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Halina Kubica
Owner & Managing Director

For me, Italy and Malta have so much to offer! No matter how many times I visit there's always something beautiful to discover from the mountain ranges and active volcanoes to walks on the dramatic coastlines of Amalfi and Cinque Terre. The amazing architecture in Sicily and Malta will blow you away with the abundance of historical sites, most famously Malta being home of the Knights of Saint John! For food-lovers you have to visit Tuscany which is famous for its hidden culinary delights and never-ending wine choices.

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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. These will also include Small Group tours with a maximum number of participants and also our Regional Tours. See from pages 8-12 and page 16 for the Regional Tours

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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, trains, private transfers and even stays in Amalfi or Cinque Terre.

Semi Escorted Tours

Only the most popular regular semi-escorted multiday tours 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. Tours are escorted by a tour leader and 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 22

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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.

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.

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

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 must be paid locally by the clients upon check out.

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.

Electricity

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

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 combined 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 2020

1 Jan - New Year's Day
6 Jan - Epiphany
13 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 capital 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 romanticized 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 Mt Vesuvius, the ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii, destroyed in 79AD by an eruption.



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 and select e-brochures.

See below some sample itineraries listed in this brochure:

- 8 Days from Venice to Florence and Rome
From A\$3768 per person twin share
- 11 Days from Venice to Florence, Rome and Sorrento
From A\$4906 per person twin share

Rome & Artistic Italy

5 or 8 Days

Departs: Sundays

10, 17, 24 May; 7, 14, 21 Jun;
5, 12, 19 Jul; 23, 30 Aug;
6, 13, 20, 27 Sep; 4, 11 Oct 2020

5 Day tour option starts on day 3 at
7:30am in Rome and ends on day 7.

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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (L)



Florence

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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (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 Casanova 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 a special dinner and overnight at Cristoforo Colombo Hotel. (5 Day tour ends no dinner or overnight). (B,D)

Day 8 Sun: Rome-Airport

After breakfast, transfer to Fiumicino airport. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort till day 7
- 7 nights in 4 star hotels
- 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners, 1 Tasting
- 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

English
Only

5 Days from A\$1430 per person twin share

8 Days from A\$2318 per person twin share

Rome & Italian Essence

8 or 10 Days

Departs: Sundays

10, 17, 24 May; 7, 14, 21 Jun;
5, 12, 19 Jul; 23, 30 Aug;
6, 13, 20, 27 Sep; 4, 11 Oct 2020

8 Day tour option starts on day 3 at
7:30am in Rome and ends on day 10.

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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (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)



Lake Maggiore

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 starcrossed lover from the masterpiece by Shakespeare) and the Roman Theatre (outside). Continue to Maggiore Lake, where you will spend two nights. Maggiore Lake is one of the most beautiful lakes, known for its splendid climate and sightseeing. Overnight at SHG Villa Carlotta. (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 SHG Villa Carlotta (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)



Venice

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort till day 6
- 4 star hotels
- 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner
- 1 day ferry ticket to Maggiore Lake
- 1 day ferry ticket to Como Lake
- Shared Transfers
- Dedicated licensed local guides in Florence, Venice
- 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)

English
Only

8 Days from **A\$2840** per person twin share

10 Days from **A\$3445** per person twin share

Rome, Portraits of Italy & Sicily

12 or 15 Days

Departs: Sundays

10, 24 May; 21 Jun; 19 Jul; 30 Aug;
6, 13, 20, 27 Sep; 4, 11 Oct 2020

12 Day tour option starts on day 3 at 7:30am from centrally located hotel in Rome and ends Afternoon approx. 16:00pm 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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (L)

Day 4 Wed: Florence-Cinque Terre-Florence

Discover 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 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo. (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 Points 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 American Palace 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 Grand Hotel Flora. (B, D)



Palermo

Day 9 Mon: Sorrento-Capri-Limoncello Tasting-Sorrento

After breakfast, transfer to the harbour and cross to the Isle of Capri. Arrive at the port of Marina Grande take the funicular up to La Piazzetta. Time to explore the island on your own. You will get the chance to enjoy the taste of Limoncello, the liquor made from the fragrant lemon of Sorrentine Area. Return to Sorrento for free time at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel Flora. (B, T, D)

Day 10 Tue: Sorrento-Naples-Palermo

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

Day 11 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Agrigento

After disembarkation and before your sightseeing tour of Palermo, enjoy your first Sicilian breakfast in a typical bar. You will then enjoy your panoramic tour of Palermo before continuing to Monreale, where you will admire the Moorish-Norman Dome, famous for extensive precious byzantine mosaics. Proceed to Agrigento for dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel Mose. (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 Santa Tecla Palace Hotel. (B, T, 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 at Santa Tecla Palace Hotel. (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 – Cristoforo Colombo Hotel. (B, L)

Day 15 Sun: Rome

After breakfast transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Licensed Professional English speaking tour escort
- 11 or 14 nights in Selected 4 Star hotels
- 13 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 8 Dinners, 3 Tastings
- Admission fees: Vatican Museums in Rome; Pompeii excavations; Dome of Monreale; Valley of Temples in Agrigento; Archaeological Park in Syracuse
- Dedicated and licensed local guides (Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Syracuse)
- Headsets in Rome, Florence, Venice, Pompeii, 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

English
Only



Rome

12 Days from **A\$3540** per person twin share

15 Days from **A\$4745** per person twin share

Southern Delights & Apulia

6 or 9 Days

Departs: Fridays

22 May; 19 Jun; 17 Jul; 28 Aug; 11 Sep;
2 Oct 2020

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.

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

Transfer to the harbour and cross to the Isle of Capri. 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

Transfer to Apulia, on the east coast of Italy. Stop in Matera, visit 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". 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

Depart to Lecce that presents an architectural feast. 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. Back to hotel, dinner and overnight. (B, D)

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

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. Dinner and overnight at La Lucertola Hotel or similar. (B, WT, D)

Day 8 Fri: Amalfi Coast-Rome

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 air-conditioned motor coach
- Licensed Professional English-speaking tour escort
- 8 nights in Selected 4*hotels
- 8 breakfast, 5 dinners, 2 tastings, 1 light lunch
- Admission fees: Pompeii Excavations, Cave House and Rocky Church in Matera, Archaeological Park in Ostuni, Vatican Museums
- Local guides in Rome, Pompeii, Matera, Lecce & Ostuni
- Headsets in Rome and Pompeii
- Sharing transfer from hotel in Rome to meeting point
- Hydrofoil to/from Capri
- Baggage handling at hotel

English
Only

6 Days from **A\$1646** per person twin share

9 Days from **A\$2438** per person twin share



Lecce



Arbelobello

Fantasia of Puglia

6 Days

Departs: Fridays

15, 29 May; 19, 26 Jun; 10, 24 Jul;
28 Aug; 18, 25 Sep; 9, 23 Oct 2020

Day 1 Fri: Bari

Make your own way to your hotel in Bari. Meet your Tour Leader at the hotel. In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour through the charming narrow alleys of the old city centre, admire the Basilica of San Nicola and the Norman-Swabian Castle (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

After breakfast you will leave Bari 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. Your journey will continue towards Alberobello: a UNESCO World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli" dry-stone cone shaped houses built by local limestone, village is like a fairytale. 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

Today we visit Matera. 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 centre 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. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4 Mon: Alberobello-Locorotondo-Ostuni-Lecce

Enjoy some free time in the morning then 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 have lunch (own expense) go shopping and tasting of several local products like the world's famous olive oil (all at your own expenses). In the late afternoon depart for Lecce. Dinner and overnight at Delle Palme Hotel or similar. (B, D)

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

Today, 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. You will then visit Otranto where you will have some free time for lunch (own expense) and to explore. In the early evening, reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie". Visit this ancient farm, 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: Lecce

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
- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners
- 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 from **A\$2745** per person twin share

Small Group Tours

We offer various small group tours, ensuring you make the most of your time and not have to worry about transport between stops the entire duration. Our small group tours have a maximum of 18 people per group, giving you a more authentic and intimate experience. It also means better flexibility, with less time wasted loading in and out of the bus and waiting in lines giving you more time to enjoy the amazing sights and scenery! The below small group tours are just a few of what we have to offer. Ask us about the Italian Landscapes from Venice to Rome, Treasures of the South visiting Puglia and Amalfi or the Wines of Tuscany and Cinque Terre. All these can also be provided as private tours.



Italia Classica

6 Days

Departs: Mondays
20 Apr; 4, 18 May; 1, 15, 29 Jun;
13, 27 Jul; 10, 24 Aug; 7, 21 Sep;
5, 19 Oct 2020

Day 1 Mon: Rome-Orvieto-Montepulciano-Siena Area

Morning departure from Rome bound to Orvieto, a small city in Umbria perched on a cliff. Continuation to Montepulciano to taste the local VINO Nobile, one of the oldest and most valuable wines of Tuscany. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Montaperti or similar. (D)

Day 2 Tue: Siena Area-Siena-Bologna-Mestre

After breakfast departure for Mestre. First stop will be dedicated to visiting the historic centre of Siena, a medieval city built around Piazza del Camp, famous all over the world for its architectural beauty. Continuation to Bologna and free time to visit the symbols of the city. Arrival at Hotel Ambasciatori or similar for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 3 Wed: Mestre-Venice-Mestre

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to the Island of Venice, a magical city. Guided tour of the historic centre passing through Piazza San Marco, the heart of the city, with its extraordinary buildings and the Bridge of Sighs. Departure by boat to Murano to visit a famous glass factory and admire the amazing glass-making process. Return to Piazza San Marco for some free time. Return to hotel for overnight. (B)

Day 4 Thu: Venice-Mestre-Verona-Florence

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Verona, the romantic city par excellence, the theatre of Romeo and Juliet's love story. In the early afternoon continuation to Florence. After arriving, visit of the historic centre of the city passing through famous symbolic places such as Piazza del Duomo, the Santa-Maria-del-Fiore's Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Overnight at Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli. (B)

Day 5 Fri: Florence

Breakfast at hotel. Free day to explore one of the most famous cities in the world. Dinner at local restaurant and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6 Sat: Florence-Assisi-Rome

After breakfast, departure for Assisi. Walk through the alleys of the medieval city. Arrival in Rome city centre in late afternoon. End of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 5 nights' accommodation in 4* hotels
- 5 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- 1 Wine tasting experience in Tuscany
- Dedicated and licensed tour guide (Siena, Venice, Florence)
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- English speaking tour guides



English Only

Price from **A\$1962** per person twin share



10% Discount for departures in April, May & June 2020 if paid by 28 Feb 2020

Heritage of the North

6 Days

Departs: Saturdays
11, 25* Apr; 9*, 23 May; 6*, 20 Jun;
4, 18 Jul; 1, 15, 29 Aug; 12, 26* Sep;
10, 24 Oct 2020

*Dates are available on request

Day 1 Sat: Milan-Como-Milan

Meet with tour guide for sightseeing tour of Milan, regarded worldwide as the city of fashion and shopping. After, half-day excursion to Como, a small gem full of history. Walk in the city centre and short boat trip around to admire the landscape from a different perspective. Return to Milan for dinner and overnight at Starhotel Business Palace or similar. (D)

Day 2 Sun: Milan-Sirmione-Verona-Mestre

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Sirmione. On arrival, boat tour to discover the main locations. Continue to Verona for free time. In the afternoon departure for Mestre. Dinner and overnight in the Hotel Ambasciatori or similar. (B, D)

Day 3 Mon: Mestre-Venice-Mestre

After breakfast, transfer to the Island of Venice, a magical city, unique in its kind. Guided tour of the historic centre passing through Piazza San Marco, the heart of the city, with its extraordinary buildings and the Bridge of Sighs. Departure by boat to Murano to visit a famous glass factory and admire the glass processing. Return to Piazza San Marco for free time. Return to hotel for overnight. (B)

Day 4 Tue: Mestre-Bologna-Florence

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Bologna. Free time to explore. Early in the afternoon, continuation to Florence. On arrival, visit of the historic centre passing by the symbolic places of the city. Overnight in Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli or similar. (B)

Day 5 Wed: Florence

Breakfast at hotel. Free day to explore one of the most famous cities in the world. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight stay. (B, D)

Day 6 Thu: Florence-San Gimignano-Siena-Rome

After breakfast, departure for San Gimignano. Free time to visit the medieval village. Continuation to Siena for a fascinating guided tour of the city. In the afternoon, departure for Rome and arrival at the city centre in the evening. End of Services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 5 nights accommodation in 4* hotels
- 5 Breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Excursion to Como
- Boat tour on Garda Lake
- Dedicated and licensed tour guide (Milan, Venice, Siena, Florence)
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- English speaking tour guides



English Only

Price from **A\$2012** per person twin share



10% Discount for departures in April, May & June 2020 if paid by 28 Feb 2020

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 from 1 Apr-27 Oct 2020
*Departures from 1-14 April 2020 on request

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 city centre. After lunch in a classic restaurant of Naples, continue to Pompeii for a guided visit of the archaeological area that was destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.C. The visit also includes a visit to a coral and cameo factory. 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 take a ferry to Marina Grande in Capri. Once on the island visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), and the famous Piazzetta. A Minibus will take you to Anacapri for lunch. Return to Marina Grande for transfer back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Sorrento-Positano-Amalfi

Breakfast in hotel then departure to Amalfi via the breathtaking Amalfi Coast drive. En-route stop in Positano and enjoy free time to explore the narrow lanes or visit the beach and Church of Santa Maria Assunta (own expense). Continue to Amalfi for leisure and overnight in Hotel GH Excelsior or similar. (B)

Day 4: Amalfi

Breakfast at hotel. Free time to explore; discover the historic city centre, spend the day on the beach, visit Ravello, spend the day as you please. Overnight in Amalfi (B)

Day 5: Amalfi-Pompeii-Rome

After breakfast, spend the morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to Pompeii where you will join the bus to come back to Rome. End of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 4 nights accommodation in 4* accommodation
- 4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Visit the Blue Grotto – weather permitting
- Entrance fees included (Pompeii, Blue Grotto)
- Multilingual tour - English-Spanish-French
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning

Price from **A\$1598** per person twin share

Sorrento Dream

3 or 4 Days

Departs: Daily from 1 Apr-29 Oct 2020
*Departures from 1-14 Apr 2020 on request

3 Day tour returns to Rome on day 3 departing Sorrento at 2:30pm.

Day 1: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Early morning departure from Rome. Upon arrival in Naples, enjoy a walk of the city centre, followed by a classic lunch. Continue to Pompeii for a guided visit of the archaeological area that was destroyed by Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.C. Also included is a visit to a coral and cameo factory. Proceed to Sorrento, the gateway to the Amalfi coast. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Vesuvio or similar. (D)

Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Blue Grotto-Sorrento

After breakfast depart by ferry to Marina Grande on the island of Capri. Visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting) and the famous Piazzetta. A minibus will take you up to Anacapri where you will have lunch in a classic restaurant. After lunch return to Marina Grande for transfer back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Sorrento

Breakfast at your hotel. Rest of day at leisure to explore Sorrento or have an optional tour to discover the Amalfi coast visiting Positano, Ravello and Amalfi. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4: Sorrento-Rome

After breakfast enjoy free time and relax before meeting in the early afternoon for transfer to Pompeii where you will join the bus to Rome. End of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 3 nights accommodation in 4* hotels
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 3 Dinners
- Visit of the Blue Grotto (weather permitting)
- Entrance fees included (Pompeii, Blue Grotto)
- Multilingual tour – English-Spanish-French
- Full day tour to Capri
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning

3 Days from **A\$998** per person twin share

4 Days from **A\$1212** per person twin share



Sicily Tours

A short distance off the "toe" of Italy lies Mediterranean's largest island, Sicily. 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. Influenced from many diverse cultures has left Sicily bursting at the seams with an array of UNESCO World Heritage sites, including 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. The 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.



Palermo to Catania

5 Days

Departs: Tuesdays

24, 31 Mar; 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jun; 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul; 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep; 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct; 3, 10 Nov 2020

Day 1: Palermo

Day 2: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

Day 3: Palermo-Marsala-Salt Road-Agrigento

Day 4: Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa Ibla-Catania

Day 5: Catania



HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 4 Star accommodation on half board basis
- 4 breakfasts, 4 Dinners, 1 lunch (Day 3), 2 Tastings on Day 2 & 4
- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from day 2 to day 4
- Whisper kit
- Visit Unesco World Heritage Sites: Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa.

Price from **A\$1124** per person twin share

Catania to Palermo

6 Days

Departs: Tuesdays

21, 28 Mar; 4, 11, 18, 25 Apr; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jun; 4, 11, 18, 25 Jul; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug; 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct; 7 Nov 2020

Day 1: Catania

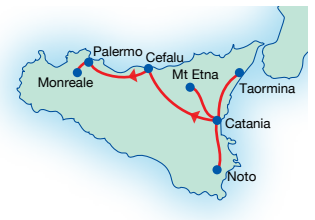
Day 2: Catania-Syracuse-Noto-Catania

Day 3: Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania

Day 4: Catania-Cefalu-Palermo

Day 5: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

Day 6: Palermo



HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 4 Star accommodation on half board basis
- 5 breakfasts, 5 Dinners, 3 Tastings on Day 3, 4 & 5
- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from day 2 to day 5
- Whisper kit
- Visit Unesco World Heritage Sites: Syracuse, Noto, Etna, Catania city, Cefalu, Monreale, Palermo.

Price from **A\$1344** per person twin share

Coast to Coast

7 Days

Departs: Thursdays

16 Apr; 7, 21 May; 4, 18 Jun; 2, 16 Jul; 20 Aug; 3, 17 Sep; 1, 15 Oct; 5 Nov 2020

Day 1: Palermo

Day 2: Palermo

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

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

Day 5: Ragusa-Noto-Syracusa-Taormina

Day 6: Taormina

Day 7: Taormina



HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transport by deluxe motor coach
- English Speaking tour escort
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- 6 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners, 1 Lunch (Day 3)
- Local guide at sites visited
- Entrance tickets to all archaeological sites
- Saline della Laguna boat trip

English
Only

Price from **A\$1820** per person twin share

Wonders of Sicily

8 Days

Departs: Saturdays

21, 28 Mar; 4, 11, 18, 25 Apr; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jun; 4, 11, 18, 25 Jul; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug; 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct; 7 Nov 2020

Day 1: Catania

Day 2: Catania-Syracusa-Noto-Catania

Day 3: Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania

Day 4: Catania-Cefalu-Palermo

Day 5: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

Day 6: Palermo-Marsala-Salt Road-Agrigento

Day 7: Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa Ibla-Catania

Day 8: Catania



HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Transportation in deluxe motor coach with air conditioning
- 4 Star accommodation on Half board basis
- 5 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners, 1 Lunch (Day 6), 4 Tastings on Day 3, 4, 5 & 7
- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from day 2 to day 7
- Whisper kit
- Visit Unesco World Heritage Sites: Syracuse, Noto, Etna, Catania city, Cefalu, Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa.

Price from **A\$1594** per person twin share

Sicily & Aeolian Islands 9 Days

Departs: Tuesdays

14, 21, 28 Apr; 5, 12, 19, 26 May;
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jun; 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul;
4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep;
6, 13, 20 Oct 2020

Day 1 Tue: Palermo

Meet at the Mercure Palermo Hotel Centro or similar. Welcome dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 2 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

After breakfast, morning will be spent visiting Monreale visit the breathtaking Norman Cathedral. Later continue to Palermo, one of the richest towns on the Island for its history and art. Visit the Norman Cathedral, the astonishing Martorana Church and the amazing Cappella Palatine. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Thu: Palermo-Marsala-Salt Road-Agrigento

Tour will continue along the charming town of Marsala, a modern city divided between sea and land. Discover the city and its aristocratic buildings, monuments and imposing Baroque churches before proceeding to the West coast of Sicily to visit the Salt Road. Time for lunch, wine and tasting in a local winery. Transfer to Agrigento and visit the Valley of Temples. Dinner at Hotel Baia di Ulisse Wellness & Spa or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Fri: Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa Ibla-Catania

Travel to Piazza Armerina where you will admire the mosaics of the famous Villa Romana del Casale. After, departure to Ragusa Ibla and visit of its historical centre cradle of Sicilian Baroque, with its Cathedral, situated in the square of the Sone and the "giardino Ibleo". Conclude the day with a tasting of local products. Proceed to Catania for dinner and overnight in Il Principe Hotel or similar. (B, T, D)

Day 5 Sat: Catania-Lipari

After breakfast, you will have free time to enjoy the beautiful Catania. In the late morning, private transfer to Milazzo to board on the hydrofoil for Lipari island. Free time, with dinner and overnight in Hotel Bougainville or similar. (B, D)

Day 6 Sun: Lipari-Panarea-Stromboli-Lipari

Depart from Lipari harbour for a full day excursion to Panarea and Stromboli. The boat will stop at cave of pumice to enjoy a swim, then continue to Panarea. Stop in the charming Cava degli Innamorati. In Panarea enjoy free time before continuing to Stromboli. First stop in Ginostra, a small fishing village. Have dinner and free time before going back to the boat at sunset for transfer back to Lipari. (B, D)

Day 7 Mon: Lipari-Salina-Lipari

Excursion to Lipari and Salina islands. The boat will skirt Lipari coast view of the Castle of Lipari, the Monte Rosa and Canneto. Free time to swim in the crystalline blue water of Pumice Cave beach. First stop Santa Marina Saline, then continuing along Salina east side, visiting from the sea, Malva village, Capofaro town and Malvasia wineries; you will also stop inside the Pollara bar, then the charming fishermen's village Lingua. Enjoy free time. On the way have time to swim in Vinci beach. Back to Lipari late afternoon. (B, D)

Day 8 Tue: Lipari-Taormina

Transfer to Lipari harbour to take the hydrofoil for Milazzo. From there you will have private transfer to Taormina. Enjoy free time. Dinner at Villa Diodoro Hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 Wed: Taormina

After breakfast. End of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from Day 2 to day 4. Private transfers Day 5 to 6 (without tour leader)
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Multilingual Tour leader & professional travel guide from Day 1 to Day 4.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from Day 2 to day 4. Private transfers Day 5 to 6 (without tour leader)
- Whisper Kit
- 8 Breakfasts, 8 Dinners, 1 Lunch, 3 Tastings (Day 2, 3 & 4)
- Visit UNESCO Heritage sites in: Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Pizzaria Armenia, Ragusa

Price from **A\$2299** per person twin share



Taormina



Valletta

Sicily & Malta Island 8 Days

Departs: Tuesdays

24, 31 Mar; 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jun; 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul; 4, 11, 18, 25 Aug; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sep; 6, 13, 20, 27 Oct; 3, 10 Nov 2020

Day 1 Tue: Palermo

Meet at the Mercure Palermo Hotel Centro or similar. Welcome dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 2 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

After breakfast, morning will be spent visiting Monreale visit the breathtaking Norman Cathedral. Later continue to Palermo, one of the richest towns on the Island for its history and art. Visit the Norman Cathedral, the astonishing Martorana Church and the amazing Cappella Palatine. Dinner and overnight in hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Thu: Palermo-Marsala-Salt Road-Agrigento

This morning tour will continue along the charming town of Marsala, a modern city divided between sea and land. Discover the city centre and its aristocratic buildings, monuments and imposing Baroque churches before proceeding to the West coast of Sicily to visit the popular Salt Road. Time for lunch, wine and typical products tasting in a local winery. Transfer to Agrigento and visit the Valley of Temples. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Baia di Ulisse Wellness & Spa or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Fri: Agrigento-Piazza Armerina-Ragusa Ibla-Valletta

Visit Piazza Armerina and admire the mosaics of the Villa Romana del Casale, World Heritage Site. Free time for lunch (not included), departure to Ragusa Ibla and visit the centre cradle of Sicilian Baroque, with its Cathedral, situated in the square of the Dome and the "giardino Ibleo". Conclude the day with a tasting of local products. Free time in the Ragusa city centre. The tour continues without a tour leader. Transfer to Pozzallo harbour, board the catamaran to reach Malta. Arrive in Valletta, private transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight at Hotel Argento or similar. (B, T, D)

Day 5 Sat: Valletta-Mdina-Valletta
After breakfast, your driver-guide will lead you through a half day excursion discovering treasures of the charming capital Valletta. Visit the Casa Rocca Piccola, the Cathedral of St John. Later, you visit the Grand Master's Palace. Your tour continues to Mdina, the former capital of Malta. Visit the Cathedral of St. Paul and free time. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy your free time. (B, D)

Day 6 Sun: Valletta-Cottonera-Marsaxlokk-Blue Grotto-Dingli-Golden Bay-Valletta

Full day excursion with private driver-guide to discover this magical Island. Reach Cottonera, also called "The Three Cities": Senglea, Vittoriosa and Cospicua. Afterwards visit the charming fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Continuing you will visit the town of Wied iz-Zurriq where you will embark on an excursion towards the famous Blue Grotto. Tour will continue on board a private vehicle in the direction of Dingli through the Maltese countryside. Then, the tour goes to Golden Bay in Mellieha. Free time and then return to your hotel. (B, D)

Day 7 Mon: Valletta-Comino-Blue Lagoon-Gozo-Malta Caves-Valletta

Driver will pick you up for another full day excursion in the Maltese archipelago. You will be accompanied to Bugibba, where you will board on a comfortable boat for a mini cruise. Sailing to the island of Comino; stopping at the Blue Lagoon for an hour. Afterwards you will reach Gozo for about 3 hours, discovering the charming places of the island. Ta 'Pinu, Dwejra, the capital Victoria. At the end of tour, return on board to circumnavigate Comino and visit the famous caves. Return to Bugibba late afternoon. Transfer to your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Tue: Valletta

After breakfast, end of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from Day 2 to day 4. Private transfers Day 5 to 8 (without tour leader)
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Multilingual Tour leader & professional travel guide from Day 1 to Day 4.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach from Day 2 to day 4. Private Transfers Day 5 to 8 (without tour leader)
- Whisper Kit
- 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners, 1 Lunch, 3 Tastings (Day 2, 3 & 4)
- Visit UNESCO Heritage sites in: Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Pizzaria Armenia, Ragusa
- Ferry Ticket Pozzallo-Malta (without tour leader)
- Excursion with a private driver-guide (Day 1 & 2 in Malta)
- Group excursion to the Blue Lagoon, Comino, Gozo and The Caves

Price from **A\$2733** per person twin share

Regional Italy 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. Tours depart from specific meeting points.



North Lakes

4 Days

Departs: Fridays

8, 22, 29 May; 5, 19, 26 Jun; 10, 24 Jul;
7, 21 Aug; 11, 18, 25 Sep;
9, 23 Oct 2020

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

More tours available, please contact us for further information.



from
A\$1685
per person
twin share

Liguria

4 Days

Departs: 2, 13, 27 Apr; 7, 22 May;

1, 15, 29 Jun; 16 Jul; 20, 31 Aug; 11 Sep;
1, 12, 22, 29 Oct 2020

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

More tours available, please contact us for further information.



from
A\$1600
per person
twin share

Dolomites

4 Days

Departs: Thursdays

9 Apr; 14 May; 11, 25 Jun; 9, 23 Jul;
27 Aug; 24 Sep; 8 Oct 2020

Day 1: Milan-Verona-Cortina D'Ampezzo

Day 2: Cortina D'Ampezzo-Lake Misurina-Lake Dobbiaco-Pusteria-Badia Valleys-Gardena-Giau Pass-Cortina D'Ampezzo

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

Day 4: Bolzano-Trento-Milan

HIGHLIGHT:

- Apples and Speck tasting in the Dolomites region

More tours available, please contact us for further information.



from
A\$1500
per person
twin share

Calabria

5 Days

Departs: 15 Apr; 11 Jun; 13 Jul;

2, 24 Sep; 15 Oct 2020

Day 1: Rome-Matera

Day 2: Matera-Civita-Pizzo-Reggio Calabria

Day 3: Reggio Calabria-Tropea-La Castella-Cosenza

Day 4: Cosenza-Praia a Mare-Paola-Cosenza

Day 5: Cosenza-Salerno-Rome

HIGHLIGHT:

- Wine & Salami Tasting

More tours available, please contact us for further information.



from
A\$2016
per person
twin share

Sardinia

6 Days

Departs: Mondays

20 Apr; 25 May; 14 Sep 2020

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



from
A\$2132
per person
twin share

INCLUSIONS FOR ALL TOURS

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Multilingual escorted tours
- 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)

More tours available, please contact us for further information, full itinerary and inclusions

Italy by Train

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 Freccia Bianca. 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.



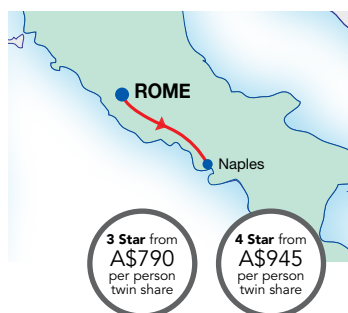
Route	High-Speed Train	Regional Train
Rome to Florence	1hr 30min	3hr 30min
Rome to Milan	3hr	9hr
Rome to Venice	4hr	8hr
Florence to Milan	2hr	5hr
Florence to Venice	2hr	4hr
Pisa to Florence	-	1hr
Venice to Milan	-	2hr 30min

Bella Napoli

6 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Oct 2020

Day 1: Rome (arrival transfer)
Day 2: Rome (hop on hop off bus tour)
Day 3: Rome
Day 4: Rome-Naples
Day 5: Naples (afternoon walking tour of city)
Day 6: Naples (departure transfer)

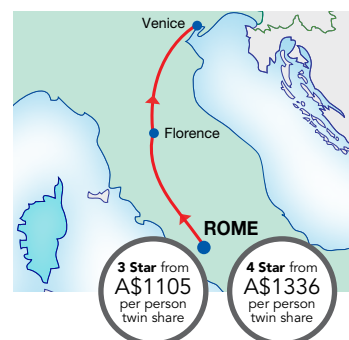


The Art Cities of Italy

8 Days

Departs: Daily 7 Jan-26 Dec 2020

Day 1: Rome (arrival transfer)
Day 2: Rome (hop on hop off bus tour)
Day 3: Rome
Day 4: Rome-Florence
Day 5: Florence (Guided visit of the Accademy Gallery)
Day 6: Florence-Venice
Day 7: Venice (Walking city tour)
Day 8: Venice (Transfer from Piazzale Roma to Venice Airport)



Absolute Italy

11 Days

Departs: Daily 3 Jan-27 Dec 2020

Day 1: Rome (arrival transfer)
Day 2: Rome (Imperial Rome Tour)
Day 3: Rome (Naples & Pompeii tour)
Day 4: Rome-Florence
Day 5: Florence-Siena-San Gimignano-Chianti area-Florence
Day 6: Florence-La Spezia
Day 7: Cinque Terre (Cinque Terre Card & Train pass)
Day 8: La Spezia-Milan
Day 9: Milan-Lake Como-Bellagio-Milan
Day 10: Milan-Venice
Day 11: Venice



Leonardo's Footsteps

8 Days

Departs: Daily 3 Jan-28 Dec 2020

Day 1: Milan (arrival transfer)
Day 2: Milan (hop on hop off bus tour)
Day 3: Milan-Florence
Day 4: Florence (Guided visit of the Accademy Gallery)
Day 5: Florence-Rome
Day 6: Rome (hop on hop off bus tour)
Day 7: Rome
Day 8: Rome (departure transfer)



INCLUSIONS FOR ALL TRAIN PACKAGES

- Standard room accommodation in 3 or 4 star hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Arrival/Departure Transfer where specified
- 2nd class train tickets on highspeed trains
- Sightseeing tours where specified



More tours available, please contact us for further information, full itinerary and inclusions

Siena

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 2020

Day 1: La Spezia-Riomaggiore

Upon arrival at La Spezia train station you will be met by our representative and handed information about your Cinque Terre program. You will then board the train to Riomaggiore, upon arrival take a short walk to your accommodation. Rest 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. End of services.

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

from
A\$510
per person
twin share

Escape to Cinque Terre

3 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2020

Day 1: La Spezia-Riomaggiore

Upon arrival at La Spezia train station you will be met by our representative and handed information about your Cinque Terre program. You will then board the train to Riomaggiore, upon arrival take a short walk to your accommodation. Rest day at leisure.

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 Monterosso 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

from
A\$450
per person
twin share

Cinque Terre Discovery

4 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2020

Day 1: La Spezia-Riomaggiore

Upon arrival at La Spezia train station you will be met by our representative and handed information about your Cinque Terre program. You will then board the train to Riomaggiore, upon arrival take a short walk to your accommodation. Rest day at leisure.

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

from
A\$720
per person
twin share

Cinque Terre Experience

5 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2019

Day 1: La Spezia-Riomaggiore

Upon arrival at La Spezia train station be met by our representative and handed information about your program. After, board the train to Riomaggiore, upon arrival 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

from
A\$930
per person
twin share



Manarola

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\$2700
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\$3400
per week

Tuscan Wine Tour

3 Days

Departs: Daily 18 Apr-17 Oct 2020

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 wineries and tasting their scrumptious wines, Grove is the upcoming venue where you will see some of the fine harvest of the area just before concluding everything off with a dinner at a local Trattoria. (L, D)

Day 2: Vernaccia of San Gimignano

In the morning, we will drive around the countryside of San Gimignano and Castelvechio 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 before heading back to the accommodation. (B, L, D)

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

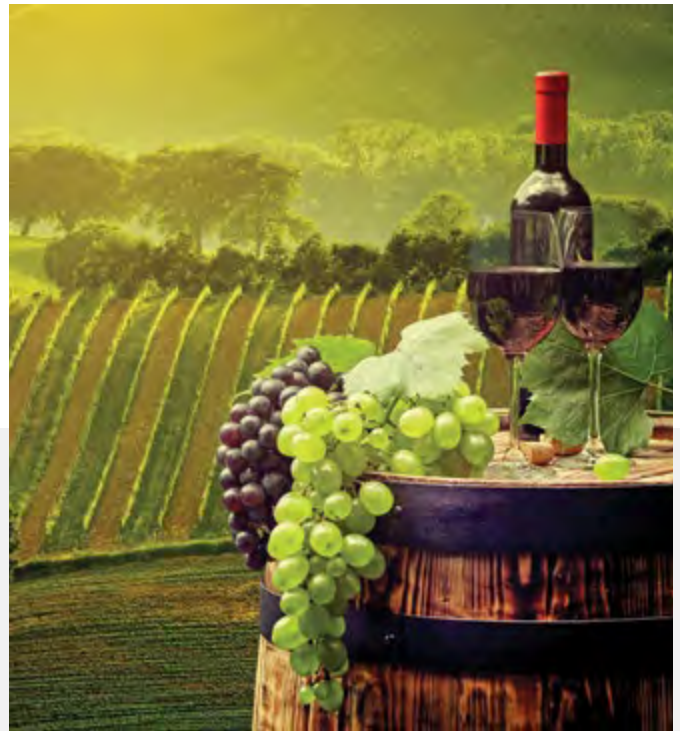
- Max. 8 people tour, Departures guarantee with min. 2 guests
- Arrival & departure transfer
- Farmhouse accommodation
- 2 Breakfast, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Wine tasting in each location, visits to wine cellars at selected vineyards
- Bilingual Hosts for duration of tour

from
A\$1970
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 18 Apr-17 Oct 2020

Day 1 Sat: Pick up at Florence Train Station

Pick up from Central Station of Florence at the beginning of platform 16. You will be transferred to your new Tuscan home, a stunning private apartment in a local Tuscan farmhouse. Dinner and overnight. (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, D)

Day 4 Tue: Cooking class, Florence, Arezzo or Siena

On the third day of our tour, you can choose between relaxing at the farm or we can organize an extra day tour in Florence, Arezzo or Siena upon request. If you are interested on visiting museums, churches or any particular place in any city, it is



advisable to inform us in advance as they require reservations. Please, enquire to get a quote. In the evening you can enjoy a cooking class with our local chef, with whom you will prepare dinner. (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 then head off to Greve to visit Tuscany's most renowned butchery 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, D)

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, 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
- 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners
- Arrival transfer from Florence Train Station
- Departure transfer to Figline Valdarno Station
- Touring by luxury minivan
- Bi-Lingual Hosts
- Wine tasting at selected vineyards
- One cooking class at the farmhouse with chef Pasquale
- Maps for all itinerary location
- Complementary welcome drinks at apartment

from
A\$3970
per person
twin share

Rome



If you are planning a trip to Italy, a visit to the capital of Rome is a must! The city of Rome is the birth place of the most famous monuments in the world. Take advantage of this hassle-free Rome city break package specially designed to allow you to experience Rome's must see's and must do's including arrival and departure airport transfers a hop on hop off bus tour and 3 nights' accommodation. We can also tailor make a package for you with any hotels or day tours of your choice, we have recommended hotels on page 23 and recommended day tours on pages 24 & 25. Due to space limitations we cannot display all the hotels and tours we have on offer.

Rome City Break 4 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Nov-20 Dec 2019 & 2 Jan-31 Oct 2020

Day 1: Rome

Meeting assistance at the airport and transfer to the hotel for overnight.

Day 2: Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the city on the hop-on, hop-off, modern double decker buses. Travel past famous city attractions such as the Colosseum and the Roman Forum using an audio guide on the buses. Hop on and off at any stops including Vatican City to admire the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings. No entrance fees are included. Overnight at hotel. (B)

Day 3: Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, day at leisure to explore the city. Optional day tour recommended to the city that originated the pizza, Naples. Nearby, a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii is recommended. This ancient city was destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD and rediscovered at the end of the 16th century. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

Day 4: Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport. (B)

3 Star: San Marco Hotel or similar. **4 Star:** Torino Hotel or similar

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 3 night accommodation in selected class
- 3 Breakfasts
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Hop-on, hop-off daily ticket for Rome

3 Star from
A\$406
per person
twin share

4 Star from
A\$538
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 years 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

4 Genio Hotel

★★★★

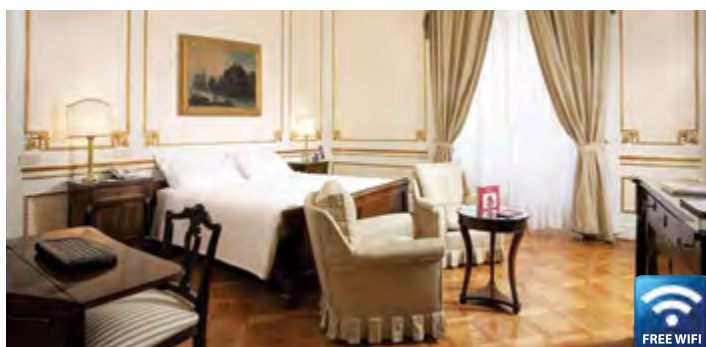


Set in Rome's most historic neighbourhood, Hotel Genio offers panoramic views across the city from its rooftop terrace. It is just 100 metres from the pretty square of Piazza Navona. The Genio Hotel is set in a building from the Neo-Renaissance period. It is surrounded by winding streets full of some 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\$96
per person
per night
twin share

5 Quirinale Hotel

★★★★

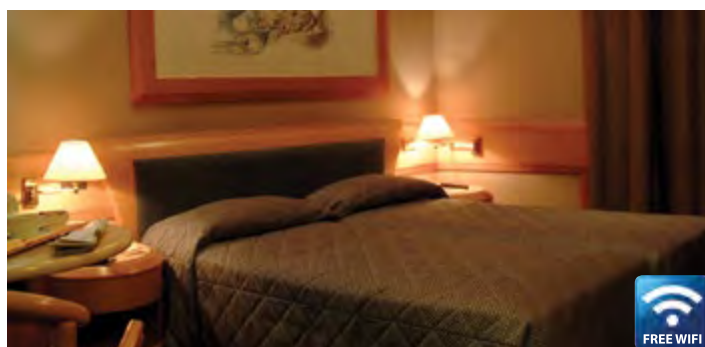


This four star hotel is located in the centre of Rome beside the Opera House and Via Nazionale – one of the best shopping districts in Italy. Between the shopping and the history, this imperial styled hotel is the perfect base to suit the needs of everyone. The Quirinale features 210 rooms ranging from 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 minimalist 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\$145
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. Please note that due to space shortage not all tours are displayed on these pages, to see the complete range of tours available please refer to our website 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.

INCLUSIONS FOR ALL TOURS

- Skip the line entrance tickets
- Headsets
- Professional English Speaking Guide
- Pick up from centrally located hotel (with additional charge)
- Small group walking tours up to maximum 20 people unless specified
- Train tickets where specified

Vatican & St Peter's Basilica 3 Hours



Departs: Apr-31 Oct 2020 Mornings (09:30) Daily except Wednesdays & Sundays. Afternoons (14:00) Daily except Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays

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 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. **Note:** Entrance into the Vatican Museums and Churches requires a strict dress code.

from
A\$116
per person

Vatican & Sistine Chapel 2 Hours



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 Friday Nights only

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. **Note:** Entrance into the Vatican Museums and Churches requires a strict dress code.

from
A\$99
per person

Imperial Rome 3 Hours



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 Mornings (09:00) Wednesdays & Sundays. Afternoons (15:30) Daily except Wednesdays & Sundays

Visit the 3 famous symbols of Ancient Rome: Coliseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum. You will get an overview and see the largest and best-preserved triumphal arch in Rome: The Arch of Constantine. Then you will enter the Coliseum and once inside, your guide will explain the fascinating shows that were held here, such as gladiator and animal fighting. You will continue up to the Palatine Hill, seat of the Emperor's Palaces. From here you will enjoy a breathtaking view over the Forum and the Circus Maximus. Tour ends after the visit of the Roman Forum, the political and economic centre of the Empire.

Note: Tour also available as a small group maximum 8 people on Saturdays & Sundays at 09:30 Price from A\$150 per person

from
A\$102
per person

Vatican & Imperial Rome Full Day



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 (09:30) Daily except Wednesdays & Sundays

Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and visit the most extensive collection of art in the World jumping the line. Your expert guide will lead you into the museum where you will discover the treasures of this unique art collection: The Tapestries, the Maps Gallery up to arrive to the Sistine Chapel with the Last Judgement of Michelangelo. After the tour, your guide will bring you into St. Peter's Basilica through an exclusive entrance, avoiding long lines. At the end of the visit free time for lunch (own expense) and at 14:15pm reach our Sightseeing Office to be transferred to Coliseum to start the visit of the 3 famous symbols of Ancient Rome: Coliseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum. Tour ends after the visit of the Roman Forum, the political and economic centre of the Empire. **Note:** Entrance into the Vatican Museums and Churches requires a strict dress code.

from
A\$242
per person

Borghese Gardens & Gallery 3 Hours



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 (09:00) Daily except Mondays

Skip the Line entrance to the Borghese Gallery. Visit one of Rome's most interesting and aristocratic villas. The Borghese Gallery houses a vast collection of sculptures and paintings made by the genius of masters such as Caravaggio, Bernini and Titian. After this amazing visit, you will be taken for an enchanting walk through the Borghese Gardens (Villa Borghese): this is one of the favourite parks for all Romans and it's a real paradise in the heart of the Eternal City. The tour ends with a breathtaking view from atop the Pincio Terrace.

from
A\$140
per person

Cooking Lesson

5 Hours



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 (09:30) Daily except Sundays

Learn how to make homemade pasta enjoying a typical Italian lunch. The Chef invites you to live an unforgettable experience off the beaten path. First, you'll be taken on a nice visit of the enchanting places where Romans love to go grocery shopping, a real experience in the heart of the city. Your cooking class will take place in a unique location. At the end of the lesson, you'll taste what you have prepared and will cheer with Italian wine from a higher point of view.

Note: This is a multilingual tour in English & Spanish.

from
A\$196
per person

Naples & Pompeii

Full Day



Departs: Daily at 07:30 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020

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.

from
A\$232
per person

Rome by Night

2 Hours



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 (20:45) Daily

Rome has always been an iconic set for world-known movies and you will see many famous landmarks that will ring a bell. Our local expert Guides will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City. Charming by day and absolutely romantic by night. To enjoy the whole Centre of this magic city in the moonlight, choose this panoramic mix of bus and walking tour.

Note: This is a multilingual tour in English & Spanish. For complete itinerary please contact us.

from
A\$99
per person

Pizza Making Course

2 Hours



Departs: Daily at 17:00 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020

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!

from
A\$120
per person

Florence by Train

Full Day



Departs: 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020 Wednesdays & Fridays (07:20)

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. 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.

from
A\$306
per person

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.

Venice City Break

3 Days

General Information

Departs: Daily 3 Nov-20 Dec 2019 & 7 Jan-5 Nov 2020

Day 1: Venice

Meet and assist at the airport and transfer to your hotel with assistant and motor-boat for overnight.

Day 2: Venice

Today, enjoy a walking tour to admire the old town centre, passing by Piazza San Marco, Palazzo Ducale and Ponte dei Sospiri. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Venice

After breakfast, transfer to the airport with assistant and motor-boat. (B)

3 Star: Nazionale Hotel or similar. **4 Star:** Amadeus Hotel or similar

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 2-night accommodation in selected class
- 3 Breakfast
- 1.5-hour group tour of the historic centre of Venice (entrance fees not included)
- Multilingual guide
- Arrival and departure transfers with assistant and motor-boat

3 Star from
A\$450
per person
twin share

4 Star from
A\$655
per person
twin share

- 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
- Venice & Gondola Tour
- Gondola Serenade
- The Golden Basilica
- Excursion to The Islands (Burano, Murano & Torcello)
- Magic Art of Glassblowing
- Venice Walk & St. Marks Basilica
- Grand Canal Boat Tour



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\$62
per person
per night
twin share

3 Casa Kirsch

★★★

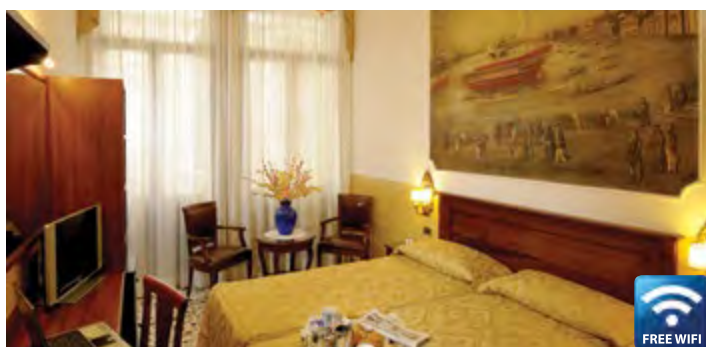


Casa Kirsch is located in a quiet side street, close to the Bridge of Sighs and The Doge's Palace with St Mark's Square just one minute walking distance. The rooms have been designed with modern comforts such as glass walls, plasma TV, phone, A/C, heating and internet access. All rooms are fitted with 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\$96
per person
per night
twin share

5 Hotel Ala

★★★

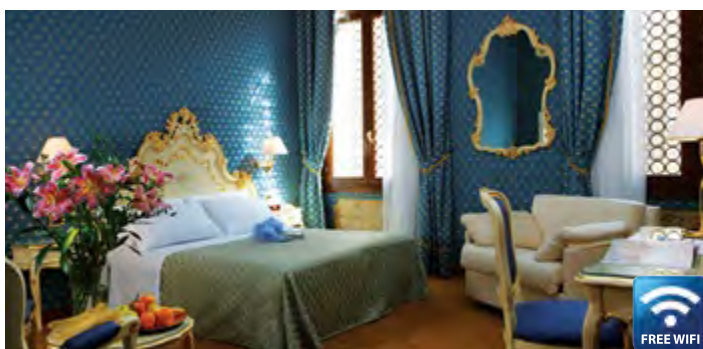


This hotel is only steps away from St. Mark's Square, the nicest shops (Gucci, Armani, Valentino, Ferragamo and Burberry), banks and restaurants, in the heart of Venice. The hotel features two different wings have been recently restored and enriched with the most modern comforts. This 18th century building 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\$102
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\$79
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

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.



Florence City Break 3 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Nov-20 Dec 2019 & 2 Jan-15 Nov 2020

Day 1: Florence

Upon arrival into Florence Airport transfer to the hotel for overnight. Time at leisure to explore Florence, also known as the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Day 2: Florence

Today, enjoy a half day tour to plunge into the fragrances and colours of the Chianti district. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

Day 3: Florence

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

3 Star: Alinari Hotel or similar. **4 Star:** Adler Cavalieri Hotel or similar

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 2-night accommodation in selected class
- 2 Breakfasts
- 5-hour group tour to the hills of Chianti (tickets not included)
- Multilingual guide
- Arrival and departure transfers

3 Star from
A\$330
per person
twin share

4 Star from
A\$455
per person
twin share

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
- Cooking courses
- Guided Visit to Accademia
- Assisi, Cortona & Trasimeno Lake
- Guided Visit to Uffizi
- Chianti Colours & Flavours
- Accademia & Uffizi in one day
- Afternoon to Siena & Chianti Dinner
- Selection of food & wine tours
- Siena, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni & Chianti
- Cinque Terre Full day tour

Contact us for more available day tours

Tour of Pisa

Half Day

Departs: Daily at 8:30am 1 Apr-31 Oct 2020

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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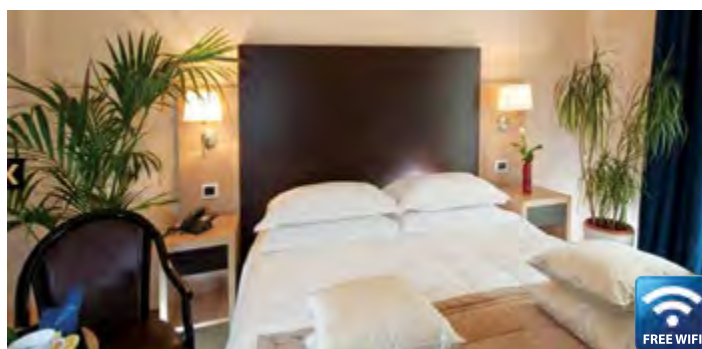
1 Palazzo Vecchio ★★★



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 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\$60
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\$89
per person
per night
twin share

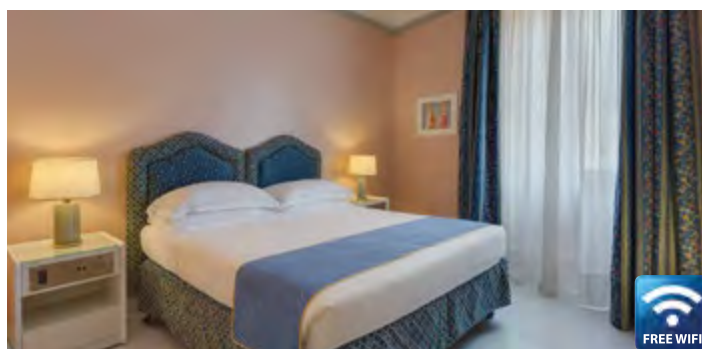
3 Delle Nazioni ★★★



In the heart of downtown Florence, just on the east part of the central train station- Santa Maria Novella- visitors will find this charming hotel. It is ideally situated, providing excellent access to the main tourist attractions like the world-renowned Duomo, as well as the lively and busy shopping district and several conference centres and exhibition halls. Each room comes fully equipped with satellite television, safety deposit box and hairdryer as standard, and superior rooms have the luxury of amazing views of the Duomo itself. The property also offers excellent interactive IT facilities to meet the needs and comforts of both the modern business traveller, as well as the traditional culture-seeking tourist. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free

from
A\$64
per person
per night
twin share

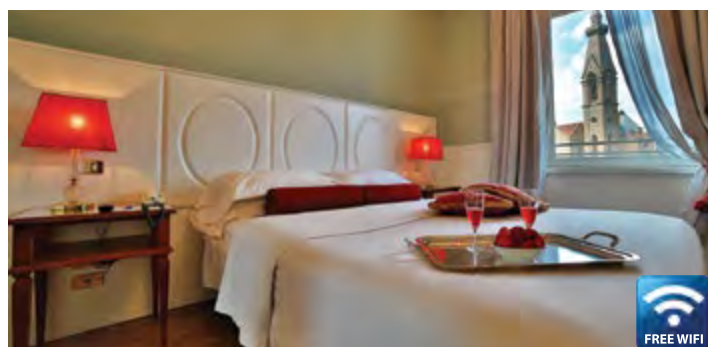
4 Rivoli Hotel ★★★★★



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\$102
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\$124
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.



Capri & Anacapri Full Day

Departs Sorrento: Daily at 8:00am 14 Apr-30 Oct 2020

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\$	156
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Naples City Break 3 Days

Departs: Daily 3 Nov-20 Dec 2019 & 7 Jan-20 Dec 2020

Day 1: Naples

Transfer from Naples airport to your hotel for overnight. An optional half-day excursion to Pompeii or to the Amalfi Coast are recommended.

Day 2: Naples

Today, enjoy a walking tour of the esoteric, mysterious city of Naples, passing through various points of interest in the old town centre and visiting the San Severo Chapel. (B)

Day 3: Naples

After breakfast, transfer to Naples airport. (B)

3 Star: Salgar Hotel or similar. **4 Star:** Cristina Hotel or similar

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 2-night accommodation in selected class
- 2 night accommodation at selected class
- 2 Breakfast
- 2 hour group tour of Naples city
- Multilingual guide
- Arrival and departure transfers

3 Star from
A\$412
per person
twin share

4 Star from
A\$499
per person
twin share

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.

Amalfi Drive Full Day

Departs Sorrento: 7:50am Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 14 Apr-29 Oct 2020

From Sorrento, the winding cliff top road offers breathtaking panoramic views at every turn, which will leave you with 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\$	70
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Pompeii Half Day

Departs Sorrento: Mondays & Wednesdays at 8:10am 14 Apr-28 Oct 2020

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\$	70
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1 Gardenia Hotel - Sorrento

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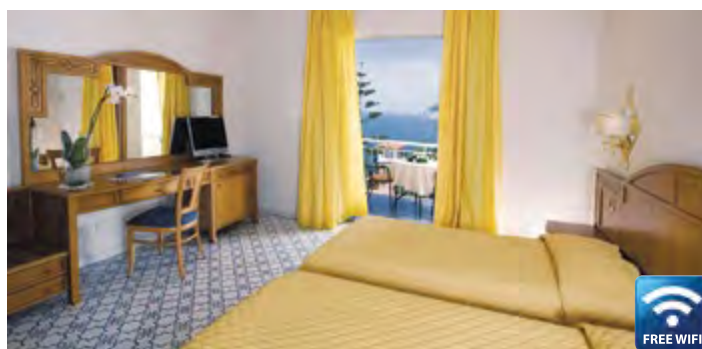
Situated in Corso Italia, Sorrento's main street, only 500 metres from the old town. The hotel is a typical example of modern Mediterranean architecture. The panoramic terrace with deckchairs and pergola is the ideal place to enjoy the stunning views of the Bay of Naples. The hotel has a pool, private 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\$72
per person
per night
twin share



2 G.H Vesuvio - Sorrento

★★★★



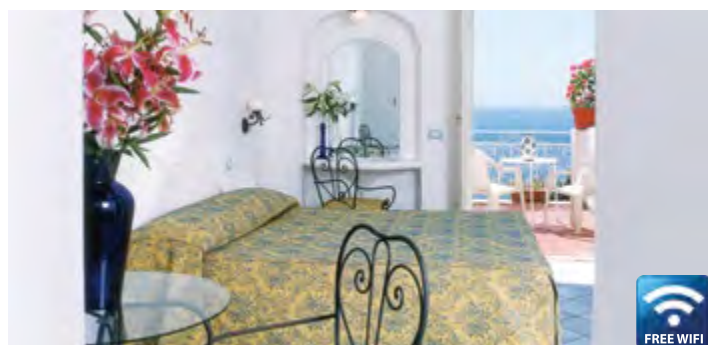
Built and furnished in a modern style, located in a charming position overlooking the Bay of Naples and right opposite Vesuvius. Offers large swimming pools with separate section for children, gardens, extensive lemon and orange groves, wide lounges, conference rooms, garage, parking, solarium, children's 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 free in the lobby and internet terminal available. **Breakfast:** Continental Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free. **Note:** Min. stay 3 nights

from
A\$120
per person
per night
twin share



3 Pasitea Art Hotel - Positano

★★★★



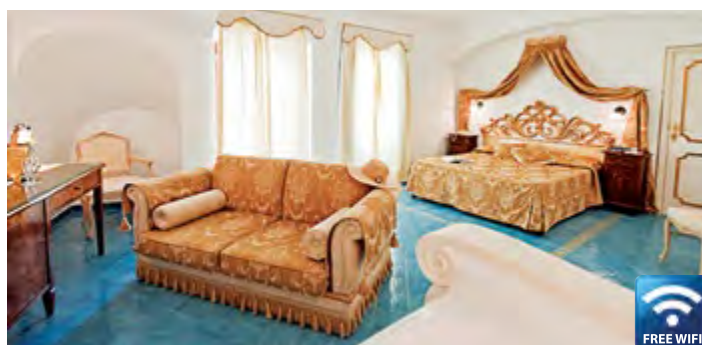
The Positano Art Hotel Pasitea is a beautiful hotel enjoying a peaceful surrounding, houses in a traditional Mediterranean structure, which boasts magnificent views to the sea from its idyllic position. It sits overlooking the gulf of Naples, on the rock of Positano. The historical centre is approximately 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\$100
per person
per night
twin share



4 Conca D'oro - Positano

★★★



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\$170
per person
per night
twin share



5 Miramalfi - Amalfi

★★★★



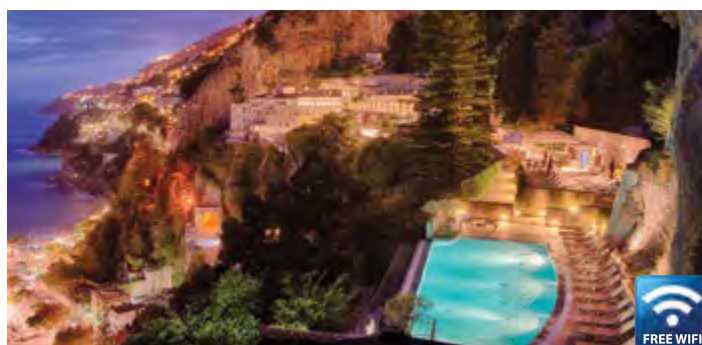
This splendid Hotel is an 8 minute walk from the town's main piazza. Exceptional views over the Amalfi Coast and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Offers pool, excellent restaurant and a private beach which can be reached by stairs or a lift, also a bar, parking facilities and spacious public lounge area. Provides 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\$184
per person
per night
twin share



6 NH Grand Convento - Amalfi

★★★★



Originally a 13th century monastery, perched on top of an 80m cliff, with spectacular views of the Amalfi coast and only 5 minutes walk from Amalfi's harbour and town centre. Hotel has Nearly all 53 rooms facing the sea and are decorated in neutral tones and elegant furnishings. 2 first class restaurants, an outdoor pool, gym and a spa. A regular bus runs between the hotel and Amalfi town centre. Guests appreciate the location, especially the pool area and the lovely terraces with a spectacular view of the Amalfi coast. They also recommend the hotel for the professional service at the reception and restaurant, as well as the tasty breakfast. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-2 years free

from
A\$238
per person
per night
twin share



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.



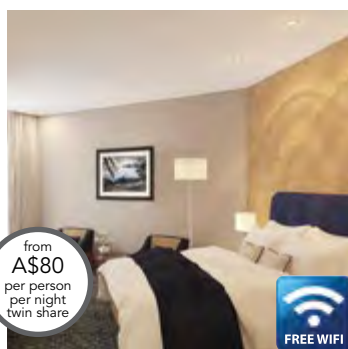
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1 The Waterfront Hotel

★★★★

Located along the sea promenade of Sliema, the hotel provides guests with a breathtaking view of Sliema's port, Manoel Island and the silhouette of the Capital city Valletta. The hotel is perfectly situated within walking distance to bars, restaurants and several shopping outlets. It has easy access to transportation, linking guests to all areas of Malta, with the capital being only a short bus or ferry ride away. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-11 free using existing bedding.

Note: Min. 3 nights stay



from
A\$80
per person
per night
twin share



2 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 a romantic getaway, vacation with friends or on business, you will always receive high-class service and a welcoming smile.

Breakfast: Buffet. **Child:** 0-11 free using existing bedding.

Note: Min. 3 nights stay



from
A\$68
per person
per night
twin share



3 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. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-3 free using existing bedding 3-16 surcharge applies.



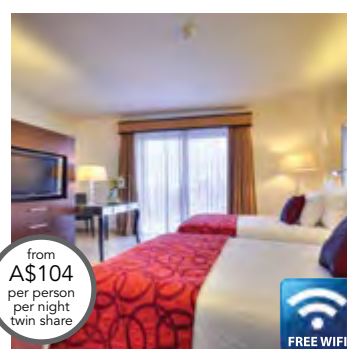
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A\$120
per person
per night
twin share



4 The Palace

★★★★★

This five-star hotel offers the best of both Worlds; a city lifestyle as well as views of The Mediterranean Sea. Rated for its five star service, exquisite cuisine and impeccable surrounding, is perfectly located in Malta's main shopping district, exquisite place to eat, nightlife 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 on the rooftop terrace a health and fitness centre as well as an infinity pool overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. **Breakfast:** Buffet. **Child:** 0-11 free using existing bedding. **Note:** Min. 3 nights stay



from
A\$104
per person
per night
twin share



Malta Day Tours

Valletta Experience

Half Day

Departs: Mondays & Wednesdays
6 Jan-28 Oct 2020

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\$96
per person

Blue Grotto & Marsaxlokk

Half Day

Departs: Thursdays 2 Jan-29 Oct 2020

Tour begins with a trip to Wied iz-Zurriq to visit the picturesque Blue Grotto (weather permitting) you will take a short boat To the Grotto to view the spectacular underwater flora. You will then proceed to the southern part of the island to visit the fishing village, Marsaxlokk. Here you will have free time to stroll around the market and admire the typical and traditionally brightly painted fishing boats, known as "luzzu". **Note:** Fare for the boat trip is not included.



from
A\$65
per person

Gozo Experience

Full Day

Departs: Thursdays & Saturdays
2 Jan- 31 Oct 2020

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. Lunch included. *Duration approx. 9 Hours*



from
A\$138
per person

Mdina

Full Day

Departs: Tuesdays & Fridays
3 Jan-30 Oct 2020

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 not included. Lunch included. *Duration approx. 8 Hours*



from
A\$120
per person

Malta Packages

Discover Malta

4 Days

Departs: Mondays 6 Apr-26 Oct 2020

Day 1 Mon: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to Preluna Hotel & Spa hotel or similar for overnight.

Day 2 Tue: Full Day tour of Malta

Your day begins with a visit to Mosta to see the famous Dome, considered to be the third largest in Europe. Following that, visit Ta' Qali Crafts Village to watch local artisans at work, producing typical Maltese ware including glass, silver, and filigree. Free time is allowed for shopping of local products. Afterwards, we will proceed to the Silent City, Mdina, walking through the city, visit St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bastions, which offers a panoramic view of the island. Afterwards proceed to the neighbouring town of Rabat, where you will visit St. Paul's Grotto before stopping for a typical Maltese lunch in one of the village's restaurants. Day will end with a visit to Dingli Cliffs, which offer a spectacular view of the open sea, as well as viewing the Cart Ruts nearby. The tour will also include a 5D show which offers a unique and fascinating journey of discovery around the Maltese islands.

**Entrances to Mosta Church, Cathedral and St Paul's Grotto are optional, entrance fees not included. (B, L)*

Day 3 Wed: Gozo

Tour will begin with a visit to the Ggantija Prehistoric Temples in Xaghra before proceeding to Dwejra. Fungus Rock and the Inland Sea. After stopping to see the local lace and knitwear for which Gozo is renowned, you will stop for lunch in a typical Gozitan village. Following lunch, you will have free time during which we suggest that you visit Gozo's Cathedral in the island's capital city, Victoria. To conclude, you will embark on the ferryboat at Mgarr Harbour to return to Malta.

**Entrance to the Cathedral is optional, entrance fee is not included. (B, L)*

Day 4 Thu: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. End of Services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in 4 Star
- 3 breakfasts, 2 Lunches
- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 2 full day excursions

from
A\$670
per person



Mosta



Blue Grotto

Highlights of Malta

8 Days

Departs: Sundays 5 Apr-25 Oct 2020

Day 1 Sun: Arrival in Malta

Upon arrival at the airport transfer to The Palace Hotel or similar for overnight.

Day 2 Mon: Morning Valletta Tour

After breakfast, your morning tour of Valletta begins with a walk to the Barrakka Gardens, which offers a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour. Then proceed to St. John's Co-Cathedral, Malta's greatest treasure that features a famous painting by Caravaggio.

Continue to the Grand Master's Palace, which houses the Parliament, offices of the President of Malta, and the Armory. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Day at leisure

Today you have the opportunity to explore Malta at your own pace with the hop on hop off 1 day pass. Hop On and Hop Off as much as you like at any of the bus stops on our three routes and see all the best sites and attractions Malta has to offer. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Gozo

Tour will begin with a visit to the Ggantija Prehistoric Temples in Xaghra before proceeding to Dwejra. Fungus Rock and the Inland Sea. After stopping to see the local lace and knitwear for which Gozo is renowned, you will stop for lunch in a typical Gozitan village. Following lunch, you will have free time during which time we suggest that you visit Gozo's Cathedral in the island's capital city, Victoria. To conclude, you will embark on the ferryboat at Mgarr Harbour to return to Malta.

**Entrance to the Cathedral is optional, entrance fee is not included. (B, L)*

Day 5 Thu: Blue Grotto & Marsaxlokk

Tour begins with a trip to Wied iz-Zurriq to visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting) via a short boat ride. You will then proceed to the southern part of the island Marsaxlokk the fishing village, here you will have free time to stroll around the market and admire the typical and traditionally brightly painted fishing boats, known as "luzzu". Note: Fare for the boat trip is not included. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 6 Fri: Full Day tour of Malta

Your day begins with a visit to Mosta to see the famous Dome, considered to be the third largest in Europe. Following that, visit Ta' Qali Crafts Village to watch local artisans at work, producing typical Maltese ware including glass, silver and filigree. Free time is allowed for shopping of local products. Afterwards, we will proceed to the Silent City, Mdina, walking through the city, visit St. Paul's Cathedral and the Bastions, which offer a panoramic view of the island. Proceeding to the neighbouring town of Rabat, visit St. Paul's Grotto before stopping for a typical Maltese lunch in one of the village's restaurants. Day will end with a visit to Dingli Cliffs, which offer a spectacular view of the open sea, as well as viewing the Cart Ruts nearby. The tour will also include a 5D show which offers a unique and fascinating journey of discovery the Maltese islands. **Entrances to Mosta Church, Cathedral and St Paul's Grotto are optional, entrance fees not included. (B, L)*

Day 7 Sat: Prehistoric Temples

After breakfast, begin your tour with a trip to the southern part of the island and a visit to the three Megalithic temples of Tarxien, which date back to 3000BC. The temples are Malta's most important antiquities and are unique to Malta. Following this, we will visit Ghar Dalam, 'The Cave of Darkness', and its fossilized remains of prehistoric animals from the glacial period. The tour will end with a visit to the Prehistoric temple Hagar Qim, which was built between 3500 and 3000 BC. This temple, constructed solely of globigerina limestone, overlooks the islet of Filfla from a high vantage point. After the tour has ended you will return to your hotel for rest of day at leisure. (B)

Day 8 Sun: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. End of Services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights accommodation in 5 Star
- 7 breakfasts, 2 Lunches
- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 3 full day & 3 half day excursions

from
A\$1380
per person



Classical Malta Tour 5 Days

Departs: Sundays 5 Apr-25 Oct 2020

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 in 4 Star
- 4 Breakfasts
- 3 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

from
A\$858
per person



Mdina



Blue Lagoon

Best of Malta

6 Days

Departs: Thursdays 2 Apr-29 Oct 2020

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 your 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 in 4 Star
- 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches
- 4 day tours
- Arrival & departure transfer

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A\$1090
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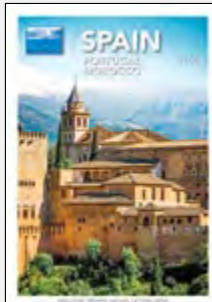
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