



SUMMER 2018

LUXURY TOUR

IN CONJUNCTION WITH
**THE CHOFETZ CHAIM
HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

JULY 23 - JULY 31

JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME TO ITALY

Grand Finale Trip to Radin

WITH RABBI EPHRAIM SHAPIRO

VENICE, PADUA, TUSCANY,
FLORENCE, ROME, RADIN & VOLOZIN



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Visit Cities and Sites designated with status of **Wonders of the World** and **UNESCO World Heritage** from the Canals of Venice, to the Renaissance in Florence, and the Ancient city of Rome.

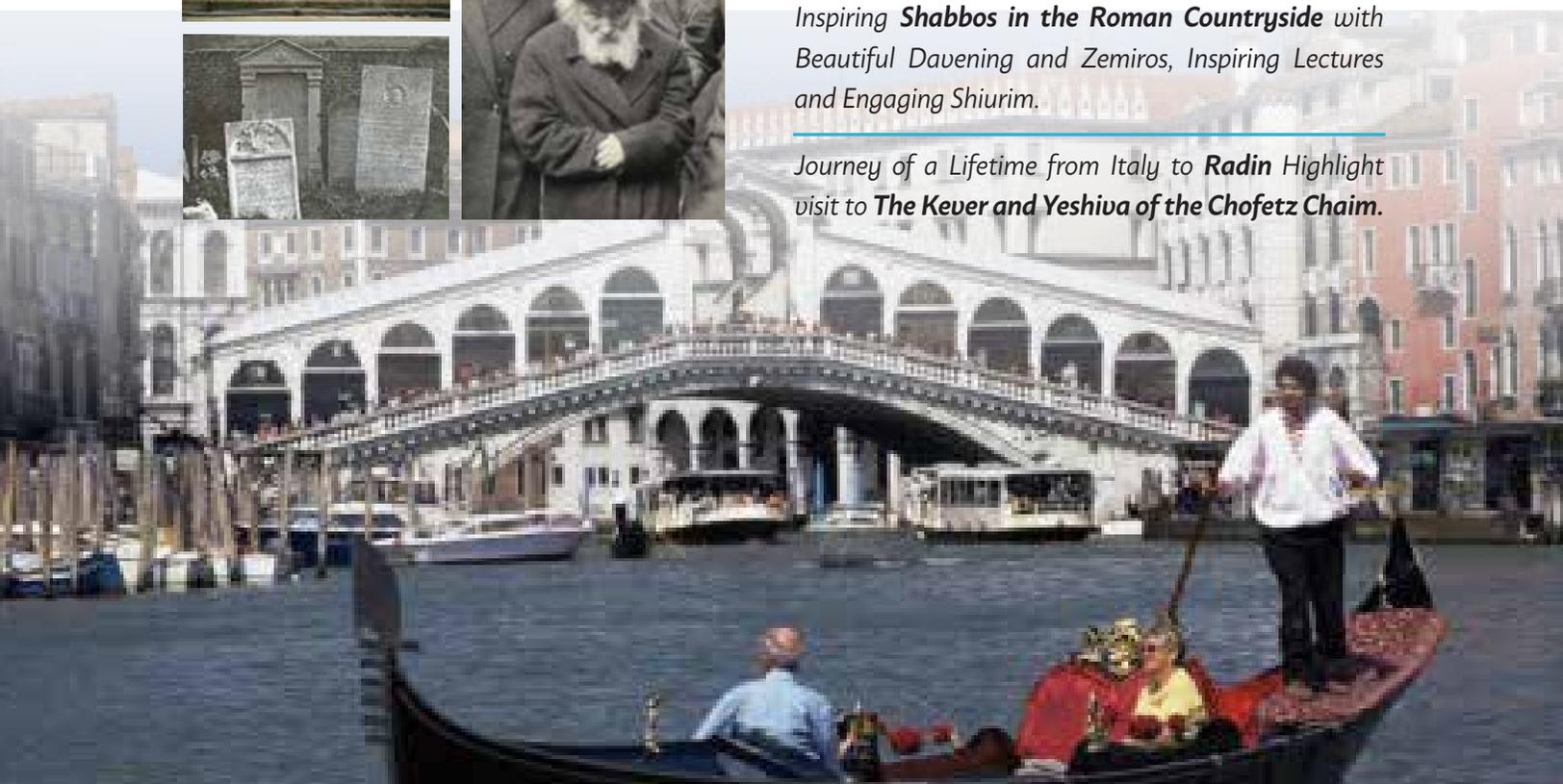
Learn about the **Ramchal** and other Italian Gedolim and their impact on Jewry during the 14th and 15th centuries.

Experience the **Italian Nusach and Minhagim** as we Daven with and join the local communities and their way of life.

Enjoy authentic **Italian Cuisine** catered by local Chefs. Pizza, Gelato, Bresaola, Olive Oil, Chianti and more!

Inspiring **Shabbos in the Roman Countryside** with Beautiful Davening and Zemiros, Inspiring Lectures and Engaging Shiurim.

Journey of a Lifetime from Italy to **Radin** Highlight visit to **The Kever and Yeshiva of the Chofetz Chaim**.



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DAY 1 MONDAY, JULY 23

PARTICIPANTS FROM USA DEPART

DAY 2 TUESDAY, JULY 24

ARRIVAL - VENICE-PADUA

Upon arrival to Venice Airport guests to be welcomed by E&S Tours staff and transferred to our Hotel for a Buffet Lunch and Welcome Speech by Rabbi Shapiro.

After a delicious lunch we depart for Padua, the center for Torah Learning in Italy for over a century! We will visit the Jewish district including the Italian-style shul of Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto (the Ramchal). We will then have the opportunity to hear about and daven at the kevarim of Rabbi Meir Katzenellenbogen (Maharam Padua) and the Abarbanel. We will end the tour with a visit to the Museum Ebraica located in the original building that housed the Ramchal's Yeshiva. The museum tells the story of Italian Jewry through the ages with a focus on Rabbi Moshe Chaim Luzzatto the Ramchal. Return to the hotel to rest before an Italian Feast for dinner and a Shiur by Rabbi Geldwerth. Overnight in Venice.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

VENICE - LIDO - MURANO - BURANO

Today we will visit the spectacular city of Venice and tour its many islands. Venice, whose canals and bridges remain the same as they were hundreds of years ago is a city like no other.

Enjoy the unique flavor of this city as we tour along The

Canal Grande to Rialto Bridge, a hallmark of the city, to the heart of Venice, San Marco Square. View the soaring Bell Tower, the exquisite Palace of the Doges (the powerful and Prosperous dukes of Venice), and the nearby legendary Bridge of Sighs and more.

We will also tour the sites of "Jewish Venice" including the ghetto neighborhood. Here the German, Italian and Sephardic (Levantine) communities were independent, yet lived side by side with one another. We will see Ghetto Vecchio - The "Old Ghetto" and visit its ornate Spanish Shul. After lunch in the Ghetto we will take a cruise to the islands of Murano, Burano and Lido. View the famous glass-blowing on Murano, stroll the colorful canals on Burano and visit the ancient Jewish Cemetery on Lido. Dinner and overnight in Venice.

DAY 4 THURSDAY JULY 26

VENICE - FLORENCE - SIENNA - ROME

After Shachris and a delicious breakfast we depart for Tuscany and the grand Renaissance city of Florence. Travel via High-speed train to Florence reaching speeds of over 250 km per hour.

We begin our tour in stunning Florence and make stops at the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge and adjacent art galleries. We will also visit the 13th century Palazzo Vecchio. Next, we will tour the magnificent Florence Shul and hear about the Jews of Florence. Take in the panoramic city views at the Piazza Michelangelo and do some shopping at the famous downtown leather market. We will visit the Tera di Seta Winery, the only fully kosher winery in Italy for wine-tasting before heading to picturesque Sienna to see the fascinating shul that was built in 1786 and used during the time of the ghetto's existence there. Finally, we head in the direction of Rome, where we will take in all the sites tomorrow.

DAY 5 FRIDAY JULY 27

FIUGGI - ROME

Wake up and enjoy the country air. Our hotel for the next 4 nights and over Shabbos has all the amenities you

can think of for the Kosher traveler. Fully stocked Beis Medrash, all day tea-room and separate swimming hours. Today we visit the Capital City of Rome where we will learn about more than 2000 years of Jewish History.

The history of the Jewish People and the history of Rome are eternally intertwined. Our Rome for Jews guide accompanying Rabbi Shapiro will take us through the ancient ruins of the Roman Forum, giving you a one-of-a-kind tour, unique perspective of this world-famous site quoting both the Jewish and Roman sources. Starting at the place where the Menorah taken from the Second Temple stood, through the place where Jews sat and mourned Julius Caesar, and ending at the Coliseum, the story of the most ancient Jewish community in the Diaspora will come to life in the very sites where it all happened. Find out why this tour is called "a living walk through Jewish history".

In the afternoon we will enjoy a special tour of Jewish Rome where we will visit the Jewish Ghetto, Great Synagogue, Spanish Synagogue and Jewish Museum. The remainder of the day will be at your leisure where you may enjoy shopping for souvenirs, or join an optional tour of the Vatican and learn about the Jewish perspective in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Return to the hotel for Toimehu and get ready for Shabbos.

DAY 6 SHABBOS JULY 28

FIUGGI

We will spend a most inspiring Shabbos in Fiuggi. Enjoy Uplifting Davening, Soul-stirring Speeches, Thought-provoking Shiurim and delicious five star Gourmet Seudas Shabbos. Enjoy a walking tour of the town Shabbos afternoon, or relax on the terrace. Motzoi Shabbos – experience a legendary E&S melave malka and kumzitz with Live Music!! Special presentation by Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation.

DAY 7 SUNDAY JULY 29

FIUGGI - NAPLES - POMPEII

Hercules, Pompeii, the Rothschilds and pizza, Naples is full of history, mystery and surprises! Naples or "new city" is the third-largest municipality in Italy, after Rome and Milan. Its historic city center is the largest in Europe, A

World UNESCO Heritage Site and one of the oldest cities in the world. In the immediate vicinity of Naples are numerous culturally and historically significant sites, including the Palace of Caserta and the Roman ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Known mainly for its stunning architecture, Naples is also synonymous with pizza, which originated in the city, as well as with the distinct sound of the mandolin, a musical instrument developed here.

Our visit will include a guided tour of Pompeii where a volcanic eruption from Mount Vesuvius swallowed the city more than 2,000 years ago - and preserved the Roman town for posterity. Not only will these former inhabitants of this prosperous and busy Roman town give you an insight into what life was like 2,000 years ago, but you'll also find yourself marveling at the frescoes, architecture and street graffiti that have been preserved.

We will learn about the Rothschild Banking family headed by Kalman Rothschild who arrived in Naples in 1821. Kalman's father Mayer sent four of his five sons off to various European cities to establish their own branch of the family business.

Return to the hotel for a gala banquet and overnight.

DAY 8 MONDAY JULY 30

ROME - MINSK - RADIN - VOLOZHYN

(Participants return to origin or continue to Radin)

Today we make the Journey of a Lifetime to Belarus and specifically to Radin home of the Chofetz Chaim. On our journey we will learn from Rabbi Shapiro and Rabbi Geldwirth all about the lives of the Gedolim who lived in Radin and Volozhyn. A rare chance to Daven at the Kever of the Chofetz Chaim will be followed by a visit to the Yeshiva Building. Recently purchased by a Jewish group, plans are underway to return the Yeshiva Building to its former glory and have learning on-site throughout the year. A visit to Volozhyn and the Kever of the Nefesh Hachaim will culminate our visit. Return to Minsk for a farewell dinner and overnight.

DAY 9 TUESDAY JULY 31

Participants return to origin.