

# VENICE SEPTEMBER 13 – 16, 2021



## **Sunday, September 12**

Depart from US

## **Monday, September 13**

Arrival in Italy - Benvenuto - Welcome a Venezia! Upon arrival at the airport (**Marco Polo Airport** or the Train Station **Venice Santa Lucia**) you will be met by your personal guide and escorted to the water taxi for your transfer to the famous Belmond Cipriani Hotel, one of the most exclusive hotels in Italy. Each day you will be pleasantly surprised with gifts of Italian specialties in your suite. Last year among the dozen gifts were Ferragamo scarves and ties, as well as Italian perfumes and much more.

Welcome cocktail reception, dinner and entertainment. Enjoy incredible Venetian gourmet cuisine, designed by the Cipriani Michelin-starred Chef with a selection of fine wines from the Region of Veneto, and entertainment

## **Tuesday, September 14**

Full breakfast at the Cipriani

**For the morning we provide our group with three activity options listed below.**

- On board a luxury wooden boat, we will go to the island of Murano, famous worldwide for its prestigious glass production. We will be hosted by Barovier & Toso, one of the oldest family businesses in the world, founded in 1295, where master glassmakers pass down their abilities from generation to generation. Their “Vetreria” is a point of reference for well-known interior designers; normally not open to the public. You will view the historic furnace and the new palace Barovier & Toso, as well as their prestigious and unique collections.

- There are many connections between Venice and music, and it's easy to hear the soft, classical notes while you walk around the *calli* (streets). Today you will listen to the vibrant voice of a living city through two iconic representatives: the Fenice Opera House and the Conservatory of Venice. The Opera House was completely destroyed by a fire in 1996, but as a *Fenice* (Fenix) reborn from its ashes. Tribute to the music across the centuries, the Fenice Opera House opens its doors for an exclusive visit. Surrounded by the stuccos and the gold details of the prestigious rooms, you will discover the background and the secrets of the Theatre and its protagonists, retracing its history from its origins to the present day. The famous Palazzo Pisani is one of the most important and majestic buildings in Venice - since 1897 home to the Conservatory Benedetto Marcello.
- You will venture to the peaceful island of San Giorgio (right in front of St. Mark Square). You will see the Fondazione Giorgio Cini, the first private institution in Italy devoted to humanistic research. While discovering the beauty of this island, we are fortunate our visit coincides with a renowned international event of the finest artisans of Europe and Asia, known as the exhibitions Homo Faber, a project of The Michelangelo Foundation. Our group will be VIP guests as we explore the building's galleries, libraries, cloisters in awe of exquisite masterpieces.

**After your morning excursion, we will all join together for a reception hosted by Luis Vuitton, followed by an exquisite Venetian luncheon on one of the most exclusive terraces on the Grand Canal.**

**Evening** reception and dinner with concert hosted by Andrea Bocelli at Granaries of the Republic in Venice. This is the historic site of the 2014 wedding brunch of George Clooney and Amal, where Andrea performed before 60 of their guests. This year we will also be helping Andrea celebrate his upcoming birthday.

## **Wednesday, September 15**

### **Full breakfast at Cipriani**

Today we take a boat trip across the Lagoon and visit two of the most historic and beautiful Islands of Venice. First we arrive at Burano/Mazzorbo Islands and the ancient walled Venissa Estate to enjoy lunch prepared by their Michelin-starred chef Francesco Brutto at his famed restaurant at the winery. Of course, we will also be tasting the best wines in the region. After lunch we make the short ride to Torcello Island, a favorite of Winston Churchill as well as Ernest Hemingway, who enjoyed duck hunting while he wrote, "Across the River and Into the Trees."

**Evening** reception and dinner hosted by the Mayor of Venice at the historic Palazzo Vendramin Calergi. The 15<sup>th</sup> Century Renaissance Palace was the home the Dodes (Dukes) of Venice, and it was well-known for its extravagant Venetian masked balls. Its private garden overlooks the Grand Canal of Venice. This evening you will enjoyed an historic royal dinner with great wines and entertainment by the best Carnevale troupe in Venice. Our group's dress theme will be "White with a Touch of Red," with red serving as the color of charity in Italy during difficult times. All patrons will be provided with colorful Venetian masks.

## **Thursday, September 16**

**Full breakfast at Cipriani**

### **Departures**

**Our representatives will assist you with the airport transfers we have arranged to Marco Polo Airport of the Venice train station.**

\*There may be limited changes in the program to best serve the interests of participants

## **VENICE REGISTRATION**

September 13-16, 2021

Price includes ground transportation, hotel, all meals, wines and events. Airfare not included

Cancelation Policy: Fully refundable until June 1, 2021

### **Cost**

Single: \$13,900

Deposit: \$2,900

Double: \$24,000

Deposit: \$5,000

\*You will be invoiced upon receipt of your email registration request