

10 DAY ITALY TOUR OF ROME, VENICE, ITALIAN LAKES, PISA AND FLORENCE



** 10 days, 2 countries and 11 cities – **Accommodation 9 nights - Meals 9 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners**

Great masters left their magic touch on the capitals of Florence, Venice and Rome and your 10 day exploration of Italy will reveal this at every turn. Embrace the energy of Italy's major cities, unwind on the shores of the Italian Lakes and savour the lingering scents of lemons in Sorrento. You'll have time to lose yourself in an ill-fated love story in Verona, pay tribute to St. Francis of Assisi in his hometown and snap a selfie against the backdrop of the world's most famous Leaning Tower.

Itinerary

Day 1 | Arrive Rome (2 Nights)



The 'Eternal City' has captivated travellers for centuries and you'll not be disappointed as it prepares you for an exhilarating journey across Italy. On arrival in Rome, check in to your hotel, then get ready for your very own introduction to Rome or relax at your hotel. Later this evening, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead. Soak up the city's effervescent atmosphere during an Optional Experience dinner in a characteristic trattoria.

Hotel: Ergife Palace

Day 2 | Rome sightseeing and free time



With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Join an Optional Experience to Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums or start your day the Italian way. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Specialist at Vatican City, the world's smallest country. Stand in St. Peter's Square, sharing your space with devoted pilgrims. Visit St. Peter's Basilica and view Michelangelo's greatest work, the sorrowful Pietà. Cross the Tiber next, to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire.

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** Ergife Palace

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Roman Delights with Dinner - Make the most of your Roman holiday, living la dolce vita as the locals do with a relaxed dinner in a characteristic trattoria. Soak up the atmosphere of the charming city as you dine, sampling typical Italian cuisine and drinks as you enjoy live music. This is the Italian experience you've been dreaming of!

Adult: 55.00 EUR

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Inside The Vatican & Colosseum - We skip the lines at the Vatican Museums for an enlightening tour led by our Local Specialist, which shows not just the remarkable works of art collected and commissioned over the history of the Papacy, but also Michelangelo's renowned ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Later, we'll hear tales of gladiatorial combat and more on our visit to the Colosseum, again with a time-saving entrance.

Adult: 90.00 EUR

Piazas and Fountains - Discover the most charming areas of the city as you explore quintessential Italian piazas and fountains with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares in Rome's historic centre, stopping to marvel at highlights such as the Trevi Fountain, The Pantheon and hidden corners of the Eternal City.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

Day 3 | Rome - Sorrento - Bay of Naples (1 Night)



The Bay of Naples beckons and our first stop is in the picture-perfect resort town of Sorrento. Pastel-hued residences cling impossibly to craggy cliffs that plunge into the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Enjoy your time soaking up the sun-drenched views. You won't need to venture far to catch the scent of the 'world's best lemons', which you'll see in abundance at the local markets. Taste some of the mouth-watering fresh produce grown locally or consider an Optional Experience to the artists' paradise of Positano, followed by a scenic drive along the Amalfi coast. The Sirens of Sorrento may be nowhere in sight, but that doesn't mean their alluring call will be possible to resist.

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** La Panoramica

Day 4 | Bay of Naples - Assisi (1 Night)



Enjoy the atmosphere as you explore the beautiful Bay of Naples during your free time this morning. Alternatively, choose to join an Optional Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii, buried under the volcanic ash for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Leaving the Bay of Naples behind, journey past Cassino and view the monastery which featured as a backdrop for some of the fiercest battles of World War II. This poignant reminder of war gives way to a place of pilgrimage, as you head north to Assisi where an orientation reveals a medieval town that has changed very little since the time of St. Francis.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Frate Sole

Day 5 | Assisi - Venice (Mestre) (2 Nights)



Your journey continues across the Apennines and through the Emilia-Romagna region, credited with being the origin of tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Before you know it, you'll have arrived in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic, where an Optional Experience will see you gliding through the city canals in a gondola.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: LH Sirio Venice

Day 6 | Venice orientation and free time



Embark on a cruise by private launch in the heart of Venice. Admire Venice's 417 bridges, the Bridge of the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica of St Mark. Later, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL when the extraordinary talents of the centre stage during a visit to their favourite relaxing meal with your travel company.

Day 7 | Venice - Verona - Lake Como - Italian Lakes (Saronno) (1 Night)



The plains of Veneto are all that stand between you and Verona, the tragic stage for Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the ancient Roman Arena, where concerts are still held to this day, and Juliet's Balcony, from which a fictional Juliet once called for her Romeo. Indulge in a romantic moment of your own before leaving Verona, bound for Italy's irresistible Lake District. Arriving on the shores of Lake Como, you'll see first-hand why this scenic setting has been a favourite summer retreat of the rich and famous for centuries. You could choose to board an optional cruise this afternoon to make the most of this idyllic setting. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover Lake Como - All aboard! We're setting sail on Lake Como to enjoy views of elegant villas and pristine gardens in one of the most beautiful spots in the Italian Lake District. Kick back and relax as you cruise with your Local Specialist, admiring the idyllic scenery of this world-famous destination. **Adult: 45.00 EUR**

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Amalfi Coast and Positano - Join us for an unforgettable drive along the picturesque Amalfi Coast, the jewel of Italy's southern coastline. Visit the world-famous paradise of Positano, with eye-catching colourful homes scattered along the cliffside village and rows of striking beach umbrellas set up alongside vivid blue waters. This is the Mediterranean encounter you've been dreaming of.

Adult: 59.00 EUR

Sorrento Countryside and Farmhouse Meal - Enjoy a beautiful drive into the Sorrentino countryside, where you'll explore the gardens of a traditional local farm. During a tour of its lemon, orange and olive groves, your hosts will show you how mozzarella and other cheeses of the region are made. And then you'll get to try cheeses, salamis and marinated vegetables, washed down with local wine and homemade bread.

Adult: 53.00 EUR

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover Pompeii - Join our Local Specialist on a tour of the excavations of Pompeii - the perfectly preserved Roman town that was engulfed by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in 79 A.D. This is an opportunity to travel back in time and catch a glimpse of ancient Roman life and architecture, frozen for almost 2,000 years.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal, catching glimpses of impressive sights such as the Palazzo Barbaro, Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways, discovering the irresistible charm of the world famous canals.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Venice's Secrets and St. Mark's Basilica - Explore the hidden maze of streets that make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll visit the majestic Basilica of St Mark, where you'll have a chance to view some of the prized trophies looted by the Venetians in their rise to power.

Adult: 38.00 EUR.

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks -

Discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat, travelling to the heritage-listed fisherman's island of Burano. Known for its picturesque, technicolour houses and restaurants serving up fresh seafood, this tour is a must for food lovers and photography buffs alike. Enjoy a delicious meal before cruising back to Venice, taking in magic views of the famous city as we return.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Starhotels Grand Milan Saronno

Day 8 | Italian Lakes - Pisa - Florence (Prato) (1 Night)



Pisa's white marble façades gleam in the sun. The famous Leaning Tower that gets its name from the fact that it leans when you visit this 'Field of Miracles'. In the 12th century, the Italian writer and poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, during Medieval times, the exquisite structure of the tower symbolised man's journey through life. The Pisa Baptistery representing birth, life and death. The Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, the birthplace of the Virgin Mary.

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Traditional Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills –

Make your Florentine travel dreams a reality as we dine at a delightful regional restaurant, set among pine and cypress trees. After a scenic drive through the stunning Tuscan countryside, we'll enjoy a meal of delicious specialties from the area, accompanied by local wines and music.

Adult: 64.00 EUR

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** Starhotels Vespucci

Day 9 | Florence sightseeing – Rome (1 Night)



There are few cities in the world with a heritage equal to that of Florence. Your Local Guide will provide a superb commentary of the city's art and architecture during a walking tour, which includes the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive Giotto's Bell Tower and Piazza della Signoria and squeeze in some shopping – Florence is particularly renowned for quality leather and 18-carat gold jewelry. In Rome, where your journey began. You'll have time alone to forge final memories with your travel companions.

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Arrivederci Roma –

Rome comes alive this last evening of our trip as you savour her unforgettable sights and celebrate together with a Farewell Dinner including entertainment in one of our favourite places.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** Ergife Palace

Day 10 | Depart Rome



If Italy has become engraved in your heart as it did for the celebrated poet Robert Browning, you'll have a hard time saying arrivederci. As the legend says, if you tossed a coin in the Trevi fountain, you will return. Until then bid your Travel Director and travel companions a fond farewell. Find out more about your available transfers at costsaver.tour.com/transfers.

Meals: Breakfast

Reminder Travel Notice:

*The itinerary, attraction order and meal arrangements may be adjusted by the tour guide due to weather, road conditions, etc. Please understand.

During free time, any problems such as theft, financial loss, traffic safety, product quality and tax refund shall be the sole responsibility of the tourists. Please understand!

*All hotels on the itinerary include breakfast. Lunch and dinner are as itinerary or self-arranged.

* If any of the listed attractions on the itinerary cannot be visited as scheduled due to uncontrol or other irresistible factors, we will try our best to assist you in making other arrangements, adjusting the itinerary, replacing or canceling the visit without delaying the itinerary. No further notice will be given. 6. If there are self-paid activities on the same day, the hotel check-in will be after the completion of all activities. Please understand.

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