

# TAUCK

WORLD DISCOVERY



Lake Como, Venice, Florence & Rome

A custom trip planner prepared for Fine Traveller

By Fine Travel with Fine Travel



Welcome Fine Traveller to Tauck's Lake Como, Venice, Florence and Rome Trip Planner!

Italy is a place of inspiration. It has inspired great art, magnificent architecture, gourmet food, and fine wines. Make 2019 the year to find your own inspiration as you explore with Tauck – and with just about every travel expense included in one up-front price there are no hidden costs, no surprises, and no options sold on your trip. Traveling with Tauck is peace of mind travel at its best.

Personalized service, quality experience and inclusive value have been hallmarks of Tauck's Italy trips during more than 25 years of experiential travel along the *Yellow Roads of Europe* – those smaller back roads where the pace of life is slower and you immerse in the genuine emotion, the camaraderie, the little things that connect you to day-to-day European life.

We've spent years meticulously researching and defining every day to provide you with memorable cultural connections, locally guided in-depth sightseeing, a taste of regional cuisines, and outstanding accommodations in the heart of the cities or countryside. Local experts have opened their hearts to us, warmly inviting us to learn more about the fabulous architecture, compelling scenery, local traditions, and rich history.

Travel with our Tauck Directors, who provide warm, caring, thoughtful service throughout your trip, taking care of every detail so you connect with people and places, centuries-old traditions, and daily life. You'll return home refreshed, ready to do it all again!

In your Trip Planner, you'll find just about everything you need to know to make your decision to travel with Tauck. You'll find a day-to-day itinerary, destination information, hotel details, practical tips, useful advice to prepare for your trip, and more – Tauck's expertise is right at your fingertips.

I encourage you to make your reservation soon to be sure to get the departure date you want – space is filling quickly! Call Fine Travel with Fine Travel at 093632754.

Thank you – and I hope you join us on this amazing trip.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dan".

Daniel W. Mahar, CEO



# YOUR PERSONALIZED QUOTE

## Lake Como, Venice, Florence & Rome

From Michelangelo's statue of *David* to the echoes of gladiators at the Colosseum, the art and drama of the ages inspire our 10-day Italy tour including Lake Como, Venice, Florence, Siena and Rome. Pre-arranged reservations mean you see the Colosseum in Rome – without long lines. View the inspiring treasures of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel during a special after-hours guided visit – a **Tauk Exclusive!** Confirmed reservations provide an opportunity to view the original works of the masters at the Uffizi Gallery and Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence. In Venice, stay at a top award-winning hotel on a private island in the Venetian Lagoon, visit St. Mark's Basilica and Square, and take a gondola ride on the canals complete with a serenade. Visit the medieval town of Siena in the Tuscan countryside. Take a high-speed train ride to Florence. And of course, you'll also have ample time to pursue what interests you most in Venice, Florence, and Rome when you travel Italy with Tauk!



QUOTE: FINE TRAVELLER'S TRIP, DEPARTING ON JULY 8TH, 2019

### Room 1 - Double

Tour Cost:	\$7,490 USD per person
Guest Protection Plan:	\$385 USD per person

### Room 2 - Double

Tour Cost:	\$7,490 USD per person
Guest Protection Plan:	\$385 USD per person

### Due Dates

Deposit Due Date:	February 9th, 2019
Balance Due Date:	May 9th, 2019

### Totals

Deposit Total:	\$3,940 USD
Booking Total:	\$31,500 USD

Note: Above quote was compiled based on the information available to us at the time you ordered this Trip Planner. It is not an offer to sell you the tour at the quoted price. Although not expected, prices in this quote may be subject to change due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of quote; availability, tour details and other components may also be subject to change. Your quote does not include airfare to and from the tour start and end locations. Tauk's terms and conditions apply upon booking and depositing. Space is limited.

# ITINERARY

## Lake Como, Venice, Florence & Rome

### TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- TAUCKS YELLOW ROADS! Traverse Lake Como's stunning shoreline and Lombardy's pastoral landscapes to Venice
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE! An after-hours guided visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, without the crowds and without being rushed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the treasures of the Vatican unhurried
- Two nights on a private island in the Venetian Lagoon at San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice, winner of *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2018 "Top Hotels in Italy/Venice" Reader's Choice Award
- Confirmed reservations at the Uffizi Gallery, Galleria dell'Accademia, and Rome's Colosseum – discover the world's great art and architecture without waiting in long lines
- High-speed train travel with first-class seating, from Venice to Florence
- Lecture by an art historian in Florence, setting the stage for guided museum visits
- Gliding through the historic canals of Venice aboard a gondola as local musicians serenade you with traditional Italian songs
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- 17 meals (9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 5 dinners), service charges, gratuities to local guides, drivers, admission fees, taxes and portage

### Day 1 - Arrive Milan and on to Bellagio on Lake Como

**Tour begins 6:30 PM, Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni.** A transfer is included from Milan's Malpensa Airport to Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio. As you travel Italy Tauck-style, you'll see the best of this ancient country, from great cities to countryside villages and towns that are off-the-beaten track! Begin by heading through the beautiful northern Italian countryside from Milan to your historic 19th-century grand hotel in beautiful Bellagio on the shores of bejeweled Lake Como. Meet your fellow traveling companions at a welcome cocktail reception and dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** D

**Lodging:** Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

### Day 2 - Villa delights on Lake Como

Your travels take you by private boat from Bellagio to visit Villa Del Balbianello; set on a wooded peninsula that juts into the lake, it was built in the late 18th century on the site of a Franciscan monastery. Noted for its exquisite landscaping and sculpture, the villa features spectacular terraced gardens ablaze with magnolias, cypresses, azaleas and more against dramatic views of the distant Alps and the famous shore of Lake Como, and appeared as a location in the James Bond film *Casino Royale* and in *Star Wars II: Attack of the Clones*. After lunch on Isola Comacina, return to Bellagio and enjoy the afternoon and evening to explore as you wish; enjoy dinner on your own tonight.

**Meals:** B, L

**Lodging:** Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

### Day 3 - From Lake Como to Venice

Journey across northern Italy from the lakes to Venice, among the world's best-loved cities, designed along an intricate system of canals within a lagoon. Upon arrival, head to St. Mark's Square, the heart of Venice, for lunch at a local restaurant, followed by an iconic, must-do Venetian experience – gliding through the city's historic canals aboard a gondola as local musicians serenade you with traditional Italian songs. Then transfer by private boat to your home for the next two nights in Venice – the San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice, named the #1 hotel in Venice as the winner of *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2018 "Top Hotels in Italy/Venice" Reader's Choice Award! Occupying its own private island in the Venetian Lagoon complete with a beautiful pool, grounds and gardens, this award-winning retreat is accessible only by private boat or water taxi. Enjoy free time this evening and dinner at your leisure at the hotel.

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Lodging:** San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice

### Day 4 - St. Mark's & Venice as you please

Start the day in Venice with guided visits to Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square) and St. Mark's Basilica, one of the greatest buildings in Europe with its exquisite mosaics and detailed carving. Spend the rest of the day and evening experiencing more of Venice at your leisure – perhaps exploring the small islands of the Venetian Lagoon; viewing one of the world's largest collections of Venetian art at the Galleria dell'Accademia; or visiting the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, a head-turning display of modern art housed in Guggenheim's former home on the Grand Canal, the 18th-century Palazzo Venier dei Leoni; your Tauck Director can offer recommendations. Your hotel provides private boat shuttles between its private dock at St. Mark's Square and the hotel on San Clemente Island throughout the afternoon and evening.

**Meals:** B

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## Day 5 - By high-speed rail to Renaissance Florence

Travel Italy by high-speed rail today from Venice to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Get an introduction to the city's architectural landmarks and great artists from a local art historian; view Lorenzo Ghiberti's bronze doors with detailed panels at the Baptistry, part of the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiori complex. Your art lecture is a fitting prelude to today's visit to Galleria dell'Accademia, Europe's oldest art school and home to many of the world's most beloved paintings and sculpture, including Michelangelo's famed statue of *David*. Later, a walking tour explores the historical center of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have dinner à la carte at your leisure this evening at your hotel in the heart of the city.

**Meals:** B, L, D

**Lodging:** The St. Regis Florence

## Day 6 - The Uffizi & time at leisure in Florence

We've made reservations for you today at Florence's extraordinary Uffizi Gallery, Italy's largest art museum and one of the first art galleries in the world, where you'll gaze at some of the world's greatest art masterpieces on a guided tour with a local expert. Admire works by Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Sandro Botticelli, and more; following your tour, you can spend as much time as you like looking at the art. The rest of the day is free to explore more of Florence as you please; perhaps you may want to visit the Pitti Palace, the Medici Chapels or stroll across the Ponte Vecchio to the lovely Boboli Gardens; enjoy lunch and dinner on your own today.

**Meals:** B

**Lodging:** The St. Regis Florence



## Day 7 - Through Tuscany & Umbria via Siena to Rome

Travel Italy through lush Tuscan landscapes this morning, featuring olive groves, cypress trees, and vineyards, including the region that produces Chianti wine. Stop in the medieval hill town of Siena, and wander through its narrow centuries-old streets. See the Piazza del Campo where the *Palio* bareback horse race is held, and visit the Duomo, one of Italy's great cathedrals, with scenes inlaid in the marble floors and sculpture by Michelangelo. Continue through scenic Umbria and Lazio to your final destination – Rome, the Eternal City that was the center of the once-powerful Roman Empire, and is today the capital of modern Italy – for a three-night stay at one of Europe's finest hotels. Indulge this evening with dinner at a Roman neighborhood restaurant known for its regional cuisine.

**Meals:** B, D

**Lodging:** The St. Regis Rome

## Day 8 - St. Peter's & after-hours at the Vatican Museums

Your first full day in Rome begins with a visit to one of the world's most famous houses of worship, immense St. Peter's Basilica, and St. Peter's Square. The remainder of the day is free to explore Rome as you please before this evening's **Tauck Exclusive!** An after-hours guided visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel (subject to availability; day of the visit may vary) gives you privileged access to the treasures of the Vatican, without the day's crowds. See the Candelabra Gallery, Map Gallery and the Tapestries; it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see some of the world's great masterpieces, including Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel ceiling frescoes, without the usual crowds. Up close and unhurried, you'll have a chance to see firsthand why the chapel's floor is as famous as its celebrated ceiling!

**Meals:** B

**Lodging:** The St. Regis Rome

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### Day 9 - The Colosseum & Imperial Rome

Get an insider's view of Rome from a local guide on a city sightseeing tour – view such can't-miss sights as the Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia, and the Circus Maximus – and you'll avoid long lines with pre-arranged reservations for a visit inside the Colosseum. Opened in AD 80, the Colosseum once reigned supreme as an entertainment venue used by Roman emperors to maximize their popularity with the general public. Spend some more time this afternoon exploring the "Eternal City" as you wish prior to this evening's farewell cocktail party and dinner at your hotel in Rome – a fitting finale to your extraordinary adventure to three of Italy's greatest cities.

**Meals:** B, D

**Lodging:** The St. Regis Rome

### Day 10 - Arrivederci, Roma

**Your trip ends in Rome.** Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The St. Regis Rome to Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Fiumicino; allow 3 hours for check-in.

**Meals:** B

# ACCOMMODATIONS

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Lake Como, Venice, Florence & Rome

## Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

Night 1, 2 - Bellagio, Italy



For more than 100 years, the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni has ranked among the most prestigious hotels in the world. Its delightful setting – Bellagio, an oasis of peace on the shores of Lake Como – has been a holiday destination for centuries. Originally built in 1850 as a luxurious holiday villa for an aristocratic family from Milan, this neoclassical gem opened as the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni in 1873. Its interior reflects the opulence of the time, with walls and ceilings adorned with frescoes and paintings of mythological scenes. Over the years, its guest list has included Winston Churchill, Franklin D.

Roosevelt, the Rothschilds, John F. Kennedy, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Maria Schell, Clark Gable, Robert Mitchum, Al Pacino and many more. Exquisite guest rooms are fitted with air conditioning, central heating, flat-screen TV, minibar, telephone, a private bathroom with bathtub, separate shower and double sink. Allow yourself an evening in the magical atmosphere of the Mistral Restaurant, offering a wonderful view of the lake, or enjoy fresh pasta or Mediterranean cuisine at the informal, poolside La Goletta Restaurant.

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## San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice

Night 3, 4 - Venice, Italy



Named the #1 hotel in Venice as the winner of *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2018 "Top Hotels in Italy/Venice" Readers' Choice Award, San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice is located on the private island of San Clemente in the Venetian Lagoon, only minutes away by complimentary boat from Piazza San Marco in inimitable Venice. Also a proud member of Leading Hotels of the World, this exclusive retreat guarantees peace, tranquility and privacy amidst the classic decor of its well-appointed guest rooms overlooking the lagoon or a centuries-old park; each features high ceilings, Italian marble bathtubs, high-definition LCD flat-screen TVs, safe and more. The hotel's proximity to Venice and

the combination of five-star luxury and exemplary service make San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice the perfect choice for a visit to the timeless "city of canals." Indulge in fine cuisine at the hotel's three restaurants – Acquerello, La Dolce, and Insieme, offering exceptional interpretations of iconic Italian and Venetian specialties – or cocktails at its several stylish lounges and bars. With its outdoor pool, tennis court and a state-of-the-art fitness room, as well as herb-therapy massage treatments, this island retreat is the perfect destination to unwind in total relaxation.

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## The St. Regis Florence

Night 5, 6 - Florence, Italy



Located in the heart of Florence just steps away from the Uffizi Gallery and the Galleria dell'Accademia, The St. Regis Florence was built as the palace home of the noble Giuntini family around 1400 and became a hotel during a citywide renovation in Florence in the late 18th century. Your family may feel like royalty when you find yourself surrounded by opulent touches reminiscent of its palace days. Guest rooms provide everything you'll need for a comfortable stay such as LCD flat-screen TV with satellite channels, DVD player, a marble bathroom with a hairdryer and bathrobes, high-speed and wireless Internet access, mini bar and an in-room safe. If you have energy to spare

at the end of a day, head to the Fitness Center where you'll find lots of exercise equipment.

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### The St. Regis Rome

Night 7, 8, 9 - Rome, Italy



The St. Regis Rome is most conveniently located in the center of the city, within walking distance of the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and Via Veneto. The readers of *Travel + Leisure* have deemed The St. Regis Rome to be one of the best 500 hotels in the world for very good reasons. This palace of a hotel was opened by the legendary Cesar Ritz as the first deluxe hotel in Rome in 1894, and it has steadfastly maintained his high standard of service and his insistence upon elegantly opulent surroundings for his guests. Welcoming guest rooms feature a hand-painted fresco depicting a Roman scene, flat-screen LCD TV with cable channels, in-room movies, luxury bed linens and

hypo-allergic pillows, a marble bathroom with separate tub and shower, bathrobes and slippers, hairdryer, Remède toiletries, a minibar and more. The Fitness Center is equipped with treadmills, free weights and TechnoGym equipment. Le Grand Bar, named the best bar in Rome by *Newsweek* magazine, reflects the Belle Époque ambiance of the hotel lobby and offers both afternoon tea and Mediterranean cuisine in addition to popular Italian cocktails such as the Bellini and the Negroni.



# EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

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## Lake Como, Venice, Florence & Rome

Many Tauck travelers prefer arriving at their destination a day before their Tauck journey begins, or often extend a stay at the end of their trip. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before and after your journey. Rooms are reserved on a space-available basis, and the cost is added to your tour cost. Call Fine Travel with Fine Travel at 093632754 to book your hotel with Tauck.

### Arrive Early: Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

Bellagio, Italy



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#### 2019 Hotel Room Rates

May 10 - September 14

#### Double

\$750

#### Single

\$484

#### Triple

\$843

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### Stay Later: The St. Regis Rome

Rome, Italy



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#### 2019 Hotel Room Rates

May 1 - July 31

#### Double

\$802

#### Single

\$696

#### Triple

\$1,044

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