# Moostash Joe Tours Presents

## The Spectacular Landscapes of Italy

October 24 – November 1, 2016 \$2,465 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Omaha

Featuring a Cruise on Magnificent Lake Garda; the Beauty of Venice; the Renaissance City of Florence; the Amazing Landscapes of Tuscany; and the Eternal City of Rome









This is an exclusive travel program offered by Moostash Joe Tours and InterTrav

### Day by Day Itinerary

### Monday, October 24 – OMAHA/EN ROUTE

Today we depart Omaha's Eppley Airfield by scheduled service for the overnight transatlantic flight(s) en route to Milan, Italy. (I)

### Tuesday, October 25 – MILAN/LAKE GARDA

This morning we arrive in Milan. After we have cleared Passport and Customs controls, we will meet our Tour Escort who will travel with us throughout our vacation. From Milan, we'll travel across the countryside of Northern Italy to the shores of Lake Garda and to the lovely resort of Riva, situated at the northern tip of the lake. In the evening, we'll enjoy an Italian welcome dinner with traditional specialties and wines of the region. (B,D)

### Wednesday, October 26 - LAKE GARDA

This morning you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the fascinating local market in Riva. Then, we'll take an excursion that shows us picturesque villages, medieval castles, and lakeside promenades dotting the shoreline of this spectacular lake. We'll stop at the lovely town of Bardolino and enjoy wine tasting and local specialties of the region known as a "Primi Cilci". In the early afternoon, we drive to the lovely lakeside village Malcesine where there is free time for shopping and lunch before we continue by Lake Steamer returning to Riva del Garda. **(B)** 

### Thursday, October 27 – LAKE GARDA/VENICE/ SOTTOMARINA

We journey to Venice, situated on a broad lagoon and built over a sprawling archipelago of 117 islands separated by more than 150 canals and 400 bridges. One of the best ways to see Venice is by taking a vaporetto along the spectacular Grand Canal. Along the way we'll see countless palazzos and pass under the Rialto Bridge, one of Venice's most famous sights, and the wooden Ponte dell'Accademia. From San Marco we'll begin our walking tour that will offer a view of the Bridge of Sighs, the covered bridge that links the Doge's Palace to the old prisons from where Casanova was said to have made his fantastic escape. Here, we'll get our first glimpse of the Piazza San Marco, a great marble saloon that is home to the Campanile, a 325-foot-high bell tower that provides an unforgettable view of the city, and the remarkable Basilica San Marco. At the end of our tour, free time will be set aside to explore Venice on your own, perhaps to enjoy a gondola ride through the fascinating canals or simply remain near St. Mark's Square and relax with the music of Venice before traveling to Sottomarina for overnight. (B,D)

### Friday, October 28 – SOTTOMARINA/FLORENCE/ CHIANCIANO TERME

This morning we travel across the Po Valley and through the Apennine mountains to Florence. We'll explore the heart of the city beginning with a visit to the magnificent Cathedral adorned with green, red and white marble, and see the nearby Baptistry with its famous bronze doors, most notably the Gate to Paradise. From here, we'll wander along the Via dei Calzaiuoli to see the Piazza della Signoria with its wonderful backdrop formed by the Old Palace's powerful presence, before ending with a visit to the unforgettable Ponte Vecchio, the oldest surviving bridge in the city, built in 1345. Originally, the domain of blacksmiths and butchers, today the Ponte Vecchio is home to visitors that come to admire the views as well as to browse among the antique and jewelry shops. In the late afternoon, we travel into the Tuscan countryside to the lovely hilltop village of Chianciano Terme. (**B,D**)

### Saturday, October 29 – CHIANCIANO TERME (Tuscany Excursion)

A delightful day on tour awaits as we prepare to experience Tuscany, a region of low lying hills with clean graceful curves, complete with plains, forests, and vineyards joined by the serenity of cypress and pine.

We will travel to one of the most remarkable of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano, a virtually untouched medieval city-state where time seems to have stood still since the Middle Ages. Comprised of 14 towers, some over 165 feet high, a walk will take us through the tiny cobblestone streets to the Piazza del Duomo where the Collegiate Church and seven towers of nobility line the majestic square. This timeless location is also home to the famous Piazza della Cisterna, named for the bricks laid in a herringbone pattern. On our return to Chianciano Terme, we'll travel through isolated and steep countryside, passing walled monasteries and the fortified hill town of Montalcino. We'll also travel through the Val d'Orcia, stretching from the hills south of Sienna to Monte Amiata, one of the most beautiful landscapes on Earth. (B)

## **Sunday, October 30 – CHIANCIANO TERME/ROME** (Papal Blessing)

Today we leave behind the beautiful hilltop villages of Tuscany and travel over the Autostrada del Sole to Rome, the Eternal City, in time to take part in the Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square. After the Papal Blessing we'll enjoy an introductory tour of the city highlights, the Roman Forum, once the ceremonial, religious and political heart of the mighty Roman Empire, which brims with remains of triumphal arches and temples. Rome's emblem, the magnificent Colosseum is also included in our list of attractions as well as the Pantheon, an almost perfectly preserved Roman temple. We'll discover Rome's Renaissance and baroque heritage taking in the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and the elaborate Trevi Fountain. (B.D)

### Monday, October 31 – ROME

This morning an *optional* tour will be offered to the Vatican and Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums house both the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel, with masterpieces by Botticelli, Signorelli, Perugino, and Michelangelo. Take in the beautiful spiral staircase and continue through the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps before arriving in the famous Sistine Chapel with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo Buonarroti. The afternoon is free to explore Rome on your own.

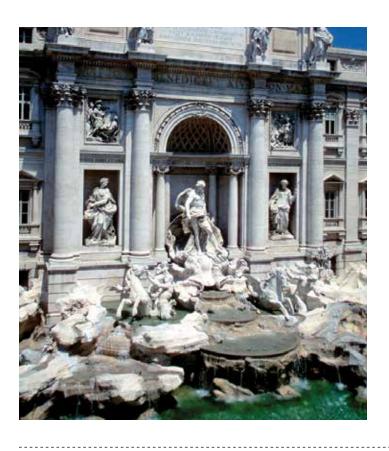
In the evening, we'll have a farewell dinner of Roman specialties and wines. **(B,D)** 

### Tuesday, November 1 – ROME/OMAHA

This morning we travel to Rome Airport in preparation for the return journey home. Your Tour Escort will assist you with check-in requirements for your flights. (B,I)

\*\*\* Welcome Home \*\*\*

I = In-flight Meal B = Breakfast D = Dinner



### The Vacation Price Includes:

- Economy-class air transportation including meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Escort.
- Accommodations in first-class hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower.
- European style buffet breakfast each morning at the hotels.
- Meals as indicated in the tour itinerary.
- Sightseeing as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- Luggage handling and porterage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Taxes for included ground services.

### The Vacation Price Does Not Include:

Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; travel insurance; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to the motor coach driver, Tour Escort and local guide(s); meals other than those stated above; drinks with meals other than breakfast; and airport departure taxes, government service charges, and airline security fees @ \$285 per person.

### RESERVATION APPLICATION

| Please detach and return to:               | Moostash Joe Tours<br>P.O. Box 969   | Telephone: 402/721-7944 |
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|  | Fremont, NE 68026-0969   |                         |
| of \$ (\$300 deposit per ]                 | e/us on <b>The Spectacular Landscapes of Italy Tou</b><br>person), plus (\$172 per person) to purchase the opt<br><b>made at the time of sign-up for the tour.</b> |                         |
| Please make checks payable to: INTERT      | RAV CORPORATION  |                         |
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|  | e. If a roommate cannot be found, I will pay the sin   |                         |

☐ I desire single room accommodations (subject to availability) at the supplementary charge of \$290.

### TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Payment is accepted by personal or bank checks. YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2016.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of November 1, 2015. In the event of a marked increase or decrease in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

**TOUR PRICING:** This is a package tour in which land tour costs and special group airfares have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to take the land tour only or deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price and special group airfares. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: You have been given the option of purchasing trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance at the time you sign-up for the tour. The insurance includes: Trip Cancellation Insurance up to the full price of the tour cost; Trip Interruption up to 150% of the tour cost; Travel Delay - \$750; Baggage - \$1,500; Baggage Delay - \$400; Emergency Accident/Sickness Medical Expense: \$50,000; Emergency Medical Transportation - \$250,000. The insurance premium is non-refundable (after the 10 day free-look period) and is based on a minimum participation of 10 travelers. For a complete description of coverage and to see all the covered reasons for cancellation, please visit our website, www.grouptripsandtravel.com under the FAQ section.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$300 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, in addition to the \$300 per person charge, there may be additional cancellation charges from the airline, hotel(s) or ground service companies up to the full value of your tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, faxed to: 630/584-1573, or emailed to: mary@intertravcorp.com.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Your tour requires a passport valid for three months after the return date of the tour. If you do not already have your passport, or it will expire within three months of the tour return date, we suggest you apply for it immediately. No visas are required for your tour. However, if you are a citizen of a country other than the United States, you must advise us in writing with your Reservation Application, as other travel documents may be required.

**AIRLINE TICKETING:** For ticketing purposes InterTrav requires a copy of the information (photo) page of your passport. Once airline tickets have been issued and if a ticket requires a name change because of incorrect information supplied to our office, the client is responsible for any applicable airline charges.

**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PRICING:** The tour price as quoted is based on tariffs in effect for estimated 2016 prices as of November 1, 2015. Tour prices do increase every year, and it is therefore possible that increases could occur after the printing of this brochure in advance of your tour's departure. InterTrav Corporation will do everything possible to avoid an increase in the tour cost. However, should increases occur in airfares, hotel prices, and/or coach transportation costs, they will be added to the tour cost and passengers will be notified accordingly. Should an increase in price occur, notifications will be sent to tour members in writing no later than 15 days prior to departure.

### RESPONSIBILITY

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