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Lake Maggiore's Isola dei Pescatori

A 'WOMEN ONLY' ADVENTURE IN NORTHERN ITALY

October 6 to 19, 2019

Imagine yourself experiencing a winery tour in the Chianti region; culinary walking tours in Verona and Bologna; exploring the Borromeo Islands, gardens and palaces on beautiful Lake Maggiore; swimming in the spa waters in Montecatini; exploring the breathtaking villages of Cinque Terre and more. Join wellness travel specialist Mona Leedale for an amazing adventure from Milan to Florence. Sorry, gentlemen, this tour is strictly ladies only, and 14 is the maximum number of participants.

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1: Sunday, October 6:

Departure from Toronto to Milan with KLM connecting in Amsterdam.

Flight to Milan

Day 2: Monday, October 7:

Welcome to Italy! English speaking assistance at Milan airport. Departure for a panoramic city tour of Milan. You will have the opportunity to see Sforzesco Castel, the Duomo, the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery and La Scala, the most famous theatre of the world. At the end of the visit, transfer to your hotel in Lake Maggiore (approx. 90km). Accommodation: Hotel Bristol 4*

Milan/Lake Maggiore

Day 3: Tuesday, October 8:

Meet your local guide at the hotel for a full day visit of Borromeo Islands. The islands take their name from the aristocratic Borromeo family, who took ownership of the land in the 16th and 17th centuries. The islands of Bella and Madre were transformed into grand, luxurious residences, while the third island, named "dei Pescatori" after its age-old fishing community, was left to continue its traditional way of life. In the morning, you will discover Isola Madre and its exotic gardens. You will have some free time for lunch on Isola dei Pescatori. In the afternoon, you will visit Isola Bella with its Baroque Castle. Transfer back to your hotel,

Lake Maggiore

evening at leisure and overnight.

Day 4: Wednesday, October 9:

Lake Maggiore/Verona

This morning we leave for Verona (approx. 240 km). Upon arrival, free time for lunch. After lunch, meet your local guide at the hotel for a half day city tour of Verona, a visually-stunning city of excellence and one of the 51 Italian sites on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The city is especially known for the legendary story of Romeo and Juliet. During the guided tour you will see the beautiful Roman amphitheater, known as the Arena, which is the symbol of the city. You will discover the city center and see the House of Juliet with its famous balcony, Piazza delle Erbe (Market's square), which is the ancient Roman forum, and Piazza dei Signori, dominated by the statue of Dante and the Arche Scaligere. During the tour, there will also be a few stops to taste some local products. Accommodation: Hotel Accademia 4*

Day 5: Thursday, October 10:

Verona

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Verona.

Day 6: Friday, October 11:

Bologna/Montecatini

Today we drive to Bologna (approx. 140 km). You'll meet our local guide for a half-day tour of Bologna, a city of art, culture and commerce, with a streamlined trade-fair organization and a well-known manufacturing and motor tradition. Bologna is famous for its almost 4 km of arcades, the longest in the world. A first look at the city is from the beautiful Piazza Maggiore where medieval palaces look down upon an intense public life and economic activity. Among the symbols of Bologna there are the Neptune Fountain by Giambologna, and the medieval towers, including the magnificent Two Towers: Asinelli tower (98 m) and its neighbouring "twin" Garisenda (48 m, also mentioned in Dante's Inferno). During the tour, you will visit some local food tasting stops. After the visit, transfer to Montecatini (approx. 130 km). Check-in at your hotel, evening at leisure and overnight. Accommodation: Grand Hotel Tamerici & Principe 4*

Days 7 : Saturday October 12 :

Montecatini

During your four-day stay in Montecatini there will be two full-day excursions and two days at leisure. The first day, October 12 is a free day for you to discover Montecatini on your own, do some shopping, or enjoy the hotel's spa (access included for 2 hours in your package). Overnight in Montecatini.

Day 8: Chianti Region

Full-day guided tour of Chianti area: a journey through one of the most fascinating and famous Tuscan territories. This hilly region of Tuscany, located between Florence and Siena, offers beautiful characteristic views: vineyards, olives fields and medieval towns. The area is famous for the production of wine and olive oil. You will discover some typical villages of Chianti area, such as Greve and Panzano. During the excursion we will visit a wine cellar, where you will discover the secrets of local wine production. Then, at lunch you will enjoy some typical dishes and taste the delicious local wine! Overnight in Montecatini.

Day 9: Pisa and Lucca

Full-day guided tour of Pisa and Lucca, two charming Tuscan towns, famous in the world for their tradition and history. Our guide will show the pearls of Pisa: Piazza dei Miracoli, with the Leaning Tower, the Cathedral, the monumental cemetery and the Baptistery, Piazza dei Cavalieri with the Tower of Conte Ugolino and the Carovana Palace. After some free time for lunch in Pisa (on your own), we will head towards Lucca and enjoy a guided walking tour through the most important sites of Lucca: Piazza Napoleone with Palazzo Ducale and Giglio Theatre, San Martino Dome, the characteristic medieval streets such as Via degli Antiquari and Via Fillungo, Piazza Anfiteatro, Torre Guinigi and San Ferdinando Basilica. Return to our hotel in Montecatini.

Day 10: Montecatini

A free day to enjoy this town's delights on your own.



Montecatini

Day 11: Wednesday, October 16:

To La Spezia

Transfer to your hotel in La Spezia (approx. 100 km). Time to check in and get to know this delightful town. Visit the beautiful waterfront, the home of Italy's largest naval base. Also the public gardens and the charming winding streets of the old town. Accommodation: Hotel CDH La Spezia 4*

Day 12: Thursday, October 17:

Liguria/La Spezia

You can't go to Italy and not see this lovely coastal portion of Liguria, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Those who visit this region will hardly forget its charm and atmosphere. First, departure by ferry boat to the charming village of Portovenere, the sixth Cinque Terre Village. Portovenere is a little medieval town and the most beautiful location on the Gulf of the Poets. Then you will continue towards Monterosso. The village is divided in two distinct parts, the old and the new town. Here you will have some free time for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon our guide will show you the small village of Vernazza with its lovely natural harbour, pastel coloured houses and seaside piazzetta. Then you will see Vernazza, a traditional fishing village. Transfer back by ferry boat to La Spezia and rest of the day at leisure.



Cinque Terre

Day 13: Friday, October 18:

Florence

This morning we leave for Florence (approx. 150 km). Upon your arrival, enjoy a guided tour of the city, the artistic capital of Italy, well known as the "Cradle of the Renaissance", with its charming historic city center,

declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. Our local guide will show you some of the most important treasures that make the city absolutely unique: Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Republic Square, Old Bridge, Signoria Square (the center of Florence's civil life government for centuries), and Palazzo Vecchio. End the visit at your hotel, check-in and rest of the day at leisure. Accommodation: Hotel Best Western Ognissanti 4*

Day 14: Saturday, October 19:

Flight

Breakfast at the hotel before transferring to Florence Airport for your flight to Toronto via Paris.

WELCOME HOME!

Tour cost: \$5,589.00 per person from Toronto based on two people sharing twin accommodation

**Please note price is based on a minimum of 10 participants

Single Supplement: \$750.00

Price Includes:

- Return airfare from Toronto to Italy on KLM/AirFrance
- 12 nights' accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 culinary tours
- Tours with local English-speaking guides
- Entrances to Borromeo Islands, gardens and palaces of Isola Bella and Isola Madre
- Two hours in the Spa centre of the hotel in Montecatini
- Airport taxes of approximately \$660.

Not Included:

- Beverages with meals
- Meals not mentioned
- Gratuities to hotel staff, guides and drivers
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional travel insurance. Please call the office for rates.



Florence, with the Ponte Vecchio

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A non-refundable deposit of \$1500.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Your deposit of \$1500.00 is non-refundable at time of booking and up to 70 days prior.
69 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer

from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.
8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Northern Italy" tour of October 6 to 19, 2019.

Enclosed is my deposit of _____ (\$1500 per person, *plus* insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the balance due by 21 June 2019.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): **Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)**

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth")

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES _____ NO _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance, Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.

I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Other _____ **OR** Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ **Signature** _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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