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BEFORE YOU GO... SOME HINTS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE.

Weather: The average temperature for Rome and the south of Italy in the month of April is a high of 74 and a low of 54. Most of Europe is sunny and warm in mid-summer (especially countries along the Mediterranean, Italy, Greece and Turkey) but cool temperatures and rain are always possible. Weather is more unpredictable in the early spring and late fall but very manageable with smart packing. You can look up temperature averages online.

Tour Hotels: You will stay in first class hotels often family-run hotels in the historic heart of each city, within walking distance of what you came to see. This saves you time and money — and gives you lots of independence. Our hotels are a memorable part of your travel experience. Often quaint and full of personality, they are run by Europeans who are also our friends. All rooms on your tour have en-suite bathrooms, some with tub and some with shower.

Two friends traveling together: Two friends or siblings traveling together will be roomed together with 2 beds in a twin room. Twin beds may share one headboard/bed frame but will have separate sheets.

Physical Demands: Prepare for a physically demanding tour. Age is not a concern so long as you are reasonably physically fit, a good walker, and able to stand for extended periods of time and climb lots of stairs. You are required to carry your own bag from the bus to your hotel room. This can involve a 15-minute walk and a climb up several flights of stairs. For sightseeing, plan on walking 1 mile during the most active days, over uneven surfaces, and up and down stairs.

Special Dietary Needs: While we cannot take responsibility for those with special dietary needs or allergies, vegetarians and those with diet restrictions usually manage fine with a little flexibility and willingness to supplement meals as needed. Your guide will also help out with special dietary requests when possible.

Smoking: This is a no smoking tour. Unless you are on fire, you will never be allowed to smoke on the bus or in your hotel room at any time, or anywhere indoors where other tour members are present. At the same time, keep in mind that we cannot always isolate smoke-sensitive tour members from the many locals who light up.

Receiving Messages: You'll receive a copy of your tour hotel list about three weeks before your tour. Leave a copy with family and friends so they can contact you if necessary. Although the hotels may have fax machines and email, please do not rely on them for receiving personal messages. If family and friends need to reach you, please have them phone.

To call Europe from the US: Dial 011 + destination country code (ITALY – 39) + area code without the initial zero + local number. EXAMPLE: 011 39 06 4583 498

To call the US from Europe: Dial 00 + 1 (US country code) + area code + local number.

International calling cards: If you'll be calling home a lot, or calling within Europe, use local phone cards (purchased in each country at post offices, corner tobacco shops, or newsstands), and dial direct. This will save you money and hassles. These cards come with a toll-free access number and a PIN code with a fixed value



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that is deducted as you talk. The back of the card often contains basic instructions in English on how to make calls.

VISITING CHURCHES: Men and Women, NO SHORTS, no sleeveless tops.... No miniskirts... Most European churches require respectful dress. This generally means shoulders and knees must be covered for both men and women. Remember that you might have to carry all of your own luggage from the bus up to your room

US calling cards: Another, much more expensive option is to bring an international calling card from your long distance provider. Be sure to ask for their best price option for calling from Europe to multiple US numbers. You can also buy their pre-paid long distance cards before you go but the rates are generally double what you'll pay if you use international calling cards purchased in Europe. Either way, be sure to bring along and use their toll-free access numbers and double-check for any hotel connection charges before calling from your hotel room.

What should I pack? It is important to pack light!! You are responsible for carrying all of your stuff all of the time. We may walk several blocks or take alternate transport between our tour bus and the hotels. Remember, you can buy almost anything you may run out of in Europe. Pack versatile, comfortable clothing that you can layer for warmth or coolness. Expect some rain regardless of the time of year. For early spring or late fall tours, pack a warmer sweater and socks, a hat, and gloves. While daytime temperatures should be pleasant, evenings can be cool, especially at higher elevations.

Pre/Post-Tour Hotels: If you're planning to arrive before the tour begins or stay after the tour ends, you should reserve your extra nights' accommodations a few months in advance. Many of the hotels we use are very popular and hotel bargains are snapped up quickly. Contact your travel agent to secure extra nights at the hotel of your choice.

MONEY: You will need to buy some Euro dollars before you leave home. Buy a small amount, maybe 100 Euros.. If you have a debit or card and PIN # you can get Euros all over Italy.. The rates are the best at ATM machines. When purchasing goods in stores they will take your credit card, but, remember the card company will charge you an extra 3 % more for using the card.... You should probably figure the exchange rate is \$ 1.00 is equal to .50 Euro or 10 Euros will cost you \$ 15.00