



# Something for Ladies Presents

# Highlights of France & Italy

## Departing 10 September 2015 19 days from **\$8,229**<sup>\*</sup>

per person twin share including international airfares

Something for Ladies invites you on this guided holiday hosted by the ultimate Insider, Trafalgar. Escorted from Adelaide by Trinity Hastwell explore the Mediterranean in style from Monte Carlo to the Amalfi Coast. Admire the beautiful Mediterranean coastline as you stroll along the Promenade des Anglais in Nice; and enjoy stunning views over the Chianti hills as you dine with a local family in their castle as a part of a *Be My Guest* dining experience in Florence.







### The Trafalgar difference

#### It's Insider Moments like...

sharing Tuscan dishes with the charismatic Baj Macario family in their castle – and joining them in their cellars, once dungeons, for an exclusive tasting of the Chianti wines they produce.

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#### It's all the famous sights

Explore Nice and see the Promenade des Anglais and the Place Masséna - View the Palace and the Cathedral in Monte Carlo - Explore Portofino a gorgeous seaside town - Enjoy Cinque Terre excursion to see the fishing villages - Visit the prosciutto museum in Parma and enjoy a tasting - See Juliet's Balcony and the Roman Arena in Verona. - Explore Venice and view the Doges' Palace and the Basilica - Visit Giudecca Island to visit a glassblowing workshop - In Florence see the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio; visit the Accademia - Enjoy a Tuscan lifestyle experience as you visit the fruit and vegetable market to purchase fresh produce, followed by a cooking demonstration. - Enjoy a tasting of wine, olive oil and local specialties in San Gimignano. - See the Piazza del Campo and the marble Cathedral in Siena. - Travel to Assisi and see the Church of St Mary and visit St Francis Basilica. - Visit the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica. Ascend Bramante's staircase - In Rome view the Forum, visit the Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus - Enjoy a walking tour to see the excavations in Pompeii - Enjoy a walking tour in Isle of Capri to see the Marina Piccola and the Piazzetta - explore the Amalfi Town's medieval streets and visit the Cathedral

#### It's the right hotels

With our insider knowledge, we've handpicked quality thotels to complement this trip. Check the daily itinerary tripation hotel details and tripadvisor.com for reviews.

#### It's dining highlights

Welcome Dinner • Be My Guest Dinner • Farewell Dinner

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#### 10 September - 28 September 2015

#### Day 1 Thursday 10 September Depart Adelaide - Nice

Board your flight from Adelaide to Nice.

#### Day 2 Friday 11 September Arrive Nice (2 nights)

Welcome to Nice! On arrival, meet your Travel Director and transfer to your hotel. The afternoon is free to relax after your flight. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (WD)

Hotel: Holiday Inn Nice or similar

#### Day 3 Saturday 12 September Nice Orientation and Free Time

This morning, enjoy an orientation that includes the Promenade des Anglais and the Place Masséna. The rest of the day is free. Relax on the Riviera or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the picturesque Flower Market in the Old Town of Nice. Why not take an optional experience to the medieval and fortified hilltop town of St Paul de Vence. This evening, you may like to stroll to the Cours Saleya for the twilight craft market, 'Marche Artisanal Nocturne'. **(BB)** 

#### Day 4 Sunday 13 September Nice – Monte Carlo – Italian Riviera (2 Nights)

After breakfast, make your way to the Principality of Monaco. View the Palace of the ruling Grimaldi family and the Cathedral. Arrive in Santa Margherita, where you will take a short ferry trip to the small resort town of Portofino. Explore this gorgeous town, with boutiques, art galleries, cafes and restaurants lining the tiny streets. Relax and watch the impressive yachts come and go. Return to Santa Margherita, where tonight you dine at your hotel. **(BB, D)** 

Hotel: Park Hotel Suisse or similar

#### **O** Day 5 Monday 14 September Cinque Terre Excursion

Enjoy an included full day excursion to see the Cinque Terre – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travel to Levanto to board your train into the Cinque Terre National Park. Visit two of the five picturesque fishing villages with a **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a boat cruise to admire all of the villages, before returning to your hotel. **(BB)** 

#### Day 6 Tuesday 15 September Italian Riviera - Parma - Verona -Venice (2 nights)

Today drive through scenic

countryside towards Parma – Italy's cured meat and parmigiano capital. Visit a prosciutto museum to learn about the production of Parma's prized cured meats and finish with a tasting. Stop in Verona to view Juliet's balcony and see the 2,000 year old Roman arena, still in use today. Continue across the Veneto plains to the magical city of Venice. Dine tonight at your hotel. (**BB**, **D**) Hotel: Hotel Quattro Fontane or similar

• Day 7 Wednesday 16 September Venice Orientation and Free Time

View the Doges' Palace and the Byzantine Basilica on your cruise by private launch to St Mark's Square. Stop at Giudecca Island to visit a traditional glassblowing workshop for a **Cultural Insight** into this ancient art form. Spend free time afterwards as you wish. Relax in a café, shop for souvenirs or take an optional experience to one of the islands in the lagoon! **(BB)** 

## **O** Day 8 Thursday 17 September Venice – Florence (2 nights)

Travel over the Apennine Mountains to the Renaissance city of Florence, nestled on the banks of the River Arno. Learn about the city's artistic heritage during a walking tour with

a Local Specialist. View the multi coloured Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Visit the Accademia to see Michelangelo's 'David'. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an authentic **Be My Guest** dinner at a family owned castle with stunning views over the rolling Chianti hills. **(BB, BMG)** Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo or similar

#### • Day 9 Friday 18 September Tuscan Lifestyle Experience

Begin your day at a fruit and vegetable market in Florence, meet a **Local Specialist** and gain an insight into Italian cuisine from a professional chef. Here you will participate in purchases of the fresh produce for your cooking lesson. Take your produce to the restaurant and spend time together preparing your delicious luncheon with a glass of wine! After enjoying a relaxing and memorable Regional Meal the afternoon and evening is free to do as you please. **(BB, L)** 



#### Day 10 Saturday 19 September Florence – San Gimignano – Chianti – Siena (2 nights)

This morning, depart Florence and travel to San Gimignano – the 'medieval Manhattan', known for its ring of towers which can be seen several kilometres from town. Shop for locally-produced delicacies and handpainted Tuscan pottery. Later, enjoy a wine tasting of various Chianti blends. You will also sample extra virgin olive oil, truffle oil and balsamic vinegar, complemented with local specialties of cheeses, cured meats and bruschetta. Continue to Siena, where you dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, D)** Hotel: Executive Hotel

#### • Day 11 Sunday 20 September Siena Sightseeing and Free Time

Discover Siena, a picturesque medieval town in the heart of Tuscany, famous for the annual Palio horse race. With a **Local Specialist**, admire the architecture on Piazza del Campo and view the stunning marble Cathedral which dominates the town. The rest of the day is free to explore

#### Day 12 Monday 21 September Siena – Assisi – Rome (3 nights)

as you please. (BB)

Travel along the shores of Lago Trasimeno and continue to Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Your Local Specialist shows you the sights including the Church of St Mary of the Angels, where St Francis died. Visit the Basilica, featuring frescoes by Giotto. Continue with a visit to the Perugina confectionery factory, and gain an insight into the popular chocolate, 'Baci'. The brand is famous for chocolate kisses filled with hazelnut and wrapped in a multilingual love note. Learn about the process behind the production, and finish with a taste of the delicious, freshly made chocolate. Later, travel south towards Rome. Dine tonight at your hotel. (BB, D) Hotel: NH Villa Carpegna or similar

#### • Day 13 Tuesday 22 September Rome Sightseeing and Free Time

Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a **Cultural Insight** in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Later, view the Forum, centre of daily life in ancient Rome, as well as visiting the impressive Colosseum, the largest in the Roman Empire. See the Circus Maximus where Ben Hur-style chariot racing took place. Spend free time discovering more of the city or relax at a pavement café and watch the world go by. **(BB)** 

#### Day 14 Wednesday 23 September Rome at Leisure

Spend today as you please. This evening, savour delicious Italian cuisine with dinner at a local restaurant. **(BB, D)** 

#### • Day 15 Thursday 24 September Rome – Monte Cassino – Pompeii – Sorrento (3 nights)

Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery near Monte Cassino. Continue to Pompeii and enjoy a walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Learn about the history and the devastation caused by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. Arrive later at your hotel in Sorrento. This evening, visit a local farm for a mozzarella demonstration and tasting, a tour of their wine cellar and olive mill, followed by a walk through the lemon groves. After dinner, there is a chance to try the homemade liqueur, Limoncello. **(BB, D)** 

Hotel: Flora Hotel (Apponte Viaggi) or similar

## **O** Day 16 Friday 25 September Isle of Capri Excursion

Sail to the magical island of Capri, a favourite resort among Italians. Ascend to Capri Town by funicular railway for a guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist** including views of Marina Piccola and the famous Piazzetta. Later, return to Sorrento where the rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps visit Piazza Tasso, with its many cafes and boutiques. **(BB)** 

#### Day 17 Saturday 26 September Amalfi Town Excursion and Free Time

This morning, your Travel Director takes you on an orientation tour of Amalfi, featuring medieval streets and the spectacular Romanesque Church. Return to Sorrento, where the rest of the day is free to explore or relax as you please. Gather this evening for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (BB, FD)

#### Day 18 Sunday 27 September Sorrento – Depart Rome – Adelaide

Your trip comes to an end as you travel to Rome Airport for your departure flight to Adelaide. **(BB)** 

#### Day 19 Monday 28 September

Arrive back in Australia with wonderful memories from your guided holiday of France and Italy.



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### From: **A\$8,229**<sup>\*</sup> (per person twin share)

Includes: 16 nights' accommodation with breakfast daily, 1 Lunch and 9 Evening Meals. Includes all transport shown and the service of a professional Travel Director. Includes return flights from Adelaide with Emirates (conditions apply).





**KEY: O Insider Experience WD** Welcome Dinner **BB** Buffet Breakfast L Lunch **D** Dinner **BMG** Be My Guest Dinner **FD** Farewell Dinner



Something for Ladies is a new venture of Hastwell Travel & Cruise, one of Australia's leading independent travel agencies. Established more than 20 years ago, the boutique travel company first began offering its own fully-escorted tours back in 1999. Since then it has taken hundreds of Australians on unique, small-group journeys to Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and North and South America. Hastwell Travel & Cruise is led by Director Trinity Hastwell, an award-winning travel consultant and cruise specialist. In 2012 Trinity was honoured with the prestigious Pateman Agency Award for Excellence, an annual award that has for more than 20 years recognised outstanding Australian travel professionals. The Something for Ladies tours are designed for women who are looking for exciting travel experiences, whether you are a young, single professional or a mature adventurer who would rather leave the husband at home. Something for Ladies provides a safe, relaxed and comfortable environment in which female travellers can meet and share unforgettable experiences with like-minded women.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**Booking Deposit & Final Payment:** A non-refundable deposit of \$1000pp is due at the time of booking. A further deposit of \$3000pp is due by the 1st April. Full balance is due no later than 12th June.

Fares: All fares are quoted in Australian Dollars. Fares include transport, entrance fees as per itinerary, plus services of a driver/guide and travel director and meals as specified. This holiday includes return economy airfares from Adelaide and applies based on the routing of Adelaide/Dubai/Nice//Rome/Dubai/Adelaide only. The price is based on minimum passenger numbers and should this number not be reached the price may increase or tour may not proceed – see Something for Ladies Tours for more information.

Accommodation: Hotel accommodation includes twin-bedded rooms with private facilities, all hotel service charges, baggage handling fees and local taxes. Single rooms are available on request basis and a single supplement of \$955.00 applies.

#### **Cancellation penalties apply:**

- For cancellations over 90+ days prior to departure date = Loss of deposit
- For cancellations over 90 43 days prior to departure date = 50% of total price
- For cancellations over 42 30 days prior to departure date = 75% of total price
- For cancellations 30 or less days prior to departure date = 100% of total price

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that passengers purchase travel insurance.

What's Not Included?: Passports and applicable visa fees, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, optional excursions. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended but not included in the price. Tipping for you coach driver, tour director and local hosts are not included in the cost of your tour and should be extended on a voluntary individual basis.

For full terms and conditions please contact Something for Ladies Tours.





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