

## WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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# ITALY – TASTE WITH THE EYES!

Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, Pompeii, Naples!

With Women of the Midwest!

June 6-16, 2022



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Italy has always had a special place in my heart and I'm so excited to invite you to join me on this a-piece-of-heaven journey.

Our tour begins at the front door of Italy; in Rome! An Ancient metropolis of history, art, and culture awaits - the capitol of the once great Roman Empire and Christianity, a city of wonder and passion, yesterday and today, all in a remarkable mixture and imperial setting.

Next, you are invited behind the traditional scene. We will take the back roads and experience our favorite tour guide's hometown - the seaside village of Gaeta. This extraordinary pivot provides us with an insight into a non-touristy area of Italy and we will be taken to sites and visit places that ordinary group tours haven't set their feet on.

Then, we head south to delight in the Amalfi Coast. We will be amazed by terraced cliffs plunging into a sparkling deep blue sea, colored bougainvillea draped over sherbet-colored villages and whitewashed villas, and small pebble beaches tucked into secluded coves. The scent of citrus and lemon groves permeate the salt air creating a plethora of memories. What's not to adore? We pause in Sorrento that clings to the terraced cliffs and looks back over the bay of Naples to Vesuvius and to the quiet island of Ischia. We are lured by the Sirens of mythology like seafarers of the past, to the island of Capri where we will spend a night to enjoy the tranquil afternoon and evening hours when everyone else returns to the mainland.

And finally, we will reflect on history as we walk the silent street of Pompeii, buried for centuries in layers of ash. Our last night is in Naples where we will appreciate its historic core, its pizza, and the birthplace of Sophia Loren!

Ohh, and the food! Our route guides us through some of the best pizza, spaghetti and fresh mozzarella places in the world, not to mention the fresh seafood offered everywhere we go.

Join me, along with old friends and new - share a room with a new friend - we will introduce you ahead of time. Make sure to sign up for this special journey today as space is limited to 20 travelers only! Ciao!

Ann K. Bruntz  
Women of the Midwest Ambassador



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



## June 6, 2022 - Monday

### *Traveling to Rome, Italy*

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

## June 7, 2022 - Tuesday

### *Rome*

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival, we meet our private tour guide and take a short drive to the center of Rome to enjoy a classic movie-lovers walking tour through the most amazing movie settings in Rome. This is a unique chance to experience Federico Fellini's classic "La Dolce Vita" (The Sweet Life) and then take in the atmosphere of the famous movie "Eat, Pray, Love". See for yourself the top sites in Rome including restaurants, fountains, piazza (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. Your first day in Rome will be celebrated with an amazing welcome lunch at a very special restaurant ...for movie-lovers only! B (during flight) | L

## June 8, 2022 - Wednesday

### *Vatican Museums & St. Peter's Basilica*

After a delicious breakfast, we are off to another country! Ten minutes drive from our hotel and we are in the 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, the room where the Pope is elected. Next, we visit St. Peter's Basilica, by far the largest church in Christendom.

We will see Michelangelo's Pieta, sculpted when he was just 24, as well as Bernini's seven-story bronze canopy located above the main altar. The afternoon is at leisure - time for shopping, Ladies! B

## June 9, 2022 - Thursday

### *Ancient 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. Colosseum refers to the "colossal" statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance. A relaxing afternoon awaits. Find your own favorite Piazza (little square), people-watch, or continue exploring the picturesque and narrow streets just around our hotel. B

## June 10, 2022 - Friday

### *Rome - Gaeta*

First we will enjoy breakfast, and then will discover the Ulysses Riviera as we follow a special itinerary named after the legendary journey and adventures of Ulysses, who with his companions landed in Gaeta, and was placed under the magical spell of the sorceress Circe. Visiting Gaeta is like stepping back in time. It has been home to artists and writers of the 20th century and continues to have an air of the 1930s about it. You will discover a piece of authentic Italy through good food, natural beaches, preserved historical and religious sites, and the views ... they will simply take your breath away. We will visit the baroque church of Santissima Annunziata dating back to the 1320s and listen to its unique story. We will enjoy an afternoon strolling through the picturesque "Via Indipendenza"

- pedestrian street and walk the colorful alleys with small houses in pastel tones, flowery windows, cast-iron balconies, and hanging laundry. You will enjoy the many artisan shops and we will make a stop at the ancient bakery where Mr. Enrico will greet us and serve the local Tiella - it doesn't get any better than this! Dinner is served and the evening is yours to relax. B | S | D

## June 11, 2022 - Saturday

### *Gaeta*

After a quiet breakfast, we take off to enjoy a walking tour of Sperlonga, another small seaside village characterized by white houses, placed on a peninsula and rightly awarded as one of the most beautiful towns in Italy. This ancient and magnificent old town with its narrow and terraced streets was originally a fortress protecting the local population against invaders from abroad. About one mile from the town, close to the beach and on a very charming route, we find the National Archaeological Museum that shows the "Marble Odyssey" and archaeological area of the residence of the Emperor Tiberius, characterized by a grotto where marble sculptures were placed during the Roman Age. This afternoon we will stop in close-by Itri, noted for the cultivation of olives and the production of excellent olive oil. For centuries, the Itrana olives have been marketed using the name of Olive di Gaeta as they were exported by ship from the nearby port of Gaeta. We will make a stop for olive oil tasting. Return to our hotel in the afternoon for an evening at leisure. B | T



### June 12, 2022 - Sunday

#### Gaeta - Sorrento

After a delicious breakfast, we will take a beautiful southern-bound drive to Sorrento. On the way, we will stop at a nationally recognized non-profit orphanage that works directly with thousands of homeless youth across Italy. The organization was founded by a group of volunteers, and every day they assist a group of 50 children. We will learn about the organization and the daily routine and challenges.

We proceed to Sorrento, a small resort-town overlooking the Bay of Naples and the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. For over 2,000 years, visitors from across the globe have been attracted to Sorrento by its breathtaking sunsets and fragrances of the famous lemon trees. We unpack our bags and will enjoy two nights in this beautiful place. Dinner is served at a local restaurant tonight. B | D

### June 13, 2022 - Monday

#### Positano - Amalfi ...by private boat!

After a relaxing breakfast, we are off to explore the beauty of the Amalfi Coast by our own private boat! Today's excursion is the most peaceful way to experience this unique coastline. Departing from Sorrento, we will cruise along the beautiful beaches and you will have the opportunity to swim in the crystal-clear and blue Mediterranean sea. We will enjoy a light snack on board, while heading towards Positano. Here we will have time at leisure (approximately 2 hours) to visit the city, walk the "peculiar" street, and enjoy the local shops. Back on board, we will cruise to Amalfi where we will stop to visit the village (approximately 2 hours) before returning to Sorrento. B | S

### June 14, 2022 - Tuesday

#### Capri

After a filling breakfast, we transfer to the Sorrento pier\* to catch the hydrofoil that whisks us to the Isle of Capri, the magical and colorful island that has been a favorite resort destination since the time of the Roman Republic. With Amalfi at our stern, Capri at our bow, we will sail to one of the world's most enchanting islands! We will enjoy a full-day guided excursion to the Isle of Capri, visit the lovely Anacapri, and explore the charming shops and chic boutiques as we stroll the island's narrow streets. We continue to "La Piazzetta," the social heart of the island (and home to international jet-setters), on our way to the open-air Gardens of Augustus, from where we will take in the breathtaking views of the famous Faraglioni Rocks. An optional tour (weather permitting) is offered to the Grotta Azzurra (the Blue Grotto). World-famous for its translucent aqua-blue light filtering through the water by way of an opening below sea level, this is definitely a unique experience. With the exodus of the day-trippers, the island turns into the most delightful and tranquil place for us to enjoy, before calling it a day. B

\*Our luggage will be safely stored away and meet us again at our arrival to Naples tomorrow. Pack a small bag for your Capri overnight.

### June 15, 2022 - Wednesday

#### Pompeii - Naples

An early breakfast is served and we head to the harbor for a short one-hour ferry crossing to Naples. We meet our motor coach and driver, and in the shadow of Mt. Vesuvius, we stop to recall a moment

in history at Pompeii; an ancient community buried in volcanic ash and mud. Brought to an abrupt halt 2,200 years ago, when the volcano erupted, daily life just stopped in the middle of everyday activities. Following the ancient roads of the city, we will explore the well-preserved ruins of homes, stores, temples, and public spaces visually narrating what Roman life was like in this 1st-century city. We return to Naples for our last evening. From romantic couples on Vespas to wet laundry hanging over the streets ...from more heated words and smiles than anywhere else in the country to 2,000 years of ancient history ...Naples is a city that will show you all that life in Italy represents, complete with a captivating Italian accent! Naples is said to be the superlative of everything that is truly Italian: from the best to the tempestuous, but for us, it's the birthplace of pizza and Sophia Loren ...now what could be better? They say the best pizza in Italy is served in Naples and our farewell dinner is no exception as we sit down to taste the real thing! B | D

### June 16, 2022 - Thursday

#### Traveling home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Rome airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to 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 S = Snack



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**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**  
<https://fs28.formsite.com/vLu8mE/WMWAMAL22/>

**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room:	\$3,695
Per person in a single room:	\$4,495

*Limited number of single rooms available.*

*Triple rooms are not available on this trip.*

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Balance is due on February 7, 2022, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

Registering for this tour signifies that you agree with our terms and conditions which can be found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours). The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 travelers.

The price quoted within this brochure is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20. We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.

**Group airfare:**  
 We offer group airfare, see page 5.

**Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4**  
 This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes/boots are recommended.

**Travel Insurance:**  
 We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us. *Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

**Visa/Passport requirements (per 9/29/2020):**  
 U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter Italy and can enter visa-free for tourism stays of up to 90 days. Please check [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) at least 90 days prior to your departure.


**Included:**

- 9 nights during the tour Italy at moderate, local 4-star hotels
- 10 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch (day 2)
- 2 x snack (day 5, 8)
- Olive oil tasting
- 3 x dinner (day 5, 7, 10)
- All transportation as per tour program (hydrofoil and ferry crossings, economy class)
- Admissions to all sites mentioned in the tour program (except optional excursions)
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, June 2-12, 2022
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as per August 17, 2020

**Not Included:**

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to guides and drivers (estimate \$8 per day)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

**Hotel Accommodation:**  
*Final accommodations are confirmed with the delivery of your travel documents, 30 days prior to departure.*



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## JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with American Airlines:

June 6, 2022	Omaha* - Charlotte	6:16 AM - 9:55 AM
June 6, 2022	Charlotte - Rome	4:20 PM - 7:45 AM (June 7, 2022)
June 16, 2022	Rome - Chicago	12:50 PM - 4:40 PM
June 16, 2022	Chicago - Omaha*	9:15 PM - 10:50 PM

\$1,485 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.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Women of the Midwest / Executive Travel 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 are usually not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different seating. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change. Air schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

## RESERVE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

