

Collette Vacations has introduced the use of Whisper® headsets on select European tours.

During the walking portion of tours, the local guide and Collette tour manager talk into a small microphone. Passengers don a comfortable headset to hear about the sights they are seeing, even on busy walkways or in places like museums where it may be difficult to communicate verbally.

“By using Whisper headsets, our passengers will no longer feel the need to jockey for a position closer to the tour manager or local guide in order to hear what they are saying,” said Cyndi Zesk, Collette’s vice president of marketing. “Now when they are seeing Italian landmarks like the Colosseum in Rome and St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice, they can wander off a bit, take photos, and see what interests them most without feeling like they are missing important information.”

Collette has been using this audio technology on select Italy itineraries, especially in busy cities where ambient noise can make it difficult for travelers to hear their tour manager.

The headsets are also available on select Explorations by Collette tours, including its 11-day T"reasures of Spain." With only 16-24 passengers per trip, passengers on an Explorations tour enjoy the ease and convenience of group travel with the freedom to have unique and personal adventures off-the-beaten-path. Passengers on Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures “Crossroads of Sicily” tour will also have the option of using the headsets and, for this learning vacation, they are available every day. (www.collettevacations.com)

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