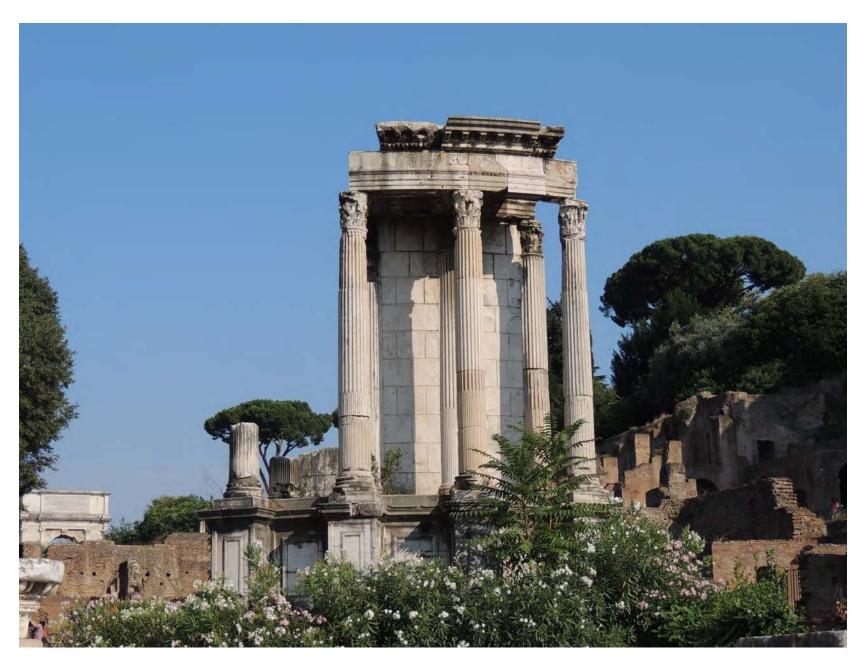
Italian Classics: Rome, Florence and Venice





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Dante Aligieri, author of The Divine Comedy

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Introduction

"Italian Classics: Rome, Florence, Venice" was an inter generational tour run by Road Scholar in July-August 2014. We (Dora, Susan and Jack) left from Dulles airport outside of DC on July 22nd for a flight to Rome. We were in Rome and Florence for four nights each, and Venice for five before flying home from Venice with an intermediate stop in Munich. Transportation between the principle cities was by high speed train, a very pleasant way to travel. A detailed itinerary is included at the end of the book.

Highlights of the tour were of course all of the sites, museums, hands-on-activities, hustle and bustle of the cities, the HEAT!, the food, and the GELATO! The interaction among the kids was probably the most significant for them, certainly in the near term. The kids made mosaics in Rome, fresco paintings in Florence, and fused glass panels in Venice. We got to see the real thing after we tried our hand at it.

Several meals were noteworthy. A quiet dinner at Da Lucia in Trastevere in Rome where we had a little trouble finding the place but after asking a passerby we did make it OK; early as it turned out because they didn't open until 7:30, typical of Italy (we were there at 7:00). On the walk back we encountered a demonstration regarding an issue with the high speed train not serving the people, we moved along quickly, and had a great view of the Tevere river at night with Saint Peters in the distance as we headed back to the hotel. A subgroup of us also had a remarkable dinner in Venice on our own near the old Jewish ghetto, we watched the street traffic pass by including Buddhist monks, conservative Jewish men heading to the sabbath meal, street performers, ...

Some of the fun, particularly among the kids, was shopping! Dora and her new friends went to the outside market in Florence to look around and she got a nice sweatshirt at a great price. There was also shopping for olive oil in Florence for Mom and Dad, and for glass in Venice.

Of course then there was the Dragon boat race in Venice! Our team did a really nice job of coordinating the boat paddling; there were ~11 of us in the boat and getting everyone together without a coxswain was at first a challenge but after a little instruction from the boat club fellow everything worked like clockwork. Our Dragon Boat was the fastest and the other boat was so intimidated that they declined to race!



Our tour director Giacomo Gambone did a remarkable job keeping everything moving and on schedule. Such patience! The kids really related to him and he seemed like the pied piper to the kids, wherever Giacomo went there was bound to be a gaggle of kids.

Some examples of events he dealt with:

One early panic set in after emerging from the Saint Peters and assembling at the designated gathering point to find that a subset of the folks were not present, including Dora. This lasted for some time with frantic searching amongst the hordes of tourists in the area until the group was discovered in an advanced position and the search could be called off with relief.

There were a couple of incidences with the Vaporetto in Venice, one where the Vaporetto pass was left at the hotel and we needed to make a quick retreat to the hotel to find the pass while the main group continued to San Marco, and we were left to catch up and find our group in the mass of tourists. This is the only time our cell phone came in handy unless we count the numerous times Dora used it in the lobbies of our hotels to watch videos (mostly John Green I believe).

Of course there was also the panic that set in when one of the kids didn't get off the Vaporetto with everyone else when we were heading to the Naval Museum. Giacomo and the appropriate grandparent headed by foot to the next Vaporetto stop at breakneck speed while the rest of us toured the museum(not water crossings were necessary!). Losing your grandchild in Venice would not go over well with the parents. Luckily everything turned out fine.

The flights were for the most part routine with the exception of the security situation in Munich were we where subject to a second security screening because of some terrorist alert. Of course Susan and Dora enjoyed going through security at the Venice airport so much that they did it a second time! Something about liquid in a water bottle. The delay in Munich security took hours of waiting in a second security line because of German inefficiency (not what you expect in Germany).

Arriving at Dulles we were greeted by Rachel and Stephen at the airport.

Toby and Micha expressed great joy in seeing Dora when she arrived home.

Dora wants to go again(so do Susan and Jack).

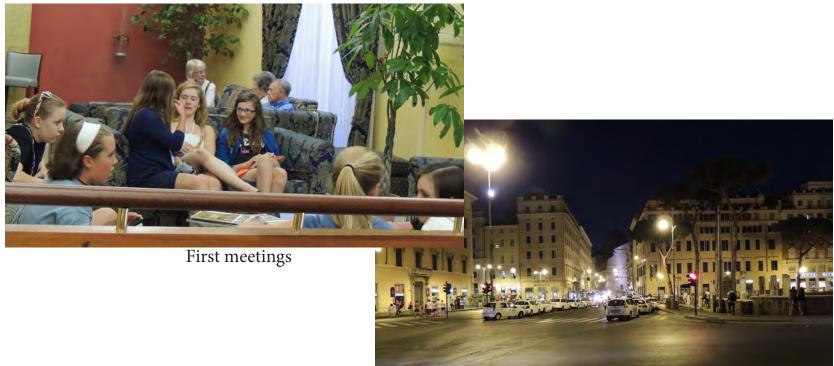
Rome (Roma)



Giacomo Gambone, tour leader

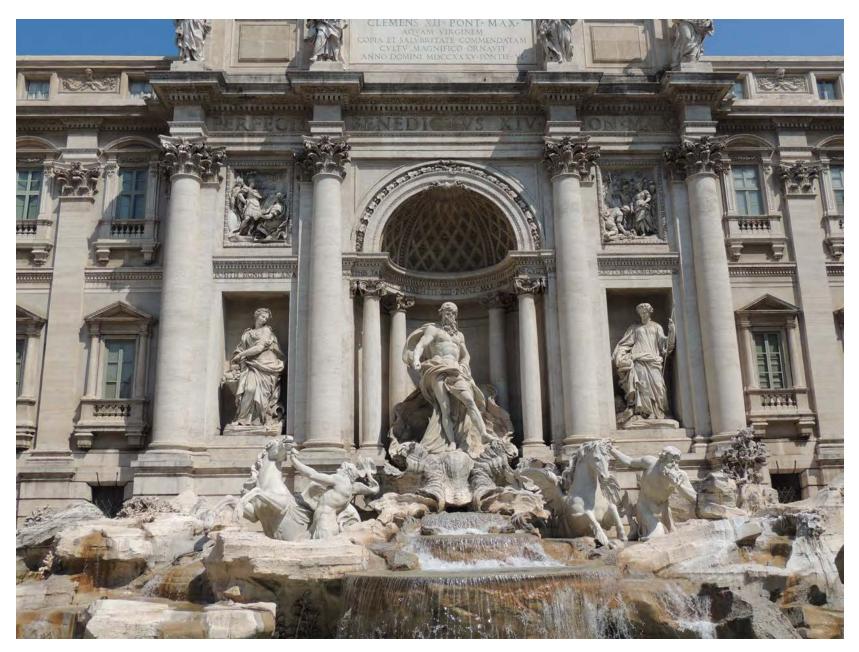


Giacomo at work

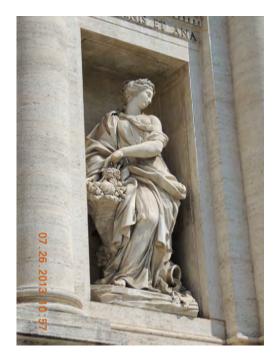


Outside of the hotel





Trevi Fountain











Trevi Fountain





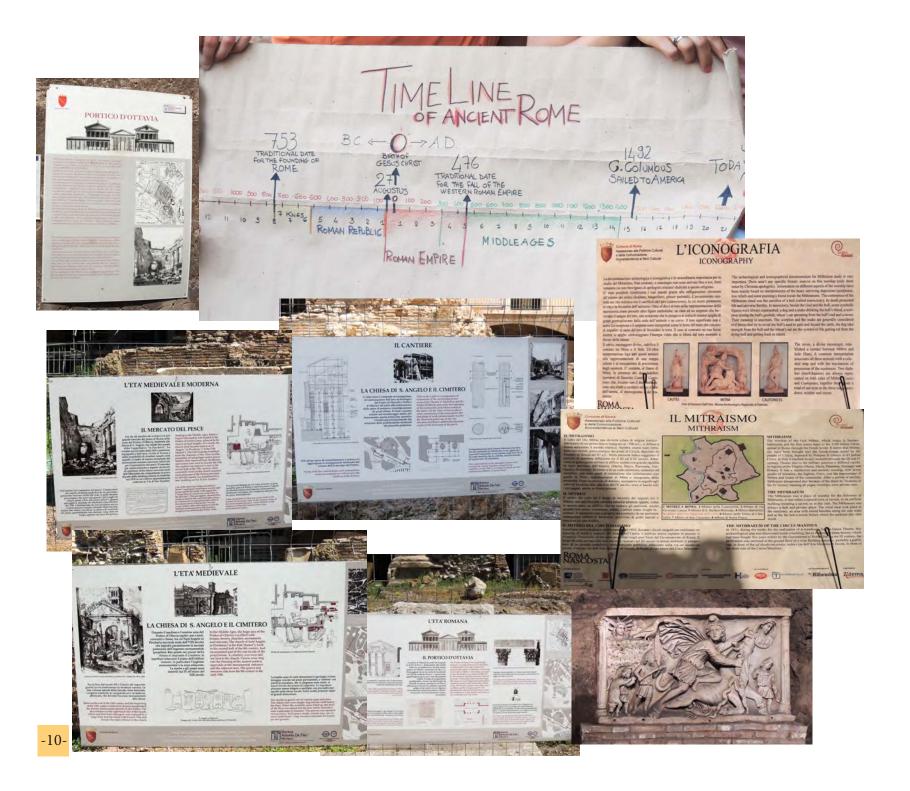


Spanish Steps





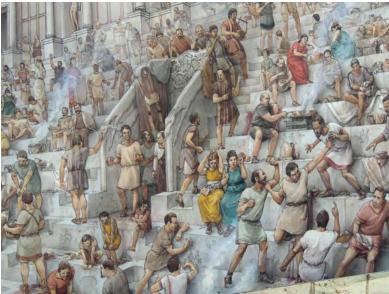
Baroque illusionistic ceiling by Andrea Pozzo in Sant'Ignazio di Loyolo



The Colosseum





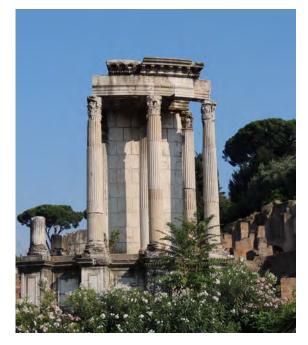




The Forum









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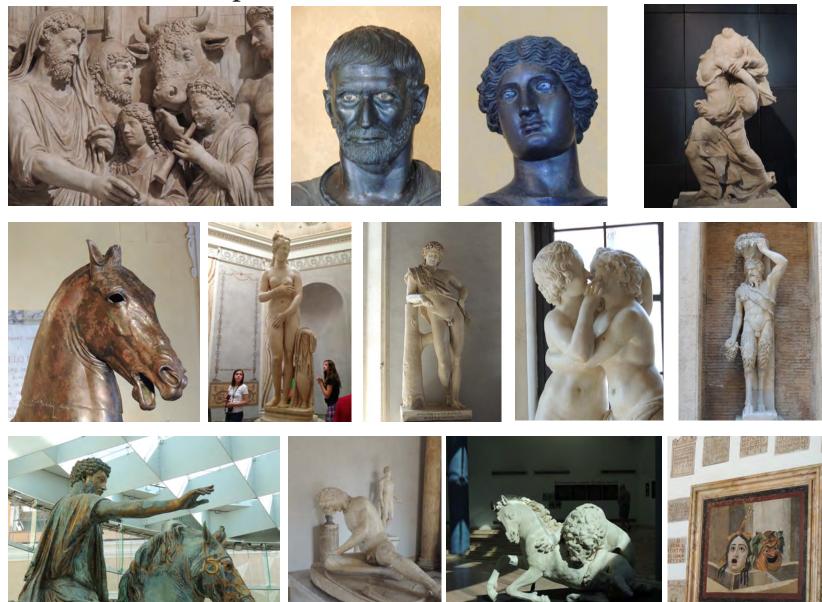




Piazza del Campidoglio (in front of the Capitoline Museums



Capitoline Museum Ancient Art





On the way to the Vatican













Vatican Museum

Apollo Belvedere

The sculpture is thought to be a copy made around (ca. 120-140) of a lost bronze original made between 350 and 325 BC by the Greek sculptor Leochares



Flemish tapestries

Realized in Brussels by Pieter van Aelst's School from drawings by Raphael's pupils, during the pontificate of Clement VII (1523-1534)



The School of Athens

(center detail) by Raphael, painted between 1509 and 1510



Raphael self portrait



Michelangelo as Heraclitus



Bramante as Euclid (or Archimedes)



The Expulsion of Heliodorus from the Temple



The Meeting of Leo the Great and Attila



Statue of the priest/soothsayer Laocoön and his sons being attacked by a sea monster after Laocoön predicted that the large horse outside of Troy was a trick by the Greeks. The attack by the sea monster was taken by the Trojans as a sign that Laocoön was wrong. The rest is history. Marble statue of 1st century BCE after a Greek original of 200 BCE



St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City



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Pietà by Michelangelo in the north aisle



The Pantheon













South east view of the Pantheon from Piazza della Minerva

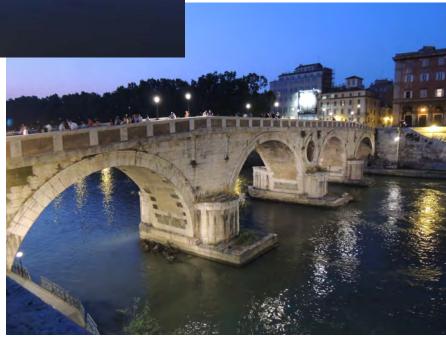


Dinner at Da Lucia in Trastevere





On the walk back from the restaurant, Fiume Tevere, Ponte Sisto, stalls for a river market, and Saint Peter's in the background



Cats of Rome at Night





Piazza Navona



Figures in the Fontana del Moro in Piazza Navona















Figures represnting different corners of the earth on the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi in Piazza Navona





The Pulcino della Minerva, the famous elephant sculpture by Bernini holding one of the 11 obelisks from Egypt in Rome with Santa Maria sopra Minerva in the background.







Stained glass windows in Santa Maria sopra Minerva





The Vatican from the Ponte Garibaldi with the Ponte Sisto in the forground over the Fiume Tevere





View from the Duomo looking across the Arno toward San Miniato al Monte





Duomo, Baptistry and Campanile









In the park





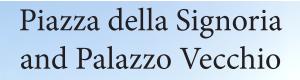


































Dinner

Ponte Vecchio

Planning Session







In the market



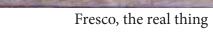
Fresco Demonstration







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Baptistry Dome





Details Baptistry Dome (mostly mosaics)













Santa Maria Novella











Santa Maria Novella







In the streets around town



Gelato!









Uffizi Gallery







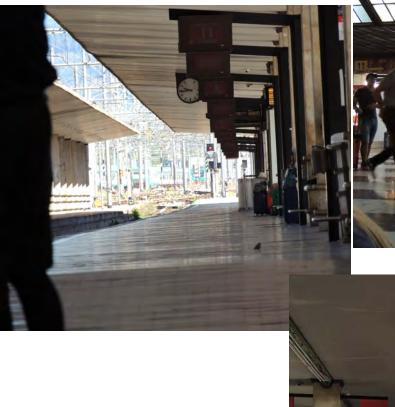


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Train to Venice (Venezia)

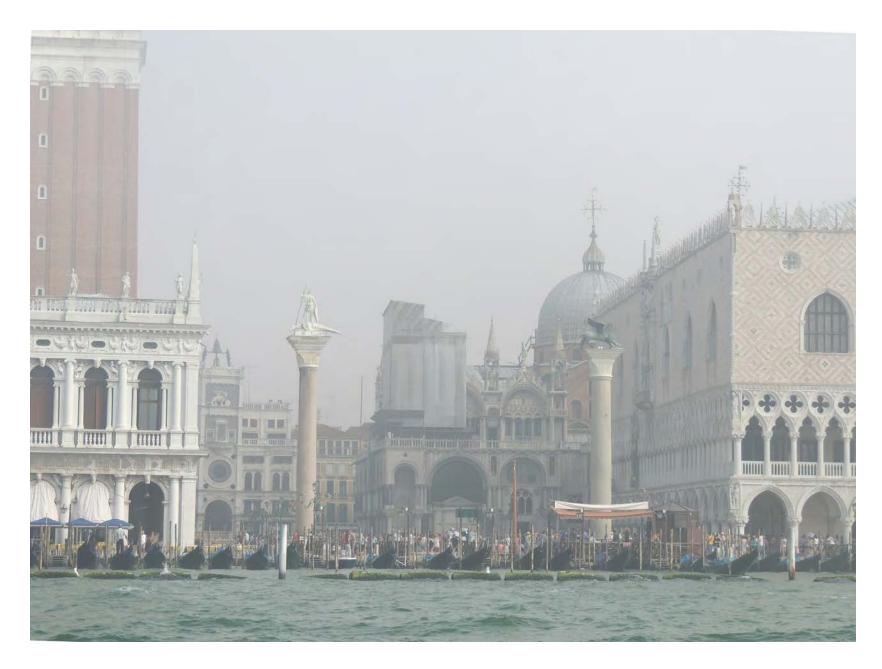






Venice (Venezia)





Piazza San Marco from the Grand Canal



Palazzo Ducale and the Campanile

Torre dell'Orologio in the Piazza San Marco











Details in Piazza San Marco







The Bridge of Sighs and the Ponte della Paglia in the forground





Grand Canal, the Rio del Palazzo and the Bridge of Sighs in the background Creation of a "Medico della peste"

> Scuola del vetro Abate Zanetti Murano, Venezia















Creation of a stylized horse

Scuola del vetro Abate Zanetti Murano, Venezia







Murano







Scuola del vetro Abate Zanetti Murano, Venezia









The Dragon Boat Race!





Plaque in Venice commemorating Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, first woman to receive a Doctor of Philosophy degree. She graduated from Padua University on June 25, 1678



Island of San Giorgio along the Grand Canal, morning fog



Island of San Giorgio with 'Britain puffed up': Marc Quinn's inflatable edition of Alison Lapper Pregnant as part of the 2013 Venice Biennale





The view from the Rialto







The Rialto Mercato





Street Signs, clocks and weather vane

Peggy Guggenheim Museum













The Arsenal and the Naval Museum



















In the air

Notes

This is the end of the book at last!

A list of participants in the tour and their photographs follow. Also a detailed itinerary is included



Dora, Maddie, Jo, Giacomo, Sarah

Maddie, Joe, Paige, Dora

Great times at meals

The itinerary(1)

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Tuesday July	23
	Arrive Rome Airport. Transfer to Hotel Tiziano. Lunch at Insalata Ricca
4:00-6:00	Meeting room. Orientation
6:00	Welcome Reception at the hotel
7:30	dinner at Ristorante Sant'Anna

Wednesday July 24

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9:00-10:30	Meeting room. Treasures of the Vatican, Paolo Alei	
10:45 set out	Walk to Circus Maximus Mithraeum, underground visit with archaeologist	
1:00	Lunch at Taverna Cairoli	
after lunch	Colosseum and Forum. Elisabetta Interdonato, guide	
7:30	Dinner at Braceria Tozzi e Bocconi	

Thursday July 25

7:45 set out	Coach to Vatican Museums (Sistine Chapel) and St. Peter's Basilica. Rachel Potts, guide	
12:00	Coach to Art Studio Café for a buffet lunch	
2:30-4:30	Hands on Mosaic Workshop	
4:45	coach back to the hotel	
	Dinner on your own	

Friday July 26

9:00 set out	Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and P. Navona. Rachel Potts leads the walk Lunch on your own and Free Afternoon
6:00-7:00	Meeting room. Giacomo presents Survival Italian
7:20 set out	Dinner at Ristorante L'Angoletto Romano Via Monterone, 14

Saturday July 27

	Check out. Bring down large bags. Deposit carry-on	
9:00 set out	Walk to Capitoline Museum. Daniela Sarghini, guide	
12:30	Lunch at Lattepiu'	
1:45 set out	Coach to Roma Termini, main train station	
2:55	EuroStar AV train to Florence at 14,55	
	Walk to Hotel Corona d' Italia. Settle into your room	
6:30 set out	Orientation Walk leads to San Lorenzo neighborhood	
7:30	Dinner at Ristorante II Porcospino	

Sunday July 28

9:15 set out	Palazzo Vecchio Residential Quarters visit and Fresco Workshop
1:00	Lunch at Osteria dei Baroncelli
3:00	Walk to Galileo Museum. Paola Vojnovic, guide Guided visit continues to the Accademia
7:30	Dinner at Trattoria I' Grullo, Via dei Servi

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The itinerary(2)

Monday July 2	1100000000000000000000000000000000000
9:00 set out	Walk to OPA Conference Center. Welcome to Florence 9:30- 11:00 and Renaissance Art and
	Uffizi Prep 11:30 – 12:45 Rocky Ruggiero
	Lunch on your own
2:30-4:30	OPA Conference Center. Film and Baptistery Visit
7:15 set out	Dinner at Ristorante Enzo e Piero in Via Faenza 10r (away from the market)

Tuesday July 30

Tuesday July	50	
9:15 set out	Piazza S. M. Novella. Followed by Free Time at San Lorenzo Market	
12:45	Lunch at Lorenzo de Medici, Via del Giglio,49	
2:00 set out	Walk to Uffizi Gallery. Self- guided visit	
	Dinner on your own	

Wednesday July 31

	Check out of the hotel. Deposit bags
9:45 set out	Walk to SM Novella train station
10:25	EuroStar AV train departs, arrives Venice Santa Lucia 12:33. Short walk to Hotel Principe
	Lunch at the hotel
5:00	Meeting room. Welcome to Venice Monica Chojnacka presents. Some free time follows
7:00	Dinner at Ristorante Povoledo

Thursday August 1

Vaporetto to Murano . At a Glass Work School create your own glass tile 10:00-11:00 Lunch on your own
Vaporetto to Piazza San Marco. Guided visit Basilica
Dinner at San Maurizio
Legends of Venice Walk. A guide leads a walk and recounts Venetian folk stories

Friday August 2

	Dragon Boat Session with Venice Canoe Club
1:00	Lunch at AeOche 04/524 36'77
3:00 set out	vaporetto to San Marco, Expert-led visit Ducal Palace
	Dinner on your own * Cannaregio - O steven & Orto dei More

Saturday August 3

	eggy Guggenheim Collection guided visit
	Comments for Collection of the data
1:00 L	unch at San Trovaso
11:30 V	aporetto to Rialto Market. Local guide leads visit
9:00 set out V	aporetto to Museo Navale

Sunday August 4

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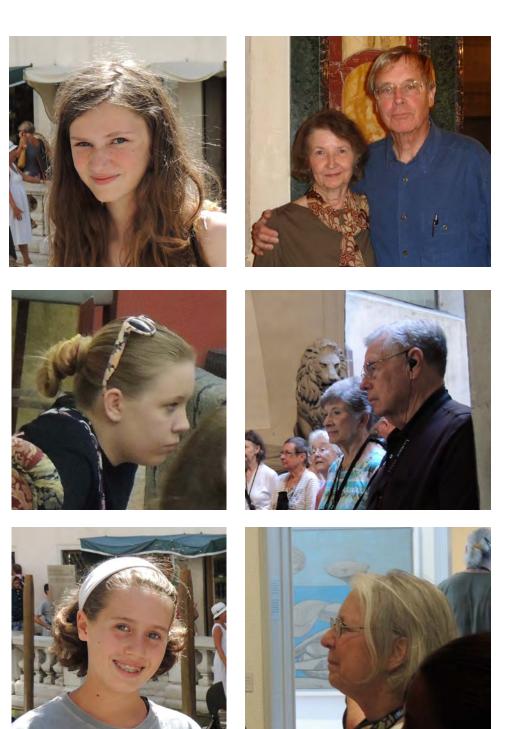
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Ahearn/Ahearn-Wood	Susan/Jack	Dora	NH/Va		
Bryant/Boulware	Doris/Jess	Iris	TX		
Daley/McCabe	Kathleen	Sarah	IL		
Dubost/San Mateo	Alana/Edward	Alexander, Anthony	CA		
Endler/Kirby	Susan/Paul	Leah, Jeremiah	FL		
Hallberg/Landahl	Barbara	Maddie	MI/IL		
Hudson	Joanne	Ilana	MI		
Stansky/Sanford	Mildred	Paige	NY		
Willis	Gracia/Jim	Josephine(Jo)	IA		



Giacomo, our Tour Director





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Some of our tour guides







