

7 DAYS – 5 NIGHTS
\$3,599pp
+2 NIGHTS IN VENICE
ADD: \$795pp
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**CWRU** presents:

# **FLORENCE GETAWAY**

**Travel Dates: October 14 – 20, 2020** 

7 days - 5 nights accommodation, sightseeing, some meals and airfare from CLE



Florence is often considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance; in fact, it has been called the Athens of the Middle Ages. This great city is arguably the last preserved Renaissance city in the world and is regarded by many as the art capital of Italy. From its physical beauty to its unique spirit, Florence offers something magical to every visitor. Whether exploring the city's narrow alleyways and backstreets, visiting renowned museums such as the Uffizi or Accademia (Academy of Fine Arts), or enjoying the diverse and traditional Florentine cuisine, every minute of your Florentine experience is sure to be fascinating.

### Main program includes:

Round trip airfare from Cleveland or from all NE or Mid-west airports. Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are included. (Valid at present time) Add \$100 for SE and West coast airports.

- First class hotel accommodations for 5 nights at a centrally located 4\* Hotel Grand Hotel Baglioni / Hotel Cellai (or similar) including hotel tax, city tax and service charges.
- Services of an English-speaking tour manager throughout the program.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- Welcome dinner and cocktail reception at the hotel or nearby including beverages.
- Three Full day Guided tours of Florence,
- Half day guided tour of Siena,
- Entrance to Medici Chapel, Academy, Santa Croce Church, Uffizi Gallery, Bargello Museum, Florence Baptistery and Dome, Opera Duomo, Siena Cathedral
- Visit to mosaic laboratory
- Visit to winery
- Daily Breakfast, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- All VAT city and local Tax, baggage handling at hotels. (Based on one bag per person).

Pricing: Tour price is \$3,599 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$495. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included and valid at the time of printing and are subject to change. Other gateways are available at an additional cost. The price does not include tips, travel insurance, airline luggage overage fees, passports fees as well as items of a personal nature. This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

#### **ITINERARY**

Day 1: 14 Oct, 2020: Departure from the USA on your overnight flight to Italy

Day 2: 15 Oct, 2020: Welcome to Florence! Upon arrival, proceed through customs and collect your luggage. A Jet Vacations professional guide will personally greet you. transfer to your hotel centrally located in **Florence**. Depending on arrival time of all participants, your tour manager will be pleased to escort you to a brief orientation tour. Welcome aperitif and dinner in town. Overnight in Florence. (Dinner)

Day 3: 16 Oct, 2020: Florence: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. 8:30 am – 9:30 am - Lecture at hotel. Following breakfast today, your historian guide will present a brief talk on the history of Florence. After the lecture, start your immersion into the Renaissance of Florence with a visit to the nearby Santa Maria Novella, The Crucifix painted by Giotto, the wooden Crucifix sculpted by Brunelleschi and Masaccio's Holy Trinity are only some of the masterpieces hosted in this beautiful Church. We then proceed to visit Ognissanti Church. This is the place in Florence that tells the story of saints, poets and navigators, who jealously guarded priceless paintings, as well as the monumental last supper by Domenico Ghirlandaio, painted in 1480 and displayed in the refectory. The church and the convent were decorated by the greatest Florentine masters of their times: Giotto, Botticelli and Ghirlandaio. Proceed with our walk in the hearth of Florence to our next essential stop: The Piazza della Signoria, a 13th-century square home to the Palazzo Vecchio on the east side and the Uffizi Gallery just to the south. Piazza della Signoria came into existence as a result of the Guelph-Ghibelline struggles, when many Ghibelline homes were destroyed to create space destined for civic use. The piazza is adorned with many famous sculptures. Enjoy lunch at local restaurant before proceeding to explore Piazza del Duomo. Together, the Baptistery, the Bell Tower and the Duomo make up Florence's Piazza del Duomo, the city's religious center. Visit the Opera del Duomo, the Cathedral Workshop or "works commission" founded by the Republic of Florence in 1296 to oversee the construction of the new cathedral and Bell Tower. Recently reopened after major renovation for the very first time, a spectacular new design hosts the museum's unique masterpieces in a setting reflecting the environment for which they were originally designed, creating a museum within a museum. Return to Hotel for evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 4: 17 Oct, 2020: Florence: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then depart for a guided walking tour of Florence. Reach the San Lorenzo district, home of the famous lively San Lorenzo market and visit the Medici Chapels, which form part of a monumental complex developed over almost two centuries in close connection with the adjoining church of San Lorenzo, which is considered the "official" church of the Medici family who lived in the neighboring palace. Reach the Galleria dell'Accademia to see the famous David by Michelangelo. Although it is best known as the home of "the David", the Galleria also hosts other sculptures by Michelangelo and a large collection of paintings by Florentine artists, mostly from the period 1300-1600. Enjoy some local dishes today for **lunch** at a local restaurant. Then proceed to Santa Croce Church, the principal Franciscan Church in Florence with great artistic wealth. It is one of the more prominent and recognizable churches in the city of Florence. Later on, visit a mosaic laboratory and learn the secrets of this amazing technique. Evening at leisure. (breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5: 18 Oct, 2020: Florence Siena & Chianti: After breakfast at the hotel, depart for your full-day excursion to Tuscany. Cross the Chianti region to see breathtaking landscapes and picturesque villages. Reach Siena. Set in the most beautiful Tuscan countryside of rolling hills, lush vines and gray-green olive trees, Siena offers much to see: Fine palaces that line the narrow-cobbled streets, the superb Duomo, to the celebrated Piazza del Campo where the famed Palio horserace is run yearly. Enjoy a guided tour to visit the dome, Piazza del Campo, Salimbeni Square and Chigi Palace. We will have our traditional lunch today at a local winery where you will have the chance to learn the secrets of the production and taste some great regional dishes. After lunch, we continue our discovery of the Chianti region, a perfect work of art, so beautiful as a whole that it is impossible to decide which component is the most valuable: the gorgeous grapes shining in the sun, the forest green hills, the ancient villas decorating the landscape, the richness of typical products, great food, superb wine, or the cultural sites. The beauty of this territory, known for its wineries, lies in the perfect equilibrium between the soft forms of slopes and the thousand nuances of color and the crowded woods populated by ancient castles, secular parishes and beautiful villas. Continue your tour as we drive through terraced hills and valleys rich in rivers, castles, churches and wonderful buildings dotting the countryside. Stop along the way to visit nice villages, immersed in the countryside such us Greve or Castellina in Chianti. Return to Florence for evening at leisure (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6: 19 Oct, 2020: Florence: Following breakfast, depart for the Uffizi Gallery. The Galleria degli Uffizi is the most visited (over 1.5 million people a year, closely followed by Michelangelo's David) tourist attraction in Florence and is home to the finest collection of paintings and pictures in Italy. Enjoy some free time for lunch on own. In the early afternoon, visit the Bargello Museum with its remarkable collection of sculptures and work of art. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure for some shopping or personal activities. If you want to continue your own discovery of the artistic jewels of Florence, we recommend a visit to the Brancacci Chapel, sometime called the "Sistine Chapel of early Renaissance" for its painting cycle, among the most famous and influent of the period. Tonight, for our **farewell dinner**, enjoy a Tuscan Fest in the countryside near Florence. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: 20 Oct, 2020: Florence / USA: After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight, or on to your optional post stay in Venice. Arrivederci! (Breakfast)

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### **OPTIONAL 2 NIGHT POST STAY IN VENICE**

Day 7: 20 Oct, 2020: Florence / Venice: After breakfast, hop on your coach and set out to Venice. On the way, stop in Bologna and explore the medieval center of Bologna. Known as 'Red Bologna', for the soft red colors of many of its buildings and also the city's left-leaning politics, and 'Bologna the Fat,' because it's one of the best food cities in Europe, Emilia Romagna's largest city offers much to see and do. Stroll around the streets with your guide, passing by Bologna University, the oldest university in Europe. Perambulate past dozens of palaces and churches as you walk along underneath the arcaded sidewalks. Spend some time lingering in Piazza Maggiore. Stop by the Fountain of Neptune and learn about its history. Hear all about the two towers, the iconic symbols of the city, and learn why one of them is leaning. Enjoy lunch on your own and later in the afternoon, continue your drive to famous Venice! Dinner on your own and overnight in your hotel in Venice. (Breakfast)

Day 8: 21 Oct, 2020: Venice: After breakfast, start your tour in St. Mark's Square, taking a moment to appreciate the space before heading into St. Mark's Cathedral. As you explore the inside, learn how Venice built a mercantile empire that once spanned the entire Mediterranean from your guide. You'll also get special access to the first-floor terrace where you can see the famous horses stolen from Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade as well as amazing views over St Mark's Square and the city. Next, it's off to the Doge's Palace, site that once was the political heart of the empire for hundreds of years. Visit the opulent apartments and the Hall of the Great Council where matters of state were decided under beautiful frescoes by Veronese and Tintoretto. See the Armory and the New Prisons, where you'll learn about the grim lives of those unlucky enough to be taken prisoner, and hear the secret behind the mysterious black veil that interrupts the official series of Doge's portraits. Finally, you'll wander over the Bridge of Sighs and learn the real story behind this romantic icon. Enjoy lunch and afternoon on your own exploring Venice, or join us on a optional Gondola Tour of Venice. hop on your gondola and sit back and let to your gondolier, clad in traditional clothing, cruise you through the wide and narrow, popular and offbeat canals through Venice. Each gondola holds six people and you will be part of a flotilla of eight gondolas floating together. See the city's main landmarks, including the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, the Grand Canal and various centuries-old palaces. Dinner on your own and overnight in your hotel in Venice.

Day 9: 22 Oct, 2020: Venice / USA: After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight. Arrivederci! (Breakfast)



# MEET YOUR PROFESSOR IN FLORENCE:

Peter Knox is the Eric and Jane Nord Family Professor and Director of the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities at Case Western Reserve University. He joined CWRU in 2015 after previously teaching at the University of Colorado, Columbia University and Harvard University. At CWRU he teaches classes in Greek and Latin literature, his areas of academic in which he has specialization, published more than 100 books. essays, and reviews. But his interests extend to the reception of classical literature in later periods. His most recent book is an edition and translation of the Greek and Latin poetry of Angelo Poliziano (1454-94), the celebrated Florentine scholar and poet, who was tutor to the sons of Lorenzo the Magnificent. Peter has spent many summers traveling and doing research in Italy, and speaks some Italian (though it improves with a glass of one his favorite Italian wines).

RESERVATION FORM:

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR GROUP LEADER'S GROUP MASTER CONTRACT.)

Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, but do not include excess baggage charges and any other airline-imposed charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-changeable and non-refundable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and revising airfares vary depending upon the type of airfare purchased. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Seat assignments: We block group seats with many major carriers, as well as chartered air carriers. We have absolutely no control over seat assignment. Specific seat requests are subject to availability at airport check-in only or passengers may contact the airlines for individual specific seating once tickets have been issued. Passenger "Record locators" are assigned by the airlines once the airlines has ticketed each passenger from the group block. This usually occurs between 60 to 30 days prior the departure date. After the airlines have assigned each traveler a "record locator", travelers may contact the airlines directly to discuss his or her seat preference. Airlines may impose additional fees for specific seats.

<u>Cancellation Policies</u>: No charges other than the non-refundable initial deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 91 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients maybe non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non-changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation- change fee (e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.).

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC's written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full

cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC's failure to meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

Initial deposit\*\*: non-refundable up to 91 days prior departure

From 90 to 61 days prior departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.

From 60 to 31 days prior departure: 75% penalty of the total cost per person.

From 30 to day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of the total cost per person.

\*\* Deposit to hold the space and first deposit are non-refundable. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above: Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Travel protection plan: The Travel Protection Plan may not be purchased after final payment has been made. Insurance premium has to be purchased within 5 days of booking. You understand that the travel insurance is provided by a third party and that all claims will have to be addressed directly with the Travel Insurance Provider

Itinerary variation: We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the airport of departure, the itinerary, land arrangements, hotels, trains or ports of call. On these occasions, we reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels as deemed necessary.

Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 12 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 12 participants to operate.

<u>Tour Cancelation</u>: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective participant the payments made.

Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of the traveler(s) to ensure that the hotels and venues in this proposal are adequate for them. Jet Vacations LLC will not be

responsible for room sizes, room air condition, room amenities, room service which vary and differs throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise Traveler(s) to peruse hotel rating web sites such as Tripadvisor.com to get an approximate "feel" and "judgment" on each property, to ensure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate for them. Traveler(s) understand that no refund nor legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and for services will be possible once this form has been signed and agreed

Hotels Check-in times: Hotel rooms are usually not ready for check-in until after 3 pm. If your flight is arriving early, you should plan for the day's activity until your room is available. Most hotels will store your luggage until your room is ready. Hotels Air Conditioning and other amenities: Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Some hotel amenities/facilities are seasonal such as swimming pools, terraces, rooftops etc. and may not be opened or hotels may have renovations during the course of the year. Jet Vacations will not be responsible for hotel renovations, noise and/or closure of certain hotel area – facilities.

Travel Documents: Travel documents will be sent approximately 2 weeks prior to departure, providing full payment has been received. Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for lost or stolen documents; therefore, any re-issuance of documents may be assessed their full-face value and may include increase in cost. A special handling fee of \$35 will be assessed to bookings that require overnight express delivery. Some trip documents are sent as E-Documents by email. For all trip documents, it is your responsibility to check the accuracy of your airline tickets and all other documents. You are responsible to ensure that your full, official name is provided to us at the time of booking, exactly as it appears on your valid passport. It can cost up to \$250 or more per person for a name change or other ticket adjustments, plus any fare increase if applicable, due to re-ticketing. The ariline will dery boarding if your airline ticket or documents do not match your passport. JET VACATIONS LLC is registered with the State of Florida as a Seller of Travel. Registration No. ST40436, and with the State of California CST #2111829-40. Trip operated by:

