

Tentative Itinerary



Venture with Collins Tours on an unforgettable journey through Italy's most iconic regions. Begin with a relaxing stay in Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore, where alpine scenery and elegant surroundings set the tone for your trip. Continue into the heart of Tuscany to experience its rolling landscapes and authentic charm, followed by an extended stay in Florence, rich in art, history, and timeless beauty. Travel south to Sorrento, your gateway to the stunning Amalfi Coast, known for its dramatic cliffs and picturesque seaside villages. Conclude your journey in Rome, the Eternal City, where ancient landmarks and vibrant modern life come together. Your Tour Manager looks forward to

welcoming you and delivering a smooth, well-organized, and memorable travel experience. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and providing a smooth and well-executed professional tour!

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1 - Monday, May 31 - Overnight flight to Milan, Italy

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air, you will depart from your local airport and meet your Tour Manager and fellow travelers at your connecting airport for group flight to Milan. All passengers are flying on Air Canada flights and travelling direct to Milan, Italy.
- Be sure to have your **valid passport that is good for at least THREE MONTHS AFTER your departure date** for Customs & Immigration which you will clear in your destination, Milan.

PLEASE NOTE: Each passenger has 1 piece of luggage included up to 50 lbs each bag, included in the Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare Package. Additional pieces of luggage may require fees paid directly to the airline. Fees will be charged on both the outbound and return flights if applicable.

Day 2 - Tuesday June 1 - Milan, Italy - Hotel Regina Palace, Stresa, Italy (Cocktail Reception)

- We arrive in the Milan in the morning. After clearing Immigration, we proceed to the baggage carousel to collect luggage and meet our private deluxe motorcoach for transfer to Stresa. **Please collect your luggage from the baggage carousel and meet your Tour Manager and group in baggage claim area.** When we board our private coach, your luggage (1 piece per person) is looked after and will be delivered to your hotel room upon check-in.
- Before our arrival in Stresa, we will make a stop for lunch (on own) on the way.
- We will arrive at our hotel later this afternoon, at the Hotel Regina Palace in Stresa. This is a beautiful 4.5-star hotel across the mountainous border from Switzerland to the Lake District of Italy.
- Your Tour Manager will handle check-in for your group and have your luggage delivered to your room - all part of the Collins Tours experience!
- After check-in, join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception with wine or beer and dry snacks **(included)**.



- The rest of the afternoon and evening are for you to explore this picturesque area of Italy's Lake District. Shops and restaurants are located nearby.

Day 3 – Wednesday, June 2 – Stresa, Italy (B, Welcome Dinner)

- Wake up this morning and enjoy a delightful Italian buffet breakfast **(included)**.
- Today's highlight is our cruise on Lake Maggiore with a local guide, which will visit Isola Bella Island, Fisherman's Island which offer fantastic views of mountainous backdrops over Italian lakeside villages. We also visit the Borromeo Palace on the island which is now a museum during most the year **(entrance included)**.
- This afternoon is free for you to enjoy with lunch on your own.
- This evening, please meet your tour manager and join your fellow Collins Tours group passengers for a highlight welcome group dinner! Tonight, you will sample some delectable local cuisine with local Italian wine or beer included with meal **(included)**. We will share stories together and discuss further details of our amazing experience thus far and what lies ahead.



Day 4 – Thursday June 3 – Stresa – Tuscany, Hotel Montecatini Palace & Spa (B)

- After our Italian buffet breakfast **(included)**, we board our private motor coach as we bid farewell to the beautiful shores of Lake Maggiore as we begin our journey south toward Tuscany. Sit back and enjoy the scenic drive as the landscape gradually shifts from alpine views to the rolling hills and countryside that define this iconic region. There will be rest stops along the way as we wind our way to the heart of Tuscany.
- Along the way, we will make a comfortable stop for lunch (own), giving you time to relax and take in a taste of local flavours before continuing on.
- Upon arrival in Montecatini Terme, we will check in to the elegant 5-star Montecatini Palace & Spa Hotel, where you can unwind and settle in for the next part of your Italian adventure. Once again, your Tour Manager will handle check-in for your group and have your luggage delivered to your room - all part of the Collins Tours experience!
- The rest of the afternoon and evening are for you to explore.

Day 5 – Friday, June 4 – Tuscany, Italy (B, D) ****Lucca Walking Tour & Wine Tasting with Lunch Included for Early Bookings – See Website for Details**

- After another delicious breakfast **(included)**, we embark on a guided tour of the Tuscan country and wine region!
- Our first destination will be Lucca or “the city of one hundred churches”, known for its fortified walls and marvelous examples of Italian architecture. Here, we will meet our local guide for a walking tour of this charming city.
- We then head back out to the Tuscan countryside where olive groves reach out across rolling hills, distant landscapes dotted with farmhouses beckon and ancient roads lined by cypress trees await.
- We will luxuriate in a guided tasting at a local vineyard where you will enjoy world class wine and a delicious lunch of Tuscan delicacies **(included)**. This experience is another example of a Collins Tours Highlight event!
- Upon return to our villa, enjoy our final relaxing night in this beautiful countryside your own way.
- This evening, join your fellow travellers for another fabulous Italian Group Dinner, with a glass of wine or beer included. **(included)**!



Day 6 – Saturday, June 5 – Tuscany – Grand Hotel Baglioni, Florence, Italy (B)

- Enjoy another breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- This morning, we depart Tuscany and make our way to the cultural heart of Italy, Florence. The journey is a short and scenic drive, offering a final glimpse of the rolling Tuscan countryside before arriving in one of the world's most celebrated cities of art and history.
- Upon arrival, we will check in to the Grand Hotel Baglioni, ideally located in the historic centre. Once again, your Tour Manager will handle check-in for your group and have your luggage delivered to your room.
- The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, relax, or begin exploring Florence at your own pace, with its stunning architecture, charming streets, and vibrant atmosphere just steps from your hotel.

Day 7 – Sunday, June 6 – Florence, Italy (B)

- Enjoy another breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Join your Tour Manager and local expert guide for a walking tour of Florence, where the city's rich history and artistic legacy come to life. Stroll through its charming streets and lively piazzas as you take in iconic landmarks such as the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, and Ponte Vecchio. Along the way, learn about the stories, culture, and remarkable figures that shaped this Renaissance masterpiece, while enjoying the unique atmosphere of one of Italy's most captivating cities.
- Upon returning to the hotel, the remainder of the afternoon and evening will be at your leisure to relax or continue exploring at your own pace.



Day 8 – Monday, June 7 – Florence – Hotel Isabella Sorrento – Sorrento, Italy (B)

- Enjoy another Italian breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- We check out of our hotel in Florence and begin our journey south toward Sorrento. Sit back and enjoy the changing scenery as we travel through the Italian countryside, making a comfortable stop along the way for lunch (on own).
- Upon arrival in Sorrento, we will check in to the Hotel Isabella, your home for the next part of your journey. Once again, your Tour Manager will handle check-in for your group and have your luggage delivered to your room.
- The remainder of the day is at your leisure to relax or begin exploring this charming coastal town, known for its beautiful views over the Bay of Naples and welcoming atmosphere.



Day 9 – Tuesday, June 8 – Sorrento, Italy (B) ****Pompeii Optional Excursion**



- Enjoy another wonderful breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for an unforgettable optional excursion to Pompeii, one of the world's most fascinating archaeological sites. Travel along the scenic coastline before arriving at the ancient city, where a local expert guide will bring history to life as you explore remarkably preserved streets, homes, and public spaces frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. As we walk through this UNESCO World Heritage Site, gain insight into daily life in ancient Rome and witness the incredible detail that has survived for centuries. Following our visit, enjoy some free time to

take in the surroundings or relax before returning comfortably to Sorrento. This is a unique opportunity to step back in time and experience one of Italy's most iconic and memorable sites. **(Price TBA).**

Day 10 – Wednesday, June 9 – Sorrento, Italy (B, D)

- Enjoy another Italian breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Today is a free day to enjoy the charm and beauty of Sorrento at your own pace. Stroll through the town's narrow streets and colourful squares, browse local shops for handcrafted goods and limoncello, or simply relax at a café and take in the stunning views over the Bay of Naples. Whether you choose to unwind and soak up the atmosphere or embark on an adventure, this day is yours to enjoy however you wish.
- This evening, join your fellow travellers for another fabulous Italian Group Dinner, with a glass of wine or beer included. **(included)**!

Day 11 – Thursday, June 10 – Sorrento – Rome Times Hotel, Rome, Italy (B)

- After breakfast this morning **(included)**, we begin our journey north to Rome, the Eternal City. Enjoy the changing landscapes of southern and central Italy as we travel through scenic countryside and charming towns along the way.
- There will be rest stops along the way as we wind our way to the Italian capital.
- Along the way, we will make a comfortable stop for lunch (own), giving you time to relax and take in a taste of local flavours before continuing on.
- Upon arrival, we check in to the Rome Times Hotel, perfectly situated in the heart of the city. Once again, your Tour Manager will handle check-in for your group and have your luggage delivered to your room.
- The remainder of the evening is at your leisure to explore Rome's vibrant streets, iconic piazzas, and charming cafés, or simply soak in the atmosphere of one of the world's most historic and captivating cities.



Day 12 – Friday, June 11 – Rome – Rome Guided Tour with Entrances to the Colosseum! (B, Farewell D)

- Wake up and enjoy a delicious Italian breakfast buffet this morning **(included)**.
- We will meet our local guide who will take us through the heart of Rome for a glimpse into its ancient past. Visit the mighty Pantheon before we stroll through the Roman Forum along the Via Sacra (Sacred Way) from the Arch of Septimius Severus to the Arch of Titus! The ancient Curia or Senate House (where senators discussed matters of politics) still stands today! Our tour culminates with a visit to the mighty Colosseum where gladiators fought mighty beasts in epic battles in front of crowds of up to 60,000 spectators! **(entrance and guided tour included)**.
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure. Lunch today will be on your own.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers this evening for an upscale experience for our 'Farewell Dinner' with wine and beer at a restaurant nearby **(included)**. Here's your chance to revisit some of the highlights of your wonderful vacation with your new friends.



Day 13 – Saturday, June 12 – Rome – Return Flight Home (B)

- This morning after our final breakfast **(included)**, we will board our private motor coach and make our way to Rome airport for our return flight home.
- For those who have purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, please meet your Tour Manager for transfer to the airport. If you've arranged airfare on your own, thank you for joining Collins Tours on this epic adventure!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager and Collins Tours & Consulting LTD to maintain changes in operations and unforeseen circumstances or events. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates, as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, closures of events, or “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays or changes in itineraries caused by unforeseen events described above or events not described above yet causing similar outcomes. No refunds, credits, or reimbursements of any kind will be offered in the event of any such occurrences or similar occurrences beyond control.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least THREE MONTHS AFTER your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimensions are 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz (100ML) or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
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 - **Collins Tour Manager: Ranging from \$8 - \$10 per person, per day**
 - **Bus driver: €4 - €6 per person, per day.**
 - **Private city tour guides: €3 per person, per day**

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