ITALY: THE GRAND TOUR OF 2015
The Traveling Professor Presents Rome, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, Florence and Venice
Sunday, May 17 to Sunday, May 31

Enjoy la dolce vita on a 15-day, 14-night professionally guided tour of Italy. Join The Traveling Professor and a small group of like-minded active adults in ancient Rome, on the stunning Amalfi Coast, in renaissance Florence, and spectacular Venice.

Professor Solosky has custom-designed a culturally enriching and delightful itinerary. Not only are major sites on the schedule, but there are opportunities to experience a side of Italy most travelers never see. Our local experts and guides like Lisa Mastropieri know the best authentic dining spots and insider secrets to make a visit with The Traveling Professor a truly unforgettable experience.

The cost is only $5,399 per person based upon double occupancy. Have your own room for only $985 more. For the quality of hotels, expert guide services, and all that is included, this is one of the best travel values to be found anywhere.

Included With Your Trip:

- **3 Nights Accommodations in Rome, 4 Nights on the Amalfi Coast, 4 nights in Florence, 3 nights in Venice** in clean, comfortable, quiet hotels in safe, central locations. Stay in top-notch, highly-rated hotels within the historic district of each city. Breakfast is included.
- **Luxury Limo Pickup from Airport.** Regardless of arrival time in Rome, be greeted by your personal driver for quick transfer to the hotel. No hassle, no fuss!
- **Local Transportation.** When not on private tours, we use public transportation, all included with the price. We move about when we want to, not on the schedule of some big tour bus.
- **VIP Paid Admission in Rome, Florence and Venice.** Accompanied by a professional tour guide, visit Rome’s Colosseum, Forum, Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel. In Florence visit the famous sites and the hidden secrets of this legendary city where the Renaissance flourished. In magical Venice, tour the winding streets enriched by the narrative of our expert guide. VIP privileges get us into museums ahead of the crowds.
- **The Beautiful Amalfi Coast.** A private Mercedes limo tour winds along the coast from Sorrento to Ravello. Our personal drivers stop where YOU want for dramatic sightseeing and photos. Lunch at an authentic fattoria enjoying local cuisine overlooking scenic Positano. Enjoy a cruise to Capri and the famous grottoes. We'll fit in a visit to the ruins of Pompeii with a cantina lunch, not to be forgotten, at the base of Mt. Vesuvius.
- **Private Mercedes Tour of Tuscany and Chianti.** This well may be the highlight of the trip – see the real Italy as we visit small Tuscan hill towns and an authentic Chianti winery.
- **Small Group Size** limited to 14 active, ambitious, adult travelers. Our small group size allows us entry to sites on no other group tour we know of, giving you a very special tour of Italy.
- **Professional Guide Services.** No guide book, audio tour, or smartphone app can substitute for our professional, licensed guides. Their impressive knowledge of the history, art, culture, and architecture is supplemented by an insider knowledge of authentic places to dine and special places to visit. The tour leader is with the group 24/7, even staying at the same hotel. This is what separates The Professor’s Tours from the rest.
- **Tipping and Fees.** We’ve got you covered from tour guides to drivers. There are no hidden fees or surcharges from The Professor.

Useful Notes:

- Airfare, travel insurance, meals not specified in the itinerary, personal expenses are not included.
- Travelers must be in good health, able to keep an active and ambitious pace, and carry their own luggage at all times. Travelers must be able to walk 3-6 miles daily, up and down stairs, and on different grades of pavement in order to keep pace. This tour is NOT for those with mobility/health issues.
- Sorry, no one under 25 is permitted on the tour. Although every tour is different, about half of travelers are solo travelers. Ages can vary, but on most tours travelers are in their 40’s to early 70’s.
- The Professor is happy to communicate with you prior to the trip via e-mail or telephone to answer questions or address concerns.
- To reserve, send a $350 deposit per person made out to “Traveling Professor LLC” and mail to STEPHEN SOLOSKY, TRAVELING PROFESSOR, PO BOX 747, GREAT BARRINGTON MA 01230. Deposits are fully refundable, no questions asked, up to 65 days before departure. After that, deposits may be applied to any available Traveling Professor tour in 2015 or 2016.
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Professor, how do you describe your trips?
Answer: Our tours are for small groups, up to 14 adult travelers. All are in good health, active, and without mobility issues. Age ranges vary, but most are in their 40’s, 50’s, 60’s and even 70’s. We like to do see and do a lot, and make the most of our vacation. I take care of all the details and hassles so you can enjoy your time in Italy.

Question: How do you prepare us for the trip?
Answer: When traveling with me, you are well-prepared. I advise on what to pack, weather, and money matters. I advise on language, customs and protocols. I alert you of special activities such as art exhibits, concerts, and other events. I am happy to speak over the phone or by email to address any type of question or concern regarding the trip.

Question: Do we meet as a group upon our departure for Italy?
Answer: It is more convenient and economical to depart from your local airport. Regardless of arrival time, a personal driver picks you up at the Rome airport to drive you right to the hotel. Can it be easier than that?

Question: Can you help get the best airfare?
Answer: Absolutely. I travel to Europe frequently and know how to get good airfares. I will gladly assist in finding the best air itinerary.

Question: I am a solo traveler. What is the single supplement?
Answer: Although every trip is different, about 50% are solo travelers. Any single supplement I charge is what the hotel charges me. For this tour, the single supplement is $985.

Question: Why are The Traveling Professor’s tours better than others?
Answer: There are many reasons. We only travel with small groups of about 14 adult travelers. Our guides are the best in the business - professional and fully licensed. We stay in great hotels. Our tours are not scripted – before each tour we ask YOU what you want to see and do. VIP admission to museums and attractions, even ones not on the itinerary. We pick you up with a private limo driver, regardless of arrival time, at the Rome airport. Compare our tours with others, we offer the best value with exceptional quality. With the quality of hotels, guides, tours, VIP admission, there is no better travel deal out there.

Question: Why aren’t dinners included?
Answer: We know diners want flexibility or may have special dietary needs. They don’t want to be told when/where to dine or what menu to select from. However, every evening we arrange for group dinners at reasonably-priced, authentic restaurants. Choose to join us or go out on your own, with our help and recommendations for the perfect restaurant for you.

Question: Why should I travel with a group? Can’t I do this trip on my own?
Answer: You can book this trip on your own. But it will probably cost more and take countless hours of planning. I know how to “do things right”. Traveling with a group does not mean that everyone does all activities together. Typically, the larger group breaks into smaller groups according to personalities, interests, and other factors. It’s a lot of fun to travel this way! Many of us meet for dinner each night and do other activities together.

Another important consideration is our professional, licensed guide services. You’ll get insight into the rich history of Italy that is not found in guide books or audio guides. We’ve set up a program that gets you around Italy quickly and efficiently without any hassle on your part. We take care of the tickets and arrangements, and get you VIP admission into museums and attractions. In the long run, touring with us is probably less expensive than going on your own. It’s definitely more fun!