

ITALY AND GREECE ADVENTURE

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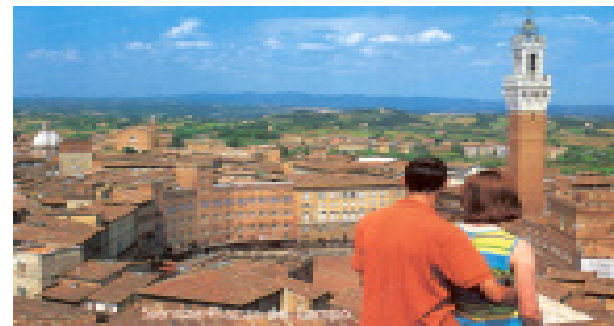
ODYSSEY CLUB



*In **Italy** Visiting:
Venice, **Pisa**,
Tuscany Region,
Florence,
Assisi,
Naples, **Pompeii**,
Sorrento,
Amalfi Coast, **Rome!**
*In **Greece** Visiting:
Olympia, **Delphi**,
Cycladic Islands and
Athens!**

15 day, 13 night program

October 13 - 27, 2009





DAY 5 OCTOBER 17 B, D

Full buffet breakfast at our hotel. This morning we will travel to **Florence**, where we will first have a **“photo stop”** at **Michelangelo Square** to admire the beautiful panorama of Florence. Then we will begin our half-day guided visit of Florence including **St. Mary of the Flowers**, the **Bronze Door of the Baptistry**, **Duomo Square**, **Signoria Square**, the **Holy Cross Church** and a visit to the Academy to see the **“David”** and the **“4 unfinished slaves”** by Michelangelo on our special **“headset”** tour. Continue through the narrow streets with their high towered buildings, passing **Dante Alighieri’s** house to the banks of the Arno river. View the magnificent domed cathedral with the baptistery and **Giotto’s Tower and Michelangelo’s Square**. You might want to try Gelatto at **Vivoli**, one of the most famous **Gelatos** in Italy! Time for lunch on your own and shopping as well. Remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure. Walk with our tour guide to our hotel or return on your own at your leisure. In your free time see the jewellers on the **Ponte Vecchio** (covered bridge) and walk along colorful lanes to the **Piazza della Signoria-square**. We will visit the famous hill town of San Gimignano, a true Medieval walled town, full of narrow streets and medieval gates, walls and towers!. A true visit to a castle! In San Gimignano, we will meet the **“Master of Ice Cream”** himself! and be treated to demonstration of making Gelato. We will enjoy a very special **dinner with a “count”** at his villa with wine and entertainment just outside of Florence.

Overnight Florence: HOTEL MEDITERRANEO

DAY 1 OCTOBER 13 CIAO!

Depart USA for the enchanting island of Venice.

DAY 2 OCTOBER 14 R,D

Arrive Venice. After we clear customs and collect our luggage we will be met by our Italian tour leader and will board our motorcoach for an afternoon tour of a local Venetian winery specializing in Prosecco, Italian Champagne. This evening we will have a **reception** to meet our tour leader Riccrazdo Filaci and be given general information on our **Italy and Greece Adventure**. After our **reception** we will enjoy **dinner** at our hotel with the evening at your leisure.

Overnight : VILLA BRAIDA, TREVISIO, VENICE

DAY 3 OCTOBER 15 B,D

Full buffet breakfast in our hotel before we depart for a **full day visit** of Venice with a guided walking tour of **St. Mark Square**, view of the **Basilica** and **bridge of the sighs**. Time for shopping and lunch on our own before we take our **motor launch** through the islands to the island of **Murano** for a tour of the **Venetian Glass Factory**. We will enjoy a romantic, serenaded Gondola ride with Champagne through the waterways of Venice. Dinner at our hotel this evening.

Overnight : VILLA BRAIDA, TREVISIO, VENICE

DAY 6 OCTOBER 18 B,D

Full buffet breakfast and then we depart for the charming town of **Assisi** with several stops in the Tuscan region along the way. **Time on your own for lunch** and shopping before we travel to the town of **Assisi**, home of St. Francis, the patron saint of Italy. We will continue on to Rome, the Eternal city. This evening after dinner at our hotel or a local restaurant we will enjoy a walking tour **Rome by night** walking tour featuring **Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Capitaline Hill and Navona Square**. Return to our hotel for the remainder of the evening.

Overnight Rome: HOTEL GRAND TIBERO

DAY 4 OCTOBER 16 B,D

Full buffet breakfast in our hotel before our departure for **Verona**, home of Romeo and Juliet. then on to enroute to the famous village of **Pisa**. We will arrive in Pisa where we will have time for lunch on our own and time for pictures of the famous **Leaning Tower of Pisa**; the single most recognizable monument in the Western world. After Pisa we will travel to **Florence** and check into our hotel with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening we will enjoy **dinner** at our hotel. Evening at your leisure to explore Florence on your own.

Overnight Florence: MEDITERRANEO HOTEL

DAY 7 OCTOBER 19 B,D

Full buffet breakfast at our hotel before we depart for the visit of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel** and **St. Peter’s Basilica**. After our visit to the **Vatican Museum** we will have time on our own for lunch at a local restaurant. We will enjoy a **highlight tour of Rome by motorcoach** with a stop for lunch on your own. After lunch we will enjoy a tour of the outside of the **Collesseum** and the **Forum** before checking in to our hotel. This evening we will enjoy **dinner at our hotel**.

Overnight Rome: HOTEL GRAND TIBERO



DAY 11 OCTOBER 23 B,D

Breakfast onboard our ferry before we arrive in the port of Patraso. We will board our waiting motorcoach and travel to the ancient town of Olympia where we will tour the ruins of Olympia and enjoy a visit to the Museum of Olympia. The sanctuary of Olympia enjoyed 2,000 years of esteem as a religious and athletic center. Mt. Olympus is said to be the home of the Greek God Zeus and the original Olympic games established in 776 were dedicated to Zeus. Lunch on your own today. Dinner at our hotel this evening.

Overnight Olympia: PALACE OR EUROPA HOTEL

DAY 12 OCTOBER 24 B, D

Breakfast this morning at our hotel before we travel to the town of Delphi, traveling on the ancient Pelopenese roadway. In Delphi we will visit the ruins of Delphi where the "oracles" were made for telling the future of the world. Time on our own for lunch and then a visit to the Museum of Delphi before we check into our hotel for the evening. Dinner at our hotel this evening.

Overnight Delphi: AMALIA OR OLYMPIA HOTEL

DAY 13 OCTOBER 25 B, D

Breakfast at our hotel before we make our way to ATHENS, the birthplace of civilization! We will enjoy a tour of Athens and the Parthenon before we arrive in the afternoon to our PLAKA hotel! This evening we will enjoy a walking tour of the Plaka at night and our farewell dinner (early) at a local Taverna with Greek dancing, wine and song! this is where we get to break our dishes!

Overnight Athens: STANLEY OR TITANIA HOTEL

DAY 14 OCTOBER 26 B

Breakfast at our hotel before we make our way to the port of Pireaus to board our day ferry for a full day visiting three romantic islands of Greece. Visit the islands of Hydra, Aegina and Poros for a glimpse of the Greek islands and how the islanders live. Dinner on your own this evening, in one of the multitude of Greek Tavernas in the Plaka area. Remainder of evening on your own for shopping and packing.

Overnight Athens: STANLEY OR TITANIA HOTEL

DAY 15 OCTOBER 27 B

Full buffet breakfast before we depart for home.

Arrivederci! Ciao! Opa!

DAY 8 OCTOBER 20 B,D

Full buffet breakfast before we depart from Rome to Sorrento with a visit to the **Abbey of Monte Cassino**, a tragic battle site of WWII along the way. On the way, we will stop in **Naples** at the famous Apa Giovanni Cameo Factory on our way to the ancient city of **Pompeii** for the visit of your life to the excavations of the town that was buried in A.D. 79 by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The excavations which began in 1750 laid everything bare: the original town gates, city walls and houses, are decorated with extraordinary **frescoes**. Walk along streets still bearing the marks made by chariot wheels over 2,000 years ago. Just a hairpin road ride to the seaside town of **Sorrento**, our home for the two nights. We will enjoy a welcome reception where we will meet Riccardo's wonderful (for some of you it will be a reunion) and then enjoy **dinner with wine** this evening in our charming hotel, Johanna Park, perched above the town of Sorrento with one of the most outstanding views of the Bay.

Overnight Sorrento: VILLA GIOVANNA

DAY 9 OCTOBER 21 B,D

Full buffet breakfast and time to rest and enjoy our hotel this morning before mid-day departure for the *Amalfi Coast Road* to the quaint seashore towns of **Positano and Amalfi**. After lunch we will travel down the Amalfi Coast for breathtaking scenery along the way to Positano and Amalfi.

Dinner this evening at our hotel. **Shuttle down to the town of Sorrento after dinner if you like, or just enjoy the view and sunset on the rooftop patio of the Johanna Park Hotel.**

Overnight Sorrento: VILLA GIOVANNA

DAY 10 OCTOBER 22 B,L

Full buffet breakfast in our hotel. After we say our farewells to Riccardo's family we will make our way to Bari, Italy to board our overnight cruise to Greece. We will enjoy a very **special lunch at a farm and winery** with a **Mozzarella demonstration and wine tasting**. Along the way we will enjoy an Inlaid Wood Factory tour and time for shopping and lunch in Sorrento. This evening we will board our overnight cruise to Patraso, Greece. Dinner will be on your own onboard the ferry.

Overnight cruise: OVERNIGHT CRUISE IN OCEANVIEW ROOMS



Italy and Greece Adventure includes:

- ✦ Roundtrip airfare from Chicago to Venice, Italy and return from Athens, Greece to Chicago.
- ✦ All transfers on arrival and departure with local assistance and handling of one piece of luggage per person.
- ✦ **Private** motorcoach throughout.
- ✦ **Motor launch transfers when needed** to the islands of Venice, and Burano.
- ✦ **13 nights accommodations** throughout as shown below.
(or similar)

10/13	Overnight flight to Venice, Italy		
10/14-10/15	2 nights	Treviso, Venice	Villa Braida
10/16-10/17	2 nights	Florence	Hotel Mediterraneo
10/18-10/19	2 nights	Sorrento	Hotel Johanna Park
10/20-10/21	2 nights	Rome	Hotel Grand Tibdero
10/22	1 night	Ferry from Bari, Italy to Petrasso, Greece	
10/23	1 night	Olympia	Palace or Europa Hotel
10/24	1 night	Delphi	Amalia or Olympia Hotel
10/25-10/26	2 nights	Athens	Stanley or Titania Hotel

- ✦ **Fully escorted** with experienced English speaking guide Riccardo Filaci
- ✦ **Escorted by St. Louis Group Travel**
- ✦ **Several city tours** with local English speaking guide (including entrance fees) as indicated below.
Venice Florence/Pisa Pompeii Assisi Rome
Positano Amalfi Olympia Delphi Athens
- ** Please note tipping not included for the above guides**
- ✦ **Daily American breakfast (12)**
- ✦ **Lunch at the Mozzarella Farm**
- ✦ **Eleven dinners**
- ✦ **Winery tour; Gelato demonstration; Mozzarella/winery tour**
- ✦ **Hosted by Carol Fuson of the Mariner Club**
- ✦ **St. Louis Group Travel escort Vicki Kopp**
- ✦ All airport taxes and custom fees **included**
- ✦ **Comprehensive trip cancellation insurance included**
- ✦ **Tipping of Driver (Nino) and Tour guide Riccardo Filaci is included.**

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✦ Meals where not indicated.
- ✦ **Tips to local step-on guides as shown above**
- ✦ Any items of a personal nature such as hotel incidental charges, room service, phone calls, optional sightseeing, soft drinks, or alcoholic beverages, etc.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION:

- ✦ Fuel surcharges and Dollar devaluation charges can only be protected from increase when full payment has been made.

RATES PER PERSON:

(Double rate is per person based on double occupancy)

DOUBLE

\$3899.00

SINGLE

\$4329.00

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

ITALY

VENICE:

St. Marks Square
Byzantine Cathedral (entrance additional)
Bridge of Sighs and Old Prison
Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge
Gondola ride in Venice

MURANO:

Motor launch transfer to island
Tour of Venetian Glass Factory

ROME:

Via Veneto
St. Peters Basilica
Sistine Chapel
Vatican
Trevi fountain
Forum
Collesseum (outside tour)

SORRENTO:

Ancient city of Pompeii
View of Mt. Vesuvius
Bay of Sorrento
Amalfi Coast
Positano
Amalfi

FLORENCE:

Headset tour of Michelangelo's "David"
and "4 unfinished slaves"
Michelangelo's Square
Ponte Vecchio (covered bridge)
Rolling hills of Tuscany

PISA:

Miracle Square
Leaning Tower of Pisa

TUSCANY:

Florence
San Gimignano
Assisi
Umbria

GREECE

Overnight cruise from Bari to Petrasso

OLYMPIA:

Tour of Olympia and the National Museum

DELPHI:

Tour of Delphi and National Museum

ATHENS:

Day cruise to the Cyclopic Islands of Hydra,
Aegina and Poros
Tour of Athens including the Acropolis