

## TENTATIVE FLORENCE and ROME ITINERARY

### FLORENCE

- \* **Leather School** of Santa Croce. Inside the cloister a school has been established by the monks of St. Francis. This school keeps alive the ancient tradition of the arts and crafts, applying gold to leather. Demonstration and chance to buy the finest leather goods at the most economical prices. Quality copies of designer items especially handbags.
- \* **Church of Santa Croce**, 1294. Tombs of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Dante, and Galileo.
- \* **Museo Salvatore Ferragamo**, private appointment at the Ferragamo Shoe Museum housed in the 14th century Spini Feroni Palazzo.
- \* **Palazzo Pitti**, 1457. Originally built for the banker, Luca Pitti. In 1550 it became the main residence of the Medici family. Richly decorated rooms exhibit treasures from the Medici collections. Many different tours offered: Royal apartments, Galleria del Costume, Boboli gardens, and more!
- \* **Galleria dell' Accademia**, Michelangelo's original "David".
- \* **Ponte Vecchio**, 1345. Shops on bridge specializing in jewelry.
- \* **San Lorenzo Market**, where shopping is like ordering from a Chinese menu; silks, marbled paper, faience pottery, and more!
- \* **The Silk Market**, a.k.a. the Straw Market.
- \* **Wholesale 14 K gold** jewelry shop.

### ROME

- \* **Half day city walking tour** of ancient Rome featuring the Colosseum and the Forum.
- \* **The Vatican Museum** with the **Sistine Chapel** and **St. Peter's Basilica**.
- \* **Villa Borghese** rooms decorated in the baroque and neoclassical style. Bernini sculpture, Caravaggio fine art immersed in decorative arts.
- \* **Piazza Navona** stands above an ancient stadium. It is lined with palaces, churches, sidewalk cafes, and artists selling their paintings amidst flamboyant Baroque fountains.
- \* **Exclusive fashion appointment**
- \* **Secret couture resale**
- \* **Via Condotti** shopping area and the **Spanish Steps**.
- \* **Frette** linens discount.
- \* **Trevi Fountain** you must throw your coins in the fountain to insure a return visit!