

Join Rod Underwood on *WORLD TOUR 2023* to:

## PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, & ITALY

**JANUARY 5—JANUARY 26, 2023**



*Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

### **Day 1: January 5, 2023 Depart USA**

Flights booked on own to Lisbon, Portugal . Bring some Euro (your bank can provide them with some advance notice) with you so you will be able to make purchases on the first day. Also make sure you have *more than one credit card* and *never* put your card in an ATM on the last day in any location. If possible use the card at a bank so you don't have a chance of losing it. Carry emergency cash in your sock.

### **Day 2: January 6, 2023 Arrive Lisbon**

Arrival transfer to hotel and check-in. Remainder of the afternoon free with your group leader. Visit Oriente Train Station by Calatrava, on the red line of the subway network. As well as the Santa Justa Lift by Gustave Eiffel (Mr. Eiffel Tower) Lunch on your own, at the Mercado da Ribeira. Museu Colecao Berardo if we have time and energy. Down the street (a good ways) from Mercado da Riberia.

Welcome Group Dinner (D)

### **Day 3: January 7, 2023 Lisbon Tour**

Following breakfast, morning guided orientation tour of Lisbon. Remainder of the day for independent touring. Do what we missed on day 2.

### **Day 4: January 8, Lisbon/Seville**

Coach transfer from Lisbon to Seville

Stop in Evora for lunch.

Arrive Seville and check-into the hotel. (L) Visit the Calatrava bridges and the Seville 1992 Expo World Fair site. The river is integral to the city. Metropol Parasol, Plac de Espana is a significant experience and the bullfighting stadium is on the way.

### **Day 5: January 9, Seville**

After breakfast this morning, we embark on a **guided tour** of the city including admission to the **Alcazar**, learn all about its history and architecture.

### **Day 6: January 10, Seville/Granada**

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Walk to the nearby train station and depart on the high speed train to Granada. Meeting by coach and an local guide knowledgeable in the architecture of the Alhambra. In depth visit .The Moorish artistry is amazing. 2 nights Granada (D)

### **Day 7: January 11, Granada**

Independent day to visit Alcazaba or the Court of the Lions along with other buildings of architectural importance. Flamenco Dance in evening (optional)?

## **22 - Day Tour Includes: Segment 1A**

- ◆ (20) Nights Accommodations in good 3\* & 4\* hotels.
- ◆ Luxury Motor Coach transportation where mentioned.
- ◆ Leadership of:  
Professor Rod Underwood
- ◆ Breakfast Daily
- ◆ 1 Lunches
- ◆ 5 Dinners
- ◆ Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ◆ High Speed train from Seville/Granada
- ◆ High Speed train Madrid/Barcelona
- ◆ Flight from Barcelona to Nice
- ◆ Train Monte Carlo/Milan
- ◆ Train Venice/Florence
- ◆ Gratuities included.

**\$4,498 P/P Dbl. Occ.**

**Single supplement \$ 875.00**

*(Subject to confirmation of services and  
Pending Air Confirmations)*

*DOES NOT INCLUDED INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE TO  
Lisbon and return from Rome*

## **Day 8: January 12, Granada/Madrid**

Depart Granada by coach for Cordoba. Stop in Cordoba, best know for La Mezquita, an immense mosque dating from 765 A.D. An interesting aspect of this mosque is that the grid of the columns of the mosque is carried out into the basque of trees in the entry courtyard. Much like the trees outside the Republic Newspaper in Columbus Indiana. AND the areas where the trees are palms, the foliage resembles the arches in the interior of the mosque. It's easy to see the influence of the Moors from Granada in this courtyard, small streams of water surrounding everything. AND hmmm, a basque of trees in Spanish basque territory, a coincidence??? This province, of Cordoba is a very large olive production area,. Enjoy the views of these groves instead of sleeping on the coach. Continue to Madrid where we will spend 2 nights. Dinner will be provided this evening. (D)

## **Day 9: January 13, Madrid**

Morning guided tour of Madrid. See the bustling Gran Vía, the wonderful Plaza Mayor, and the classic Prado Museum. Afternoon independent time with group leader. We'll want to go to the Atocha Tran station which has a botanical garden inside, and then across the street to the Reina Sofia museum and Gaixa Forum and its botanical wall, across the street, and then to the Real Jardin Botanical garden directly across from the Forum, on down the street to the Prado Museum and up to El Retiro park. Lots to see in a small area, minimum walking.

## **Day 10: January 14, Madrid/Barcelona**

Transfer to the rail station. Rail Madrid/Barcelona by high speed train.

Meeting upon arrival and transfer to hotel. Afternoon Barcelona city tour with a local guide. The variety of artistic treasures, the Romanesque churches and the great names in modern art and architecture , Dali, Gaudi, Miro, Picasso . (D)

## **Day 11: January 15, Barcelona**

Independent day with group leader. Sagrada Familia, of course Guell Park, Gaudi House(s), Agbar Tower, Parc Central del Poblenou with it's green walls, Parroquia Del Patriarca Abraham on way to beach, Centre Municipal de Vela similar to the Vancouver docks in terms of sea reference, with the Vela Hotel behind, similar to the Burj Al Arab in Dubai, (nothing new), then Frank Ghery Fish, Las Rambles in Evening, The Barcelona Pavilion, the Olympic park, the Magic Musical Fountain light show, and, and, and...

## **Day 12: January 16, Barcelona/Nice**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. A transfer will be provided to the Barcelona Airport. Depart Barcelona for Nice.

Meeting upon arrival at the Nice Airport. Enjoy a guided tour of Nice. Breathe in the fresh Mediterranean air as you stroll the famous Promenade des Anglais, be charmed by the quaint streets of Old Town, or get a panoramic view of the whole city from atop Castle Hill. You can appreciate the park built OVER the Paillon River with the river path identified in the park, a beautiful, relaxing place with a walk up Castle Hill and overlooking the harbor on the other side of the hill. Overnight accommodations in the Nice area. (D)

## **Day 13: January 17, Nice/Milan**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Depart from Nice for Monte Carlo where group will visit on their own. The park, Casino Square, in front of the Casino, where you will watch the luxury cars come and go from the security of your "egg" is worth the time. Go into the casino to use the bathrooms. Also as you face the Casino, to the left is the Grimaldi Forum Convention Center, worth the visit, and to the right, down the hill, is the harbor with the boats you'd expect. Groups luggage will be stored at the Monte Carlo train station. At the end of your day in Monte Carlo return to the rail station. Depart Monte Carlo in the early evening for Milan. Upon arrival a transfer will be provided to your accommodations.

## **Day 14: January 18, Milan**

After breakfast you will be joined by a local guide who will provide a city tour of Milan. The Gothic Duomo di Milano cathedral and the Santa Maria delle Grazie convent, housing Leonardo da Vinci's mural "The Last Supper," testify to centuries of art and culture.

There will be independent time in the afternoon with group leader. Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is the precedent for the Eaton Center I Toronto that you likely visited in second year. Take the climb to the top of the Milano Cathedral and view the city.

## **Day 15: January 19, Milan/Venice**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Depart by private coach from Milan to Venice.

Enroute stop in Treviso \*Visit the Brion Cemetery (you should look at the Brion Cemetery before we get there, you'll be surprised at the context and be prepared to take lots of images. and Verona on the way to Venice. Verona is the city of arches, bridges and gardens—Beautiful. Arrive Venice coach parking in the late afternoon. Walk to your hotel near the rail station. Overnight Venice. Venice has convenient self service laundries, likely near our hotel, take advantage.

## **Day 16: January 20 Venice/Florence**

**After breakfast enjoy a morning walking tour of Venice, including the Grand Canal thoroughfare – lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces. The central square, Piazza San Marco, contains St. Mark's Basilica, which is tiled with Byzantine mosaics, and the Campanile bell tower offering views of the city's red roofs. (Take the water taxi to Cemetery Island and Murano where the glass is made.)** Return to the hotel to collect your luggage & walk to the rail station.

Depart Venice by train to Florence. Upon arrival you'll be able to walk to your accommodations. 3 nights in Florence.

### **Day 17: January 21, Florence**

Morning guided walking tour of Florence including entrance to the Accademia, best known as the home of Michelangelo's sculpture David. Remainder of the day for independent touring with group leader. Walk up to San Miniato al Monte and look back at Florence, back to Ponte Vecchio, one of two inhabited bridges in the world, the other in Bath, England. On to the Pitti Palace and Boboli gardens. It is noteworthy that the aristocracy could walk from the Palazzo Vecchio through the Uffizzi Gallery, over the top of Ponte Vecchio, and above ground to the Pitti Palace, being totally separated from the general public. Stratchatella Gellato is the BEST at the Gellato store at the corner of Palazzo Signori diagonally opposite the Palazzo Vecchio. The Medici Palace is at the corner across from the Duomo. Watch the Medici series on Netflix before you go to Florence.

### **Day 18: January 22, Florence**

Enjoy a full day tour by coach to Siena and San Gimignano including a visit to a winery with a tasting & lunch. (L) These are two amazing Italian hill towns. Siena has a plaza that is divided with markers representing the ruling families of Siena and they have yearly horse races around the plaza. San Gimignano is exquisite, a jewel. On one of our visits, it snowed and the family towers of San Gimignano disappeared into the snowy sky. It was like being inside a snowy paperweight. Each of these hill towns are worth an entire day by themselves, so make good use of your time.

### **Day 19: January 23, Florence/Rome**

Depart from Florence by coach for Rome. A stop will be made in Assisi where the group will have time for a visit & get their own lunch. Continue to Rome. 3 nights in Rome. Again an exquisite hill town. The home of St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, and the hilly passages of the town are worth walking leisurely through over and over. It has two medieval castles, only one has been fully restored. Incredible view of the surrounding valley.

### **Day 20: January 24, Rome**

After breakfast you will be joined by a local guide and provided with a public transportation pass. With guide assistance you will proceed to the Vatican. Its Vatican Museums house ancient Roman sculptures such as the famed "Laocoön and His Sons" as well as Renaissance frescoes in the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel, famous for Michelangelo's ceiling. This afternoon continue with your guide to the Colosseum for an visit.

### **Day 21 January 25 Rome**

Full independent day to explore Rome on your own. Oh my goodness,.... the Baths of Caracalla, the Forum, the Pantheon, Palatine Hill, or a Dan Brown Divinci Code Tour, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, Castel Saint Angelo, the plaza of Leonardo da Vinci at Capitoline Hill We could spend a month in Rome and the immediate surroundings. If folks wish, we could take a half day trip to Villa d'Este, the grounds and fountains are magnificent.

### **Day 22: January 26, Rome/Depart**

Early breakfast at the hotel and check out. At the appropriate time a transfer will be provided to the airport. Depart Rome on individually purchased air.



**Please Note:**

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