

ITALIA BELLA
a family adventure

ROME TO VENICE • JULY 10-19, 2018

Dear Duke Alumni Travelers,

Vacations with family are among our most enduring, most valuable memories. Beyond wonderful vacations that keep children entertained, active, or relaxing outdoors, parents also look for trips that enrich the mind and provide valuable life experiences with their families. It is with these factors in mind that we invite you to join Duke on our exclusively designed "Italia Bella: A Family Adventure" to visit the glories of Italy's most celebrated provinces.

From the eternal city of Rome, to the treasures of Florence and the brilliance of Venice, this is a family adventure that will inspire in your children an appreciation of diverse cultures, the love of discovery, a spirit of adventure, and an enthusiasm for learning. These are gifts that last a lifetime. Indeed, a family vacation can be a parent's or a grandparent's finest gift. Whether you have been to Italy before, or this is your first visit, now is the opportunity to take the family on a Duke exclusive trip that will appeal to all ages.

On this well-paced itinerary, we cover primary centers of Italian culture: Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice with the careful addition of the hill town of Piccioli in the Tuscan countryside. Some activities include: lunch with locals, a treasure hunt in Baroque Rome, suiting on an armor, and making gelato. Master painters and architects of the Renaissance and ancient Roman games will come alive in carefully crafted excursions and hands-on learning sessions. Of course, we'll view magnificent art without waiting in line. And we'll dine in an assortment of charming bistros and ristoranti!

We have done all the planning and have taken care of the details of travel so you are free to relax, enjoy and create lasting memories for the whole family. This is a program filled with the kind of engaging learning and fun that the whole family can enjoy. We hope you and your family will be traveling to Italy with Duke in 2018!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder

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Director, Duke Alumni Travels



#Venice

PHOTOS: (COVER) CANAL, VENICE
(BACK COVER) FOUNTAIN, ROME
(THIS PAGE) HOME EXTERIOR, VENICE
(RIGHT) PONTE ST. ANGELO BRIDGE, VATICAN, ROME

Highlights

MARVEL at the masterpieces of Rome's Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel.

LEARN about chariot races at the Stadium of Domitian.

DISCOVER the secrets of Rome's Colosseum on a specially guided tour.

TOUR Cinecittà the largest film studio in Europe.

ENJOY lunch with inhabitants of Peccioli, a Tuscan hilltop town.

WITNESS a reenactment of medicine and magic in Renaissance Florence.

DON medieval armor at the Stibbert Museum.

CREATE your own gelato at a Bolognian ice cream factory.

EXPLORE the secret paths of Doge's Palace in Venice.

LEARN about Venetian gondola construction.



#Rome



Tuesday, July 10

U.S. Departure

Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Rome.

Wednesday, July 11

Rome, Italy

Arrive today in the Eternal City. Introduction to Rome on a walking tour of the surrounding area with your expert local guide, including Piazza Navona with its remarkable Fountain of the Four Rivers, the Pantheon a marvel of Roman engineering, and the iconic Trevi Fountain before taking the Spanish steps. Some of these attractions may be visited on an alternative day. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. HOTEL DELLA CONCILIAZIONE OR SIMILAR (D)

Thursday, July 12

Rome

Discover the heart of the Roman Empire as you journey through history with a morning visit to the Imperial Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Illustrative materials and the dynamic guiding will make this day come alive and understand how the ancient Romans lived. At the Stadium of Domitian, learn about sports and chariot races and athletic contests similar to the Olympic Games. Today, its ruins lie under Piazza Navona and tells the story of sport and its practices from ancient Greece to Imperial Rome. In the afternoon visit the Vatican City. See the glorious Basilica of St. Peter and the museums of the Vatican, which display some of the most renowned classical sculptures and masterpieces in the world including the famed Sistine Chapel with its magnificent ceiling frescoes by Michelangelo. Dinner and evening are at leisure. HOTEL DELLA CONCILIAZIONE OR SIMILAR (B, L)

Friday, July 13

Rome

Start an exciting day with a visit to Cinecittà, the largest film studio in Europe and considered the hub of Italian cinema. Behind the scene tour of this "Factory of Dreams". An exploration with your guide will reveal the secrets of evocative sets such as Broadway, Ancient Rome and Fifteen-Century Florence. These studios support a large and diverse industry including cinema, television, commercials, video and photo shoots and are a great place to investigate with family. In the afternoon explore Baroque Rome through a treasure hunt, a fun challenge with prizes.

HOTEL DELLA CONCILIAZIONE OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)

Saturday, July 14

Peccioli

Leave beautiful Rome for the Tuscan countryside to Peccioli, an enchanting medieval small town located on a hilltop surrounded by a breathtaking landscape. Explore this walled village and its fortress. The focus of this visit is to show the daily life and customs of the local community and to "live as Pecciolesi" for a little while. Special activity of the day is lunch with local people and kids—an opportunity to exchange impressions and ideas with your hosts. Continue to Florence arriving in the late afternoon. HOTEL CAVOUR OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)

Sunday, July 15

Florence

Cradle of the Renaissance and birthplace of our modern world, Florence is renowned for having the best Renaissance art in Europe. Accompanied by your guides stroll the same streets walked by Michelangelo, Leonardo and Botticelli while savoring





a gelato (ice cream is always at hand!) Your guide will bring Florence's role in the Renaissance to life with a presentation designed for all ages. At Dante's house learn about Dante and medieval history in a creative and fun way. The special activity of this day is a workshop "Guild of Physicians and Apothecaries," which explains about magic and medicine in the 1300s and about the Divine Comedy and the use of plants and flowers mentioned in the literary work and their symbolic meaning. In the afternoon, visit some of Florence landmarks including the splendid Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore) capped by Brunelleschi's staggering cupola. Then onto the Baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise and the Piazza della Signoria. At the Accademia, marvel at Michelangelo's David, the colossal statue inspired by the biblical hero renowned for heroically killing the giant Goliath. HOTEL CAVOUR OR SIMILAR (B, L)

Monday, July 16

Florence

This morning visit the Stibbert Museum. Surrounded by a large and beautiful garden,

this house-museum houses an impressive collection of armors from ancient European to Islamic ones including Japanese Katanas. The young members of the group can don an armor made available by the museum. After lunch the afternoon is free to explore on your own maybe visiting the Central Market or the historical artisan shops of the Oltrarno. Meet again for *merenda* (snack) time at a fabulous *bombolone* (Italian donut) at Bar Cucciolo, located in the historical center. HOTEL CAVOUR OR SIMILAR (B, D)

Tuesday, July 17

Florence / Bologna / Venice

Aside from being famous for pasta, few know that Bologna is also famous for ice cream. Visit the oldest and most famous ice cream machine factory in the world and its ice cream museum. Participate on a workshop to learn how ice cream is produced. Then, taste and make your own gelato and learn how to replicate these techniques at home! Proceed to Venice, a city built on water. Upon arrival, transfer by water taxi, past a maze of canals and ornate palaces to your hotel.

HOTEL GIORGIONE OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)

Wednesday, July 18

Venice

Exploring Venice is definitely a most special experience, but visiting it off the beaten path is even more exciting. Start your adventure with a private visit to the oldest and most famous boatyard for gondolas construction, the Squero di San Trovaso. Our special access gives an inside look at gondola building, including learning from local artisans. In the afternoon, visit the Doge's Palace, a magnificent combination of Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance architecture and center of the Venetian Empire and government. Here, in the company of an art historian explore the "secret paths" of the Palace and learn about its secrets and tales, including the fascinating life of Giacomo Casanova. Conclude your day with a visit to St. Mark's Basilica, the most famous church in Venice. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

HOTEL GIORGIONE OR SIMILAR (B, L, D)

Thursday, July 19

Venice / U.S.

This morning transfer by water taxi to the Venice airport and assistance with your return flight to the U.S. (B)



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Program Costs *(Per person based on double occupancy)*

ADULT	\$5,390	YOUTH	\$5,190
		<i>(Ages 12-17 sharing with another teen, child or adult)</i>	
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$995	CHILDREN	\$4,790
		<i>(Ages 7-11 sharing with another child, teen or adult)</i>	
SAMPLE COACH AIRFARE			
MIAMI/ROME/VENICE/MIAMI	\$980		
RALIEGH DURHAM	\$1,400	3RD PERSON DISCOUNT	\$200
<i>(Not included, quoted separately; subject to change)</i>		<i>(Applies only to the third person sharing the room)</i>	

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES: All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All land and water transportation • All activities per itinerary • Entrance fees • Local guides and tour manager throughout • Airport transfers for group flights • Taxes • Gratuities to local guides and drivers • Baggage handling • Pre-departure information • Coordination and administration.

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: International and U.S. domestic airfare (quoted separately) • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry • email, fax or telephone calls • Alcoholic beverages • Dishes or beverages not included with meals • Room service • Passport fees • Private transfers • Medical expenses • Travel insurance • Optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Personal gratuity to tour director is at the passenger's discretion.

WHAT TO EXPECT: On this family vacation, we handle all the planning and logistics so you are free to enjoy your family and unique access to memorable experiences. This multigenerational trip has been designed especially for Duke Alumni Travels to engage family members of all ages on cultural and fun activities. The accommodations are at hotels with air-conditioning that are family friendly for comfort, convenience and service. Meals are at local restaurants with dining that will satisfy everyone's appetite and preferences. The temperature is approximately 85° F during the day and 75° F at night. Travel is by private motor coach equipped with air-condition and private water taxis in Venice. Walks are at a leisurely pace of approximately 2 miles per day sometimes over uneven terrain and cobblestone streets. There are stairs at some sites and some stairs don't have handrails. The longest drive is approximately 5 hours (from Rome to Peccioli and Florence) with stops for touring and having a meal with locals.



#Bologna

Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, AND FINAL PAYMENT:

To reserve a space on this tour, please call Duke Alumni Travels at (919) 684-2988 or mail authorization of a credit card payment or a check made payable to "Royal Adventures" for \$500 per person with a completed reservation form to: Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708-0572. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. Final payment is due April 2, 2018 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures CST #2009579-40

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

Notification of cancellation must be received in writing by Duke Alumni Travels from the participant. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: cancellations received within 14 days of booking will receive a full refund of the trip deposit. Cancellations received up to 99 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Cancellations received within 99 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% penalty of all deposits and payments, regardless of booking date. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations or other trip features.

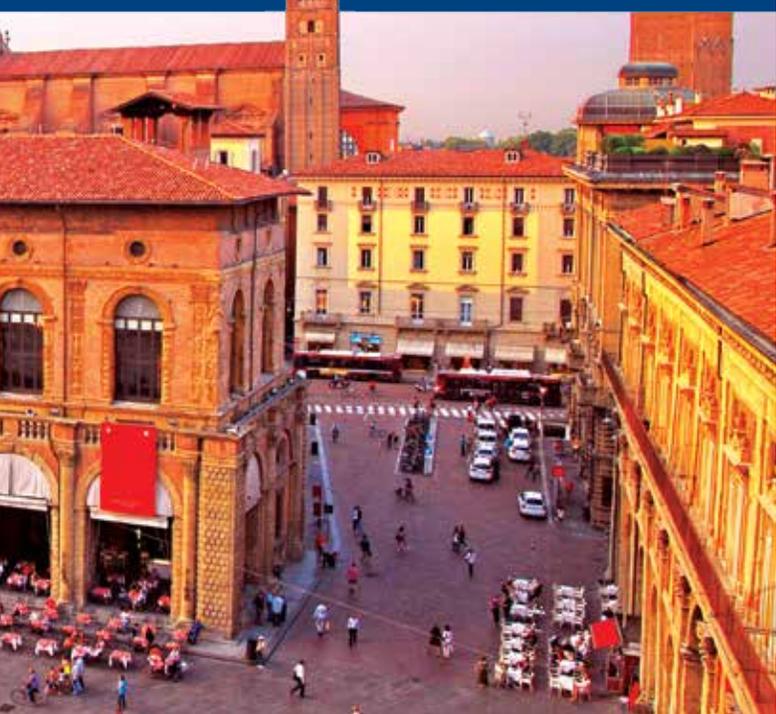
TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance as the cancellation penalty in this brochure will apply. Information on trip cancellation insurance will be sent upon confirmation and is always available at www.dukealumnitravels.com. The pre-existing medical conditions exclusion is waived if the insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit. Neither the Duke Alumni Association nor Royal Adventures accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a non-refundable airline ticket or other expenses incurred by tour participants in preparing for the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY:

A statement of responsibility and liability release will be provided to passengers upon enrollment and is available to prospective travelers on request. As part of the consideration and right to participate in this tour, each participant will be asked to sign a liability release naming Royal Adventures and Duke Alumni Association.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Duke Alumni Travels at 919-684-2988 or travel@daa.duke.edu or Katie Howe, Royal Adventures 1-800-453-4754.



Reservation Form

To register, return this form with your deposit of \$500 per person to hold _____ place(s) on the **Italia Bella: A Family Adventure**. Final Payment is due April 2, 2018, by check only, payable to "ROYAL ADVENTURES."

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- Please charge my deposit of \$_____ to:
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- Pay by check made out to "Royal Adventures"

ACCOMMODATIONS

- I will share accommodations with:

 I will require single accommodations (limited availability)

FLIGHTS

- I/We will take care of our own international flight arrangements
 Please make round-trip flight arrangements from:

I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and the members of my party named above.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please sign and return this form with deposit check payable to "Royal Adventures" or credit card authorization to:

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