



## Grand Tour Renaissance Dynasties

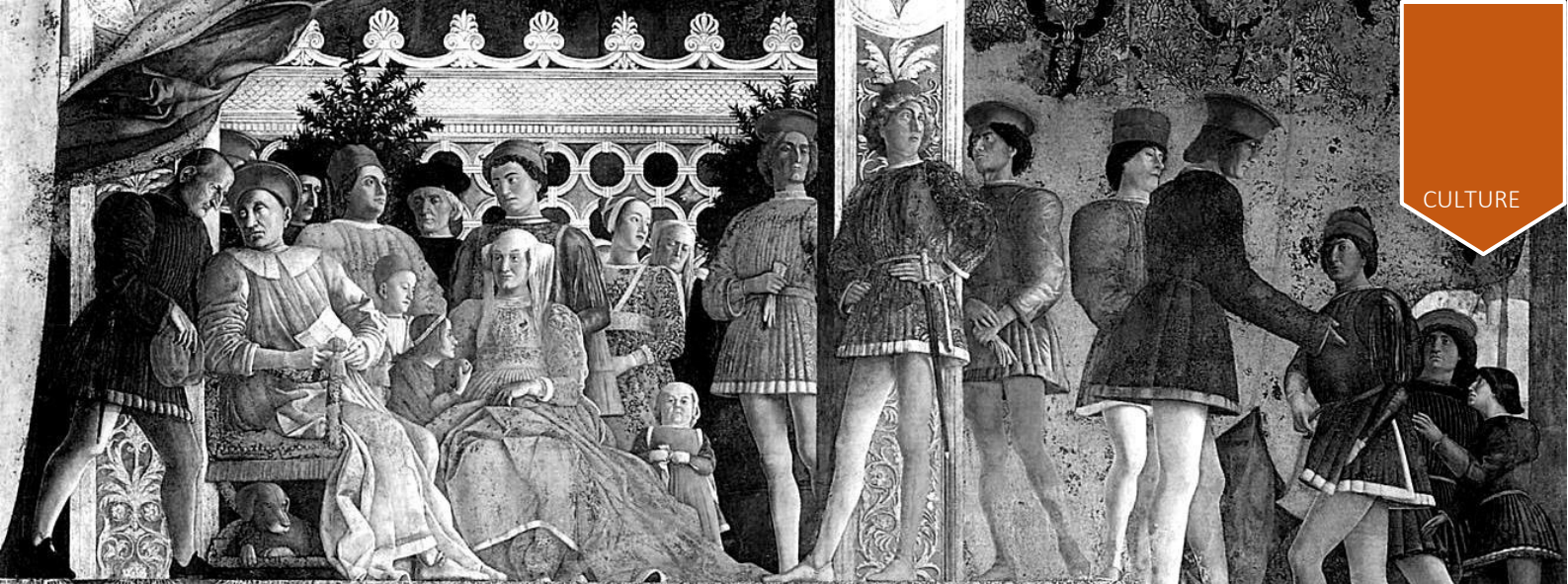
07 days / 06 nights

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE-BEDDED ROOM STARTING FROM € 2750 ,00

**01** day **ROCCA BORROMEO, LAKE MAGGIORE**  
Landing at the airport, transfer to ANGERA by private car. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide for the first stop connected with the great BORROMEO dynasty. Visit to the ROCCA, a stronghold perched on a rocky spur overlooking Lake Maggiore. Built by some Milan archbishops in XII century, the Torriani and the Visconti noble families competed for it for a long time. The Room of Justice is definitely superb with its XIII century cycle of frescoes by an anonymous painter. The Rocca houses the Museum of the Doll and the Toy. Late in the afternoon hotel accommodation in the surroundings of Lake Maggiore. Dinner at the hotel and overnight

**02** days **BORROMEAN ISLES, LAKE MAGGIORE**  
Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide. Transfer to ISOLA MADRE by taxi-boat and guided visit to the biggest isle in the Borromean Gulf. Fully covered by a botanical garden, renowned for its marvelous bloom of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and wisteria pergolas. Visit to XVI century palace, rich in furniture coming from the Borromeo Family's historic residences, and where a collection of puppet theatre is kept. Transfer to ISOLA DEI PESCATORI. Lunch at a restaurant.

In the afternoon transfer and guided visit to ISOLA BELLA. The construction of the Baroque Palace started in 1632 thanks to Carlo III Borromeo, who dedicated it to Isabella d'Adda, his wife. Their son Vitaliano carried on the project and he wanted the magnificent setting of its blooming terraced gardens. The palace boasts a precious collection of painting and rooms rich in tapestries, furniture and objects of art. Time at your leisure for shopping along "Vicolo del Fornello", with some prestigious brands of the so-called Made in Italy. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



### MILAN

03 day Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Milan by private car. Hotel accommodation. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide for a full-day visit to the historic city center, with its wonderful monuments built for two great families' will: the VISCONTIS and the SFORZAS; visit to SFORZESCO CASTLE with a tour of its Ronda battlements, to the DUOMO CATHEDRAL and climbing to its terraces to admire the city from the top. Individual lunch. In the afternoon, visit to the famous LAST SUPPER by LEONARDO DA VINCI inside the complex of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Afternoon at your leisure for individual visits or shopping in the renowned Fashion Quadrilateral. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

### MANTUA

04 day Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to MANTUA, European Capital 2016 and seat of the Seigneurie of the GONZAGA, by private car. Hotel accommodation. Individual lunch. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide. Visit to the museum complex of PALAZZO DUCALE, the huge residence of the noble family during their about four centuries' rule. Visit to the fantastic THE MARRIED COUPLE'S ROOM with frescoes by ANDREA MANTEGNA inside St. George's Castle, and to ISABELLA D'ESTE'S APARTMENT. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

### FERRARA

05 day Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to FERRARA, famous for the ESTENSE dynasty, by private car. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide. Visit to the historic center and stop at the DIAMOND PALACE, admission to the CATHEDRAL and to the famous CASTLE, a witness of the medieval defensive system, still surrounded by a moat full of water, coming from the Po river through an underground canal. Time at your leisure for individual lunch. In the afternoon transfer to FLORENCE by private car. Hotel accommodation. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



**FLORENCE**

06 day Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide for a full day tour of the city, ruled by the MEDICI dynasty for a long time. Admission to the OLD PALACE, the most important civic building in the city, planned by Arnolfo di Cambio in 1299. Visit to the DUOMO CATHEDRAL of SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE, famous for its self-bearing dome by FILIPPO BRUNELLESCHI and for the adjoining bell tower by GIOTTO. Time at your leisure for individual lunch and further visits. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

**FLORENCE - AIRPORT**

07 day Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport by private car.

The rate includes

N. 06 overnights in a standard room at a hotel in the Lake Maggiore area, in Milan, in Mantua and in Florence city-centers with half-board treatment (menu 3 courses - drinks not included);  
Private tourist guide as to the programme;  
Private transportation by car as to the programme;  
Transportation by taxi-boat on Lake Maggiore as to the programme;  
Entrance tickets to the monuments;  
Lunch at a typical restaurant on Isola dei Pescatori (menu 3 courses, drinks included).

The rate does not include

Lunches on day 01, 03, 04, 05, 06 and 07;  
City-tax;  
Underground tickets in Milan;  
Tips, extras and all that not mentioned in the programme and in "the price includes".

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