

We are delighted to invite you to experience Jewish Italy with us this summer from **Tuesday May 29- Wednesday, June 6, 2018.**

The tour will be led by Rabbi Dovid & Chana Vigler and will include many off-the-beaten-path experiences since Chana has so many uncles, aunts and cousins running the Jewish institutions all over Italy. (She is also fluent in Italian and spent almost all the summers of her youth there.)

Please review the itinerary below and let us know if would like to join our tour. Please contact us ASAP at 561.624.2223 or Office@JewishGardens.com

ITALY WITH CHABAD PBG TOUR ITINERARY May 29-June 6 2018

Italy – a living museum where the past meets the future. This grand tour of Italy's finest is the perfect Italian holiday like no other. You'll thrill to the enchantment of Italy's magnificent cities and unique countryside. Marvel at the splendor of the "Ancient City" of **Rome**, the jewel of the Renaissance – **Florence**, and the haunting magic of **Venice** where the first Jewish Ghetto was instituted in 1516. View breathtaking scenery from the northern Italian lakes. Visit **Verona** where Romeo and Juliet lived. A special treat is **Sirmione** and **Tivoli's** Villa d'Este and its dazzling water displays. We conclude our magical week in the glamorous city of **Milan** where we say farewell to memories that last a lifetime.

Day 1: Tuesday | Rome



Morning arrival to the "Ancient City" of **Rome**, where your Tour Escort greets you and takes you to your hotel after a short orientation tour. Balance of the day at leisure.

Welcome Group Dinner at Bella Carne Restaurant in the heart of "Ghetto Ebraico", the Jewish Ghetto

Overnight Rome Hotel Beverly Hills

Day 2: Wednesday | Rome, Tivoli



This morning enjoy a tour of **Rome**. Our tour includes monumental ruins of Rome’s former grandeur: the Roman Forum where the Arch of Titus stays, the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, and the Pantheon, Rome’s best preserved ancient building. See Piazza Venezia dominated by the “wedding cake” – the huge Memorial to King Victor Emmanuelle II. From here we walk to the

historical Ghetto of Rome where we pay a visit to the imposing Great Synagogue and the Jewish Museum. Late afternoon drive on the Via Tiburtina to the small hill town –**Tivoli**. Admire the dazzling water displays at fantastic 16th century Villa d’Este. Its fountains represent the most intricate gravity water pipe system in the world.



The night tour of Rome we are invited to join, will unveil us the well-known piazzas of Rome: Piazza Navona with Bernini’s fountains, Piazza d’España with its captivating Spanish Steps – the symbol of romantic Rome and the hallmark of the Roman “Dolce Vita” – Fontana di Trevi.

Group Dinner at Bella Carne Restaurant in the heart of "Ghetto Ebraico", the Jewish Ghetto

Overnight Rome Hotel Beverly Hills

Day 3: Thursday | Siena, Florence



Drive through Chianti Hills, to **Siena**, in the heart of Tuscany, may be the best-preserved medieval city in Italy; it still looks much as it did in the Middle Ages.

A walking tour within the walled portion of the city gives us the opportunity to simply enjoy the unique atmosphere of this historic but lively

town. We stop in Piazza del Campo – an incredibly beautiful shell-shaped square, site of the world-famous biannual Palio (a horse race around the Piazza del Campo.,

the neighborhoods of Siena compete in) and visit the ancient Jewish quarter with its old synagogue.

From Siena we continue to **Florence**, cradle of the Renaissance, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight **Florence Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**

Day 4: Friday | Florence



In no other city did the arts flourish as they did in **Florence** between the 13th and 16th centuries. Recognizing there is so much to see, you will be provided with an in-depth briefing by your tour escort. Our comprehensive sightseeing of Florence begins at Piazzale Michelangelo for a splendid view of the city. During the walking tour of the historic center of the city we see some of the world's greatest treasures: sculpture-studded Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo Vecchio (the historic Town Hall) and Loggia dei Lanzi, Ponte Vecchio, Giotto's belfry, the birthplace of Dante Alighieri. Special reservations have been made for you to visit Galleria dell'Accademia, home of Michelangelo's David, and the Uffizzi Gallery. Our visit will not be complete without seeing Florence's magnificent Synagogue, a Synagogue "worthy of Florence", one of the most beautiful in Europe; It was dedicated in 1882.

Evening services followed by Group Shabbat dinner with Chabad of Florence-cousins of Rabbi Dovid & Chana Vigler

Overnight **Florence Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**

Day 5: Shabbat | Florence



Following Shabbat Services and lunch enjoy a walking tour of the area around the hotel. Group Shabbat lunch with Chabad of Florence-cousins of Rabbi Dovid & Chana Vigler

Dinner on your own.

Overnight **Florence Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**

Day 6: Sunday | Pisa, Venice



Early departure to **Pisa**. Here, in Campo dei Miracoli, we will find the most splendid assemblage of Romanesque architecture in Italy, we will see the famous Leaning Tower.

Although it was designed to be perfectly vertical, it started to lean during construction, at the end of the 12th century. Joining again

Autostrada del Sol, we drive to the floating city

of **Venice**. For Jews, however, Venice is a place with a dark history; it is where the world's first ghetto was instituted (1516) and the quality of Jewish life often shifted with the whims of the ruling power.

Group Dinner at Gam Gam Kosher Restaurant on the Canal.

Overnight in **Venice** area: (**Mestre**) – Hotel Novotel Venice Mestre Castellana

Day 7: Monday | Venice



Today we will absorb Venice's unique atmosphere; its canals and streets remain the same as they were hundreds of years ago. Our walking tour starts with the ghetto neighborhood, where the German, Italian and Levantine (Sephardic) communities were independent, yet lived side by side to one another. We first stop at Ghetto Vecchio – the "Old Ghetto" and visit its outstanding ornate

Spanish Synagogue. This synagogue (along with Old-New Shul in Prague) may be the only in the world that has held services continuously from its dedication in 1550 until the present day. In Ghetto Nuovo we visit the Jewish Museum. We continue along the Canal Grande to Ponte Rialto, a hallmark of the city to the heart of Venice: St Mark's square. See the soaring Bell Tower, the incredibly rich Basilica of St Mark, the exquisite Palace of the Doges (the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice) and the nearby legendary Bridge of Sighs where prisoners were led from the courthouse to the prison. Then time for your own Venetian adventures... just as you

dreamed it would be. You can visit a traditional glassblowing factory on the island of Murano and enjoy a traditional Gondola ride (**optional**).

In the evening, enjoy a typical Venetian 18th Century evening of famous Opera arias, Italian songs and folklore at Palazzo Zeno – one of the most magnificent old palaces of Venice

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Overnight in **Venice** area: (**Mestre**) – Hotel Novotel Venice Mestre Castellana

Day 8: Tuesday | Verona, Sirmione, Milan



Leaving Venice, we drive west to **Verona**, the town where Romeo and Juliet lived and loved immortalized in Shakespeare's tragedy. You'll see bewitching plazas, medieval market squares and buildings dating back to the 13th century. Stop to admire the Roman Arena and pay homage to Juliet's balcony. Next, driving across the plains of Lombardy

we arrive to the magic, unique **Sirmione**, spa and resort on Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake, with beautiful vistas of the Gardone Riviera and the distant Dolomites.

Continue to **Milan**, by far the largest city in Italy, renowned as one of the world capitals of design and fashion. The afternoon orientation tour will show you Milan's Galleria Vittorio Emanuele in the Piazza Duomo - reputed to be the world's oldest shopping mall, Teatro alla Scala, one of the world's most famous opera houses. This afternoon will also include an intimate tour of the Chabad Italian Headquarters as well as many of the important Jewish institutions of this glamorous city.

Group Farewell Dinner in Milan.

Overnight **Milan Klima Hotel Milano Fiere**

Day 9: Wednesday



Transfer to the Airport for your flight home.

Prices:

Tuesday May 29- Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Per Person Sharing: \$3,750

Per Person Single: \$4,190

Price includes:

- Hotel accommodation – quotation based on first class hotels (4 Star) – the quotation is based on following hotels or similar subject to confirmation at time of reservation
- Kosher Meals- Breakfasts at hotels, packed Kosher lunches and 6 Kosher Group Dinners, per itinerary
- Air Conditioned coach as per itinerary
- English speaking escort and local tour guides
- All Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Tips for driver, local guides and waiters .
- Porterage in Hotels (1 suitcase per person)

Not included:

- Air ticket
- Tip for the tour escort (recommended \$5 per person per day)
- Travel insurance or any other insurance
- Any other item not mentioned in " price includes"

Notes:

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