

PRESENTS Three Seas Cruise & Veneto Region in Italy Visit Italy, Greece, Croatia & Montenegro Cruise Adriatic, Aegean & Ionian Seas

September 25-October 6, 2019 *\$5,095.00 From Peoria For reservations call Chet Tomczyk (309) 657-3227







EXCLUSIVE FEATURES:

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Venice on American Airlines non-stop flights
- Three nights of First Class accommodations in Treviso, Italy with breakfast
- Seven nights onboard NCL Norwegian Star in an inside cabin with two lower beds
- Welcome & one Farewell dinner in Italy with wine on land
- Full day excursion in The Venetian countryside with an English speaking guide
- Half a day guided tour of Venice with entrance to Dodges Palace
- Half day guided tour of Padua
- Prosecco tasting with a light lunch and Asiago Cheese tasting
- ✤ All meals while onboard the cruise ship.
- Ultimate Beverage package while onboard the cruise including alcoholic beverages, some exceptions apply (gratuity included)
- Three specialty dinners while onboard the cruise (gratuity included)
- ✤ All transfers between airport, hotel and cruise ship
- ✤ All airline fuel surcharges subject to change
- All government and port taxes for the cruise

Not included: Optional shore excursions while on the cruise, gratuity to cruise staff, guides and drivers, optional travel protection package and air tax subject to change of \$ 123.00 per person.

• <u>* Outside Balcony cabins are available at \$5995.00 per person</u> Cabins allotment is limited and is booked on a first come first served basis.

Wednesday September 25 – Chicago on route

Depart Chicago on American Airlines non-stop flight to Venice, Italy.

Thursday September 26 – Venice/Treviso

Welcome to Italy!!! You will be greeted by your tour director who will direct you to your motor coach and in just a few minutes you'll be on the road heading towards one of Italy's finest wine districts. Italy's famous sparkling prosecco wine comes from vineyards that cover a picturesque valley, just north of Venice. Ride along this "strada del vino", the wine road, which combines village cantinas run by winemakers, and the chance to discover the local Veneto cuisine. Stop at one of the best cellars for a tasting, and then a light lunch will introduce you to the local delicacies: a delicious way to familiarize yourself with this culture!!! After lunch check in at your country inn. Take your time to unpack and refresh. Dinner will be served at the hotel. **(D)**

Friday September 27 - Treviso

This morning head off to explore the broader region inland from Venice. Just 40 minutes north there is Bassano del Grappa, a beautiful town nestled serenely in the foothills of the Pre-Alps, where the river Brenta flows from the valley and traverses the lowlands on its meander to the Adriatic. This wonderfully photogenic yet unassuming town is renowned for its grappa, a strong liqueur responsible for relieving generations of northern Italians from the pain of poverty. The highlight of the town is its covered bridge, which spans the Brenta River, built in 1568 by Andrea Palladio, whose Palladian style of architecture profoundly influenced buildings in Britain, the US and beyond, including The White House in Washington DC. Ernest Hemingway lived in the town during the First World War, when he was working as a volunteer ambulance driver for the American Red Cross on the Italian front. Smaller towns provide their own reasons for a visit like the next stop, the village of Asolo, which looks like it was conceived by an art director with a hefty budget. The place oozes romance out of every cobble and window shutter. Asolo's landscapes are familiar to art lovers from the work of Titian, Giorgione and Canaletto. The poet

Saturday September 28 – Treviso (Venice Excursion)

This morning reach Venice. Consisting of an archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, the incomparable city of Venice contains a wealth of sights. Arrive in St. Mark's Square where a knowledgeable local guide will take you around for a tour featuring the Basilica of St. Mark before enjoying entrance to the Gothic Doge's Palace, including the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the old prisons of Venice to the palace's interrogation rooms. Then learn about the art of Venetian glassblowing with a demonstration by a master practitioner. You'll then have the entire afternoon to be on the lookout for souvenirs as you explore more of Venice's highlights with access to the entire canal network and smaller islands. Tonight celebrate your final evening in Italy with dinner at a local restaurant. **(B&D)**

Sunday September 29 – Treviso/Padua/embarkation

This morning check out of your hotel and head south to Padua, a town with a beauty grounded in eight centuries of human discovery. A local guide will introduce you to this mixture of Oxford and Venice. It has a university founded in the 13th century by Bolognese refuseniks and, like Oxford, the city is now populated by bicycling young things indulging in archaic pranks with no apparent sense of embarrassment. The whole place looks like a Giotto painting, hardly surprising as he lived and worked here. A skip-the-lines admission will allow you an inside visit to the Cappella degli Scrovegni, where his recently restored frescoes glow as if the plaster had just dried. Under a blue, starry heaven, panel after panel unfolds biblical narratives with such modern expression that it's amazing to think their creator preceded the Renaissance by 150 years. Above the Adoration of the Magi is the first depiction of the star of Bethlehem as a comet. Painted in 1304, it was probably based on Giotto's sighting of Halley's Comet in 1301. After some time at leisure for lunch, you'll transfer to the Port of Venice to board the ship at 2pm. Get settled in your cabin, get familiar with your ship, your home for the next 7 nights. **(B&D)**

Enjoy a fascinating weeklong cruise from Venice, exploring the Greek Isles and also stopping at Montenegro and Croatia. Discover Kotor, a beautiful walled medieval city of twisting, pink-paved streets, markets and architecture reflecting Byzantine to Venetian influences. While in Santorini, visit the beautiful whitewashed hilltop towns of Oia and Fira and their breathtaking views of the caldera below. And enjoy wandering through the narrow, winding streets of Mykonos, a delightful seaside village with its whitewashed houses, flowers and brightly painted shutters and doors.

Monday September 30 – Cruising, then visit Kotor, Montenegro 2:00pm to 8:00pm

Tucked away between the mountains and the Bay of Kotor, one of the most indented parts of the Adriatic Sea, you'll find the picturesque town of Kotor. As you arrive at this secluded city, you'll notice the dramatic 65-foot high protective walls, which date back to the Venetian period during the 9th century. Stroll the labyrinth of cobbled streets with cozy cafes and craft shops as you marvel the graceful old buildings. Listed as a UNESCO World Natural and Historical Heritage Site, Kotor is also world-famous as a premier yachting and sailing destination. (B,L,D)

Tuesday October1 – Cruising, then visit Corfu, Greece 10:00am to 4:00pm

One of the lushest of the Greek Isles, Corfu is rimmed in dramatic blue waters and topped with tranquil hillside villages. A collection of quaint cafes in the town of Corfu feels very continental, but the island's secluded coves and sandy beaches could only be found in the Greek Isles. (B,L,D)

Wednesday October 2 - Cruising, then visit Santorini Island, Greece 2:00pm to 10:00pm

Whitewashed villages clinging to the sides of the sea cliffs have made the volcanic island of Santorini one of the most widely photographed places in the world. The island's charm and subtle mystery have even made it a target of speculation as the location of the lost city of Atlantis. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday October 3 – Cruising, then visit Mykonos Island, Greece 8:00am to 3:00pm

Mykonos is a classic Greek Island with whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches and windmills. Add a reputation for beautiful beaches and you'll understand why Mykonos is the most popular island in the Cyclades. Optional excursion to explore the island in a 4 x 4 or take a ferry to the tiny island of Delos. **(B,L,D)**

Friday October 4 – Cruising, then visit Argostoli Island, Greece 9:00am to 3:00pm

Looking at picturesque Argostoli, you wouldn't know it suffered a devastating earthquake in 1953. The city and its surrounding area are full of treasures, including a 12th-century Byzantine cathedral and beautiful 16th century frescoes. The nearby underground Lake of Melissani is simply magical. Enter the caves to find ancient stalactites, and marvel at the scattered rays of light beaming through, turning the water an intense blue. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday October 5 - Cruising, then visit Dubrovnik, Croatia 7:30am to 1:30pm

Despite the magnificent 13th century walls that surround the city, Dubrovnik is one of the most welcoming cruise destinations in all of Europe. Dubbed "the pearl of the Adriatic" by the poet, Lord Byron, this Croatian city exudes romantic charm and beautiful scenery with its shimmering marble streets, centuries-old buildings capped by bright orange roofs, and lovely beaches ensconced between awesome rocky ledges. Back onboard to enjoy your last evening and pack. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday October 6 - Cruising and Disembarkation in Venice/Chicago

Bid farewell to your friendly cruise staff as you are transferred to Venice Airport to board your non-stop American Airlines flight to Chicago. **(B)**



TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 11/1/2018. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members with your final invoices.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You will have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

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