

Italy Optional Trip



JUNE 30 - July 9, 2006

Italy

Rome/Assisi/Siena/San Gimignano/Florence/
Pisa/La Spezia/Cinque Terre/Verona/Venice

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Arranged exclusively by Contiki Holidays
which is solely responsible for the
conduct of the Italy Optional Trip

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ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP ROME TO VENICE June 30-July 9, 2006

COST: \$980 Land Portion

OVERVIEW:

Contiki Holidays, the world's largest travel company for 18-35 year olds, is offering the 2006 **SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAMS** students an optional ten-day guided tour of Italy as indicated on the schedule below. Included in the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is transportation by air-conditioned coach, services of a Contiki Tour Manager throughout, Continental breakfasts daily and some evening meals. Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class hotels at group prices are also being arranged by Contiki Holidays which is solely responsible for the conduct of the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP**. In 2005, nearly 50 students enjoyed the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** arranged by Contiki Holidays.

In order to participate in the ten-day **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** students must make their own arrangements for air travel on **Friday, June 30**, to Rome from London or Madrid (if applicable) and depart on **Sunday, July 9**, from Venice to their final destination for commencement of the second session of the 2006 Summer Abroad Programs.

For those who are interested in participating in the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** arranged by Contiki Holidays, a \$300 deposit is required at time of registration. As explained more fully under Payment Schedule and Cancellation Policy for the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP**, the deposit is non-refundable except if the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. The **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is presented by Contiki Holidays which is solely responsible for its conduct.

The **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is priced so as to pass along to all participants all the savings realized from group travel. The cost of the land portion of the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is \$980 plus applicable air fare. The foregoing price is also subject to adjustment, up or down, should there be a currency fluctuation.

The **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is subject to cancellation for insufficient enrollment. In case of such cancellation, the \$300 deposit will be refunded. Enrollment in the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP** is subject to space availability, which is limited in part by the size of the coach. Enrollment is on a first come (deposit received), first serve basis.

It is the participant's responsibility to have a valid passport and all visas, permits and certificates required for the **ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP**. U.S. citizens only need a valid passport.



ITINERARY:

Mon.	June 30	Arrive by coach into Rome, or, if applicable, flight from London or Madrid to ROME
Tue.	July 1	ROME
Wed.	July 2	ROME
Thu.	July 3	Rome to Assisi/SIENA
Fri.	July 4	Siena/San Gimignano to FLORENCE
Sat.	July 5	FLORENCE
Sun.	July 6	Florence/Pisa/Cinque Terre to LA SPEZIA
Mon.	July 7	La Spezia/Verona to VENICE MESTRE
Tue.	July 8	Venice/VENICE MESTRE
Wed.	July 9	Venice; self-directed flight from Venice to LONDON or BARCELONA

[AIRFARE ADD-ON FROM LONDON OR MADRID TO ROME IS NOT INCLUDED.]

June 30, 2006 – ROME ARRIVAL

Students participating in the *LONDON SUMMER PROGRAM* or *TOUR DE ESPAÑA* will make their own way from London or Madrid to the airport for their flight to Rome. After arriving at Rome airport and clearing customs and immigration, your Contiki Tour Manager will meet you at baggage claim and you will be transferred into the city. Students participating in the *EUROPEAN ADVENTURE* and *MEDITERRANEAN EXPERIENCE* will be transported to the Rome hotel by coach. This evening your Contiki Tour Manager will conduct an evening walking tour of Rome, taking you past the Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon (1 round trip metro ticket included for the walking tour).

July 1 & 2, 2006 – ROME AT LEISURE

Meals: CB, CB

You have 2 full days to explore the wonders of ancient and modern Rome! You have the opportunity to visit the Roman Forum to marvel at the excavations, the Colosseum, Spanish Steps and more. No trip to Rome is complete without a trip to the Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world with only 600 citizens! Be sure to visit St. Peter's Basilica with its famous cupola and Michelangelo's La Pietà. Take a tour of the Vatican Museums where you'll discover centuries represented by paintings, statues and tapestries and finished off by the spectacular Sistine Chapel. You might want to take a trip out of town to visit the Catacombs of San Sebastian, which are comprised of 360 miles of tomb lined tunnels encircling the city. Enjoy a coffee in a Roman café, shop for fashionable couture or throw coins into the Trevi Fountain to insure your return to Rome someday, the choice is yours! (Metro passes have been included for these 2 days so you can travel the city at your leisure.)

July 3, 2006 – ROME/ASSISI TO SIENA

Meals: CB

This morning we depart for Siena, but first you will stop for lunch at the pink stoned city of Assisi with the famous Basilica of St. Francis. Arriving into the medieval town of Siena this afternoon, you'll have a brief orientation tour before checking into the hotel. Explore Siena, home of Tuscany's most celebrated festival the Palio, with its famous bareback horse race. Visit the Cathedral, Palazzo Pubblico and Piazza del Campo topped by the Gaia Fountain. This fountain is still fed by the same aqueduct that has been feeding the city since the 1300s!



July 4, 2006 – SIENA/SAN GIMIGNANO TO FLORENCE

Meals: CB

Today, we continue our trip north into the ancient medieval Tuscan town of San Gimignano. Then through the Chianti wine-producing region to Florence stopping en route to sample the local wines. We continue our trip north into Florence. Upon arrival you'll meet our local guide who will take you on a walking tour of the Renaissance city. You'll see the Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Basilica of Santa Croce and the Piazza della Signoria, followed by a demonstration of Florentine leathercraft. After your tour you'll have free time to visit the Uffizi Gallery or the Accademia, if you wish to view some of the most famous Renaissance works of art, or you may want to shop along the Ponte Vecchio or relax in a sidewalk café with the locals.

July 5, 2006 – FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Meals: CB, D

You have a full day at leisure to visit some of the many museums and galleries the city has to offer such as the Uffizi Gallery or the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Tonight you return to the Tuscan Hills outside of Florence to enjoy some fine Italian cuisine and entertainment in a 16th century building, truly a highlight of your trip! After dinner you'll dance the night away at one of Florence's popular nightclubs, the Space Electronic Disco (entrance + 1 drink included).

July 6, 2006 – FLORENCE/PISA TO LA SPEZIA

Meals: CB

After lunch we make our way out of town and to Pisa where you'll have the chance to explore the Square of Miracles and, of course, view the famous Leaning Tower. Today you'll continue onward to the Cinque Terre region. From the sea you are embraced by Passegiatta Morin (Morin Walk), the jumping off point for the Cinque Terre, Lerici and Porto Venere. You will then be transferred to La Spezia for your overnight stay. Sant'Agostino and del Bastione Square are home to some of the most antique Baroque constructions of La Spezia.

July 7, 2006 – LA SPEZIA/CINQUE TERRE/VERONA TO VENICE MESTRE

Meals: CB

Today, you'll travel to the picturesque Cinque Terre region of Italy that you will explore by boat (weather permitting). Your first boat ride takes you from La Spezia to Riomaggiore, then walk to Manarola where you will cruise to Monterosso and have some time to swim in the Mediterranean Sea. In Monterosso, you will rejoin the coach and then you'll continue on to Verona where you'll have free time to admire the Roman Arena and see Juliet's Balcony (time permitting) and have time for dinner on your own before continuing to your Venice Mestre hotel late this evening.

July 8, 2006 – VENICE SIGHTSEEING

Meals: CB

After breakfast this morning the coach will transfer you to Tronchetto, the embarkation point for your private motorboat bound for St. Mark's Square in Venice. Here your tour manager will take you on a walking tour of central Venice. You'll see the traditional blowing of Murano glass and observe the art of lace making. Also included on your walking tour are views of the Doges' Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the beautiful Basilica St. Mark's. Late this evening you'll return by private motorboat to the coach and transfer back to the hotel in Venice Mestre.

July 9, 2006 – VENICE DEPARTURE FOR LONDON/BARCELONA

Meals: CB

This morning say "arrivederci!" to Italy. Contiki Holidays will provide one coach transfer to the Venice airport to catch your flight to London or Barcelona for continuation of your Summer Abroad Program.

CONTIKI HOLIDAYS SERVICES FOR THE ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP CONCLUDES HERE.



All hotel arrangements provided by Contiki Holidays are subject to availability.
If required, hotels of similar quality will be substituted.

[AIRFARE ADD-ON FROM VENICE TO LONDON OR BARCELONA IS NOT INCLUDED.]

CONTIKI STRONGLY SUGGESTS TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Contiki offers individual travel insurance plans. Please inquire for details.
or go to www.insuremytrip.com for a comprehensive site.

INCLUSIONS:

- Rome airport transfer to hotel
- 9 nights accommodation in Twin rooms at Superior Tourist Class hotels with private facilities in twin share rooms in the following cities:
 - 3 nights in Rome
 - 1 night in Siena
 - 2 nights in Florence
 - 1 night in La Spezia
 - 2 nights in Venice Mestre
- Continental breakfasts daily at the hotels (total of 9)
- Tuscan Dinner in Florence (total of 1)
- Services of experienced Contiki Tour Manager starting from Rome hotel check-in
- Air-conditioned coach and driver as required by the itinerary including all necessary tolls, parking and fuel costs
- 2 day Rome metro pass
- 1 round trip Rome metro pass
- Guided walking tour of Rome with Tour Manager
- Services of a local guide in Florence
- Cinque Terre boat cruise including the Love Walk
- Admission to Space Electronic Disco in Florence with 1 drink included
- All state and local taxes on the above services, including Venice Tourist Tax

EXCLUSIONS:

- Air Fare to (if applicable) and from Italy Optional Trip
- Airport transfer from Venice
- Porterage
- Lunches and meals other than specified
- Expenses of personal nature and incidentals at the hotels
- Transportation, sightseeing and admissions other than specified
- Tips and gratuities

- Travel insurance (Basic insurance can be obtained through Contiki for an additional charge of USD 99.00 per person – please inquire for more details.)



LUGGAGE:

Coaches have limited space for luggage. Luggage is restricted to one large size suitcase with a maximum weight of 20 kilos (44 lbs) plus one small hand/day bag that can go on the coach with you. No external metal frame backpacks are allowed because their bulky shape makes coach packing difficult. Students with excess luggage may be required to ship their excess luggage at their own expense.

NOTE:

% **AIR FARE:** Airfares from London or Madrid to Rome and from Venice to London or Barcelona are not included.

Students must make their own arrangements for air travel to Rome (where applicable) and from Venice to London or Barcelona in order to participate in the Italy Optional Trip. Discount airlines flying within Europe do not accept group bookings.

Students in the **LONDON SUMMER PROGRAM** or **TOUR DE ESPAÑA** should book air travel from London or Madrid to Rome on **Friday, June 30**, leaving as early as possible to comfortably reach the airport and check in at the hotel to meet and greet the Italy Contiki Tour Manager(s) for commencement of the Italy Optional Trip.

Students will be able to book their flights out of Venice anytime on their own on **Sunday, July 9**, to their final destination. Monday, July 10, is continuation of the 2006 Summer Abroad Programs and attendance is mandatory.

BOOK BOOK BOOK EARLY!

Additional discount airlines, such as Ryan Air, only book six months in advance of travel. Some websites to research for airfares within Europe are: www.ryanair.com; www.easyjet.com; www.europebyair.com; www.lastminute.com. Other sites for air tickets are www.cheaptickets.com; www.airtreks.com; www.bestfares.com. You can check for airfares from various sites by using a “metasearch” engine that searches many sites, such as www.sidestep.com, www.kayak.com, www.farechase.com, www.mobissimo.com, www.cheapflights.com, www.bookingbuddy.com, www.airsaversonline.com.

For further information on flights, consult our website at www.law.miami.edu/summerabroadprogram.





CONTIKI HOLIDAYS ITALY OPTIONAL TRIP Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

For those who are interested in participating in Contiki Holidays **Italy Optional Trip**, an initial deposit of \$300 payable by check or money order to the “**University of Miami School of Law**” is required at the same time of application. The deposit is nonrefundable except if the **Italy Optional Trip** is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

The final payment for your **Italy Optional Trip** must be made directly to Contiki Holidays prior to departing the U.S. and must be received by Contiki Holidays no later than 5:00 p.m. PST as follows:

Italy Optional Trip **Friday** **May 26, 2006.**

Pay online, by fax or mail checks direct to Contiki Holidays by following one of these easy steps:

1. **TO PAY ONLINE:** E-mail Contiki Custom Groups at groups@contiki.com (1) include your full name **as it appears on your passport**, (2) indicate you are participating in the Italy Optional Trip, (3) your credit card number (Visa, MasterCard or American Express), the name on the credit card and expiration date, and (4) the amount to be charged to your credit card.
2. **TO PAY VIA FAX:** Fax Contiki Custom Groups at (714) 935-2579. (1) Include your full name **as it appears on your passport**, (2) indicate you are participating in the Italy Optional Trip, (3) your credit card number (Visa, MasterCard or American Express), the name on the credit card and expiration date, and (4) the amount to be charged to your credit card.

If payment will be made using a credit card other than your own, an authorization letter signed by the credit card holder must accompany payment.

Students waiting on financial aid should contact Contiki Custom Groups toll-free number at 1-(866) 652-4483 as early as possible prior to final payment due date. Credit card guarantees or post-dated checks will need to be submitted by the final payment due date and processing dates can be negotiated depending on the student’s financial aid.

3. **TO PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER:**

Mail your check or money order to:

Contiki Holidays
Attn: Custom Groups Dept.
801 E. Katella Avenue, 3rd Floor
Anaheim, CA 92805-6606

Make checks payable to *Contiki Holidays*. Be sure to include on the check (1) your full name **as it appears on your passport**, and (2) indicate you are participating in the Italy Optional Trip.



Confirmation of receipt of your final payment will be sent via email, fax or standard mail within two business days of receipt.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Students who cancel after having made final payment for Contiki's Italy Optional Trip will be charged the following cancellation fees:

1) Individual cancellations from time of deposit **until 15 days prior to departure** as indicated below will result in a loss of your tour deposit.

June 15 Italy Optional Trip \$300 deposit

2) Individual cancellations **from fifteen (15) to eight (8) days prior to departure date** as indicated below will result in a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price.

June 16-22 Italy Optional Trip \$490 [50%]

3) Individual cancellations **from seven (7) days to the day of departure** as indicated below will result in 100% forfeiture of the total cost of the total tour price.

June 23 Italy Optional Trip \$980 [100%]

NOTE: The name indicated with your final payment (email, fax or mail) will be used for your optional tour(s) and *MUST* match your Passport. Penalties will apply for any name changes.

