

The Great Italian Escape (TGIE)

with Marie Yolande

May 1 – 10, 2009

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read all the information below as it sets forth the terms and conditions covering your group tour travel arrangements and other services offered.

TGIE Trip Cost: \$5,195. (Refer to the registration form for offered discounts based on the number of registered trip participants.)

Payment schedule:

\$1,000. USD deposit required to confirm booking and space. Once there is a sufficient number of registered trip participants (15) to form and confirm the group tour, the deposit becomes non refundable.

\$1,000. USD for the second deposit required 90 days prior to departure – **January 31, 2009**

Balance due 60 days prior to departure date - March 1, 2009 Failure to pay the final payment by the due date may result in the termination of your registration and forfeiture of your deposit.

Mode of Payment: Checks or money orders for the trip payments are to be paid in USD currency to Marie Yolande.

The trip cost is based on a present currency exchange rate of \$1.573USD = 0.635 Euro. Should the currency rate fluctuate more than 3% in either direction prior to the final payment, Marie Yolande reserves the right to amend pricing up or down based on the exchange rate current at that time.

Cancellations and Refunds: Unless otherwise indicated, cancellations charges depend on the length of time prior to departure that written notice is received: \$1,000. deposit upon declaring that the trip will take place is non-refundable, 20% penalty on the remaining paid portion of the trip 90-60 days prior to departure date, 40% penalty on remaining portion of the trip 59-31 days prior to departure and 100% penalty 30 days prior to departure. No refund.

Travel Insurance: It will be the responsibility of each trip participant to obtain their own Travel Insurance Coverage. Upon the formation of a group, each member of the group will be supplied with the name of a reliable Travel Insurance Agency which was used on previous group tours. However, everyone will be free to choose a travel insurance agency of their choice and make their own travel coverage arrangements directly with that agency. Travel coverage is highly recommended.

Air Transportation: Air travel is not included in the cost of the trip. Once the group is formed, every registered trip participant will be advised of their tour leader flight arrangements to **Malpensa Intl. Airport, Milan, Italy** and how everyone can best coordinate their flight to meet Marie Yolande and the other trip participants upon arrival on May 2 and depart on May 10. Choice of an airline carrier and/or the use of a mileage ticket will be the responsibility of each trip participant. Informing your tour leader of your air travel arrangements from home to the Malpensa Milan Airport in Italy and back home is your responsibility.

Ground Transportation: Group motorcoach transportation within a specified time frame upon arrival on May 2, 2009 at the Malpensa Milan Airport to our downtown hotel in Milan and also within a specified time frame upon departure on May 10 from our hotel in Parma back to the Malpensa Milan Airport will be arranged. Once the group is formed, each registered trip participant will be advised of the time frame periods for departure and return flights. Group transportation by motorcoach and water ferry at the locations stated on the trip itinerary will be provided.

Hotel Accommodations: We are presently holding room space at four 4**** hotels for 15 trip participants with an option for 10 more people and thereafter upon requests. Therefore the first 15 people registering for the trip are assured of having hotel accommodations if deposits are made by July 13, 2008. Upon the formation of a group, each trip participant will be supplied with contact information and the name of the centrally located hotel where we will be staying in Milan, Venice and Parma.

Baggage: Each person is entitled to **two normal size pieces of luggage** in and out of hotels and in and out of the motorcoach in Italy. Unless otherwise insured, all baggage remains at the owner's risk throughout the trip. Any oversized and overweight bag(s) above the size and weight limit of your chosen air carrier is the responsibility of each trip participant.

Entrance Fees to Museums: All entrance fees to the museums listed on the group trip itinerary are included in the cost of the trip. No refunds for any unused portion of the trip package.

Travel Document: A valid passport is required. No visa is required for U.S. and Canadian citizens for your travel to Italy. If you are a citizen from a country other than the ones mentioned above, please contact the Italian Embassy in the country you are residing and inquire about the necessary papers for your travel plans to Italy.

Meals: Fourteen meals are included in your trip package. If anyone has food allergies or is on a special diet, please advise your tour leader at least 30 days prior to departure. As part of your trip package, tips are included for the meals stated on the trip itinerary.

What is not included in the TGIE group tour: Passport, Visa fee, laundry, tel. calls, beverages, meals not stated in the daily itinerary, alcoholic and soft drink beverages, tips for coach drivers, gratuities for guides, excess baggage and any other items of a personal nature. Please ensure that any personal costs incurred at hotels (e.g. bar, telephone calls, laundry bills, etc...) are settled before your departure from each hotel.)

Medical Condition: If you and any member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and you must make this known to us before you register for this tour. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of our tour participants, but Marie Yolande and her agents, tour operators, are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers due to an untold condition prior to trip departure. Motorcoach and ferry transportation are part of this trip along with walking to some of the locations for the visits.

Responsibility: Marie Yolande and her agents will act in good faith in assisting and making every effort to live up to all the services stated in the TGIE trip itinerary. However, we cannot assume liability for delay, injury, damage, cancellation, loss, accident, alteration, which may occur by independent contractors during the duration of the trip. We do not accept any liability for any alteration, delay or cancellation caused by war or threat of war, riot or civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, natural disaster, fire, sickness, weather conditions, acts of any airport, port governmental or public authority, technical problems to transport, airport regulations, temporary technical, mechanical or electrical breakdown with your accommodation, explosion of any nuclear plant or part thereof or radioactivity contamination arising from such plant or other circumstances amounting to a force majeure or Act of God.

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