

# FROM ROME TO LJUBLJANA WITH JOHN GORA



*Rome ♦ Vatican ♦ Assisi ♦ Siena ♦ San Gimignano ♦ Florence ♦ Maranello  
Modena ♦ Verona ♦ Venice ♦ Postojna ♦ Lake Bled ♦ Ljubljana*

**SEP 29 - SUN DEPART ON OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO ROME (NOT INCLUDED IN LAND ONLY PRICE)**

**SEP 30 - MON ARRIVE ROME (WELCOME DINNER)**

Arrive Rome and transfer to hotel. Afternoon at leisure or start exploring the wonders of Rome on your own. In the evening meet the group at our welcome dinner.

*Overnight in Rome at Best Western Plus Hotel Universo, Via Principe Amedeo 5/B, tel: +39 06 476811, or similar.*

**OCT 01 – TUE ROME (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)**

In the morning we visit the Vatican Museum including the Sistine Chapel and then St Peter's Basilica. Lunch followed by an afternoon walking tour visiting the Ancient and Baroque sites of Rome including: the Roman Forum, Colosseum, Pantheon, The Capital, Circo Massimo, La Bocca della Verita "the Mouth of Truth", Trevi Fountain, Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi on Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps. After the tour enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.

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**OCT 02 – WED ROME - ASSISI (BREAKFAST, DINNER)**

After breakfast we will attend the General Papal Audience held outdoors at St Peter's Square every Wednesday (subject to Pope Francis being in Rome). Afterwards, we board our coach and drive to Assisi, the birthplace of St Francis. Upon arrival we will have a short walking tour and visit the Basilica of St Francis. Check-in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Overnight in Assisi at Hotel Cenacolo, Viale Patrono d'Italia, 70 Santa Maria degli Angeli, tel: +39 075 804 1083, or similar*

**OCT 03 - THU ASSISI – SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO (BREAKFAST, WINE TASTING, DINNER)**

After breakfast a short visit at the nearby Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli before we drive to the lovely Tuscan town of Siena. The town's central fan-shaped piazza is one of Europe's most beautiful. Orientation tour of the historic center and Siena Cathedral. Free time to explore on your own before we drive to our hotel near San Gimignano with a stop enroute at a local vineyard for a tasting. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Overnight at Hotel Casilare Le Terre Rosse, Loc. S. Donato, San Gimignano, tel: +39 0577 942073, or similar.*

**OCT 04 - FRI SAN GIMIGNANO - FLORENCE – SAN GIMIGNANO (BREAKFAST, DINNER)**

Florence, the full day is devoted to the capital city of Tuscany - an art lover's dream. During our walking tour we will see the most important monuments: Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, Bridge Ponte Vecchio etc. After our tour, spend the rest of the day exploring on your own as you wish, visiting museums such as The Galleria dell'Accademia displaying Michelangelo's "David" sculpture or the Uffizi Gallery with Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus" and da Vinci's "Annunciation" or enjoy some of the culinary specialties such as "Bistecca Fiorentina", "Ribollita" or indulge in more gelato ☺ In the evening we transfer back to our hotel for dinner & overnight.

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**OCT 05 – SAT FLORENCE - MARANELLO (FERRARI FACTORY) - MODENA - VERONA (BREAKFAST, TASTING)**

After breakfast we leave Tuscany and head north to the Emilia-Romagna region, known for its medieval towns, rich gastronomy, opera and luxury sports cars. Experience the Ferrari Museum in Maranello, followed by a visit to a balsamic vinegar producer on the outskirts of Modena to enjoy a tasting of local delicacies (cheese, parma ham, vinegar). Continue north to the Veneto region. Evening to enjoy at your leisure in the romantic city of Verona.

*Overnight in Verona at Hotel Giberti, via Gian Matteo Giberti, 7, tel: +39 045 800 6900, or similar.*

**OCT 06 - SUN VERONA – VENICE VICINITY (BREAKFAST, WINE TASTING, DINNER)**

Morning sightseeing of Verona's main sites including the Verona Arena, Casa di Giulietta, Piazza delle Erbe and then drive via the terraced hills of the prosecco producing region of northern Veneto. The region was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2019. We will visit one of the wine estates before continuing to our hotel near Venice for our dinner and overnight.

*Overnight near Venice at Borgo Ca dei Sospiri, Via Roma 146, Quarto D'Altino, tel: +39 0422 823117, or similar*

**OCT 07 - MON VENICE (BREAKFAST)**

After breakfast we will transfer to Venice, built on 118 islands this is a city like no other! The central square, Piazza San Marco, is the historical centre of Venice. From here we walk through the maze of narrow "streets" and bridges. Relax and enjoy the extraordinary ambience of this special place at your own pace until we meet again later to make our way back to the hotel in the early evening.

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**OCT 08 - TUE VENICE - POSTOJNA CAVES & PREDJAMA CASTLE - LJUBLJANA (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)**

Today we leave Italy and enter Slovenia. Our first stop will be the Predjama Castle, the largest Cave Castle in the world built over 800 years ago. After visiting this spectacular place we make a stop for lunch and then continue our adventure with a visit to the Postojna Caves. We explore the magnificent cave formations by a special train underground train. Afterwards a short drive to Ljubljana.

The evening is free to enjoy at your leisure. Our hotel is in the heart of the old town and within the pedestrian zone. The Ljubljanica River, steps away, is a gathering place lined with outdoor cafes, and restaurants. A wonderful way to spend the evening.

*Overnight at Grand Union Hotel Eurostars in Ljubljana, Miklošičeva cesta 1, tel: +386 1 308 12 70, or similar.*

**OCT 09 - WED LJUBLJANA – LJUBLJANA (BREAKFAST, TASTING)**

Morning walking tour of Ljubljana - one of Europe's greenest capitals. We will see the Dragon Bridge, Triple Bridge and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We end our tour above the town at the Castle wine cellar for a glass of local wine and tasting of local cheese & ham. After our visit you can stay on the castle grounds to explore further or enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants or cafes on the grounds. Rest of the day is your to explore this magical, fairy tale town.

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**OCT 10 - THU LJUBLJANA - LAKE BLEED – LJUBLJANA (BREAKFAST, FAREWELL DINNER)**

Enjoy the gorgeous mountain scenery today on our way to Lake Bled, a glacial lake set in the Julian Alps of Slovenia. Our sightseeing tour includes a visit to the Castle, a taste of the local Bled Cream cake, a Pletna boat ride to the island.

From Bled we drive to the nearby village of Begunje, the birthplace of the Avsenik Brothers. The Avsenik Ensemble was a famous band formed in the 1953, credited with inventing the Oberkrainer music, Slovenian folk music .

The museum displays original instruments used by the band. Farewell dinner with live music.

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**OCT 11 - FRI LJUBLJANA – END OF TOUR.**

*\*\*\*itinerary is subject to minor changes that may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances and restrictions\*\*\**

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September 29 – October 11, 2024

Land only price is \$ 4320 USD / 5400 CAD per person based on double occupancy.

Land only tour starts in Rome on September 30, 2024

Single room supplement \$ 1095 USD / 1370 CAD

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## Terms and Conditions

### LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transfer from airport to hotel in Rome on September 30, 2024 and transfer from hotel in Ljubljana to airport on October 11, 2024
- all transportation within Italy and Slovenia by air-conditioned motorcoach or mini - bus transfers where required
- English speaking local guides where required
- sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Meals: buffet breakfast daily at hotel, 2 lunches, 6 dinners , 4 tastings .
- Hotels: All rooms with private bath or shower, based on two person sharing a room.

A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of \$ 1095 USD / 1370 CAD  
Chopin Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category, when and if necessary.

**NAMES:** At time of registration please ensure that name is provided to us EXACTLY as it appears in the passport as well as date of birth.

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$ 500 per person is required with the registration form to confirm the reservation.  
This may be by Check, Visa or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Is due by June 28 , 2024. . If reservation is made less than 91 days prior to departure full payment will be due at time of booking.  
If we do not receive final payment, by this date, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation.  
Payment may be made by Check, VISA or Mastercard. Please make checks payable to: Chopin Express Tours.

### IN THE EVENT YOU ARE FORCED TO CANCEL YOUR TRIP THE FOLLOWING CANCELLATION PENALTIES WILL APPLY:

Cancellation up to and including June 28, 2024 : \$ 500 non-refundable ( per person )

Cancellation after June 28 : NO REFUND

All cancellations must be received in writing ( or by email ). The above conditions apply to all cancellations/absences regardless of cause.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation & interruption insurance to cover the cost of your investment.

It is the traveler's responsibility to purchase travel insurance. Please consult the insurance company you normally deal with or call us for recommendations (see also paragraph about travel insurance on next page).

**CANCELLATION BY TOUR OPERATOR:** The tour operator reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. In the unlikely event of such a cancellations, you will be offered a different tour on the same day, the same tour at a later date, or a full refund of all monies paid.

**BAGGAGE:** Due to limitation of space for baggage, one average-size suitcase per person + carry on is permitted throughout the tour. All baggage is carried at owner's risk. Every care will be taken to protect your luggage but the tour operator can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to baggage or belongings. Small items must be entirely in the care of the owner.

**SIGHTSEEING:** Complete sightseeing program as shown in each itinerary including ground transportation by motor-coach or other local conveyance, the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places visited as per itinerary.

**TOUR ESCORTS:** English-speaking escort will be provided throughout tour.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Service charges and taxes imposed by government authorities are included. Standard tips to local guides and to restaurant staff at group meals are included. Tips to driver is not included – recommended amount of 50-60 \$ per person at end of tour is suggested.

**NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR:** Excess baggage charges, insurance of any kind, wine, liquors, mineral water, coffee or tea, food or beverages not on the regular menus of the included meals. Items of personal nature such as: laundry, telephone calls, tips.

**VISAS AND PASSPORTS:** USA & Canadian guests traveling on this tour are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond travel date. For other nationalities and destinations please check requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We strongly suggest the purchase of Emergency Out of Country Hospital / Medical coverage, Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance, as well as Flight Accident and Baggage Insurance. Please check with your Insurance provider for full details and costs of coverage. Canadian residents can check with Chopin Tours for insurance plans. If you are a CAA member you can check if they have any special offer or you may also wish to check with your Bank/Credit Card, as some cardholder agreements may provide some travel insurance coverage. Many of our guests from the USA purchase from Travelguard please check at [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) or speak to an agent at 1-800-826-5248 (USA) If you are a AAA member you can check if they have any special offer or you may also wish to check with your Bank/Credit Card, as some cardholder agreements may provide some travel insurance coverage.

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**\*\*\*TRAVELLING IN THE TIME OF COVID19\*\*\***

**THE SITUATION IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING AS ARE THE GUIDELINES AND LOCAL REGULATIONS. YOU WILL BE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE IN FORCE DURING THE TOUR, WE WILL ASSIST AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO KEEP YOU ADVISED OF REQUIREMENTS HOWEVER THE RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK IS SOLELY UPON THE TRAVELLER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL NECESSARY OBLIGATIONS ARE FULFILLED,**

**CHOPIN EXPRESS TOURS/ POLIMEX TRAVEL INC, JOHN GORA, WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE**

**AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TO ENTER THE EUROPEAN UNION. PLEASE CHECK UP TO DATE COVID REQUIREMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:**

Info for Italy:

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>

Info for Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

Info for United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html>

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE COVERAGE TO COVER ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES (INCLUDING COVID) WHILE TRAVELLING ABROAD, AS WELL AS TRIP CANCELLATION AND INTERRUPTION PROTECTION. IN ADDITION TO MEDICAL COSTS THE INSURANCE SHOULD ALSO COVER EXPENSES THAT MAY BE INCURRED DUE TO QUARANTINE SHOULD YOU PROVE POSITIVE AT ANY TIME DURING YOUR TRIP. (SEE TRAVEL INSURANCE PARAGRAPH BELOW AS WELL)**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
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Land only price is \$ 4320 USD / \$ 5400 CAD / per person dbl occupancy  
/ single supplement add \$ 1095 USD / 1370 CAD /

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- Yes, I would like to register for the tour on a double basis. Land only cost \$ 4320 USD / \$ 5400 CAD
- I wish to pay the supplement for single occupancy \$ 1095 USD / 1370 CAD
- Please check flights for me departing from : .....
- I will make my own flight arrangements
- Special requests: meals / seating / custom flight arrangements / allergies, etc..

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*( for Canadian residents only - guests from USA must arrange insurance locally – please see the paragraph regarding insurance on preceeding page )*

- Please send me a quote for travel insurance:  
    Emergency hospital/medicalcoverage   
    Trip cancellation & Interruption protection
- No thanks, I/We have travel insurance in place or will arrange on our own.

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Deposit of \$500 per person - check enclosed, or I authorize you to charge my credit card:

VISA / MASTERCARD # ..... EXP ..... / ..... CVV .....

in the amount of \$ ..... Signature : x .....

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Name as per passport :	Date of birth day / month / year	Citizenship	Passport # & expiry date:
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