WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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ITALIAN SPRING

Rome • Tuscany • Florence • Venice

with Women of the Midwest

March 31 - April 11, 2027







Dear Women of the Midwest,

Imagine springtime in Italy—piazzas, gondolas, Tuscan hillsides, flowers in bloom, fresh vegetables, and longer days…

I'm Mary Kay, and I invite you to join me on a journey through Italy in 2027. Give yourself the gift of travel and immerse yourself in the Italian way of life.
Together, we'll step back in time to where art and culture flourished—the birthplace of the Renaissance: Florence. That is day five of our tour, but first, let me tell you how our adventure begins…

We begin in Rome with a three-night stay, where we follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans. You'll have the opportunity to make fresh pasta and tiramisu using recipes passed down through generations. We'll explore the Eternal City—walking, tasting, and visiting the renowned Vatican Museums. You'll see Michelangelo's Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica and stand beneath the breathtaking ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo over four years.

Next, we travel to the Tuscan countryside. We will visit Assisi, the birthplace of Saint Francis, and spend four nights in the heart of Tuscany, surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, with plentiful opportunities for tastings along the way.

A short drive brings us to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. Browse fine leather, Florentine paper, jewelry, and handmade ceramics for which the city is renowned. Take time to slow down—enjoy a gelato, sit in a sunlit piazza, and simply watch the world go by.

Lastly, we journey to Venice—the Queen of the Adriatic, the floating city. Walking tours take us to the legendary Piazza San Marco, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, and the Rialto Bridge. Of course, no visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola ride and time to explore the islands of Murano, known for its glassmaking, and Burano, famous for its handmade lace.



Reserve your place now for this unforgettable journey to Italy. This will be our seventh tour, and it is sure to fill quickly.

Mary Kay Roth
Ambassador, Women of the Midwest

Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

Ciao Roma!



Hands-on Cooking



Countryside Picnic



March 31, 2027 - Wednesday

Traveling to Rome

Our charming adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Rome. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your Italian dream vacation.

April 1, 2027 - Thursday

Rome

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival, we will meet our private tour director and take a short drive to the center of Rome. Your first day in Rome will be celebrated with an excellent welcome lunch at our favorite Italian restaurant. We will check into our centrally located hotel, relax, unwind, and get ready for tomorrow's exciting program! Meals during flights | L

April 2, 2027 - Friday

Rome

After a delicious breakfast, we are off to another country! A few minutes from our hotel, and we are in Vatican City! We will tour the Vatican Museums, a treasure trove of ancient Greek sculptures, medieval tapestries, and Renaissance paintings. Our visit culminates at the Sistine Chapel, where the Pope is elected. Next, we will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. We will see Michelangelo's Pietà, sculpted when he was just 24, and Bernini's seven-story bronze canopy above the main altar. It is time for a leisurely lunch before we meet up again to enjoy a golf cart tour through the most impressive settings in Rome. This is a unique chance to experience Federico Fellini's classic "La Dolce Vita" (The Sweet Life) and take in the atmosphere of the famous movie "Eat, Pray, Love." See for yourself the top sites in Rome, including restaurants, fountains, piazzas (squares), and neighborhoods featured in the books and movies. Retrace the footsteps of Elizabeth, played by Julia Roberts, who spends her time in Rome searching for beauty and exploring Italian food. Enjoy the night with your fellow travelers at a cozy Italian trattoria (local bistro). B

April 3, 2027 - Saturday

Rome

After a hearty breakfast, we are ready to step back in time and visit "Ancient Rome," including the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre, after the emperors who built it in the first century AD. The Colosseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that once stood at the entrance. A fun afternoon awaits. Love Italian food? Today, we will make fresh pasta and tiramisu with secret recipes straight from "nonna" (grandmother)! A truly unique experience as we learn to create fresh pasta with our favorite flavors, topped with a selection of Italian cheeses ... and love! Held in a 17th-century Palazzo near Piazza Navona, this interactive class is led by our enthusiastic Italian chef. We will complete our cooking experience by making Italy's "numero uno" dessert, tiramisu! Layered with delicious cream, coffee, sugar, and cocoa, it's no wonder that tiramisu is so sought-after. Now, "That's Amore!" B | C

April 4, 2027 - Sunday

Rome - Assisi - Tuscany

Today, we leave Rome. Our first stop is the hillside town of Assisi, the birthplace of one of history's most popular Catholic saints. St. Francis of Assisi founded the Franciscan order and is better known as the revered patron saint of animals. We will spend time at this stunning church and enjoy the breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and villages. Lunch is served among the locals before we arrive at our Tuscan villa, where we will spend the coming four nights. We will enjoy an orientation tour of Figline Valdarno with our tour director before we lean back and take in the peaceful atmosphere of our villa. B | L

April 5, 2027 - Monday

Tuscany

After a relaxed breakfast, we are off to nearby San Gimignano, a beautiful medieval town. Fortified walls and watchtowers show power and prosperity in the Middle Ages, though only 13 of the town's original 76 towers still remain. Enjoy a stroll of the narrow cobbled streets, taking in the sights, Piazza della Cisterna, the Piazza del Duomo, and much more. Next, we will drive to one of our favorite Tuscan farms for olive oil and wine tastings. Lunch is served outdoors; you will love it here! We will return to our hotel for a laid-back afternoon and evening. B | T | L

April 6, 2027 - Tuesday

Florence

After breakfast, we will take a short drive to Florence. We begin our visit with a guided walking tour of the Cradle of Renaissance to admire the majestic Duomo built in 1296, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery with its renowned "Gates of Paradise" doors. We will follow the medieval streets to Florence's most striking square: Piazza della Signoria, an open-air museum. Then, we head to the Academy Gallery for a visit and to take a closer look at the breathtaking statue of David! You will

Assisi



have free time in the afternoon to shop and discover the city's beauties. Stroll down the cobblestoned lanes, through majestic squares, and across ancient bridges. Enjoy the best arts and crafts, Florentine paper (do not miss Riccardo Luci's beautiful shop!), leather goods, and world-class museums! Return to our villa in the late afternoon/early evening to relax and unwind. B

April 7, 2027 - Wednesday

Tuscany

We are in Tuscany, home to some of the most outstanding wines in the world, and it's time to sniff, sip, and taste. A local winemaker will take us on a passage from grape to bottle as we enjoy a selection of Chianti Classico and Super Tuscans. This afternoon, we will join Mamma Paola at our villa to learn the basics of traditional Italian pizza. We start with an introduction to the story of pizza and dough preparations, followed by fun pizza-making. B | T | C | D

April 8, 2027 - Thursday

Venice

We say a fond "arrivederci" to Tuscany as we head north to Venice. After approximately three hours of driving, we arrive at the watery wonderland of islands seemingly laced together by delicate bridges, one of the most romantic cities in the world, but also a city where getting lost is a "must" and half the enjoyment. This is Venice! Our water taxi will take us to our hotel to check in before we head out for a walking tour, including the famous Piazza San Marco, the impressive St. Mark's Basilica, and the Doge's Palace, the official residence of Venetian rulers in

Florence



the Middle Ages. Discover the mysterious labyrinth of alleys and waterways, the clock tower, the Rialto Bridge, and the mystique of the Palace of Prisons and the Bridge of Sighs. The walking tour ends with a fun 30-minute gondola ride. Enjoy a beautiful afternoon and evening at leisure. B

April 9, 2027 - Friday

Murano - Burano

We will enjoy a half-day excursion to Murano and Burano Islands to discover the traditions and most unique places in the Venetian lagoon. The first stop is at Murano, the homeland of glass. The old Murano glassworks guard secrets handed down from generation to generation. You will have the opportunity to purchase original and beautiful works of glass art with the certainty that they will be authentic pieces! We continue to the island of Burano to stroll the picturesque streets of brightly colored houses and discover the masterpieces of lace made by experts. The lace houses are true gems, and a visit to those is an unforgettable experience. We head back to Venice to enjoy lunch at leisure, and the remainder of the day is yours to "get lost" and explore the labyrinth of narrow alleys, countless bridges, and small squares! B

April 10, 2027 - Saturday

Venice

Today is yours to explore the city of Venice or join an optional mask-painting workshop class, offering insight into an important Venetian craft (sign up for this during your journey in Italy). Under the guidance of a resident artist, you'll choose

Postcard from Venice



a mask from more than 50 different styles and decorate it according to traditional techniques. While you work, your guide tells stories of masks' importance and function in Venetian society. Tonight, we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Cheers to a wonderful group; Salute Italia! B | D

April 11, 2027 - Sunday

Traveling Home

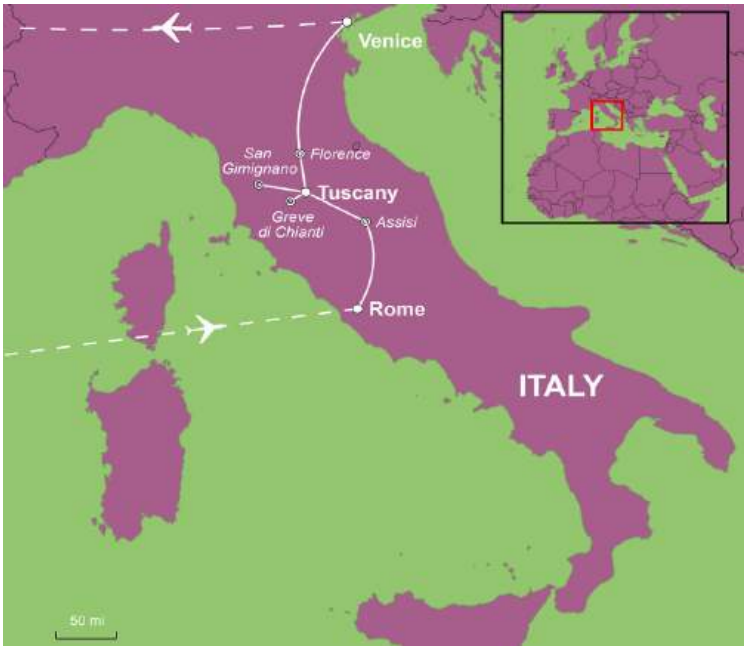
All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Venice airport with plenty of time to check in for our flight and clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

Itinerary subject to change.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner
T = Tasting, C = Cooking Class



Arrivederci!



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Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room:	$5,195
Per person in a single room:	$6,895

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of $500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on December 21, 2026 and is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

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Register by July 31, 2026: Receive a **$200 DISCOUNT!**

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4
This tour involves a considerable amount of walking (city sightseeing by foot), stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. We walk between 4-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Travel Insurance:
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Group airfare: See separate insert.

Accommodation (details announced 30 days in advance)**:**
Rome - Una Hotel Empire or similar
Tuscany - Villa Casagrande or similar
Venice - Palazzo San Lorenzo or similar

Included:
- 10 nights accommodations at hotels mentioned above or similar
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 10 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 2 dinners
- 2 hands-on cooking experiences
- Tastings (olive oil, wine)
- Private motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary (skip-the-line)
- Professional English-speaking tour director during the entire program in Italy
- Professional step-on guides where required
- All local taxes and fees as of April 1, 2026
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, March 31 - April 11, 2027

Not Included:
- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag (the first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals & beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities (estimate $15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, $100 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

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March 31, 2027	Omaha* - Chicago	12:15 PM - 2:07 PM
March 31, 2027	Chicago - Rome	6:10 PM - 10:20 AM (April 1, 2027)
April 11, 2027	Venice - Philadelphia	1:40 PM - 5:00 PM
April 11, 2027	Philadelphia - Charlotte	7:35 PM - 9:40 PM
April 11, 2027	Charlotte - Omaha*	10:39 PM - 0:22 AM (April 12, 2027)

$1,395 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha.
Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure.** We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
  Main Cabin Extra can be purchased and confirmed **once the tickets are issued** = 30 days prior to departure.
  Estimate a supplement of $600-$900.

  Premium Economy can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us.
  Estimate a supplement of $3,000-$4,000.

  Business Class can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us.
  Estimate a supplement of $7,000-$9,000.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation.** Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.
- **Taxes, fuel charges, and security fees** are subject to change.
- **Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

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