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# Welcome to Italy & Malta

*The country that offers everything a traveller could imagine. Enjoy the natural beauty and scenery from the mountain ranges to the active volcanoes to the dramatic coastlines of Amalfi and Cinque Terre. The Italian lakes in the northern part of the country are magnificent and a visit to the islands of Capri, Ischia or Sardinia is also recommended.*

*History, amazing architecture and culture are to be found everywhere in Italy. The museums and art galleries are some of the best in the world. Visit the eternal city of Rome to see the Colosseum and The Vatican; Florence for the Uffizi and The Duomo; St Marks Square in Venice and the beautiful La Scala in Milan.*

*Food and wine are very important in Italy. Visit Tuscany to explore the vineyards – but also to visit the medieval city of Sienna and Pisa. Try the regional food specialities everywhere you visit.*



*In Italy you will be spoilt for choice - let us help you plan a trip of a lifetime that indulges all your senses.*

*Halina Kubica  
Owner & Managing Director*



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## **Seamless Service**

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## **Tailored Freedom**

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Our local representative offices in Italy are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to our customers for attentive, responsive service. Our travellers return satisfied after every trip due to our helpful team both in Australia, Greece and the Mediterranean.

## **Destination Guides**

Shop our programs and destinations with our comprehensive range of travel brochures available in print or online.

# Choose Your Travel Style

We have Italy completely covered with a travel style to suit everyone. All of our programs include special deals with selected hotels, transfers and tours providers, which makes our Italy getaways perfect for travellers interested in a value for money and wonderful experience.

## Escorted Tours

Our selection of coach tours operated as English only guides and some with multilingual speaking guides. They are managed by experienced tour leaders who have intimate and extensive knowledge of the destinations. These tours with guaranteed departures optimize your experience and make your trip around Italy's most popular cities an unforgettable memory. See from pages 8-12

## Semi Escorted Tours

Only the most popular regular semi-escorted multiday tour are shown in the brochure due to space limitation. These tours are guaranteed departures with a minimum of two people and provide a convenient way to explore Italy. Those tours are escorted by a tour leader a multilingual local guides are provided in each city for sightseeing. See from page 13

## Italy By Train

Experience the romance, history and culture of Italy by train. Whether it is Milano's fashion boutiques, Venezia's romantic canals or Roma's antique vestiges, the excellent high speed railway network of Italy offers the easiest and yet the best value for money option to travel the country in a short period of time. See from page 17

## Rome & Beyond

Our specially designed Rome city stays showcase the best of the Italian capital and its hidden gems as well as neighbouring cities. See from page 18

## Create Your Own Italian Experience

Our Italy is infinitely flexible. Travelers can choose the duration, standard of accommodation, transportation and destinations. With the help of our knowledgeable, experienced Travel Concierges, you can craft a tailored combination of hotels and resorts, day tours, multi-day couch tours, and even stays in Amalfi or Cinque Terre.

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# Italy General Information

## Introduction

Italy is equally famous for its history, cuisine, fashion, the luxury cars, beautiful coasts, lakes and mountains. Fall in love with the atmosphere of Italy as you bask in its history, culture and the warmth of its people.

## Official Language

The official language spoken is Italian, as well as many different dialects from region to region. English is also spoken in most tourist areas, but not everywhere.

## Currency

The currency of Italy is the Euro, which has been in circulation since 2002 and most major credit cards are accepted throughout.

## Visas

Australian and NZ travellers can travel into Italy without a visa for a period of up to 90 days, provided they have a passport with at least 6 months validity.

## Time Zone

Italy is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. Italy also has daylight saving adjusted at the same time as the rest of Europe. During Australian Summer, Italy is 10 hours behind, while only 8 during Australian winter.

## Tipping

Tipping is not expected if a service charge is added to the bill, however if there is no service charge, a tip of 10% is recommended, but it is not obligatory. In bars, Italians generally leave their small change as a tip. Tipping taxi drivers is not common, however a tip of hotel porters, particularly in higher class hotels is expected.

## Electricity

The electricity in Italy is 220V and the plugs with two prongs, therefore an adapter will be needed.

## Climate

Most of Italy has a Mediterranean type of climate, which has cool, rainy winters and hot, dry summers. Winter temperatures along and near the coasts of southern Italy seldom drop to freezing in winter, and summer temperatures often reach 32° C or higher. The climate is diverse, depending on region. Mountainous regions in the north are far cooler and offer great sky conditions during European winter.

## Average Monthly Temperatures (Degrees Celsius):

Average Temps	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Rome	Low	4	4	6	8	12	16	18	19	16	13	9	6
	High	13	14	16	18	23	26	29	30	26	22	17	14

## Accommodation

There are many different types of accommodation from worldclass luxury hotels to small family owned hotels and traditional villas and country houses. Booking is essential as many properties are booked months in advance especially in places like Venice or Amalfi coast.

## Food

The food varies between regions as southern regions focus on pasta and olive oil, whereas the northern regions focus more on rice and butter. Meal times are also different; breakfast is usually small with only a coffee and pastry, whereas lunch is seen as the most important meal of the day. All shops close over lunch as this as well as dinner is seen as a huge social time, with dinner being later, normally after 9pm. Italian specialties include Risotto, which is a rice dish usually combines with meat, poultry, seafood, vegetables and or cheeses. Other specialties include Arancini (balls of rice in sauce deep fried), Polenta (corn meal), Gelato (Italian version of ice cream), Tiramisu and many different types of cheese and sausages. Traditional meal include: antipasto (starter), primo (first dish - pasta or rice dishes), secondo (second dish - meat or fish dishes), served together with contorno (mostly vegetables), cheeses/fruit and dessert.

**A Diner's Tip:** The common practice in many Italian restaurants and bars is to charge more (sometimes double) for patrons to eat seated, rather than standing at the bar.

## Population

The population of Italy is estimated to be just over 61 million in 2014.

## Getting There

**By Air:** Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Emirates and Etihad Airways fly daily from Sydney to several cities in Italy not only Rome. Aegean airlines fly twice a day from Athens and several other airlines have connections via other European cities.

**By Sea:** There are ferry services from Greece and Croatia and most arrive in Venice, Ancona, Bari and Brindisi. There are also regular ferry services linking Corsica in France to Genoa, Livorno, Naples and north of Sardinia.

**By Land:** There are many rail services linking Italy with France, Austria, Geneva and other Swiss cities, Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Spain.

## Getting Around

Train travel is very popular in Italy especially for those who wish to visit main art cities as train stations are located centrally in town and service is very regular and of high quality. Hiring a car is one way to get around Italy, especially if you wish to get off the beaten track. There are many road networks, though there are many tolls, so this needs to be taken into consideration. Bus travel is the least expensive mode of travel though it can be tiring and trips can be lengthy. Buses have the advantage of linking small villages which don't have train services. Air travel within Italy is also an option. Alitalia is Italy's own airline and services Milan, Rome, Bologna, Naples, Pisa, Venice, Turin and other cities.

## National Holidays 2019

1 Jan - New Year's Day  
6 Jan - Epiphany  
22 Apr - Easter Monday  
25 Apr - Liberation Day  
1 May - Labour Day  
2 Jun - Republic Day  
15 Aug - Assumption Day  
1 Nov - All Saints' Day  
8 Dec - Immaculate Conception  
25 Dec - Christmas Day  
26 Dec - St Stephen's Day  
31 Dec - New Year's Eve

*In addition each city celebrates a public holiday on its "Saint Day"*

## Shopping

Opening hours vary between regions, however generally shops are open from 9am to 12:30/1pm and from 3:30/4pm to 7:30pm Mondays through to Saturdays. Most shops are also closed one morning a week, mostly being a Monday morning. However department stores and shops in tourist areas may stay open all day until late at night. Italy is home to some of the most famous designers. Some of the most common products for which Italy is most famous for are lace, locally made pottery, glass blowing, especially in Venice, paintings and other locally made handicrafts. Also watch out for VAT (Value Added Tax), in some shop windows, look for signs advocating the tax-free scheme for tourists. This

enables you to claim back the tax that was charged on some items.

## Things To Do

**Rome:** Walk the streets and try one of the renowned Gelato's, see the famous Colosseum, home to the spectacles and gruesome early Roman Gladiator fights to the death, The Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon are leading attractions. Appreciate the romance of the Spanish steps. Explore Vatican City, an independent Papal nation in the heart of Rome and the location of St Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, both products of the artistic genius of Michelangelo.

**Milan:** Most commonly known as the fashion capital of Italy along with Paris. Do not forget the La Scala Theatre the cathedral of world opera and La Duomo Cathedral.

**Turin:** The foot of the Alps, this region was the venue for the 2006 winter Olympic games, Turin, or Torino, houses many museums, and historical cafes, which are always worth a visit.

**Venice:** Mostly famous for its romantic image, Palaces and of the Gondola rides. Sip coffees on Piazza San Marco, visit St Mark's Square and St Mark's Basilica, The Doge's Palace, Rialto Bridge, Grand Canal and the Bridge of Sighs.

**Florence:** Known as the artistic capital of the world, the centre of the renaissance development and birthplace to Machiavelli, Michelangelo and the Medici dynasty. Visit the Piazza del Duomo, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, Uffizi and finally, don't forget to visit the Academy of Fine Arts, home to Michelangelo's David. Perhaps also take a day trip to Pisa, residence to the renowned Leaning Tower.

**Naples:** Visit the Royal Palace, Maschio Angioino, Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo Plebiscito Square.

**Amalfi Coast:** Untouched by modern architecture and home to many small fishing villages. Take a tour of Mount Vesuvius, the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, destroyed in 79AD by an eruption.

## Italy Stay Tax

The local Governments have introduced a Stay Tax on all hotels and apartments throughout Italy.

Fees vary depending of the official star rating and location of the properties.

The fees below are approximate in Euro dollars which are to be paid locally and are not included in our hotel rates or tours.

- 2.00-7.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 5\* hotel
- 1.50-6.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 4\* hotel
- 1.00-4.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT for stays in 3\* hotel



### Distances in Italy

Rome-Florence: 302	Rome-Venice: 567
Rome-Naples: 232	Rome-Milan: 626
Florence-Venice: 265	Florence-Milan: 324
Florence-Naples: 534	Florence-Pisa: 92
Venice-Milan: 284	Venice-Naples: 899
Venice-Verona: 120	Venice-Como: 294
Milan-Como: 48	Milan-Torino: 139
Milan-Genoa: 156	

### Italy Car Rental

Driving in Italy will give you total flexibility and freedom to explore this beautiful country. The roads are very good and links the main towns with small towns and villages. Create your own itinerary drive north to Florence, explore Tuscany or Umbria or south to Amalfi coast, Pompeii and Sorrento. The possibilities are endless.

**Inclusions**

- Unlimited kilometres • Collision Damage Waiver • Personal Accident • Insurance • Theft Protection • VAT Tax • Air conditioning

from **A\$56** per day



# Escorted Tours



Italy is truly a country that offers a variety of experiences and options. For this reason we haven't been able to include all tours in this brochure. For additional tours that include Italy and other countries in the region we have created a Europe Escorted Tours brochure, to view this brochures head to our website at [www.greecemedtravel.com.au](http://www.greecemedtravel.com.au) and select e-brochures. See below some sample itineraries listed in this brochure.

- **8 Days from Venice to Florence and Rome - From A\$2711 per person twin share**
- **11 Days from Venice to Florence, Rome and Sorrento - From A\$4426 per person twin share**

## Rome & Artistic Italy



• 5 or 8 Days



**Departs:** Sundays 12 May-6 Oct 2019  
5 Day tour option starts on day 3 at 7:30am from centrally located hotel in Rome and ends on day 7 upon arrival in Rome.

### Day 1 Sun: Rome

Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, meet and greet by a tour leader and transfer to American Palace Hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a special welcome dinner at local restaurant. (D)

### Day 2 Mon: Rome

After breakfast, enjoy a unique guided sightseeing, including highlights of religious and ancient Rome: the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment, monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta. Admire the amazing Coliseum (outside) and the Roman Forum (outside). To make the most of your stay, optional Rome by Night excursion. Overnight at American Palace Hotel. (B)

### Day 3 Tue: Rome-Florence

Early pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the meeting point. Depart to the Cradle of the Renaissance - Florence - with the first stop taking place at the marvellous Michelangelo's square for a photo opportunity. The local guide will then share some of his secrets of the town as he leads the walking tour through the city visiting sites such as the beautiful Piazza della Signoria with Loggia dei Lanzi (a real open-air museum), the Cathedral (outside), Giotto's Bell Tower (outside), the doors of the Baptistery and the Church of Santa Croce. Lunch will be held local restaurant. Overnight in Florence at Mediterraneo Hotel. (B, L)

### Day 4 Wed: Florence-Cinque Terre-Florence

Breakfast at hotel followed by departure to one of the most amazing and enchanting landscapes in the world. Five (cinque) villages, suspended between sea and land listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Within this amazing place visit (by train) Manarola, then Riomaggiore, which is known for its historic character and its wine. Continue to the enchanting beaches of Monterosso, an ancient fishing village considered the pearl of the Cinque Terre. Return to Florence where overnight at Mediterraneo Hotel. (B)

### Day 5 Thu: Florence-Venice

Breakfast at Mediterraneo hotel. Depart to Venice, the Door of the

Orient. Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of this unique and romantic city and learn its many secrets. Stroll through the ancient and narrow streets of Venice, visiting the Rialto Bridge (outside) and St-Mark's Square with the impressive Basilica (outside). Overnight at Mediterraneo Hotel. (B)

### Day 6 Fri: Venice-Verona-San Gimignano-Siena

After breakfast departure to Verona where your tour leader will make you discover the wide array of monuments and historic buildings of this romantic city, such as Juliet's Balcony (the star-crossed lover from the masterpiece by Shakespeare) and the Roman Theatre (outside). Then leave to the beautiful hilltop town of San Gimignano, famous all over the world for the skyline of its medieval towers. Today you'll have the chance to visit a wine estate and taste the world-known Chianti wine accompanied with light dinner. Continuation to the hilltop town of Siena where you will overnight at Four Points Siena Hotel or similar. (B, WT)

### Day 7 Sat: Siena-Rome

After breakfast enjoy a walking tour of the city with your tour escort to admire

the Dome (outside), the magnificent square known as Il Campo, where twice a year the "Palio" race is run on bareback horses. Time at leisure for personal discoveries. Continuation to Rome for overnight at Sheraton Parco de' Medici Hotel. (5 Day tour ends no overnight). (B)

### Day 8 Sun: Rome-Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Fiumicino airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe Coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort till day 7
- 7 nights in 4 star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- 1 special dinner in Rome (1/4 wine and 1/2 water p.p. included)
- Admission fees: Vatican Museums in Rome
- Dedicated and licensed local guides (Rome, Florence, Venice)
- Headsets in Rome, Florence, Venice
- Baggage handling - 1 piece of luggage per passenger

Price Per Person A\$	5 Day			8 Day		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
12, 19, 26 May 2019 9, 16, 23 Jun 2019 7, 14, 21 Jul 2019 18, 25 Aug 2019 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep 2019 6 Oct 2019	1366	1290	1910	2155	2091	2773

# Rome & Italian Essence

ENGLISH ONLY

• 8 or 10 Days



**Departs:** Sundays 12 May-6 Oct 2019  
 8 Day tour option starts on day 3 at 7:30am from centrally located hotel in Rome and ends on day 8 upon arrival at in Milan.

**Day 1 Sun: Rome**

Upon arrival, meet and greet and transfer to the American Palace Hotel. Check in at hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Welcome dinner and introduction by the tour escort. (D)

**Day 2 Mon: Rome**

After breakfast, enjoy a unique guided sightseeing, including inside visits of highlights of religious and ancient Rome: the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment, monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta. Admire the amazing Coliseum (outside) and the Roman Forum (outside). Optional Rome-By-Night excursion. Overnight at American Place. (B)

**Day 3 Tue: Rome-Florence**

Early pick up and transfer to meeting point for departure to Florence, known as the 'Cradle of the Renaissance' its treasures are unequalled. A stop is

planned at Michelangelo's square for a first photo opportunity. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the city with your guide including the Cathedral (outside), Giotto's Bell Tower (outside), the doors of the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and the Church of Santa Croce, the sanctuary of many famous Italian artists. Lunch in local restaurant. Overnight in Mediterraneo Hotel. (B, L)

**Day 4 Wed: Florence-Cinque Terre-Florence**

Breakfast at hotel followed by departure to one of the most amazing and enchanting landscapes in the world. Five (cinque) villages, suspended between sea and land listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Within this amazing place visit (by train) Manarola, then Riomaggiore, which is known for its historic character and its wine. Continue to the enchanting beaches of Monterosso, an ancient fishing village considered the pearl of the Cinque Terre. Return to Florence where overnight at Mediterraneo Hotel. (B)

**Day 5 Thu: Florence-Venice**

After breakfast departure to Venice, the Door of the Orient and the unique city built on the water. Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of this unique and romantic city. Strolling through the ancient "calli" (the narrow streets of Venice) you will reach the Rialto Bridge (outside) and St-Mark's Square with the impressive Basilica (outside). Overnight at Casanova Hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 6 Fri: Venice-Verona-Lake Maggiore**

Breakfast is followed by departure to Verona, one of Italy most romantic city, featuring a wide array of monuments and historic buildings,

such as Juliet's Balcony (the star-crossed lover from the masterpiece by Shakespeare) and the Roman Theatre (outside). Continue to Sirmione, on the shore of Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy and glaciers formed at the end of the last Ice Age Depart to Stresa/Baveno, two quaint, picturesque towns on Maggiore Lake, where you'll spend two nights. Maggiore Lake is one of most beautiful Italy lakes, known for its splendid climate and sightseeing. Dinner and overnight at Zacchera Hotel. (B)

**Day 7 Sat: Lake Maggiore**

After breakfast enjoy a full day at leisure on the shore of the second largest lake of Italy, surrounded by the peaceful and breathtaking scenery of the Alps. Make the most of your local ferry ticket to visit Isola Bella, where you can admire the palace and the beautiful Italian gardens. Overnight at Zacchera Hotel. (B)

**Day 8 Sun: Lake Maggiore-Lake Como**

Breakfast at hotel; meet your driver for your transfer to Lake Como. Upon arrival check-in at Como Hotel for overnight. (B)

**Day 9 Mon: Lake Como**

After breakfast enjoy a whole day at leisure to explore the area. Lake Como has been a popular retreat for

aristocrats and wealthy people since Roman times, and a very popular tourist attraction with many artistic and cultural gems. It has many villas and palaces (such as Villa Olmo, Villa Serbelloni, and Villa Carlotta). With your ferry daily ticket, travel at your own pace on the lakeside. Overnight at Como Hotel. (B)

**Day 10 Tue: Lake Como-Milan**

After breakfast, transfer to Milan Central Station or Malpensa Airport. End of services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Deluxe Coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort till day 7
- 4 star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- 1 day ferry ticket to Maggiore Lake
- 1 day ferry ticket to Como Lake
- Transfers
- Dedicated licensed local guides in Florence, Venice
- Admission fees to Church of Santa Croce
- Headset in Florence, Venice
- Local train ticket in Cinque Terre
- Boat transfer to/from Venice
- Baggage handling at hotel, 1 piece of luggage per passenger (Day 1-6)

Price Per Person AS	8 Day			10 Day		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
12, 19, 26 May 2019	2730	2556	3554	3300	3130	4355
9, 16, 23 Jun 2019						
7, 14, 21 Jul 2019						
18, 25 Aug 2019						
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep 2019						
6 Oct 2019						



Lake Maggiore

# The Golden Circle



• 6, 7 or 10 Days



**Departs: Fridays**

6-day option starts on day 3 and ends after breakfast in Milan on day 8. 7-day option starts on day 3 and ends in Rome day 9.

**Day 1 Fri: Rome**

Transfer from the airport in Rome to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Gambinus or similar.

**Day 2 Sat: Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning you will enjoy a 3 hrs "Discovering Rome", walking tour. You will be picked up at your hotel approx. 9:00am. The tour will start from Largo Argentina and continue to, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, tour will end at the Spanish steps. (no drop off at the Hotel) Rest of the day at leisure and overnight at Hotel Gambinus or similar. (B)

**Day 3 Sun: Rome-Siena-Florence**

Pick up at the hotel from 7:30am to 7:45am for departure to Siena the beautiful medieval city. Visit the main square of the town, Piazza del Campo, a beautiful seashell shaped square, where the famous Palio horse race is held every year on July 2nd and August 16th. Do not miss the chance to visit the impressive facade of the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We then proceed to Florence where you arrive approx. 14:00 and, after the check in at the Hotel. Have the possibility to visit one of the gorgeous Florence museums such as Uffizi Gallery, Accademia Gallery, Palazzo Vecchio. Welcome dinner in a local restaurant to taste a typical Tuscany menu. Overnight in Florence at Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli or similar. (D)

**Day 4 Mon: Florence**

After breakfast meet local guide to visit the fascinating backstreets of Florence: from Piazza del Duomo, with its Baptistery and Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral to Ponte Vecchio, from Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo Vecchio and Loggia dell'Orcagna up to

the central avenues paved with stone. Free time for lunch (own expense) and in the afternoon your tour leader will accompany you to discover traditional local productions: jewellery of Florentine goldsmith master; walk around San Lorenzo lather market and Finally, visit an old perfume workshop which still produce fragrances using the medieval monks methods and recipes. overnight at Florence at Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli or similar. (B)

**Day 5 Thu: Florence-Verona-Venice**

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and departure to Venice by motor coach. Along the way you will stop in Verona. Explore the streets of his historical centre, that was proclaimed UNESCO World Heritage-site. Be fascinated by the ancient Roman arena. Built in 30 AD, that is very well preserved and, in the century follow to host over 30,000 people for international music concerts included Verona Arena Festival. Then move on to Juliet's House, the structure that inspired Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Wander back to Piazza Bra and have time for lunch (own expense). Proceed to Venice, travel by boat till Saint Mark's square and meet local guide who introduce you to the most important buildings such us the Doge's Palace, the Campanile, the Clock tower, the Library. Here you'll be told about the birth of the city and its glorious history. Walk in the hidden Venice, to admire its back alleys, lovely canals, picturesque campos (squares) where take place everyday life and the structure of the city. Reach Rialto bridge over the Grand Canal: the heart of the city with its market area. At the end of the visit have a lovely walk to your hotel for check in and enjoy a typical dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight at Hotel Continental or similar. (B, D)

**Day 6 Wed: Venice-Murano**

After breakfast at the hotel meet with your tour leader to ride across the Venetian Lagoon to the colourful island of Murano to get an inside peek into the world-famous glass-blowing factories of this island. Get a glassmaking demonstration from a master craftsman and enjoy time to browse the factory showroom featuring finished works of art. Return to St. Mark square afternoon at leisure for shopping and private visits. Overnight in Venice at Hotel Continental or similar. (B)

**Day 7 Thu: Venice-Sirmione (Lake Garda)-Lake Como-Milan**

After breakfast check out and depart for Sirmione well known as the Pearl of Lake Garda. The visit of the village

commences with the suggestive Scala Castle of medieval times, built at the end of the 13th century by the Lords of Verona. Along narrow and close medieval streets one reaches the Parish Church of St. Maria which contains many images and paintings to be admired together with different altars and precious 18th century works of marble. Slightly uphill, one reaches the St. Salvatore Church, which dates to the 8th century. At last, after admiring the park of the prestigious and luxurious 5 star Hotel Villa Cortine and the nearby Villa of Maria Callas, you arrive to the entrance to the Grotte di Catullo. This area is the most important archaeological area of the entire Lombardy region with imposing remains of what has once been a luxurious Roman Villa on Lake Garda. In the afternoon, proceed to Como Lake where your tour leader walk you through all the historic highlights. After Como you will depart for Milan where you can enjoy a panoramic tour to see the city highlights: Sforzesco Castle, medieval Piazza Mercanti, and Piazza della Scala, and admire the marble facade of Milan Cathedral and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the oldest shopping malls in the world. Conclude your tour in the historic Piazza del Duomo. In the evening check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight in Milan at Antares Concorde Hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 8 Fri: Milan-La Spezia-Portovenere-Vernazza-Manarola-Lucca**

After breakfast check out of your hotel and depart for La Spezia to embark for an unforgettable day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most amazing and enchanting landscape in the World: "CINQUE TERRE". You will enter into a little piece of heaven. By touring the coast line by boat, you will have the possibility to admire this amazing landscape from the seaside. (In the event of rough sea, the visit will be done partly by coach and partly by train). You will then reach La Spezia by train and from there you will take a private motor coach to reach Tuscany region with en route stop in Lucca. Walk on the cobblestone streets,

explore squares and old Renaissance walls; and see the birthplace of local composer Giacomo Puccini. At the end of the walk transfer to hotel for check in. Dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel Guinigi (B, D)

**Day 9 Sat: Lucca-Pisa-Montepulciano-Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart for Pisa, where you can visit on your own the heart of the city. Admire the Cathedral Square with Duomo di Pisa, Campo Santo, Pisa Baptistry, and, of course, the Leaning Tower of Pisa - UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here you have free time for lunch and shopping and in the afternoon depart to cross Val D' Orica area, famous for its superb wine production and for the amazing landscape symbol of Tuscany region. Enjoy a stop in the most emblematic town of this area: Montepulciano. Surrounded by the ancient city wall, Montepulciano is the symbol of the power and wealth of the noble families from the 14th to 16th centuries. Be enchanted by the beauty of Piazza Grande with the magnificent Duomo and Palazzo Tarugi; continue and see the Fortezza and the Church of Santa Maria dei Servi. Proceed to Rome where you will arrive approx. 7:30pm. Drop off at the Hotel. Check in and overnight in Rome at Hotel Gambinus or similar. (B)

**Day 10 Sun: Rome**

After breakfast at the hotel, end of our services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- 9 American buffet breakfast
- 4 dinners (drinks NOT included)
- Arrival transfer from the FCO/ CIA airports or TERMINI station to hotel in Rome
- 3 hrs guided walking tour in Rome
- Ground transportation by deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- Boat and train ticket in Parco delle Cinque Terre
- Multilingual escorted tour (English/French)
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- English/ French speaking local guides

Price Per Person A\$	6 Day			7 Day			10 Day		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
5, 19 Apr 2019									
10, 17, 24, 31 May 2019									
7, 14, 21, 28 Jun 2019									
5, 12, 19, 26 Jul 2019	2484	2320	3100	3325	3150	4000	3890	3668	4910
9, 16, 23 Aug 2019									
6, 13, 20 Sep 2019									
4, 11, 18 Oct 2019									



Lake Como



Pompeii

# Rome, Portraits of Italy & Sicily



• 12 or 15 Days



## Departs: Sundays

12 Day tour option starts on day 3 at 7:30am from centrally located hotel in Rome and ends on day 14 at Catania Airport (departure flight not included).

### Day 1 Sun: Rome

Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, meet and greet by a tour escort and transfer to American Palace Hotel. Time at leisure in the afternoon. In the evening enjoy a special welcome dinner with music and wine included. (D)

### Day 2 Mon: Rome

Enjoy a unique guided sightseeing, including highlights of religious and ancient Rome: the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment, monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pieta. Admire the amazing Coliseum (outside) and the Roman Forum (outside). Optional Rome by Night excursion. (B)

### Day 3 Tue: Rome-Florence

Early pick up and transfer to meeting point for coach departure to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance, known worldwide for its unequalled treasures. A stop is planned at Michelangelo's square for a first photo opportunity. enjoy a walking tour of the city with your guide including the Cathedral (outside), Giotto's Bell Tower (outside), the doors of the Baptistry, Piazza della Signoria and the Church of Santa Croce, the sanctuary of many famous Italian artists. Lunch in local restaurant. Overnight in Florence at Mediterraneo Hotel. (L)

### Day 4 Wed: Florence-Cinque Terre-Florence

Discover to the five (cinque) villages, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Within this amazing place visit

(by train) Manarola, then Riomaggiore, which is known for its historic character and its wine. Continue to the enchanting beaches of Monterosso, an ancient fishing village considered the pearl of the Cinque Terre. Return to Florence where overnight at Mediterraneo Hotel. (B)

### Day 5 Thu: Florence-Venice

Breakfast at hotel. Late in the morning departure to Venice, the floating city and door to the orient. Upon arrival enjoy a guided tour of this unique and romantic city. Strolling through the ancient "calli" (the narrow streets of Venice) you will reach the Rialto Bridge (outside) and St-Mark's Square with the impressive Basilica (outside). Overnight at Casanova Hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 6 Fri: Venice-Verona-San Gimignano-Siena

After breakfast departure to Verona where your tour leader will make you discover the wide array of monuments and historic buildings of this romantic city, such as Juliet's Balcony (the star-crossed lover from the masterpiece by Shakespeare) and the Roman Theatre (outside). Then leave to the beautiful hilltop town of San Gimignano, famous all over the world for the skyline of its medieval towers. Today you'll have the chance to visit a wine estate and taste the world-known Chianti wine accompanied with light dinner. Continuation to the hilltop town of Siena for overnight at Four Seasons Siena. (B, WT)

### Day 7 Sat: Siena-Rome

After breakfast enjoy a walking tour of the city with your tour escort to admire the Dome (outside), the magnificent square known as Il Campo, where twice a year the "Palio" race is run on bareback horses. Time at leisure for personal discoveries. Continuation to Rome upon arrival enjoy dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Rome at Sheraton Parco de Medici Hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8 Sun: Rome-Pompeii-Sorrento

After breakfast, departure to Sorrentine Peninsula, visit of cameo factory before arrive in Pompeii. Guided tour of the archaeological excavations of this ancient Roman city, destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD and rediscovered at the end of the 16th century. Then proceed to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight at GH Flora Hotel. (B, D)

### Day 9 Mon: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

After breakfast, transfer to the harbour and departure to Capri. Ticket to the funicular included. The tour escort can suggest how visit on your own this marvellous island. Return to Sorrento and free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight at GH Flora Hotel. (B, D)

### Day 10 Tue: Sorrento-Naples-Palermo

After breakfast time at leisure to stroll along the charming Sorrento. In the afternoon, transfer to boarding your ferry in Naples for the overnight cruise to Sicily. Dinner and overnight on board. (B, D)

### Day 11 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Agrigento

After disembarkation and before start your sightseeing tour of Palermo with local guide, enjoy your first Sicilian breakfast in a typical bar. The panoramic tour of Palermo will include Normans Palace (outside), the Cathedral (outside). Drive up to Monreale and visit the 12th-century Moorish-Norman Cathedral, famous for its 50,000 square feet of precious byzantine mosaics. Proceed to Agrigento for dinner and overnight at Dioscuri Bay Palace. Overnight at GH Mose Hotel. (B, D)

### Day 12 Thu: Agrigento-Taormina-Acireale

After breakfast, guided visit of the splendid Doric buildings of the Valley of Temples, declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Then depart for a farm nearby for a tasting of the amazing Sicilian products. Proceed to the beautiful town of Taormina, a favorite of worldwide tourists. Free time for personal discoveries, for shopping or for a leisurely stroll along the panoramic terrace. Dinner and overnight Sante Tecla or Sant'Alphio. (B, D)

### Day 13 Fri: Acireale-Syracuse-Acireale

After breakfast, depart to Syracuse, for a guided visit of the Neapolis Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Ear of Dionysus, an ear-shaped

grotto. Time at leisure in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight Sante Tecla or Sant'Alphio. (B, D)

### Day 14 Sat: Acireale-Mount Etna-Rome

After breakfast, depart for an excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe, up to the Rifugio Sapienza, 1900 meters above sea level, and time to enjoy the view. Today a special Farewell Lunch, consisting of typical local products, will be served. Continue to Catania airport for your flight to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome, transfer to airport hotel - Sheraton Parco de Medici. (B, L)

### Day 15 Sun: Rome

After breakfast transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe Coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort
- 11 or 14 nights in Selected 4 Star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Admission fees: Vatican Museums in Rome; Church of Santa Croce in Florence; Pompeii excavations; Dome of Monreale; Temple's Valley in Agrigento; Archaeological Park in Syracuse
- Dedicated and licensed local guides (Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Palermo & Monreale, Agrigento, Syracuse)
- Headsets in Rome, Florence, Venice, Palermo & Monreale, Syracuse, Agrigento
- Hydrofoil to Capri R-T
- Accommodation in external cabin for overnight cruise Naples-Palermo
- Domestic flight Catania-Rome in coach class (15 Days tour only)
- Local train ticket in Cinque Terre
- Boat TRF to/from Venice
- Baggage handling - 1 piece of luggage per passenger

Price Per Person A\$	12 Day			15 Day		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
12, 26 May 2019	3410	3215	4920	4530	4280	6055
23 Jun 2019						
21 Jul 2019						
18 Aug 2019						
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep 2019						
6 Oct 2019						

# Fantasia of Puglia



• 6 Days



**Departs:** Fridays

## Day 1 Fri: Bari

Make your own way to your hotel in Bari. Meet your Tour Leader in your hotel in Bari, in the main city of Puglia, and from here start your tour to discover this wonderful region. Walking tour in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city center, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress (admission fee for the Castle at own expense). After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight at The Nicolaus Hotel or similar. (D)

## Day 2 Sat: Bari-Trani-Castel del Monte-Alberobello

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach Trani. Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral. In the afternoon, reach Castel Del Monte, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. Your journey will continue towards Alberobello: a world-known UNESCO World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These dry-stone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. Overnight stay in a scattered hotel, sleeping in a real "Trullo". Dinner and overnight at Trulli Holidays Resort (B, D)

## Day 3 Sun: Alberobello-Matera-Alberobello

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, in the "square" of the scattered hotel (consider 200 mts from the Trulli), the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9,000 years!

that are part of the historic center of the city. Admire the Romanesque Cathedral that overlooks the city, its beautiful "Campanile" (Bell tower) and enjoy the amazing view of the "Sassi". Transfer back to Alberobello in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in the "Trullo". (B, D)

## Day 4 Mon: Alberobello-Locorotondo-Ostuni-Lecce

After breakfast depart Alberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the "white towns" of Puglia. Board on the coach again and travel to Ostuni: located between the "Trulli" region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time at your disposal to explore another "white town" with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world's famous olive oil (all at your own expenses). In the late afternoon, board the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight at President Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 5 Tue: Lecce-Otranto-Dinner at the Masseria le Stanzie-Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3-hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town centre, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit, board the coach and leave Lecce. You will reach Otranto where you will have some free time at your disposal for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your pace. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvelous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie". Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. After dinner, travel back to Lecce for overnight. (B, D)

## Day 6 Wed: Bari

After breakfast at the hotel, check out. End of our services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Small Group no more than 15 passengers
- 5 nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Multilingual tour leader English & Spanish
- Visit UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES of Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera
- Sleep in one of the world famous "Trulli"
- Dinner in a special location

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
17, 31 May; 14, 28 Jun; 12, 26 Jul; 30 Aug; 13, 27 Sep; 11, 25 Oct 2019	2665	3015

# Southern Delights & Apulia



• 6 or 9 Days



**Departs:** Fridays

*Note: 6 Day option starts in Rome on day 3 and ends day 8 in Rome.*

## Day 1 Fri: Rome

Upon arrival at Fiumicino airport transfer to the American Palace Hotel for a day at leisure and overnight.

## Day 2 Sat: Rome

After breakfast, your local guide will make you discover highlights of religious and ancient Rome: The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel where you'll admire the Last Judgment and the Creation by Michelangelo, St. Peter's Square and Basilica. You will also admire the majestic Coliseum (outside) and the Roman Forum (outside). Overnight at hotel. (B)

## Day 3 Sun: Rome-Pompeii-Sorrento

At 07:30am pick-up at your hotel in Rome and transfer to the meeting point to join the group, then departure to Sorrentine Peninsula. Visit of cameo factory before arriving in Pompeii, where your local guide will make you discover this ancient Roman city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Then proceed to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight at GH Flora Hotel or similar. (D)

## Day 4 Mon: Sorrento-Capri-Limoncello Tasting-Sorrento

After breakfast, transfer to the harbour and cross to the Isle of Capri, famous since Roman times and favourite vacation spot of the Emperor Tiberius and in modern era of many VIP. Arrive at the port of Marina Grande take the funicular up to La Piazzetta. Time at leisure to explore the Island. Return to Sorrento where you'll have the chance to taste "Limoncello", the liquor made from the fragrant lemon of Sorrentine Area. Dinner and overnight at GH Flora Hotel or similar. (B, T, D)

## Day 5 Tue: Sorrento-Matera-Alberobello

After breakfast transfer to Apulia, on the east coast of Italy. Stop in Matera, visit of the famous "Sassi", one of the most impressive sites in UNESCO World Heritage list and the location of the filming of Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ". After the visit, continue

to Alberobello. Apulia is famous for its great food and it is considered the granary of the Country. Dinner will be served at the hotel and overnight at GH Olimpo Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 6 Wed: Alberobello-Lecce-Ostuni-Alberobello

After breakfast depart to Lecce that presents an architectural feast. An ancient settlement of the Messapii tribes, it is the principal Baroque city of Apulia. This morning our local guide will bring this and more to light. After lunch on your own, you'll move on to Ostuni, the White City, perched on a hill overlooking the Adriatic Sea and inhabited at least since 1000 BC. Back to hotel, dinner and overnight at GH Olimpo Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 7 Thu: Alberobello-Wine Tasting-Martina Franca-Amalfi Coast

Breakfast at the hotel then depart for an excursion to Alberobello, a village of one thousand fairy tale-like "Trulli", round white houses with tall conical roofs. Your tour leader will explain their mysterious origins and why people continue to build them. Proceed to a farm near Alberobello for a tasting of their excellent "Primitivo" wine (with light lunch) and a visit to the Wine Museum. Then visit of Martina Franca and its beautiful old city centre. In the afternoon proceed to Amalfi Coast via the magnificent and breath-taking Amalfi Drive. Dinner and overnight at La Lucertola Hotel or similar. (B, WT, D)

## Day 8 Fri: Amalfi Coast-Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Around noon leave for Rome. (6-day tour ends). 9-day tour overnight at the American Palace Hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 9 Sat: Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Fiumicino Airport. End of services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe Transportation
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort
- 8 nights in Selected 4\*hotels
- 8 breakfast, 5 dinners
- 1 Limoncello tasting
- 1 wine tasting with light lunch in Alberobello
- Admission fees: Pompeii Excavations; Cave House and Rocky Church in Matera; Archaeological Park in Ostuni
- Dedicated and licensed local guides (Pompeii, Matera, Lecce & Ostuni)
- Headsets in Pompeii
- Sharing transfer from hotel in Rome to meeting point
- Hydrofoil to/from Capri
- Baggage handling at hotel - 1 piece of luggage per passenger

Price Per Person A\$	6 Days			9 Days		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
24 May; 21 Jun; 19 Jul; 30 Aug; 13 Sep; 4 Oct 2019	1570	1474	2220	2296	2166	3380



# Semi-Escorted Tours



Due to space limitation we are unable to present all our semi-escorted tours in this brochure, below are our most popular tours regular semi-escorted tours. These tours are guaranteed departures with a minimum of two people and provide a convenient way to explore Italy. Most tours depart from Rome and return to Rome, they are all multilingual (English, Spanish & French) tours with local guides provided in each city for sightseeing.

## Emerald Tour

• 5 Days



**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-30 Oct 2019

### Day 1: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Early morning departure from Rome (Terminal location or selected hotel) for Naples, a local guide will take you for a walking tour of the historical centre to admire the Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Gallery of Umberto I, and the San Carlo Opera House. Continue to Pompeii, visit a coral and cameo factory, have lunch at a local restaurant, followed by a visit of the excavations of this ancient Roman city. Proceed to Sorrento on the Sorrentine Peninsula. Dinner and overnight. Hotel Vesuvio or similar. (L, D)

### Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Blue Grotto-Sorrento

After breakfast, depart to Capri by ferry to Marina Grande and enjoy breathtaking views of the most famous coastline. Once on the island you will visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), the Augustus gardens and stop at the famous Piazzetta. A Minibus will take you up to Anacapri for lunch. Return to Marina Grande for ferry to

Sorrento. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Sorrento-Positana-Amalfi

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Amalfi via the breathtaking Amalfi Coast drive. En-route stop in Positano and enjoy 1.5 hour of free time to explore the narrow lanes and abundance of souvenir shops. Alternatively, laze on the beach or visit the Church of Santa Maria Assunta (own expense). Leaving Positano and arrival in Amalfi, check in at the hotel and time at leisure. Overnight at Hotel G.H. Excelsior or similar. (B)

### Day 4: Amalfi

Breakfast at hotel. Free time to discover the beauty of this wonderful coastal resort, or to explore the area. You can take the hotel shuttle bus to private beaches or a local bus to visit Positano or Ravello. Additional optional tours available. overnight at hotel. (B, D)

### Day 5: Amalfi-Pompeii-Rome

Breakfast at the hotel, then morning at leisure. Early afternoon meet your driver for your transfer by minivan to Pompeii to join another group for your trip back to Rome. Traffic permitting, the estimated time of arrival is 9pm. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation by air-conditioned coach or minivan
- 4 Nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Local guides in Pompeii and Capri
- Entrance fees to Pompeii Excavations
- Return Ferry to Capri

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-30 Apr; 1-30 Oct 2019	1472	1415	2020
1 May-30 Sep 2019	1610	1553	2280

## Southern Pearls

• 5 Days



**Departs:** 1 Apr-29 Oct 2019

### Day 1: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Early morning departure (from appointment Terminal or selected hotel) from Rome to Naples by coach with a multilingual tour leader. Upon arrival in Naples a local guide will take you for a walking tour of the historical centre to admire the Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Gallery of Umberto I, and the San Carlo Opera House. From Naples, continue to Pompeii, and enjoy a short visit to a coral and cameo factory. Lunch in a local restaurant, followed by a visit of the excavations of this ancient Roman city. Proceed to Sorrento, a charming town famous for the cultivation of oranges, lemons and olives trees. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Vesuvio or similar. (L, D)

### Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

Depart at 8.00am for the island of Capri. Board a ferry and arrive in Marina Grande. On the island visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), the Augustus Gardens and stop at

the famous Piazzetta. A minibus will take you to Anacapri for lunch before returning to Marina Grande for a return ferry and transfer back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Vesuvio or similar. (B, L, D)

### Day 3: Sorrento-Positano

Depart at 9.30am for Positano via the breathtaking Amalfi Coast drive. On arrival check in Hotel Conca D'oro, Hotel Savoia or similar. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

### Day 4: Positano

Free time to discover the beauty of this wonderful coastal village, or to explore the area. You can take a local bus and visit Ravello or Amalfi, or take the time to relax and plunge into the water of the Mediterranean Sea. (B)

### Day 5: Positano-Pompeii-Rome

Morning at leisure. Depart from the hotel at approx. 3.00pm and transfer to Pompeii to join another group for your trip back to Rome. The estimated time of arrival is 9.00pm, where the tour will end. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation by air-conditioned coach or minivan
- 4 Nights accommodation
- Transfers throughout
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Local guides in Pompeii and Capri
- Entrance fees to Pompeii Excavations
- Return Ferry to Capri

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Apr-29 Oct 2019	1880	1780	2950

\* Star rating of 3 or 4 star is only for the stay in Positano

# Sicily Tours

A short distance off the "toe" of Italy lies Mediterranean's largest island, Sicily. Located in Southern Italy and separated from the mainland by the narrow Strait of Messina, Sicily has been nicknamed God's Kitchen, with its fertile soil producing some of the world's best oranges, tomatoes, olives, almonds and pistachios. A mixed influence from many diverse cultures has left Sicily bursting at the seams with an array of UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the gold mosaics found in the Palatine Chapel (Cappella Palatina), the Greek influenced temples scattered throughout the Valley of the Temples, and the tallest active volcano in Europe, Mount Etna, that towers over the suburbs of Catania providing a stunning backdrop to the Eastern ancient port city. The decadent produce, beautiful Mediterranean climate and breathtaking views make it the perfect destination to indulge in local cuisine, undertake phenomenal sightseeing and unwind on the crystal clear beaches.

## From Palermo to Catania

• 5 Days

## From Catania to Palermo

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Tuesdays 2 Apr-12 Nov 2019

- Day 1:** Palermo
- Day 2:** Palermo-Monreale-Palermo-Marsala
- Day 3:** Marsala Salt Road-Selinunte-Agrigento
- Day 4:** Piazza Armerina-Ragusa
- Day 5:** Catania

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4-star hotels on half board basis in hotels or local restaurants
- Multilingual tour leader & professional travel guide (English, Italian or Spanish)
- Local guides or audio guides where necessary
- Gran comfort bus from day 2 to day 4
- Visits to main suggestive UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
2 Apr-12 Nov 2019	1156	On request	1460



**Departs:** Saturdays 6 Apr-9 Nov 2019

- Day 1:** Catania
- Day 2:** Siracusa-Noto-Catania
- Day 3:** Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania
- Day 4:** Catania-Cefalu-Palermo
- Day 5:** Palermo-Monreale-Palermo
- Day 6:** Palermo

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4-star hotels on half board basis in hotels or local restaurants
- Multilingual tour leader & professional travel guide (English, Italian or Spanish)
- Local guides or audio guides where necessary
- Gran comfort bus from day 2 to day 5
- Visits to main suggestive UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products
- 1 lunch in Taormina on day 3

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Mar-Apr, Jun-Aug, Oct-Nov 2019	1380	On request	1826
May, Sep 2019	1435	On request	1898

## Magnificent Sicily

• 5 Days

## Wonders of Sicily

• 8 Days



**Departs:** Tuesdays 21 May; 4 Jun; 2, 30 Jul; 27 Aug; 10, 17, 24 Sep; 1, 8, 15 Oct 19

- Day 1:** Sorrento-Naples-Overnight Cruise to Palermo
- Day 2:** Palermo-Monreale-Agrigento
- Day 3:** Agrigento-Tasting-Taormina-

- Day 4:** Acireale-Syracusa-Acireale
- Day 5:** Acireale-Mount Etna-Catania Airport

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe transportation
- Accommodation in external cabin for overnight ferry Naples-Palermo
- Licensed professional English-speaking tour escort
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels, 3 breakfasts, 4 dinners, 1 Sicilian breakfast
- 1 tasting of local products in Agrigento
- Farewell lunch in Etna area
- Admission fees

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
21 May-15 Oct 2019	1300	1202	1776



**Departs:** Saturdays 6 Apr-9 Nov 2019

- Day 1:** Catania
- Day 2:** Catania-Siracusa-Noto-Catania
- Day 3:** Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania
- Day 4:** Catania-Cefalu-Palermo
- Day 5:** Palermo-Monreale-Palermo-Marsala
- Day 6:** Marsala-Selinunte-Agrigento

- Day 7:** Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa-Catania
- Day 8:** Catania

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4-star hotels on half board basis in hotels or local restaurants
- Multilingual tour leader & professional travel guide (English, Italian or Spanish)
- Local guides or audio guides where necessary
- Gran comfort bus from day 2 to day 7
- Visits to main suggestive UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Tasting of Sicilian typical products
- 1 lunch in Taormina on day 3

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
Mar-Apr, Jun-Aug, Oct-Nov 2019	1594	On request	2158
May, Sep 2019	1648	On request	2226



**Departs: Thursdays**

**Day 1 Thu: Palermo**

Arrive in Palermo and make your own way to your hotel. Dinner in the hotel and rest up for the adventure that lies ahead. Overnight at Mercure Hotel or similar(D)

**Day 2 Fri: Palermo**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then head out on a morning excursion to Monreale, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy some shopping of local delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, discovering attractions like Palermo Cathedral. Walk inside the impressive-looking place of worship and marvel

at its arches, cupolas and mosaics. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 3 Sat: Palermo-Erice-Saline della Laguna-Agrigento**

After breakfast departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history, nature, archeology find a perfect synthesis. Enjoy a boat trip to the islands, located nearby. Board on these special boats, designed to navigate in the lagoon bottoms that at low tide reach only 25 cm. You will pass from the Island of Mozia, Isola Lunga, Isola di Schola, from the Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site. Dinner and overnight at Della Valle Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

**Day 4 Sun: Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa Ibla-Ragusa**

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Piazza Armerina a pretty and historic town nestled in the heart of Sicily. Entrance in Villa Romana del Casale to admire the largest, richest and most complex Roman mosaics in the world.

It is one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Italy since 1997. Depart to Ragusa and visit of the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola where we will visit the church of San Giuseppe: a little gem. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa at the Poggio del sole Hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 5 Mon: Ragusa-Noto-Siracusa-Taormina**

After breakfast travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Visit Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after an earthquake, and then have a nice walk in the town's center. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's southeastern tip. Visit "Parco Archeologico della Neapolis", Syracuse's famous archaeological area. Head inside to see impressive landmarks such as the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater and the Ear of Dionysius, an artificial limestone cave. After the visit, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortygia, the home to a wealth of Baroque churches and

medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, for dinner and overnight at the Caesar Palace Hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 6 Tue: Taormina**

Breakfast at your hotel and then head off to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna's landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800 m). After, return to Taormina, the beautiful and romantic town located on Mount Tauro. Return to Taormina in the afternoon and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

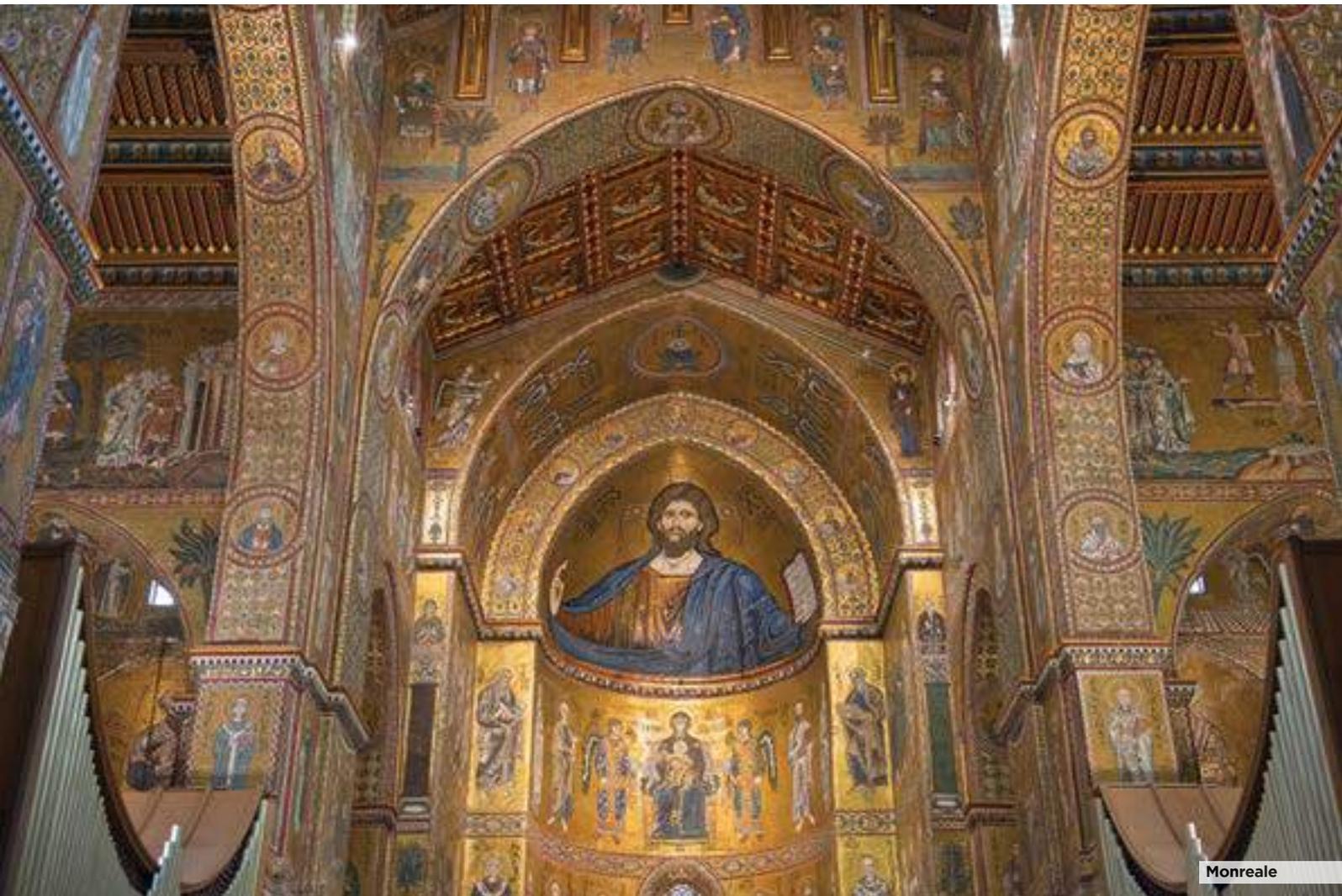
**Day 7 Wed: Taormina**

After breakfast, end of services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Transport by deluxe motor coach
- English Speaking tour escort
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner)
- Local guide at sites visited
- Entrance tickets to all archaeological sites
- Saline della Laguna boat trip & lunch

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
18 Apr; 9, 23 May; 6, 20 Jun; 4, 18 Jul; 22 Aug; 5, 19 Sep; 3, 17 Oct 2019	1820	1760	2320



Monreale

# Escorted Regional Tours

These off the beaten track multilingual escorted regional tours are small group guaranteed departures. Discover Liguria, Piedmont, Dolomites, North Lakes and Sardinia. Giving you an oversight of the main cities with guided tours guided by a tour leader. Due to space limitations we cannot display all the tours which we have on offer, we have selected a few tours as suggestions, for more tour options please contact us. Tours depart from specific meeting points.

## North Lakes

• 4 Days



**Departs:** Fridays 3, 10, 24 May; 7, 21, 28 Jun; 12, 26 Jul; 9, 23 Aug; 13, 27 Sep; 4, 11, 18 Oct 2019

**Day 1:** Milan-Lake Orta-Stresa-Como

**Day 2:** Como-Bellagio-Verenna-Bergamo-Brescia

**Day 3:** Brescia-Sirmione-Riva Del Garda-Verona

**Day 4:** Verona-Milan

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- Prosecco tasting

**Twin/Triple Share:** A\$1685 per person

**Single:** A\$1885

## Liguria

• 4 Days



**Departs:** Selected dates: 5, 15, 29 Apr; 9, 24 May; 3, 17 Jun; 1, 18 Jul; 22 Aug; 2, 20\* Sep; 3, 14, 24, 31 Oct 2019

**Day 1:** Milan-Genoa

**Day 2:** Genoa-Sanremo-Genoa

**Day 3:** Genoa- Porto Venere-Cinque Terre-Genoa

**Day 4:** Genoa-Rapallo-Portofino-Santa Margherita Ligure-Milan

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- Focaccia with cheese tasting

**Twin/Triple Share:** A\$1650 per person (\*20 Sep A\$1930 per person)

**Single:** A\$1904 (\*20 Sep A\$2474)

## Dolomites

• 4 Days



**Departs:** Thursdays 25 Apr; 16 May; 13, 27 Jun; 11, 25 Jul; 29 Aug; 12 Sep; 10 Oct 2019

**Day 1:** Milan-Verona-Cortina D'Ampezzo

**Day 2:** Cortina D'Ampezzo-Lake Misurina-Lake Braises-Pusteria/Badia-Gardena/Giau Pass-Cortina D'Ampezzo

**Day 3:** Cortina D'Ampezzo-Falzarego/Costalunga Pass-Lake Carezza-Merano-Bolzano

**Day 4:** Balzano-Trento-Milan

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- Apples and Speck tasting in the Dolomites region

**Twin/Triple Share:** A\$1570 per person

**Single:** A\$1710

## Sardinia

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Mondays 8 Apr; 27 May; 23 Sep 2019

**Day 1:** Genoa-Rapallo-Portofino-Santa Margherita Ligure- Genoa Port-Olbia

**Day 2:** Olbia-Maddalena/Caprera-Palau

**Day 3:** Palau-Costa Smeralda-Palau

**Day 4:** Palau-Stintino-Capocaccia-Alghero

**Day 5:** Alghero-Castelsardo-Santa Teresa-Olbia

**Day 6:** Genoa

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- Cake and mirto tasting

**Twin/Triple Share:** A\$2132 per person

**Single:** A\$2444

## Piedmont

• 4 Days



**Departs:** Thursdays 2 May; 20 Jun; 17 Oct 2019

**Day 1:** Milan-Monferrato Area-Turin

**Day 2:** Turin

**Day 3:** Turin-The Langhe-Asti-Turin

**Day 4:** Turin-Courmayeur-Aosta-Milan

**HIGHLIGHT:**

- Barolo wine and truffles cream tasting

**Twin/Triple Share:** A\$1550 per person

**Single:** A\$1872

## INCLUSIONS FOR ALL PACKAGES

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Multilingual escorted tours
- Expert local guides
- Standard room accommodation in 3 & 4 star hotel
- Breakfast daily
- City tours as per itinerary (ask us for full itinerary)
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums as per itinerary (contact us for full itinerary)

# Italy by Train

Route	High-Speed Train	Regional Train
Rome to Florence	1hr 30min	3hr 30min
Rome to Milan	3hr	9hr
Rome to Venice	4hr	8hr
Florence to Milan	2hr	5hr
Florence to Venice	2hr	4hr
Pisa to Florence	-	1hr
Venice to Milan	-	2hr 30min

With over 16,000 kilometres of railway tracks, a range of Italian trains will transport you across the whole of Italy and its islands, and to and from other European countries by day and night. The Italian high-speed trains are known as Frecciarossa, Frecciargento and Frecciabianca. Thanks to international high-speed trains, Italy has connections with France and Switzerland.

Experience the romance, history and culture of Italy by train. Whether it is Milano's fashion boutiques, Venezia's romantic canals or Roma's antique vestiges, the excellent high speed railway network of Italy offers the easiest and yet the best value for money option to travel the country in a short period of time.

## Lakes & Love in Northern Italy

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Daily 17 Mar-31 Oct 2019

- Day 1:** Milan (arrival transfer)
  - Day 2:** Milan (excursion to Como Lakes)
  - Day 3:** Milan-Venice
  - Day 4:** Venice (city centre tour)
  - Day 5-6:** Venice
- 3 Star:** From A\$1014 per person twin share  
**4 Star:** From A\$1168 per person twin share

## Rome & Venice

• 7 Days



**Departs:** Daily 17 Mar-31 Oct 2019

- Day 1:** Rome (arrival transfer)
  - Day 2:** Rome (city centre tour)
  - Day 3:** Rome
  - Day 4:** Rome-Venice
  - Day 5:** Venice (city centre tour)
  - Day 6-7:** Venice
- 3 Star:** From A\$865 per person twin share  
**4 Star:** From A\$1088 per person twin share

## Rome & the Enchanting Cinque Terre

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Daily 17 Mar-31 Oct 2019

- Day 1:** Rome (arrival transfer)
  - Day 2:** Rome (city centre tour)
  - Day 3:** Rome
  - Day 4:** Rome-Monterosso
  - Day 5-6:** Monterosso
- 3 Star:** From A\$890 per person twin share  
**4 Star:** From A\$1120 per person twin share

## Rome, Florence & Le Cinque Terre

• 8 Days



**Departs:** Daily 17 Mar-31 Oct 2019

- Day 1:** Rome (arrival transfer)
  - Day 2:** Rome (city centre tour)
  - Day 3:** Rome
  - Day 4:** Rome-Florence
  - Day 5:** Florence (city centre tour)
  - Day 6:** Florence-Monterosso
  - Day 7-8:** Monterosso
- 3 Star:** From A\$1160 per person twin share  
**4 Star:** From A\$1474 per person twin share

## The Art Cities of Italy

• 8 Days



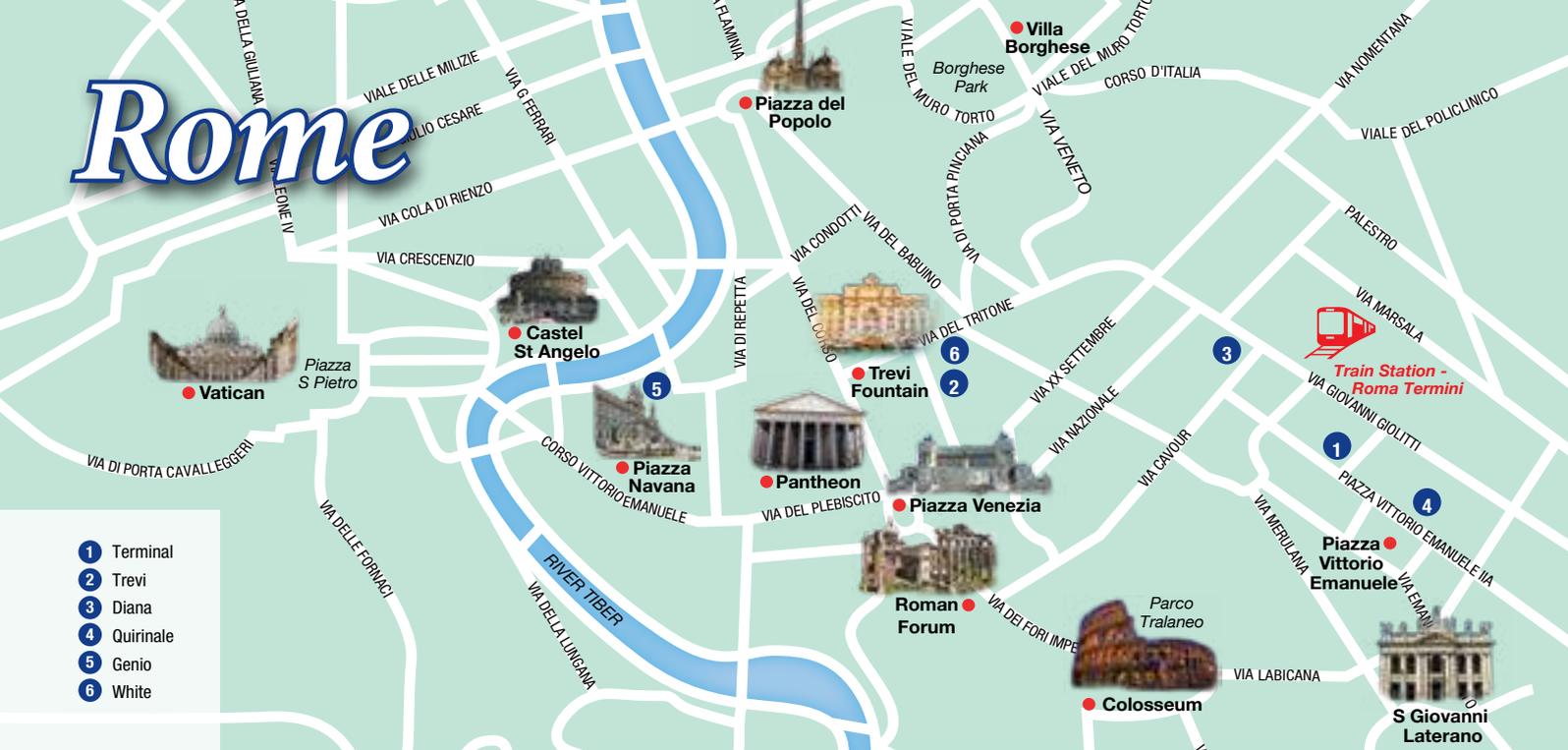
**Departs:** Daily 3 Jan-28 Dec 2019

- Day 1:** Rome (arrival transfer)
  - Day 2:** Rome (City centre excursion)
  - Day 3:** Rome
  - Day 4:** Rome-Florence
  - Day 5:** Florence (city centre tour)
  - Day 6:** Florence-Venice
  - Day 7:** Venice (city centre tour)
  - Day 8:** Venice
- 3 Star:** From A\$975 per person twin share  
**4 Star:** From A\$1280 per person twin share

### INCLUSIONS FOR ALL TRAIN PACKAGES

- Standard room accommodation in 3 or 4 star hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Arrival Transfer
- Tourist class train tickets
- Sightseeing tours where specified

# Rome



If you are planning a trip to Italy, a visit to the capital of Rome is a must! Take advantage of these hassle free packages specially designed to allow you to experience Rome's must see's and must do's including arrival airport transfer and half day sightseeing tours as a great way to discover the major highlights of this city. Select from our recommended hotels on page 19 and combine them with one of our 3 or 4 day packages. Due to space limitations we cannot display all the hotels we have on offer.

We can also tailor make a package for you with any hotels or day tours of your choice, we have other day tours you may wish to select from on pages 20 & 21.

## Taste of Rome

• 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily

### Day 1: Rome

On arrival meet your private transfer with English speaking driver and transfer from Rome airport to your hotel downtown Rome.\*

### Day 2: Rome Half Day Tour

In the morning pick up from your centrally located hotel for a half day tour of The most famous sites in Rome. Bring history to life visiting Largo Argentina, place of the murder of Julius Caesar. Experience the lively centre of Rome with its market of food and flowers in Campo de' Fiori. Your guide will then introduce you to the famous Navona Square, one of the best examples of Baroque art. Here you will admire Bernini's fountain of four rivers. You will then visit the Pantheon,

Throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain and complete your visit of the city at the famous Spanish Steps. Afternoon at leisure, you may want to do an afternoon tour of the Vatican Museum. (closed on Sundays). (B)

### Day 3: Rome

End of our services. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Arrival transfer
- 2 nights accommodation at Trevi Hotel
- Half day sightseeing tour of Rome
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

\* Night transfer supplement applies if arriving between 8pm and 7am.

from  
**A\$340**  
per person  
twin share



## Rome Essentials

• 4 Days

**Departs:** Daily

### Day 1: Rome

On arrival meet your private transfer with English speaking driver and transfer from Rome airport to your hotel in downtown Rome.\*

### Day 2: Rome-Half Day Tour

Today early start with pick up from your centrally located hotel for a 3 hour tour of Rome's most famous symbols. Visit the three world famous symbols of Ancient Rome: Coliseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. Tour starts at the Arch of Constantine, the largest and one of the best-preserved triumphal arches in Rome. From here the guide will take you inside the Coliseum and explain the fascinating shows that were held here, such as Gladiator and animal fighting. Afterwards, you will continue discovering the Roman Forum, the political and economic centre of the Empire. Continue your visit to the Palatine Hill and enjoy the breathtaking views over the Forum and Circus Maximus. End of tour, overnight at your hotel. (B)

### Day 3: Rome-Vatican Tour

In the morning drive to Vatican and visit its Museum: Spiral Staircase, the Candelabra Gallery - The Tapestry Gallery, the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica. No drop off at the hotel for overnight. (B)

### Day 4: Rome

After breakfast, end of our services. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Arrival transfer
- 3 nights accommodation at Trevi Hotel
- Half day sightseeing tour with lunch
- Half day Vatican tour
- Entrance fees, service charges and local taxes

\* Night transfer supplement applies if arriving between 8pm and 7am.

from  
**A\$730**  
per person  
twin share

## Rome General Information

- Rome Airports: Fiumicino 35km from City Centre; Ciampino 15km from City Centre
- Port: Civitavecchia Port 75km from City Centre
- Train Station: Termini Station in City Centre. Trains are available to most major cities in Italy as well as various European cities.

# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## 1 Terminal Hotel

★★★★



Conveniently located only 250m from the Termini Station, the Terminal Hotel is in the ideal location for discovering the Eternal City and visiting monuments such as the Spanish Steps. The hotel features a meeting and reading lounge, TV room, bar and a breakfast room to ensure a basic but comfortable stay. All 35 rooms are tastefully decorated and are equipped with A/C, TV, DD phone, electronic safe, mini fridge and soundproofing. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 year free. 2-12 years - 50% discount of twin rate.

from  
**A\$73**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Trevi Hotel

★★★★



Situated in the heart of historical Rome, Hotel Trevi is next to the Trevi Fountain and Quirinale Palace and provides modern standards in the centre of history. Private garage parking facilities are available on request and the 37 rooms are all elegantly decorated with all facilities including private bathroom and hair dryer, A/C, telephone, radio, TV, mini bar and safe. This is dream location but gets quite busy especially in peak season. Hotel offers quad rooms. **Breakfast:** Continental buffet breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
**A\$94**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Diana Hotel

★★★★★



Diana is an elegant hotel, centrally located between the Termini railway station and the Opera Theatre. The artistic and historical attractions of the city are within easy reach on foot or by metro. Features of the hotel include a roof garden offering cocktails, snacks, and a sensational panoramic view of the city. There is also a cosy restaurant serving traditional Italian cuisine. There are 169 tastefully decorated rooms, all equipped with A/C, telephone, TV and mini bar. **Breakfast:** Continental Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 free, 2-12 years - 50% discount of twin rate.

from  
**A\$104**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Genio Hotel

★★★★★



Set in Rome's most historic neighbourhood, Hotel Genio offers panoramic views across the city from its rooftop terrace. It is just 100 metres from the pretty square of Piazza Navona. The Genio Hotel is set in a building from the Neo-Renaissance period. It is surrounded by winding streets full of some of Rome's most popular wine bars, cafés and restaurants. The hotel has a reading and TV room and a bar for customers. This 4 stars Rome hotel will offer you a very pleasant stay in an elegant and sophisticated atmosphere. The 66 rooms are air conditioned and feature carpeted floors, a TV and mini bar. Wi-Fi access is available throughout the hotel. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free with baby cot.

from  
**A\$94**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 Quirinale Hotel

★★★★★



This four star hotel is located in the centre of Rome beside the Opera House and Via Nazionale - one of the best shopping districts in Italy. Between the shopping and the history, this imperial styled hotel is the perfect base to suit the needs of everyone. The Quirinale features 210 rooms ranging from standard and superior rooms to suites and junior suites. These traditionally Roman styled rooms all include A/C, telephone, mini bar, TV, private safe and 24hour room service. **Breakfast:** Room only. **Child:** 0-6 years free with existing bedding.

from  
**A\$128**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 6 White Hotel

★★★★★



Located in the historical centre of Rome near the Spanish Steps and the Pantheon, the hotel is located just a hundred meters from the splendid Trevi Fountain and within walking distance from all the major attractions of the city. The hotel also has a wellness centre and gym. All of the 40 rooms are tastefully decorated with elegant and minimalistic furniture and equipped with all comforts including private bathroom, air conditioning, satellite TV, mini bar, radio, telephone, personal safe and hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free with baby cot, 3-6 free with existing bedding.

from  
**A\$120**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Rome Day Tours

We offer a large selection of day tours that can be added to almost any itinerary. New itineraries can also be created using tours we recommend. Please note that due to space shortage not all tours are displayed on these pages, but to see the complete range of tours available please refer to our website [www.greecemedtravel.com.au](http://www.greecemedtravel.com.au). We can also customise tours to suite any taste, budget and duration. So please do not hesitate to ask for the tour that includes your selected sites.

## Small Group Walking Tours



These English only, small group walking tours are designed to give you a taste of Rome's unique and famous landmarks with a maximum of 20 people on your tour.

### Vatican Museum & St Peter's Basilica- Skip The Line

• 3 Hours



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 Mornings (09:30) Daily except Wednesdays & Sundays. Afternoons (14:00) Daily except Sundays

Pick up from centrally located hotel and skip the line to see the 2000 rooms of the Vatican house the most extensive collection of art in the world. Marvel at the sight of the Sistine Chapel, one of the most famous and visited sites in the world. We will then proceed to the imposing beauty of Saint Peter's Basilica. Inside this church we will experience the beauty of the world famous sculpture La Pietà and discover the originality of another art genius, Gian Lorenzo Bernini and the splendid Colonnade in St. Peter's Square. The tour ends in St. Peter's Square.

Price Per Person A\$	140
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### Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel by Night - Skip The Line

• 2 Hours



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 Fridays

This tour will allow you to discover the treasures of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel after the official closing times of the museums, avoiding crowds and daytime heat and enjoying the commentary of our expert English-speaking guides. From the Gallery of Tapestries to the Gallery of Maps, from the sculpture galleries to the masterpieces of the Sistine Chapel experience the most famous museums in the World at the most peaceful time of the day, getting straight inside and avoiding the queues.

Price Per Person A\$	122
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### Imperial Rome Walking Tour - Skip The Line

• 3 Hours



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 Mornings (09:30) Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays. Afternoons (15:00) Daily except Sundays

Visit the three world famous symbols of Ancient Rome: Coliseum, Palatine Hill and Roman Forum. Tour starts at the Arch of Constantine, the largest and one of the best preserved triumphal arches in Rome. From here the guide will take you inside the Coliseum and explain the fascinating shows that were held here, such as Gladiator and animal fighting. Afterwards, you will continue discovering the Roman Forum, the political and economic centre of the Empire. Continue your visit to the Palatine Hill and enjoy the breathtaking views over the Forum and Circus Maximus. Includes pick up from centrally located hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	120
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Note: This tour can also be combined with Vatican Museum & St Peter's Basilica Skip the line, departs daily except Wednesdays & Sundays price \$298 per person (including lunch)

### Discovering Rome

• 3 Hours



**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 (09:30)

In a single morning you will move in centuries and discover top attractions of Rome. Bring history to life visiting Largo Argentina, place of the murder of Julius Caesar. Experience the lively centre of Rome with its market of food and flowers in Campo de' Fiori. Your guide will then introduce you to the famous Navona Square, one of the best examples of Baroque art. Here you will admire Bernini's fountain of four rivers. You will then visit the Pantheon, Throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain and complete your visit of the city at the famous Spanish Steps. Includes pick up from centrally located hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	82
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# Bus & Train Tours



## Florence by Train

• Full Day



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 Wednesdays & Fridays (7:20am)

Pick-up from your centrally located hotel in Rome and meeting with our assistant at the railway station where you will be given your train tickets and all the information. At 7:20am, departure from Termini Railway Station and in only 1.5hrs you will reach Florence. Morning at leisure. At 13:30 your guided tour of Florence will start. It will allow you to visit 2 of the most important museums of Florence starting from the incredible Accademia Gallery, after this first guided visit, you will be taken on an interesting walking tour through Florence's most famous squares: Piazza San Giovanni, Giotto's bell Tower, Brunelleschi's Dome. After the walking tour, be prepared for a real feast for the eyes and the soul: the incredible Uffizi Gallery, offering one of the largest painting collections in the world as well as stunning views of Florence's cityscape. Departure to Rome in the late afternoon, arrival in Rome at 19:40pm. End of services.

*Note: We offer the possibility to add an overnight stay. Rates are on request.*

Price Per Person A\$	355
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## Naples & Pompeii

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily at 7:30am 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019

Discover one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: Pompeii. Leaving Rome southwards we take the "Highway of the Sun" crossing the Roman countryside through the area known as the 'Castelli Romani'. Upon arrival in Naples our local guide will take us for a walking tour of the historical centre to admire Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, Piazza del Municipio, the Gallery of Umberto I, and the San Carlo Opera House. Upon leaving the city, continue to Pompeii. After lunch in a typical restaurant, visit the excavations of this ancient Roman city that, along with Herculaneum. At the end of the visit we will return to the coach for a journey back to Rome. Transfer back to your hotel.

Price Per Person A\$	248
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## Positano & Amalfi by Train

• Full Day



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 8:00am Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Explore the famous Amalfi Coast on this small group full-day excursion from Rome. Come aboard a high-speed train to experience the amazing Amalfi Coast. Sit back, relax and enjoy the views while we take you on a journey to two of our favourite coastal towns - Positano and Amalfi. Once at the train station, you will be taken to Positano, that, thanks to its splendid panoramic position and enchanting town centre, is one of the most enchanting villages in the south of Italy. We will then move on to Amalfi: with its Mediterranean architecture, stacked houses and colourful buildings. In the afternoon, you will head back to Rome with the high-speed train.

Price Per Person A\$	345
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## Venice by Train

• Full Day



**Departs:** 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 7:30am Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays

In the morning, meet your tour escort at our meeting point at Termini station. On board of your comfortable high-speed train, you'll reach Venice in 3hrs and 45min. Take a relaxing walk through the picturesque alleys and canals of Venice and reach the marvelous St. Mark's Square. Spend some time at your pace to shop or sip on a nice coffee in a Historical Café. Enjoy a skip-the line entrance to St Mark's Basilica in the afternoon, take a ride by Ferry boat along the world-wide known "Gran Canal" to admire its splendid architecture and buildings that seem to float on the waters. In the early evening reach the train Station of Santa Lucia and board for your trip back to Rome. Arrival at Rome Train Station at 22:10pm approx.

Price Per Person A\$	346
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# Special Interest Tours



## Tasting Tour in Rome

• 3 Hours



**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019 Morning (10:00am) Afternoon (16:30pm)

Rome in a different light? If traditional group tours of city centre don't convince you, try this small-group tasting experience. With our local food guide, you'll enjoy a nice stroll through characteristic but more hidden areas of Rome like the Jewish Ghetto, through their traditional markets, restaurants, Gelato and coffee shops. Your tasting tour starts with this lovely sight, in a group of 12 people or less for a personal approach and will end on the other side of the river, in the trastevere neighbourhood. During your delicious journey, you will also learn some tips about Italian eating habits and the special Jewish-Roman cuisine, traditional hand-made recipes, seasonal and fresh ingredients.

Price Per Person A\$	140
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## Pizza Making Course

• 2 Hours



**Departs:** Daily at 17:00pm 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019

Our class at the popular That's Amore restaurant, a few steps from the Trevi Fountain, is a 90-minute pizza making lesson perfect for all ages. One of our chefs will guide you through the Italian tradition of preparing pizza dough from scratch, explain techniques, tips on making the best dough, and teach you how to dress your pizza properly. You will be given your own ingredients in order to top the pizza with whatever you like and experiment with various recipes. At the end you will eat what you have prepared and discover whether your skill level is now that of a real "Pizzaiolo". Drink and dessert included. This hands-on, family friendly class is a fun and delicious experience for students of all ages!

Price Per Person A\$	120
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# Cinque Terre



Stretching between the cliffs of Levanto and Le Spezia, the beautiful area of Cinque Terre is one of the most unspoilt areas of Italy. The five villages appear to cling to the Cliffside with little impact upon the natural beauty of the landscape and the charm of the fishing villages. It is a place where wine growers still use monorail mechanisms to ferry themselves up and the grapes down these unique lands, and in some cases, harvest by boat. There are many activities to choose from in this area: a dive in the sea, a hike in the hills, a boat trip, a pilgrimage to a religious sanctuary or indulge in a delicious seafood dinner.

Delight in this UNESCO World Heritage site, whether you're just passing through for a couple of days or enjoying a longer stay where you can discover more of the region through the friendly locals.

## Distances

From	To	Distance (kms)	Train Times	Hiking Times
La Spezia	Riomaggiore		9 Mins	-
Riomaggiore	Manarola	1	2 Mins	20 Mins
Manarola	Corniglia	1	4 Mins	1 Hour 10 Mins
Corniglia	Vernazza	4	5 Mins	1 Hour 30 Mins
Vernazza	Monterosso	3	5 Mins	2 Hours
Riomaggiore	Monterosso	9	16 Mins	5 Hours
Monterosso	Levanto	-	5 Mins	-

## Getting There & Around

Trains run regularly to the region of Cinque Terre with trains stopping at La Spezia and Levanto. For those staying in one of the five villages of Cinque Terre, you may need to transfer to another train platform (particularly in La Spezia). Please note there is no car access within the Cinque Terre region. As such, getting around is mainly via walking, mountain bikes or trains.



## Riomaggiore Apartment • Special Category

Ideally located in the beautiful and picturesque village of Riomaggiore, this large and airy one bedroom apartment is suitable for up to four guests. The apartment is located on the first floor of a historical building in a commanding position near the main church. The apartment is only 5-10 minute walk to the sea and the train station. Restaurants and cafes of the village are almost at the doorstep. The facilities of the this apartment include a bedroom with double bed, bathroom with fine appliances, well equipped kitchen, living room with sofa bed, individually controlled air conditioning and TV.



# Cinque Terre Express

• 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Riomaggiore

Arrive at Riomaggiore train station for meet, greet and assistance with our representative before the short walk to your accommodation. Rest of your day at leisure.

## Day 2: Riomaggiore-villages-Riomaggiore

Explore the Cinque Terre at your own pace. Choose to use the Cinque Terre Boat Card to sail the coastline of the Cinque Terre and visit the villages or take the walk the Via dell'Amore that connect Riomaggiore with Manarola. Experienced walkers can try some of the harder sections of the Blue Path or less experience can catch the train back. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 3: Riomaggiore

This morning, walk down to the train station.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Riomaggiore at a self contained apartment
- 3 day Train & Path pass including unlimited train travel between the villages & One Way boat pass with stops
- Usage of elevator and bus service in and between the villages
- Trains and paths map and boat schedule
- Service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Mar-31 Oct 2019	442	398	720

# Cinque Terre Discovery

• 4 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Riomaggiore

Morning arrival at Riomaggiore train station. Meet with our representative for the walk to your accommodation. Afternoon at leisure and overnight in Riomaggiore.

## Day 2: Riomaggiore-villages-Riomaggiore

Day to explore the myriad of paths linking the various villages. Walk the easiest path, the famed Via dell'Amore, and enjoy the spectacular views of the cliffs, coast and the beauty of the surrounding flora. We suggest taking the train to the village of Corniglia, which is the only village not sitting directly adjacent to the sea, instead perched on the top of a 100m cliff. Return to Riomaggiore for overnight.

## Day 3: Riomaggiore-Monterosso-Riomaggiore

Enjoy another day exploring the rugged landscape and the charming

villages which shun modern development. Enjoy a day walking by the water or take advantage of a day viewing the coastline from the water. Do not miss Monterosso, the only one of the 5 which have a stretch of sandy beach.

## Day 4: Riomaggiore

Morning walk to the train station whereby end of our services.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Riomaggiore at a self contained apartment
- 4 Day Train & Path including unlimited train travel between the villages & One Way boat pass with stops
- Usage of elevator and bus service in and between the villages
- Trains and paths map and boat schedule
- Service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Mar-31 Oct 2019	624	560	1030

# Escape to Cinque Terre

• 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Riomaggiore

Arrival at Riomaggiore train station, meet our representative for the walk to your accommodation. Enjoy an afternoon of leisure in this beautiful village.

## Day 2: Riomaggiore-villages-Riomaggiore

After breakfast, spend the morning walking the Via dell'Amore - the Walk of Love, famed for the thousands of padlocks attached to the railing with inscriptions of love. This short hike between Riomaggiore and Manarola is the easiest of the 4 sections and can be completed in approximately 20 minutes. After your walk, perhaps continue walking or take advantage of the trains to travel to Vernazzo,

Corniglia or Monerosso before returning to Riomaggiore for overnight. You may visit some or all of them if you travel by train.

## Day 3: Riomaggiore

Morning departure for the train station, where our services end.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Riomaggiore at a self contained apartment
- 3 Day Train & Path pass including unlimited train travel between the villages
- Usage of elevator and bus service in and between the villages
- Trains and paths map and boat schedule
- Service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Mar-31 Oct 2019	392	346	670

# Cinque Terre Experience

• 5 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1: Riomaggiore

Upon arrival at Riomaggiore, the first village of five meet and take elevator and walk to apartment. Alternatively the park bus can be used.

## Day 2: Riomaggiore-villages-Riomaggiore

Walk the Via dell'Amore along the gorgeous coastline to the village of Manarola. Continue walking or for those less able take the train to the village of Vernazza, an old Roman village known for its importance during the time of Genoa's Maritime Republic. Train back to Riomaggiore.

## Day 3: Riomaggiore-Monterosso-Riomaggiore

Today we recommend to take train to Monterosso, known for the only beach of all the five villages. Perhaps visit the Multimedia Virtual Aquarium, Anchovy Salting Centre or Church of the Capuchin Father. Spend some time sunbathing on the beach before

returning to Riomaggiore.

## Day 4: Riomaggiore-Boat Pass

Enjoy a morning sailing between the villages on the local boat. See Manarola, Monterosso, Corniglia and Vernazza from the sea as you relax, cruising from village to village. Use this day to use your unlimited use boat pass.

## Day 5: Riomaggiore

Walk to the train station, this morning. Upon arrival, end of our services.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation in Riomaggiore at a self contained apartment
- 5 Day Train, Path including unlimited train travel between the villages & One Day boat pass with stops
- Usage of elevator and bus service in and between the villages
- Trains and paths map and boat schedule
- Service charges and local taxes

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Mar-31 Oct 2019	810	724	1350



# Venice



*Venice is a city where people dream of getting lost in the narrow streets and discovering a hidden tavern full of happy venetians or a restaurant with authentic cuisine so small only a few customers can squeeze in at any time. Whether young or old Venice is a city that everyone must experience in their lifetime! With a foundation built on of millions of larch poles driven deep into a patchwork of mudflats travelling through the streets of Venice involves riding on a gondola.*

*Spend time admiring the rainbow of produce at the Rialto markets or refuel with Venice's renowned cocktail – a Spritz. Enjoy a city which modern buildings are virtually absent and where you can people watch for hours in St Mark's Square at one of the many cafes that line one of the most beautiful squares in the world.*

## How to Get to Venice

**By Air:** Qatar, Emirates and Singapore Airlines flies from Australia. Lufthansa and other carriers fly regularly between Venice and major European Cities.

**By Train:** Trains are available from/ to most major cities in Italy as well as various European Cities.

**By Boat:** Several cruises start or finish in Venice. Others also use Venice.

## General Information

- Venice Airports: Marco Polo: 12 kms North East of the City Centre, Treviso Airport: 30kms from City Centre
- Venice Port: 300 metres West of Venice Centre
- Venice Train Station: Santa Lucia Railway Station north west of the City Centre and approximately 30 minutes by water bus from St Mark Square

## Day Tours of Venice

- Walking Tour Of Venice
- The Doge's Palace
- Gondola Serenade
- Gondola Tour
- The Golden Basilica
- Excursion To The Islands - (Burano, Murano & Torcello)
- Legends And Ghosts Of Venice
- Shadows Of Venice
- Canal Grande Tour
- The Ducal Venice
- Inside Venice
- Discover Venice On Foot & Gondola
- Row Venice
- Pizza or Pasta Making Class
- Treasure Hunt in Venice



# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## 1 Scandinavia Hotel

★★★



Experience the old-world charm of Venice in one of its oldest buildings just a short stroll from St. Mark's Square. Dating from the year 1000 it is said that this is the very place where Desdemona met Othello in the "Moor of Venice." Occupying one of the best locations in Venice, the Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge are only a few minutes away on foot. The Hotel Scandinavia has 33 large, airy rooms. All rooms are carefully decorated with period furniture and sumptuous Murano glass lamps and feature TV, mini-bar, direct-line telephone and A/C. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free with baby cot.

from  
**A\$59**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Hotel Torino

★★★



Located in the highly contested district of San Marco, the Hotel Torino is in a privileged position in Venice, next to the court of Santa Maria del Giglio and close to the La Fenice Theatre. Divided into three sections, the main building presents elegant and timeless Baroque atmosphere along with a breakfast room and all 33 rooms are furnished with air conditioning, mini bar, telephone, satellite TV, private bathroom, internet and safe. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-6 stay free when sharing with 2 adults.

from  
**A\$80**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Casa Kirsch

★★★



Casa Kirsch is located in a quiet side street, close to the Bridge of Sighs and The Doge's Palace with St Mark's Square just one minute walking distance. The rooms have been designed with modern comforts such as glass walls, plasma TV, phone, A/C, heating and internet access. All rooms are fitted with comfortable modern furniture and facilities including big king-sized double beds or twin beds. Guests at Casa Kirsch can take advantage of the sister hotel, Casa Verardo, just 50 metres away where they can enjoy breakfast daily and use of all the hotel facilities. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-2 years free with baby cot.

from  
**A\$90**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 Casa Verardo Hotel

★★★★



Casa Verardo is an authentic, ancient noble palace that has been restored in a Venetian tradition. Casa Verardo is in an excellent location, just 3 minutes from Piazza San Marco, the Basilica and the nearest pier. From the top floor terrace guests can experience an enchanting 360° view of Venice, there is also a XVI century garden-courtyard for guests' relaxation. Rooms are spacious and charming, and are decorated with tasteful antiques. Each room is fitted with A/C, mini bar, hairdryer, TV, telephone and safe box. Rooms with Canal view available. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
**A\$100**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Hotel Ala

★★★



This hotel is only steps away from St. Mark's Square, the nicest shops (Gucci, Armani, Valentino, Ferragamo and Burberry), banks and restaurants, in the heart of Venice. The hotel features two different wings have been recently restored and enriched with the most modern comforts. This 18th century building welcomes guests in a lobby with 24-hour reception. The hotel features a safe, currency exchange, cloakroom, lift access, a café, a bar and a breakfast room. Furthermore, WLAN Internet access and room and laundry services are provided. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-4 years free with existing bedding.

from  
**A\$144**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 6 Hotel Rialto

★★★★



Views of the Grand Canal, adjacent to the Rialto Bridge, this hotel provides a whirlwind of picturesque views. 5 minutes' walk to the charismatic Saint Marco's Square along the Mercerie, guests will find themselves immersed in culture and tradition. Occupying a historical building from the 16th century, this hotel exudes decadence and instils a romantic and charismatic vibe unlike any other. The luxuriously decorated guest rooms overlook the Grand Canal and exude nobility. Lavish patterns coupled with high quality fabrics ensure that guests receive the utmost attention whilst staying at this hotel. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free with existing bedding.

from  
**A\$110**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Florence



Florence has a reputation for delighting those with finer culinary tastes, it is a city that welcomes tourists all year-round and, of course, is famous for its array of art museum. Once home to artists such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, Florence is filled with magnificent works of art around every corner, including Michelangelo's famous statue of David outside Palazzo Vecchio.

Florence is a city best explored on foot; you can even take your time and walk up to the Piazzale Michelangelo for a postcard view as the sun sets over the city. Experience the magnificence of the Duomo with its red, white and green marble and Brunelleschi's enormous octagonal dome, or take the time to taste some of the most amazing gelato in the world.

## How to Get to Florence

**By Air:** Qatar Airways flies to Pisa from Doha with great connection to major Australian cities. Alitalia, Air France, Lufthansa and other European & Domestic carriers fly regularly between Florence and major European and Italian Cities.

**By Train:** Trains are available from/ to most major cities in Italy as well as various European Cities.



## General Information

- Airport: Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport 5kms East of City Centre
- Train Station: Santa Maria Novella Train Station, in the northwest corner of Central Florence.

## Day Tours of Florence

- City Tour & Academy Gallery
- City Tour & Uffizi Gallery
- Guided Visit to Accademia
- Guided Visit to Uffizi
- Accademia & Uffizi in one day
- Medieval & Renaissance Florence
- Siena, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni & Chianti
- 5 Terre Full day tour: The scent of the sea
- Cooking courses
- Assisi, Cortona & Trasimeno Lake
- Chianti Colours & Flavours
- Afternoon to Siena & Chianti Dinner
- Selection of food & wine tours

Contact us for more available day tours

## Tour of Pisa

• Half Day

**Departs:** Daily at 8:30am 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019

Afternoons at 2:30pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays

We start the excursion with a walk alongside the medieval walls up to the old city gate, Porta Santa Maria. Stand in awe before the unique panorama of Piazza dei Miracoli with its marble architecture. Your guide will accompany you on your visit to the precious interiors of the Cathedral, an unchallenged masterpiece of Romanesque art. Once outside admire the Baptistery, the Monumental Graveyard and, finally, the world-famous Leaning Tower. Before heading back to Florence you will have free time for an ice-cream and for the inevitable photo-memories. **Please note that the Cathedral of Pisa is now free and in the most crowded days it could not be possible to visit its interior due to a long queue. We will offer a tour of Piazza Cavalieri as an alternative.**

Price Per Person A\$	80
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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## 1 Palazzo Vecchio

★★★



Hotel Palazzo Vecchio is just a few steps from Santa Maria Novella Station in the heart of the historic centre of Florence. Located in an ideal position for those who are interested in the historical centre, as it is close to the main historical and artistic sights, such as the Palazzo degli Affari, the Palazzo dei Congressi and Fortezza da Basso, amongst others. The hotel's bar and restaurant provide food and drinks, whilst all guests can also make use of the TV lounge. A range of facilities are available, including WLAN Internet access, room and laundry services, car park, garage and on-site bicycle hire. **Breakfast:** Continental Buffet. **Child:** 0-5 years free with existing bedding.

from  
A\$76  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Club Hotel

★★★



Located just 200 metres from Santa Maria Novella Church, the Hotel Club is surrounded by shops, cafes and restaurants. With modern design, the train station and cathedral are just a short walk from the hotel. Relax in the refined and fashionable Hotel Club hall where you can connect to Wi-Fi and relax in one of the many comfortable chairs. Rooms are simple and functional with Wi-Fi and air conditioning containing a mini bar, Soundproofed rooms, desk, heating, satellite TV and a private bathroom with a hair dryer and toiletries. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. **Child:** 0-3 years free with baby cot.

from  
A\$102  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Hotel River

★★★



Charming traditional Florentine style building perfectly located in front of Piazzale Michelangelo, near the Piazza Santa Croce. Combining the charm of the past with modern comforts, Hotel River is centrally located without being in the bustle. Enjoy fabulous views from the terrace of the Arno River. Other features of the hotel includes wifi in common areas, garden and patio, bar, TV and reading room and 24 hour reception. All 38 rooms have been designed in the traditional Florentine style and feature A/C, flat screen satellite TV, telephone, desk, safe deposit box, private bathroom and hairdryer. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free. 2-12 years - 50% discount when sharing with two adults.

from  
A\$130  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 Rivoli Hotel

★★★★



The Rivoli Hotel is a 15th Century Franciscan monastery, which has been restored to its original splendour. Excellent location, 250m from the Santa Maria Novella railway station and within walking distance of the city's main attractions. The hotel's history is brought back to life with cross vaults, stone arches and pillars featuring throughout the building. The hotel contains a large heated open air Jacuzzi, and 60 rooms all with large marble bathrooms, A/C, TV, telephone, and mini bar. **Breakfast:** Rich Buffet. **Child:** 0-12 years free. Breakfast for child payable locally.

from  
A\$128  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Plaza Hotel Lucchesi

★★★★



Located in the very centre of Florence, right on the bank of the Arno River and across from the Piazzale Michelangelo. Visitors will be able to reach all of the city's most famous cultural attractions on foot, including the Duomo, Vecchio Palace, Uffizi and Bargello museums. The comfortable guest rooms match timeless style with modern amenities such as free Wi-Fi, and the hotel has hosted a variety of celebrities and dignitaries in the past, including Francois Mitterrand and Marcello Mastroianni. Guests will delight in the Tuscan specialties offered by the in-house restaurant, and can prepare for a busy day of sightseeing with a delicious buffet breakfast. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-6 years free with existing bedding.

from  
A\$110  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 6 Grand Hotel Baglioni

★★★★



Standing in the heart of the historic centre, this prestigious hotel is only few minutes from the Exhibition Centre, main museums, and 300 metres from Santa Maria Novella railway station. An excellent starting point for exploring and getting to know this astonishing city, this grand hotel has preserved the charm and elegance typical of the Florentine tradition combined with modern comforts. The panoramic restaurant on the roof top offers views of Florence's monuments along with wonderful cuisine. The 193 rooms decorated in Tuscan style all feature A/C, telephone, mini-bar, TV and safe. **Breakfast:** American. **Child:** 0-12 years free, sharing with 2 adults.

from  
A\$130  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Amalfi Coast

When you think of a magnificent stretch of coastline the famous coastal resort towns of Amalfi, Positano and Ravello must surely come to mind. The Amalfi Coast is one of Italy's top travel destinations. It is renowned for its rugged terrain, scenic beauty, picturesque towns and diversity. Its ideal location allows travellers to visit nearby Pompeii or to sail to Capri, where you can wander the elegant streets or catch the local bus to the village of Anacapri with its stunning views.

## How to Get to Amalfi

**By Air:** Alitalia, Air France, and other European & Domestic carriers fly regularly between Naples and major European and Italian Cities.

**By Train:** Trains are available from/to most major cities in Italy as well as various European Cities, change in Naples required.

**By Road:** From Rome, approximately 230km.

In Sorrento and within the Amalfi Coast, regular local bus services operates.

## General Information

Amalfi Coast is an area not a city. There are several cities on Amalfi coast, the most famous being Sorrento, Amalfi, Positano and Ravello. The closest Airport is Naples Capodichino Airport, 6 kms North of Naples.



## Capri & Anacapri

• Full Day

**Departs Sorrento:** Daily at 8:00am 9 Apr-28 Oct 2019

Sail across the bay of Naples for the start of an unforgettable day. Capri Island is very cosmopolitan and chic with shops, hotels and restaurants lying along winding streets. Time at leisure and opportunity to enjoy a lemoncello on the Piazzetta, admire the elegant boutiques, stroll along the cobbled streets, take in the breathtaking panorama or simply relax on the beach. Optional visit of visit the fabulous villa of Dr. Axel Munthe, or visit to the Blue Grotto. Duration approx 8 hours. *Hotel transfers, entrance fees and lunch not included.*

Price Per Person A\$	142
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## Amalfi Drive

• Full Day

**Departs Sorrento:** 7:50am Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
9 Apr-28 Oct 2019

From Sorrento, the winding cliff top road offers breathtaking panoramic views at every turn, which will leave you will unforgettable impressions. The unmistakable cluster of white tightly packed houses rising up the hillside is dominated by the beautiful Cathedral which stands high above a great flight of steps leading up from the main square. Housed in the magnificent Cathedral are the remains of the Patron Saint of both Amalfi and Scotland, Saint Andrew. From Amalfi we visit Ravello which nestles in the mountainside, eleven hundred feet above the sea. We visit the Villa Rufolo, which gave the musician Richard Wagner the inspiration to create some of his most famous works. *Hotel transfers, entrance fees and lunch not included.*

Price Per Person A\$	64
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## Pompeii

• Half Day

**Departs Sorrento:** Mondays & Wednesdays at 8:10am 9 Apr-28 Oct 2019

Following the eruption of the Volcano Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 AD, Pompeii lay buried and forgotten for hundreds of years. Our tour will take you slowly through some of the ancient streets of Pompeii where you can see Baths, Forums and Villas built by the prosperous Romans in the year 80 BC. Marvel at the fabulously preserved Frescoes which adorned the walls and floors of the Villas. Please note that sometimes certain areas may not be available to visit due to closure for renovation work. The guide will inform you of your exact itinerary during the tour. Duration approx 4 hours. *Entrance fee to the site payable locally. Hotel transfers not included.*

Price Per Person A\$	64
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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## 1 Gardenia Hotel - Sorrento

★★★



Situated in Corso Italia, Sorrento's main street, only 500 metres from the old town. The hotel is a typical example of modern Mediterranean architecture. The panoramic terrace with deckchairs and pergola is the ideal place to enjoy the stunning views of the Bay of Naples. The hotel has a pool, private car park, fitness centre, garden with piano bar during the summer season, indoor bar, and TV lounge. Each of 27 rooms has an ensuite bathroom with shower and hairdryer, satellite TV, A/C, safe, direct dial telephone, Internet access and balcony with table and chairs. Some of the rooms have panoramic sea views, and connected rooms are available for families. **Breakfast:** Continental. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
A\$70  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Pasitea Art Hotel - Positano

★★★★



FREE WIFI

The Positano Art Hotel Pasitea is a beautiful hotel enjoying a peaceful surrounding, houses in a traditional Mediterranean structure, which boasts magnificent views to the sea from its idyllic position. It sits overlooking the gulf of Naples, on the rock of Positano. The historical centre is approximately 1 km from the hotel and shopping sites and leisure opportunities are located directly in front of the hotel. The hotel features excellent indoor and outdoor facilities and provides a warm and hospitable welcome. It is an ideal place to disconnect and recharge. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-6 years free with existing bedding.

from  
A\$120  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Conca D'oro - Positano

★★★



FREE WIFI

Housed in an ancient villa and ideally situated in the centre of Positano, the Conca D'oro Hotel offers a spectacular panoramic view. The hotel's facilities include a restaurant, 24 hour reception desk, elevator, bar, umbrellas and deck lounges. There is also a small pool/jacuzzi in the property. All rooms are sea view. They have a private bathroom with hairdryer, and are equipped with telephone, A/C and TV available upon request in standard rooms. **Breakfast:** Continental. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
A\$126  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 4 G.H Vesuvio - Sorrento

★★★★



FREE WIFI

The Grand Hotel Vesuvio, built and furnished in a modern style, is located in a charming position, overlooking the enchanting Bay of Naples and right opposite Vesuvius. It offers: large swimming pools with separate section for children, gardens, extensive lemon and orange groves, wide lounges, conference rooms, garage, parking, solarium, children's playground, free shuttle bus into 4 restaurants and Vesuvio bar. The hotel has 250 rooms, all with bath/shower, air conditioning, mini-bar, radio, satellite TV. Some rooms offer sea view rooms and balcony. Wifi fee in the lobby and internet terminal available. **Breakfast:** Continental Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free. *Note: Min. stay 3 nights*

from  
A\$200  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Miramalfi - Amalfi

★★★★



FREE WIFI

This splendid Hotel is an 8 minute walk from the town's main piazza. Exceptional views over the Amalfi Coast and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Offers pool, excellent restaurant and a private beach which can be reached by stairs or a lift, also a bar, parking facilities and spacious public lounge area. Provides guests with comfort, tranquillity and impeccable customer service. All 49 rooms are well furnished and include A/C, heating, mini bar, direct telephone line, satellite TV, secure safe as well as a balcony or terrace. The hotel also has a snack bar which is located close to the swimming pool where you can enjoy a refreshing drink. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free.

from  
A\$176  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 6 Punta Regina Hotel - Positano

★★★★



FREE WIFI

Located within an ancient Pensione, the Punta Regina is located on the main street of Positano while still retaining breath-taking views of the Mediterranean below. Built over four levels, there are plenty of opportunities to relax on the terrace. The 18 spacious and elegantly designed rooms, all with private balconies, are fitted with A/C, direct dial phone, flat screen satellite TV, mini-bar and private bathroom with hairdryer. A short stay at the Punta Regina and you will never want to leave! Free WiFi is available. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-3 years free. *Note: Min. stay 3 nights*

from  
A\$270  
per person  
per night  
twin share

# Tuscany



*Tuscany is located in central Italy and stretches from the Apennines to the Tyrrhenian Sea.*

*Its landscape, artistic heritage and stand-out cities make Tuscany one of Italy's top holiday destination. With its spectacular hill towns, scenery and attractions such as historic cities and art, great wine and food, medieval hill towns, beaches, and beautiful countryside. Every part of the Tuscan region has its own unique personality cities such as Florence, Siena, Pisa, Lucca, Cortona, San Gimignano and more. All are worth a visit for the medieval and Renaissance architecture and of course, the food and wine.*

## Villa BR3



Villa BR3 is made up of 5 very elegant and newly renovated suites surrounded by an olive grove and a pool in the heart of the Chianti just 2kms from Mercatale Val di pesa. Florence is 15 to 20 minutes away, Greve in Chianti 25 minutes, San Gimignano 30 minutes, while Siena can be reached in 50 minutes. Suites 3 offers a well-appointed large kitchen and dining area, 1 double bedroom 1 bathroom, a spacious living area with a fire place, and a beautiful outdoor terrace. The owners here are delightful and they are on hand to assist guests with anything they may need or require such as cook service, cooking classes, wine tours, restaurant reservations etc.

from  
**A\$2400**  
per week

## Villa Violetta



Villa Violetta is a lovely estate located just south of Florence in a very elegant area called Bagno di Ripoli. The estate has some breathtaking views over Florence and a shared swimming pool. The English speaking owner lives on the same property and is very helpful. Violetta is a self-contained cottage and offers a well equipped kitchen, living room, one double bedroom, one twin bedroom, one bathroom, and the ground floor has direct access to the garden and pool. There is also a little restaurant in walking distance to the property.

from  
**A\$3100**  
per week

## Tuscan Wine Tour • 3 Days

**Departs:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 27 Apr-25 Oct 2019

### Day 1: Florence-Chianti Region

Pick up from your Florence hotel at 9:00am and transfer to your Tuscan farmhouse. You will have a short time to familiarise yourself and then start your adventure. Visit the castles and wineries in Chianti. Following the trip on the vineries and tasting their scrumptious wines, Grove is the upcoming venue where you will be see some of the fine harvest of the area just before concluding everything off with a dinner at a local Trattoria (not included). (L)

### Day 2: Vernaccia of San Gimignano

In the morning, we will drive around the countryside of San Gimignano and Castelvecchio National Park and, along the way, we will have an opportunity to sample stunning wines and delicious food at two of the great wineries that are run by local families. In the afternoon, we will progress to the beautiful village of San Gimignano, where you can have some free time to explore this stunning town. We will end the day of the tour at a local Tuscan trattoria, where we will enjoy dinner (not included) before heading back to the accommodation. (B, L)

### Day 3: Montalcino-Montepulciano

Today, visit Montalcino, which is renowned for Brunello di Montalcino, a red wine that is widely regarded as one of the top three red wines in the world. Have the opportunity to learn more about this wine with a visit to a prestigious winery and cellars where we will stop for a lunch. Later, we will visit Montepulciano, a famous medieval village that is replete with Tuscan history. Tour will continue with a visit to the city walls, you will have the opportunity to watch skilled tradespeople at work using traditional manufacturing techniques to shape copper in their old artisan shops. Later that day, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Florence and bid you farewell. (B, L)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Max. 8 people tour, Departures guarantee with min. 2 guests
- Arrival & departure transfer
- Farmhouse accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- 8 winery visits with tasting
- Bilingual Hosts for duration of tour

from  
**A\$1670**  
per person  
twin share



# Unique Escapes



*Have you ever wanted to experience Italy's most beautiful, authentic, off the beaten track, hidden cultural gems and untouched areas of Italy? Italy has many places that are magical and unique, places where you can travel and feel like a local drinking beautiful Italian wine, tasting amazing Italian cuisine and even have the opportunity to attend some cooking classes and explore new and amazing little villages. We have just the Tour for you.....Tuscany untouched...*

## Tuscany Untouched

• 8 Days

**Departs:** Saturdays 27 Apr-19 Oct 2019

### Day 1 Sat: Pick up at Figline Valdarno Station

On day one of the tour, your local guide will collect you from the main entrance of the Central Station of Figline Valdarno before whisking you away to your new Tuscan home, a stunning private apartment in a local Tuscan farmhouse. (D)

### Day 2 Sun: The Casentino Valley

The Casentino Valley is a historical region that offers you a chance to experience the soul of Tuscany. Our guide will take you off the beaten track to explore some of the region's hidden gems as we visit the majestic villages and castles of the Roman period. This tour will give you a unique opportunity to experience the spiritual side of Tuscany. Heading towards Casentino Valley, we will stop off for a delicious lunch in Poppi, an exquisite medieval village that is somewhat of a hidden gem in this area of Tuscany. Poppi is a village that has many tales to tell, and you will get an unrivalled opportunity to uncover some fascinating secrets. The day will end with a visit to the ancient monastery of Saint Francis of Assisi before you sample the fare at what is widely regarded as one of the best pizzerias in the area. (B, D)

### Day 3 Mon: Montalcino-Montepulciano

Start the day with a visit to Montalcino, where one of the world's best red wines, Brunello di Montalcino, is produced. We'll introduce you to the winemakers and give you a chance to taste their wines at one of the area's

most esteemed vineyards. Later you will progress to Montepulciano, a stunning medieval Tuscan village that is steeped in history. Visit the city walls, where you will get a chance to watch the local artisan tradespeople at work. You will also have an opportunity to visit some of the area's wine shops. The day will end in one of the local trattoria or in the restaurant of the accommodation. (B, L)

### Day 4 Tue: Cooking class and local villages festivals "Sagre"

The third day of the tour gives you a chance to choose between enjoying an intimate cookery lesson with an expert chef or taking the train to Firenze, where you can freely explore. In the summer months, you will have the opportunity to attend some of the amazing local summer festivals that Tuscany is so renowned for. (B, D)

### Day 5 Wed: The Chianti Region

This is most certainly a day for the wine enthusiasts! Today we will get an opportunity to visit the Chianti region of Tuscany, where you'll tour some of the area's most notable castles and vineyards. Our tour will also include a visit to an extra virgin olive producer, where you'll have a chance to learn more about Tuscany's olive groves and artisan oils. Having sampled some of Chianti's famous fare, we will head off to Greve to visit Tuscany's most renowned butcher and deli. Once you have had the chance to stock up on the area's high-quality produce, we'll stop off at a local family-run trattoria, where you will be treated to a delicious

Tuscan meal. (B, L)

### Day 6 Thu: La Maremma Toscana

Today, venture into the heart of the Tuscan countryside to enjoy some of its extraordinary landscapes. You visit one of the most prestigious winery designed by Renzo Piano, the most famous architect in the world. Here you can have a chance to learn more about the connection between the Etruscan population and history of wine in a modern engineering jewel winery. After a visit of the cellar and a light lunch, we will then progress to one of the nicest beaches in Tuscany, which is located near Castiglione della Pescaia, a wonderful medieval castle that is famous for its delightful views, delicious restaurants and vibrant nightlife. From there, you can experience a day at the beach where you will be able to walk among the locals, enjoy an Italian Aperitivo, and enjoy a fantastic dinner at one of the fanciest Italian "corso" (street). (B, L, D)

### Day 7 Fri: The Pratomagno Mountain

Today, you will have an unparalleled opportunity to witness the mesmerizing splendor of the Pratomagno, one of Tuscany's most interesting attractions and the place that saw the end of Australian explorer Herbert John Louis Hinkler's attempts to fly from England to Australia. The day's activities will commence with a trip to Loro Ciuffenna, a picturesque

village and home to Gropina's Roman church, a simply beautiful building that will hypnotize you. We will then stop off at some of the small medieval villages that are scattered throughout the mountainous landscape, taking every opportunity to sample the local produce on offer. We'll end the day at the summit of Pratomagno, where you'll enjoy a delicious aperitivo as you take in the magnificent sunset before dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 8 Sat: Drop off at Figline Valdarno Station

End the tour with a hearty breakfast before bidding our farewells at Figline Valdarno station. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Max. 8 people tour, Departures guarantee with min. 2 guests
- Farmhouse accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 4 Lunches
- 5 Dinners
- Transfer to/from Figline Valdarno Station
- Touring by luxury minivan
- Bi-Lingual Hosts
- Train tickets for independent travel to Florence
- Wine tasting at selected vineyards
- Maps for all itinerary location
- One cooking class at the farmhouse with chef Pasquale

Price Per Person A\$	Twain	Single Supplement
27 Apr-25 May; 6 Jul-31 Aug; 5-19 Oct 2019	3370	200
1-29 Jun; 7-28 Sep 2019	3470	200

# Malta



Should time permit, add to your itinerary a trip to Malta. An archipelago of seven islands in the Mediterranean Sea - but only three are inhabited. Malta has a warm climate and boasts numerous architectural and historical monuments including nine UNESCO World Heritage sites. Visit the cities of Valletta and Sliema and the Hypogeum of Hal-Saflien - a subterranean structure dating back to 3300 - 3000 BC. It is the only known prehistoric underground temple in the world.

## Currency

The currency of Malta is the Euro, and most major credit cards are accepted.

## Visas

Australian and New Zealand travelers only need a passport with 6 months validity for travel less than 90 days.

## Electricity

Malta has 220 volt electricity, a UK 3 pin rectangular blade plug adaptor may be used.

## Climate

Annual Weather Averages. July is the hottest month in Malta with an average temperature of 27°C and the coldest is January at 13°C with the most daily sunshine hours at 12 in August. The wettest month is November with an average of 108.6mm of rain.

# Samples of our Recommended Hotels

Contact us for more

## The Waterfront Hotel

★★★★



Located along the sea promenade of Sliema, the hotel provides guests with a breathtaking views of Silema's port, Manoel Island and Valletta. The hotel is perfectly situated for easy access to transportation, linking guests to all areas of Malta, with the capital being only a short bus or ferry ride away. Minimum three night stay. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast. *Note: Min. 3 nights stay*

from  
**A\$78**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## Victoria Hotel

★★★★



A modern but classic hotel that honours the Victorian style that used to characterise the Sliema area. Victoria Hotel is less than 2km away from the seafront and the main promenade where you will find an abundance of bars, restaurants and high street designer outlets. This luxury hotel has elegant rooms, exceptional spa facilities and multi-purpose conference halls for your convenience. Whether you're on a romantic getaway, planning a vacation in Malta with friends or travelling for business, you will always receive high-class service and a welcoming smile. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast.

from  
**A\$93**  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## Grand Hotel Excelsior

★★★★★



The Grand Hotel Excelsior is ideally located at the doorstep of a UNESCO World Heritage Site the Capital City of Valletta, with all its major attractions, culture, art treasures, and historical architectural gems. This acclaimed Valletta Malta hotel prides itself in providing the discerning traveller with magnificent accommodation, breathtaking views of Marsamxett harbour and Manoel Island and an unforgettable dining experience. Its central position allows for easy travel to all parts of the Maltese islands. **Breakfast:** Buffet breakfast

from  
**A\$106**  
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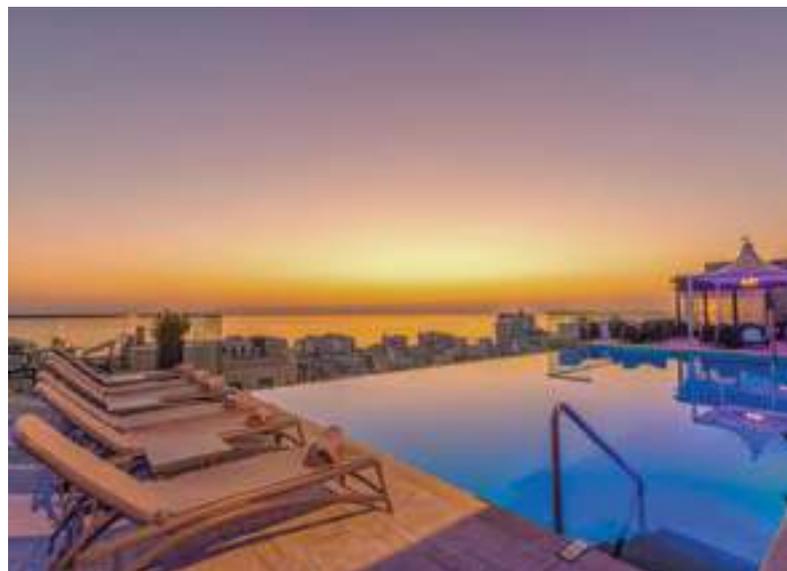
## The Palace

★★★★★



This five star hotel, rated for its five star service, exquisite cuisine and impeccable surrounding, is perfectly located only a short 11 minute walk from the beach and 500 metres from Sliema's bus terminals and Valletta Ferry. The stunning hotel also features a rooftop spa with infinity pool overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Minimum three night stay. **Breakfast:** Buffet Breakfast. *Note: Min. 3 nights stay*

from  
**A\$120**  
per person  
per night  
twin share



# Malta Day Tours



## Valleta & Malta Experience

• Half Day



**Departs:** Mondays (Afternoon) 7 Jan-24 Jun 2019 (Morning) 1 Jul-30 Sep 2019

Start the day with a guided tour through the bustling streets allowing you to view the Barracca Gardens that command a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour and then to St. John's cathedral, adorned in riches that date back to the Knights of Malta. Visit the Church museum that is adorned with Flemish tapestries. Continue your visit of the Grand Master's Palace and other buildings of historical importance. Lastly stop at the Malta Experience, a multivision show that depicts Malta's history throughout the ages. Tour includes St John cathedral entrance fees. Transfers to meeting point not included. *Duration approx. 4 Hours*

from  
**A\$90**  
per person

## Mdina

• Full Day



**Departs:** Tuesdays & Fridays 1 Jan-29 Oct 2019

Discover the medieval secrets of the silent city of Mdina with this full day excursion to the ancient walled citadel. Learn about the history of the fortified city before leaving to explore the catacombs and the coast at Dingli as well as other surrounding sights. After lunch (Not Included) lose yourself in the botanic gardens of San Anton and ensure your knees and shoulders are covered before entering the sacred dome of Mosta's parish church. If you have energy remaining, there is time at the end to enjoy the local goods and shop at the Ta' Qali crafts centre. Transfers from selected hotels only. *Duration approx. 8 Hours*

from  
**A\$120**  
per person

## Gozo Experience

• Full Day



**Departs:** Thursdays & Saturdays 3 Jan-29 Oct 2019

Visit Malta's sister island of Gozo. After a 20 minute ferry crossing, on setting foot in Gozo you will notice that although both islands are similar in history and development Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo, which is a three hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta. Visit the citadel in Victoria and the bay of Xlendi. Free time for shopping will also be given. Gozo is known for its woolen goods and handmade lace. Transfer from / to meeting point, Drinks and entrance fees not included. *Duration approx. 9 Hours*

from  
**A\$138**  
per person

## Gozo & Comino Blue Lagoon

• Full Day



**Departs:** Daily 1 April-31 Oct 2019

Meet at the port of Sliema at 10:15am for a fun and relaxing cruise. Start your cruise along the Northern coast of Malta enjoying the views of St. Julians, Bugibba, St. Paul's Island & Mellieha. Upon arrival at the sister island of Gozo you will board a Gozo Sightseeing Bus and visit the Capital City Victoria & Dwejra Bay. In the afternoon head to the famous Blue Lagoon where you can spend time exploring the island and swimming in the tranquil turquoise water. Return from Comino at 4:15pm for your cruise back into Sliema at 6pm. Return transfers and meals not included. *Duration approx. 9 Hours*

from  
**A\$100**  
per person

# Classical Malta Tour • 5 Days



**Departs:** Sundays 1 Apr- 31 Oct 2019

## Day 1 Sun: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to your hotel for overnight. Victoria Hotel or similar.

## Day 2 Mon: Valletta

After breakfast make your way to the meeting point to start a guided tour through the bustling streets of Valletta. View the Barracca Gardens that command a breathtaking panorama of the Grand Harbour and then to the St. John's Co-cathedral, adorned in riches that date back to the Knights of Malta including the world famous Caravaggio painting that is on display in the Oratory of this Cathedral. Walk to the main town and pass by the Grand Master's Palace and other buildings of historical importance. Lastly stop at the Malta Experience, a multivision show that depicts Malta's history throughout the ages. The tour includes St John cathedral entrance fees. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Victoria Hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 3 Tue: Mdina

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of medieval secrets of the silent city of Mdina with a full day excursion to the ancient walled citadel. Learn about the history of the fortified city before leaving to explore the catacombs and the coast at Dingli as well as other surrounding sights. After lunch (Not included) lose yourself in the botanic gardens of San Anton and visit the sacred dome of Mosta's parish church. Free time at the Ta' Qali crafts centre. Return to your Hotel for overnight. (B)

## Day 4 Wed: Gozo and Comino Blue Lagoon Cruise

After breakfast meet at the port of Sliema for a fun and relaxing cruise. Start your cruise along the Northern coast of Malta enjoying the views of St. Julians, Bugibba, St. Paul's Island & Mellieha. Upon arrival at the sister island of Gozo you will board a Gozo Sightseeing Bus and visit the Capital City Victoria & Dwejra Bay. In the afternoon head to the famous Blue Lagoon where you can spend time exploring the island and swimming in the tranquil turquoise water. Return back into Sliema port. Overnight at your Hotel. (B)

## Day 5: Departure

After breakfast transfers to the airport. End of our services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- 3 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

from  
**A\$780**  
per person



Valletta

# Best of Malta

• 6 Days



**Departs:** Thursdays 1 Apr-31 Oct 2019

## Day 1 Thu: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to your hotel for overnight. Victoria Hotel or Similar.

## Day 2 Fri: Malta and Comino

After breakfast, you will be picked up from your hotel to experience the best of Malta and Comino with this day cruise that passes by the most beautiful locations on the island, before stopping at the picturesque Blue Lagoon for a delicious buffet lunch. Contemplate Valletta, Malta's capital, the Grand Harbour, St Thomas Bay and Marsaxlokk Bay (Malta's largest fishing village) from the serenity of your boat. Enjoy the views of the imposing Dingli cliffs and you will have the chance to admire the multiple sandy beaches that line Malta's coast. After passing Popeye's village, the location where the Popeye film was shot, the boat will stop at the Island of Comino. Optional boat trips into the cave are available, and your buffet lunch is served by the stewards on board. After passing Mellieha Bay and St Paul's Island, where in 60AD this apostle famously shipwrecked, the rest of the day is spent swimming and sunbathing. You also have the possibility of going ashore to wander the island or swim at the beautiful beaches. Return back to you hotel for overnight. Overnight in your hotel. (B, L)

## Day 3 Sat: Prehistoric Temples Tour of Malta

After breakfast start a tour of Malta home to seven megalithic temples, all of which are designated as world heritage sites by UNESCO. These megalithic temples date back 5500 years ago and are the oldest free-standing stone structures in the world, even older than the Stonehenge and the Pyramids. You will first drive to Ghar Dalam. The history of the cave and that of the islands can be decoded from Ghar Dalam's stratigraphy. The lowermost layers, more than 500,000 years old, contained the fossil bones of dwarf elephants, hippopotami

and micro-mammals. You will then visit Hagar Qim & Mnajdra Temples. The megalithic complex of Hagar Qim is located on top of a hill on the southern edge of the island, on a ridge capped in soft globigerina limestone. All exposed rock on the island was deposited during the Oligocene and Miocene periods of geological time. Return to your Hotel and evening at leisure. Overnight in your hotel. (B)

## Day 4 Sun: Special Sundays in Malta

Today spend your Sunday exploring as a local. After breakfast transfer to a local open Market, where one can spend about an hour amongst the hustle and bustle of buyers and sellers, wheelers and dealers all looking for the best bargains ever. After visiting the market continue to Sliema for lunch, either in a Five Star Hotel or on board your vessel for a Harbour Cruise (including lunch). Whilst cruising, our guide will explain the history of the Three Cities connected with the Great Siege of 1565 and 1942 and all other places of interest including the historical forts, battlements and creeks which can only be admired from the sea. Considering that lunch is served on board, it will be served in one of the creeks in the Grand Harbour. After lunch we cruise back to Sliema, where we proceed to Marsa Race Course (entrance included) to spend the rest of the afternoon at the Horse Races. Try your luck on the tote. Return back to your hotel for overnight. (B, L)

## Day 5 Mon: Gozo Experience

After breakfast, make your way to the meeting point to start a visit to Malta's sister island of Gozo. After a 20 minute ferry crossing, on setting foot in Gozo you will notice that although both islands are similar in history and development Gozo has a character entirely of its own. Gozo, which is a three hilled island, is greener and more picturesque than Malta. During this excursion, we visit the citadel in Victoria, the bay of Xlendi, free time for shopping will also be given. Gozo is known for its woolen goods and handmade lace. Overnight at Victoria Hotel or Similar. (B)

## Day 6 Tue: Departure

After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of our services. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch)
- 4 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

from  
**A\$998**  
per person



Mdina

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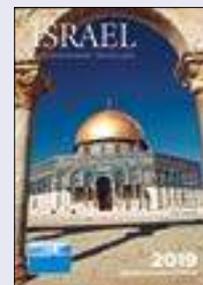
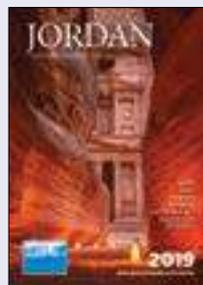
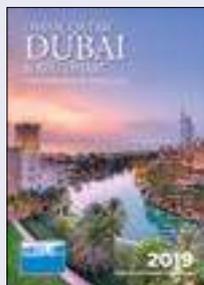
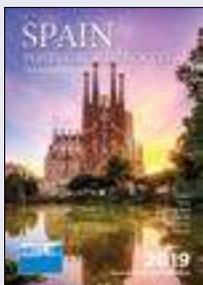
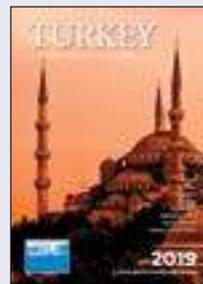
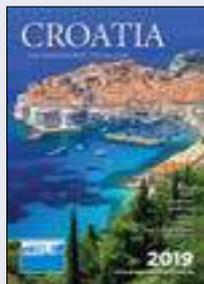
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