centrally located hotel. Take time to relax and prepare for the exciting journey ahead. Enjoy the amenities of your hotel or take a leisurely stroll to soak in the ambiance of the Eternal City. As the sun sets over Rome, prepare for a delightful evening. Transfer to a special "Meet and Greet" cocktail party, where you will have the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travelers. This event is a perfect chance to make new friends and share your excitement for the adventures that await you in this captivating city. (CP)

### **Day 2 - Oct 17**

#### **Rome, Italy**

After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, meet your expert local guide who will lead you on a half-day private sightseeing tour of the Eternal City. Your day will start with a visit to the iconic Vatican City. Stand in awe beneath the stunning ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's masterpiece awaits. The afternoon is yours to explore Rome at your own pace. You may choose to wander through the charming streets of the historic center, visiting iconic landmarks like the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain, shop in the vibrant markets or relax at a café and indulge in some gelato. As the sun sets over Rome, you will be treated to an exclusive experience as you transfer to the luxurious Bulgari Hotel, where a private cocktail party awaits. (B, CP)

### **Day 3 - Oct 18**

#### **Rome, Italy**

After a delicious breakfast at your hotel, get ready for a day of exploration and discovery. Meet your special exclusive guide for a fascinating journey into the lesser-known treasures of Rome. Your first stop is the Palazzo del Grillo, an architectural complex of centuries-old monuments on an area housed by the Forum of Augustus. Continue your exploration with a visit to the Villa del Priorato di Malta, an enchanting estate known for its remarkable "Il Buco Della Serratura" (The Keyhole) as well as many

artistic treasures. This evening promises to be an extraordinary event, as you are chauffeured to the prestigious Bulgari Auto Museum, where hidden gems await. Explore the exquisite collection of luxury automobiles at the Bulgari Auto Museum, a haven for car enthusiasts and art lovers alike. Immerse yourself in the private collection of the vintage car collection of Nicola Bulgari including vehicles ridden in by the Pope. Delight in the ambiance of a Speakeasy-themed evening, reminiscent of the glamorous days of the Roaring Twenties. As you dine, savor the soulful sounds of a live Jazz Quartet, creating an enchanting atmosphere that transports you to a bygone era of elegance and sophistication. Enjoy a sumptuous dinner featuring the finest Italian cuisine, perfectly paired with exquisite wines. (B, D)

### **Day 4 - Oct 19**

#### **Castello di Postignano, Umbria**

Begin your day with a leisurely breakfast savoring the flavors of Italy. Say *arrivederci* to Rome and embark on a picturesque journey to Castello di Postignano, where the next chapter of your adventure begins. Admire the scenic countryside of Italy as you travel to Castello di Postignano, a beautifully restored medieval village nestled in the heart of Umbria. Arrive at this charming borgo and receive a warm welcome with light refreshments. You will have the opportunity to explore this historic village at your own pace. As the sun sets, gather for a Spritz Aperitif, a delightful Italian tradition that signals the beginning of a welcoming evening. Enjoy a three-course dinner, thoughtfully crafted by a 3 Star Michelin Chef with local ingredients and flavors, accompanied by a selection of fine wines. (B, D)

### **Day 5 - Oct 20**

#### **Castello di Postignano - Spoleto, Umbria**

Start your day with a delightful breakfast before departing to the charming town of Spoleto. Embark on a guided tour, led by an experienced local guide who will uncover the town's fascinating history. Explore the picturesque streets, squares, and historical sites, with opportunities for shopping and souvenirs. Enjoy free time for lunch at your

leisure in Spoleto, allowing you to savor the local cuisine in a restaurant of your choice. Return to the tranquil haven of Castello di Postignano, where you will experience a delightful wine tasting session, savoring regional wines along with carefully chosen accompaniments that complement the flavors. As the sun sets, indulge in a traditional Italian pizza dinner featuring Chef's specialties, accompanied by a selection of beer and wine. Socialize with fellow travelers, sharing stories of your day's adventure. (B, D)

### **Day 6 - Oct 21**

#### **Castello di Postignano, Umbria**

Enjoy another delicious breakfast at the hotel and the rest of your morning is at leisure. This afternoon, prepare your taste buds for an Olive Oil tasting experience, where you will have the opportunity to indulge in the rich flavors of locally produced olive oils. Learn about the art of olive oil production, its importance in Italian cuisine, and the nuances that make each oil unique. As evening approaches, anticipate a cultural treat in the enchanting chapel of Castello di Postignano. Attend a spectacular Classical Chamber Music concert with renowned musicians Luigi Piovano, Pamela Freund-Striplen, Grazia Raimondi and Giuliano Mazzocante who will enchant you with their performances. Following this inspirational concert, meet and greet the musicians, sharing your appreciation for their artistry. Enjoy an Apéritif followed by a farewell dinner which promises to be a culinary journey. Indulge in a four-course tasting menu, expertly crafted with wine pairings that will elevate your dining experience. Raise a glass to toast to your wonderful journey and the lasting memories created. (B, FD)

### **Day 7 - Oct 22**

#### **Arrivederci Italy**

Begin your last day in Italy with a final breakfast at your hotel in Castello di Postignano, cherishing the flavors of your stay. As you return home, take with you the amazing memories of your Italian journey, filled with cultural discoveries, culinary delights, and unforgettable musical moments.