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# ITALY

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Cinque Terre

# Welcome to Italy

Italy spills over with art, ancient history, high fashion and the amazing variety of quality food and drinks.



**Halina Kubica**  
Owner & Managing Director

For me, travelling to Italy is all about immersing in its rich cultural diversity and sampling traditional Italian cuisine. 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 of Italian cities, abundance of Unesco heritage sites and the special interests' museums will blow you away. Italy is famous for its hidden culinary delights and it's a heaven for food lovers. In Italy passion and romance are on the menu. The pleasure of tasting fine wine in its native environments is unparalleled. Try a glass of Chianti in Tuscany, Prosecco in Veneto, Lambrusco in Emilia-Romagna or Sicilian wines whilst in Sicily.

**Let us help you plan a trip of a lifetime that indulges all your senses in Italy.**



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# Choose your travel style

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



## Escorted Tours

Our selection of coach tours operated as English only guides and some with multilingual speaking guides. They are managed by experienced tour leaders who have intimate and extensive knowledge of the destinations. These tours with guaranteed departures optimize your experience and make your trip around Italy's most popular cities an unforgettable memory. These will also include Small Group tours with a maximum number of participants and also our Regional Tours. See from pages 8-18.

## Create Your Own Italian Experience

Our Italy is infinitely flexible. Travelers can choose the duration, standard of accommodation, transportation and destinations. With the help of our knowledgeable, experienced Travel Concierges, you can craft a tailored combination of hotels and resorts, day tours, multi-day couch tours, 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 pages 30-37.

## 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 38.

## 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 48.





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# Escorted Tours



Italy is a country that offers a variety of regions, experiences and options. Touring is the best way to see it. You can choose from a selection of private as well as escorted coach tours of various durations and group size. Our escorted coach tours offer an efficient and relaxing way of travelling and let you enjoy the scenery in luxury and comfort while someone else keeps an eye on the road. All the planning and research has already been done for you and tailored into an itinerary that ensures you visit the must-see destinations and many more of its secrets along the way. Benefit from the wealth of knowledge of local guides who are eager to share it with you. Let us show you the best Italy has to offer while you sit back, relax and soak up the beautiful scenery passing by.

We haven't been able to include all tours in this brochure. For additional tours that include Italy and other countries in the region for example tours from Venice to Croatia or vice versa contact us or visit our website.

## Rome to Venice Tour

4 Days

**Departs:** Selected Mondays & Saturdays

### Day 1: Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence

Departing at 7:15am from hotel St Martin by deluxe coach, arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, continue on to Florence, check in at hotel Raffaello before enjoying dinner. Overnight at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (D)



### Day 2: Florence

After breakfast, spend the day around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. Admire the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. See the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, see Piazza della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional). There, tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence. (B, L)

### Day 3: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. Discover the elegant city centre with its "porticos", it's shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Maggiore walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace: Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven... don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padua, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel for dinner. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 4: Venice

Tour ends after breakfast! You may opt for an extension in Venice or in other locations as Milan, Como or the region of the Northern Lakes. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 stars
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
25 Mar; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Apr; 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 May; 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 Jun; 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Jul; 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 Aug; 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Sep; 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Oct 2024	1468	1468	1890



Florence



**Departs:** Selected Mondays, Thursdays & Saturdays

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Departing at 7:15am from hotel St Martin by deluxe coach, arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, continue onto Florence, check in at hotel before enjoying dinner. Overnight at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (D)

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**Day 3: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice**

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*Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.*

**Day 4: Venice**

After breakfast, transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice’s glorious past, the legendary “Bridge of Sighs”. After this walking tour, allow us to treat you to a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice’s canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B, L)  
*Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.*

**Day 5: Venice-Tuscany-Rome**

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, churches and castles and its delicious wines. Proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its “Nobile” wine, available for purchase in local wine houses. Typical lunch in a restaurant is included. After lunch, free time. Arrive Rome in the evening, where tour ends. (B, L)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 stars hotels
- Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

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Venice





Rome

# Highlights of Italy

8 Days

**Departs:** Selected Fridays & Sundays

**Day 1: Rome**

Welcome to Rome! After meet at the airport your driver, you will be transferred to your hotel (Transfer included!). At 07:45pm pick up from the hotel and reach Via del Teatro Marcello. A local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City. Cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon. Next Stop Trevi Fountain. The walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. After this walk, relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato. The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar.

**Day 2: Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence**

Departing at 7:15am from hotel by deluxe coach, arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure. This tiny town surrounded by walls was built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, continue on to Florence, check in at hotel before enjoying dinner. Overnight at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 3: Florence**

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**Day 4: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice**

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. Discover the elegant city centre with its "porticos", it's shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace: Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven... don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your



hotel for dinner. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B) *Opportunity to stay on Venice island- supplement applies.*

**Day 5: Venice**

After breakfast, transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". After this walking tour, drink a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. While you sit comfortably and savour your drink, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy a taste of the famous "cicchetti," a Venetian variation of tapas (light lunch). Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B, L) *Opportunity to stay on Venice island- supplement applies.*

**Day 6: Venice-Tuscany-Rome**

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. Proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, available to purchase in local wine houses. Typical lunch in a restaurant is included. After lunch, free time. Arrive in Rome in the evening. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B, L)

**Day 7: Rome**

After breakfast, between 7:45 - 8:00am, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square with an exclusive "Skip the Line" access. Visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. The tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece; St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world. Rest of the day at your leisure or take any one of the selected tours for the afternoon or at night. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 8: Rome**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Transfers on arrival and departures
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

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2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 Aug 2024	2509	2509	3403



Departs: Selected Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Venice

Arriving at Venice's airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until you gather for a Welcome Dinner with your Tour Director and traveling companions. Overnight at Hotel NH Santa Lucia or similar. (D)

Day 2 Mon: Venice

We begin exploring Venice with a boat ride to Murano Island, famous for its artistic glassware. Visit a glassblowing factory, where you will watch a demonstration of traditional Venetian glassblowing by master craftsmen. Then, on to St. Mark's Square, for the walking tour, viewing the St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, and enjoying views of the Bell Tower and Bridge of Sighs. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop, or join an optional gondola ride. Overnight at Hotel NH Santa Lucia or similar. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Venice-Ferrara-Pisa-Florence

Drive to Ferrara, a Renaissance gem in the Emilia-Romagna region, standing on the banks of the Po River. After an orientation tour, continue to Pisa where you'll view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistery, and Duomo. Then on to Florence for the night. Overnight at Hotel Grand Hotel Adriatico or similar. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Florence

This morning begins with a city tour of the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's splendid bronze "Gates of Paradise." Walk across the famous old bridge - "Ponte Vecchio". The remainder of the day is yours to savour the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital your own way. Overnight at Hotel Grand Hotel Adriatico or similar. (B)

Day 5 Thu: Florence-Assisi-Rome

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany with its iconic landscapes as you make your way to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive Basilica of St. Francis. Continue to Rome. An evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Starhotels Metropole or similar. (B)



Day 6 Fri: Rome

A full-day sightseeing tour shows you all the highlights of the incomparable Eternal City. Visit the Vatican Museums with moving Sistine Chapel and grand St. Peter's Basilica. Then on to view the Colosseum, ancient Palatine Hill overlooking Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace, and the Roman Forum. Overnight at Hotel Starhotels Metropole or similar. (B)

Day 7 Sat: Rome

Your day is free in spectacular Rome! Your Tour Director will have suggestions on how to spend your time. You might want to visit some of the chic shops, galleries and museums; do some more sightseeing on your own or relax in a sidewalk cafe with a glass of fine Italian wine, a cold Limoncello, some refreshing gelato, or a hearty dish of pasta. Tonight, a festive farewell dinner with your fellow travellers is the perfect way to celebrate your glimpse of Italy. Farewell dinner. Overnight at Hotel Starhotels Metropole or similar. (B, D)

Day 8 Sun: Rome

One last breakfast in Italy before you are transferred to Rome's airport. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Luxury coach Tour
- Arrival transfer Venice airport & departure transfer in Rome
- Accommodation in first class hotels
- Luggage handling (1 pc per person)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 2 dinners (coffee or tea included)
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Director throughout
- Service of Licensed Local Guides
- Entrance fees included as per itinerary

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24 Mar; 30 Jun 2024	3988	3988	5409
14 Apr; 5 May; 13 Oct 2024	4298	4298	6039
26 May; 8, 29 Sep 2024	4442	4442	6182
21 Jul; 25 Aug 2024	3818	3818	5239





Naples

Italian Discovery Tour

10 Days

**Departs:** Selected Fridays & Sundays

**Day 1: Rome**

After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to your hotel and enjoy first day at own leisure. At 7:45pm pick up from the hotel and drive to Via del Teatro Marcello. A local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City. Cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon. Next Stop Trevi Fountain. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. After this walk, relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato. The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (D)

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**Day 4: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice**

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**Day 5: Venice**

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Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B, L) Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.

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**Day 8: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento**

After breakfast, pick up from hotel at 7:00am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida. Descending to reach the town of Pompeii, have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza. After lunch, enter into the ruins of Pompeii, with "Skip the Line" entrance and a guided tour. After the visit, drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and overnight at Michelangelo / Vesuvio Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Sorrento-Capri-Rome**

After breakfast, an excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean. Depending on weather and sea conditions, admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (lunch not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Once back on the mainland, return to Rome. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 10: Rome**

After breakfast, end of tour services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Tradition Tuscan lunch at Multepulciano
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

Price Per Person AS	Twin	Triple	Single
24, 31 Mar; 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr; 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 May; 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Jun; 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Jul; 23, 25, 30 Aug; 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Sep; 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 Oct 2024	4015	4015	5365
2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 Aug 2024	3796	3796	5108



Departs: Selected Fridays & Sundays

Day 1: Rome

After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to your hotel and enjoy first day at own leisure. At 7:45pm pick up from the hotel and drive to Via del Teatro Marcello. A local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City. Cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon. Next Stop Trevi Fountain. After this walk, relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato. The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel in Rome or similar.



Day 2: Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence

Departing at 7:15am from hotel by deluxe coach, arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, continue on to Florence, check in at hotel before enjoying dinner. Overnight at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 3: Florence

After breakfast, spend the day around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. Admire the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. See the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, see Piazza della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional). There, tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay at Raffaello 4\* in Florence. (B, L)

Day 4: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice

After breakfast, departure to Bologna. Discover the elegant city centre with its "porticos", it's shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace: Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven... don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B) Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.

Day 5: Venice

After breakfast, transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". After this walking tour, allow us to treat you to a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B) Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.

Day 6: Venice-Tuscany-Rome

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, churches, castles and its delicious wines. Proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, available to purchase in local wine houses. Typical lunch in a restaurant is included. After lunch, free time. Arrive in Rome in the evening, overnight stay in San Martin 4\* or similar. (B, L)

Day 7: Rome

After breakfast, between 7:45-8:00am, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square with an exclusive "Skip the Line" access. Visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. The tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world. Rest of the day at your leisure or take any one of the selected tours for the afternoon or at night. Overnight in Rome at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 8: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

After breakfast, pick up from hotel at 7:00am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida. Descending to reach the town of Pompeii, have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza. After lunch, enter into the ruins of Pompeii, with "Skip the Line" entrance and a guided tour. After the visit, drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and overnight in Sorrento at Michelangelo/Vesuvio Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sorrento-Capri-Rome

After breakfast, an excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean. Depending on weather and sea conditions, admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (lunch not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 10: Rome

Breakfast at your hotel. Time at your leisure going for shopping or tasting some nice Limoncello. As an option, go for a short excursion to the Amalfi coast (not included). In the afternoon, at around 4:00pm, departure back to Rome. Overnight at San Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 11: Rome

After breakfast, end of tour services (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

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2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 Aug 2024	4045	4045	5535



Capri



Sorrento

# Italian Explorer

12 Days

**Departs:** Selected Fridays & Sundays

## Day 1: Rome

After arrival at the airport, make your own way to the hotel. At 7:45pm pick up from hotel to start a tour to Via del Teatro Marcello. A local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City. Cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods. Walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon. Next Stop Trevi Fountain. After this walk, relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato. The tour ends in the Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel in Rome or similar.

## Day 2: Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence

Departing at 7:15am from hotel by deluxe coach, arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, continue on to Florence, check in at hotel before enjoying dinner. Overnight at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 3: Florence

After breakfast, spend the day around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. Admire the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. See the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional). There, tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay at Raffaello 4\* in Florence. (B, L)

## Day 4: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. Discover the elegant city centre with its "porticos", it's shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace: Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna is a real gourmet's heaven... don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar. (B)

Opportunity to stay on Venice island- supplement applies.

## Day 5: Venice

After breakfast, transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". After this walking tour, allow us to treat you to a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Delfino (Mestre) Hotel or similar (B).

Opportunity to stay on Venice island - supplement applies.



## Day 6: Venice-Tuscany-Rome

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, churches, castles and its delicious wines. Proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, available to purchase in local wine houses. Typical lunch in a restaurant is included. After lunch, free time. Arrive in Rome in the evening, overnight stay in San Martin 4\* or similar. (B, L)

## Day 7: Rome

After breakfast, between 7:45-8:00am, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square with an exclusive "Skip the Line" access. Visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. The tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world. Rest of the day at your leisure or take any one of the selected tours for the afternoon or at night. Overnight in Rome at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

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

After breakfast, pick up from hotel at 7:00am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida. Descending to reach the town of Pompeii, have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza. After lunch, enter into the ruins of Pompeii, with "Skip the Line" entrance and a guided tour. After the visit, drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and overnight in Sorrento at Michelangelo/Vesuvio Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

## Day 9: Sorrento

Day at leisure in Sorrento. (B, D)

## Day 10: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

After breakfast, an excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean. Depending on weather and sea conditions, admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant (lunch not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 11: Rome

Breakfast at your hotel. Time at your leisure going shopping or tasting some nice Limoncello. As an option, go for a short excursion to the Amalfi Coast (not included). In the afternoon, at around 4:00pm, departure back to Rome. Overnight at San Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 12: Rome

After breakfast, end of tour services (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach Tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Traditional Tuscan lunch at Montepulciano
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide and entrance tickets as per itinerary

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7, 14, 21, 28 Apr; 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31 May; 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 Jun; 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 Jul; 23, 25, 30 Aug; 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 25, 27 Sep; 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 Oct 2024	4836	4836	6579



Departs: Selected Sundays

Day 1: Rome

After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to your hotel and then enjoy your first day in the city at your own leisure. At 7:45pm pick up at the hotel and continue to Via del Teatro Marcello. Our local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods, full with history and with a real Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks are its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe) in Piazza Mattei. Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: this is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched. Next stop straight into the Trevi Fountain: it's said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. After walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top, enjoy a creamy and tasty Gelato. The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Overnight in Rome at St. Martin hotel or similar. (B)

Day 2: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

After breakfast, pick up at hotel at 7:00am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida and the city below; time to take some nice pictures. Descending towards the port of Mergellina, you will leave the city and travel south towards Mount Vesuvius and, once you reach the town of Pompeii, you will have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza. After lunch, you will enter into one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Pompeii, with "Skip the Line" entrance and a guided tour. Visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii. You'll learn how people lived at that time, visiting houses and "bars" of the time, admiring frescoes and mosaics. After the visit, you will drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and an overnight in Sorrento at Michelangelo Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

After breakfast, get ready for an exciting excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean. Depending on weather and sea conditions, you will admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, enjoy lunch (lunch not included) at a local restaurant and then roam the island at your own pace. Once back on the mainland, return to the hotel for dinner and your last night in Sorrento. Overnight at Michelangelo Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 4: Sorrento-Palermo

Breakfast at hotel, then spend a leisurely morning exploring Sorrento. In the afternoon, you will reach the port of Naples, where you will board on the Tirrenia/ Snav ferry to Palermo. Let the waves rock you to sleep. Dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry. (B)

Day 5: Palermo

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to hotel. Free time. Tonight have dinner in the hotel and rest up for the adventure that lies ahead. Overnight in Mercure Hotel. (D)

Day 6: Palermo

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, start a morning excursion to Monreale, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy some shopping of local

delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight at Mercure Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 7: Palermo-Erice-Saline della Laguna-Agrigento

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history, nature and archaeology find a perfect synthesis. Afterwards, we'll set off to Marsala, whose lands are known for its Marsala wine. You'll take part in a sensorial experience visiting a traditional tavern and tasting regional products during a light but unforgettable lunch. Return to your coach and travel to Agrigento, your final destination of the day. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord, the Temple of Hercules; the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings. Check in to your hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight at Della Valle Hotel at Agrigento. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Agrigento-Ragusa Ibla-Ragusa

Today travel to Piazza Armerina a pretty and historic town nestled into the heart of Sicily. Entrance in Villa Romana del Casale to admire the largest, richest and most complex Roman mosaics in the world. It is one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Italy since 1997. Depart to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Arrive at Poggio del Sole Hotel, dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 9: Ragusa-Noto-Siracusa-Taormina

After breakfast travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's southeastern tip. Visit "Parco Archeologico della Neapolis", Syracuse's famous archaeological area, home to a vast collection of Greek and Roman ruins from all over Sicily. After the visit, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortygia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, check in to Olimpo le terrace Hotel for overnight. (B, D)

Day 10: Taormina

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

Day 11: Taormina

Enjoy one final breakfast before the tour comes to an end. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Regular coach tour</li><li>Transportation by deluxe motorcoach</li><li>English speaking tour escort</li><li>Accommodation in 4* Hotels hotels</li><li>Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)</li><li>Eat an authentic Neapolitan pizza for lunch in Pompeii</li><li>Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary</li><li>Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites as per itinerary</li><li>Visit of a historic Cellar, wine tasting and light lunch in Marsala</li></ul>			
Price Per Person AS	Twin	Triple	Single
17 Mar; 7, 14 Apr; 5, 12, 19 May; 2, 16, 30 Jun; 14 Jul; 18 Aug; 1, 8, 22, 29 Sep; 6, 20 Oct; 3 Nov 2024 23 Mar 2025	4933	4807	6342



Palermo

Departs: Selected Mondays

Day 1: Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence

Departing at 7:15am from your hotel by deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue then have free time for lunch (not included). Board the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped for dinner and a well-earned night of rest. Overnight at Hotel Raffaello or similar. (D)

Day 2: Florence

After breakfast, spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the “Cradle of Renaissance”. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings such as Santa Maria del Fiore, (the Duomo). Cross a small piazza to see the “Campanile” tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the “Gates of Paradise.” In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria (Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence or take a short trip to Pisa (optional). There, you can tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa’s symbol “the Leaning Tower” and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence at Raffaello Hotel or similar. (B, L)

Day 3: Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. Discover the elegant city centre with its “porticos”, it’s shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo’s Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it’s a real gourmet’s heaven... don’t miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant’Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Overnight at Hotel Delfine (Mestre) or similar. (B)

Day 4: Venice

After breakfast, transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice’s glorious past, the legendary “Bridge of Sighs”. After this walking tour, let us offer you a spritz or a prosecco to crown your visit to Venice highlights with the company of your tour leader. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice’s canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Delfine (Mestre) or similar. (B, L)

Day 5: Venice-Tuscany Wine Region (Montepulciano)-Rome

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, churches and castles and its delicious wines. Proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its “Nobile” wine, available to purchase in local wine houses. Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, arrive in Rome. Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B, L)

Day 6: Rome

Between 7:45 - 8:00am, after breakfast, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Square with our exclusive “Skip the Line” access! Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael’s Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, the tour ends in St. Peter’s Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter’s Basilica: the biggest church in the world! The tour ends in St. Peter’s Square. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city at your own leisure or get any one of our selected tours for the afternoon or at night! Overnight at St. Martin Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 7: Rome

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before spending the day exploring Rome on your own or by selecting one of our regular tours in the city or its surroundings. Return to the hotel for your last overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 8: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

After breakfast, departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida and the city below. Depart towards the port of Mergellina, travel south towards Mount Vesuvius and the town of Pompeii for lunch of real Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, visit UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Pompeii, with “Skip the Line” entrance and a guided tour. Visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii, traveling back in time to the tragic days in 79 AD when the silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted. After the visit, drive along the Sorrentine Coast to Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

After breakfast, get ready for an exciting excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean! Depending on weather and sea conditions, you will admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, free time for lunch (not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Once back on the mainland, return to hotel for dinner and last overnight in Sorrento. Overnight at Michelangelo Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 10: Sorrento-Palermo (Overnight on ferry boat)

Breakfast at hotel, then spend a leisurely morning exploring Sorrento. In the afternoon, reach the port of Naples and board the Tirrenia/Snav ferry to Palermo. Overnight on ferry boat. Dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry. (B)



Siena

Day 11: Palermo

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to your hotel. That night, have dinner in the hotel and rest up for the adventure that lies ahead. (B)

Day 12: Palermo

Enjoy breakfast at hotel, then head out on a morning excursion to Monreale, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy some shopping of local delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, hearing tales of Palermo’s 3,000-year history and discovering attractions like Palermo Cathedral. Walk inside the impressive-looking place of worship and marvel at its arches, cupolas and mosaic. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight at Mercure Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 13: Palermo-Erice-Saline della Laguna-Agrigento

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. Many say that little has changed in the village since the sixth century, and its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history, nature, archeology find a perfect synthesis. Afterwards, set off to Marsala, known for its wine. Take part in a sensorial experience, visit a traditional tavern and taste regional products during a light but unforgettable lunch. Return to your coach and travel to Agrigento. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord the Temple of Hercules; the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Della Valle or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Agrigento-Ragusa Ibla-Ragusa

Breakfast at hotel and travel to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical centre “Ibla”, with its stunning baroque palaces and churches. Ragusa is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola where we will visit the church of San Giuseppe. Be enchanted by the elegant Cathedral of San Giorgio, the Church of the Souls in Purgatory and the magnificent Cosentini palace, one of the most interesting late Baroque palaces in Sicily! Dinner and overnight at Hotel Poggio Del Sole or similar. (B, D)

Day 15: Ragusa-Noto-Siracusa-Taormina

Breakfast at hotel and travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its Baroque architecture. Visit Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after an earthquake, then a walk in the town’s centre. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse. Visit “Parco Archeologico della Neapolis”, Syracuse’s famous archaeological area, home to a vast collection of Greek and Roman ruins from all over Sicily. Head inside to see impressive landmarks such as the Greek Theater, the Roman Amphitheater and the Ear of Dionysius - an artificial limestone cave. After the visit, cross one of the city’s bridges to the island of Ortigia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 16: Taormina

Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna’s landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800 m). Return to Taormina in the afternoon and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight at Splendid Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 17: Taormina

Enjoy one final breakfast before the tour services comes to an end. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites in Sicily

Price Per Person AS	Twin	Triple	Single
1, 8, 29 Apr; 6, 13, 27 May; 10, 24 Jun; 8 Jul; 12, 26 Aug; 2, 16, 23, 30 Sep; 14, 28 Oct 2024 17 March 2025	7205	7205	9308



Departs: Selected Fridays

Day 1: Milan

Welcome to Milan! Meet driver at Milan Malpensa Airport and transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, meet professional guide at hotel and set off on a three-hour walking tour through Milan. Going down via Spallanzani, reach Porta Venezia (literally Venice Gate), one of the historical gates to the city. Proceed toward Corso Venezia and take a shortcut inside Giardini Indro Montanelli, a public garden. Opposite the gardens, go past the Galleria d'Arte Moderna (modern art museum). Proceeding along Viale Manzoni, you will head for La Scala opera house (Teatro alla Scala). Then, get ready to take in the Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano). The last stop will be the majestic Castello Sforzesco. Happy hour in a refined bakery to relax and enjoy a typical aperitivo. At the end of the aperitivo, the tour is over. Enjoy some free time before returning to the hotel on your own. Overnight stay in Milan Antares Hotel Concorde Bw Signature Collection 4\*.



Day 2: Milan-Bernina Express-Milan

This is the day of your Bernina Express tour. Admire unique views from your seat on board the Bernina Train. After breakfast at the hotel, meet driver and reach Tirano. You will get on board there and start this ride along one of the most beautiful railway routes in the world. The journey will need two hours to complete. As the train winds its way over the Alps, passing through mountain tunnels, and puffing its way past a myriad of towns and villages, a number of highlights will catch your attention. Look out at the Swiss Alps, and then enjoy free time to explore it. Meet your driver to return to Milan (meeting point in St. Moritz). Overnight stay in Milan Antares Hotel Concorde Bw Signature Collection 4\*.

Day 3: Milan-Como-Bellagio-Bergamo

Enjoy breakfast at hotel and prepare for a short visit to Lake Como. Amazing views are guaranteed! The lake itself, sometimes called Lario, has long been famous for its y-shape and for Bellagio, that you will reach by boat. This town is home to some of the most charming landscapes in Italy. Spend some time exploring this picturesque village and its small streets, luxury hotels, and gardens, and have lunch at leisure in one of the many restaurants or cafés. Back on board, make your way to Tremezzo/Villa Carlotta where you will meet the driver and begin your journey to Bergamo. Check in at Capello D'oro Hotel in Bergamo. (B, D)

Day 4: Bergamo-Sirmione-Riva del Garda-Bergamo

Lake Garda is the next destination. After breakfast at hotel, take a panoramic tour of the lake's west coast, taking in the natural landscape. Enjoy the area's rich vegetation and be sure to taste some of the locally-made olive oil and wines. Next, move to Sirmione, where Lake Garda and its surroundings are at their finest. See the sun reverberating on the lake's blue waters, the tree-lined shores, Sirmione Castle as well as the ruins of Catullus's villa or Grottoes of Catullus during a boat tour. Once you're done, have some free time for lunch before departing for Riva del Garda. Dinner and overnight stay in Cappello D'oro 4\* Hotel in Bergamo. (B, D)

Day 5: Bergamo-Verona-Franciacorta-Milan

After breakfast, reach "fair Verona", a museum en plain air. A professional will be waiting and take you on a guided tour. A walk through its narrow streets will allow you to get in touch with Verona's varied and fascinating past. The combination of art and history will amaze you. William Shakespeare's play is set in Verona: "Romeo and Juliet". Take a look at the so-called Juliet's home. After the Verona tour, drive towards the territory of Franciacorta. Enjoy a light lunch and taste some local food as well as the renowned local wine. After this experience, head for Milan, where you will have the last overnight in Milan at the Antares Hotel Concorde Bw Signature Collection 4\*.

Day 6: Milan

After breakfast, transfer to airport for end of tour service. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Return Airport transfers
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary
- Unique Bernina Express ride

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
17, 31 Mar; 7, 28 Jun; 12, 19 Jul; 2, 16 Aug; 6, 27 Sep; 11, 25 Oct 2024	3224	3224	5349



Lake Como





Bernina Express

# Milan, Alps with Bernina Express

8 Days

**Departs:** Selected Thursdays

## Day 1: Milan

Welcome to Milan! Meet your driver at Milan Malpensa Airport and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel. Day at your disposal. Overnight at Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection or similar.

## Day 2: Milan

Breakfast at hotel. In the afternoon, meet professional guide at hotel and set off on a three-hour tour through Milan. Going down via Spallanzani, reach Porta Venezia (Venice Gate). Proceed toward Corso Venezia, take a shortcut inside Giardini Indro Montanelli, a public garden. Opposite the gardens, go past the Galleria d'Arte Moderna (modern art museum). Proceeding along Viale Manzoni, you will head for La Scala opera house (Teatro alla Scala). Get ready to take in the Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano). Last stop will be the majestic Castello Sforzesco. Happy hour in a refined bakery to relax and taste a typical aperitivo. At the end of the aperitivo, the tour is over and have some free time before returning to hotel on your own. Overnight stay in Milan at Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection 4\* or similar. (Happy hour)

## Day 3: Milan-Bernina Express-Milan

This is the day of your Bernina Express tour. Admire unique views from your seat on board the Bernina Train. After breakfast at the hotel, meet our driver and reach Tirano. You will get on board there and start this ride along one of the most beautiful railway routes in the world. The journey will need two hours to complete. As the train winds its way over the Alps, passing through mountain tunnels, and puffing its way past a myriad of towns and villages. Look out at the Swiss Alps as you ride along the Bernina pass to St. Moritz, and enjoy free time to explore. Meet your driver to return to Milan (meeting point in St. Moritz). Overnight stay in Milan at Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection or similar. (B)

## Day 4: Milan-Como-Bellagio-Bergamo

Enjoy breakfast at hotel and prepare for a short visit to Como. Amazing views are guaranteed. The lake itself has been famous for its y-shape and for Bellagio, that you will reach by boat. This town lies at the intersection of the lake's two southern arms, and is home to charming landscapes. Spend time exploring this picturesque village and its small streets, luxury hotels, gardens, and have lunch at your leisure in one of the many restaurants or cafés. Back on board, you will make your way to Tremezzo/ Villa Carlotta where you will meet driver and begin the journey to Bergamo, a truly historic and artistic jewel: the città bassa (or lower town) is modern and dynamic, while the famous città alta (or upper town) houses the city's heart. Check in at your Bergamo hotel, overnight at Cappello D'oro Hotel or similar. (B, D)

## Day 5: Bergamo-Sirmione-Riva del Garda-Bergamo

Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, is the next destination. After breakfast at hotel take a panoramic tour of the lake's west coast, taking in the natural landscape. Enjoy the area's rich vegetation. Next, you will move to Sirmione, where Lake Garda and

its surroundings are at their finest. See the sun reverberating on the lake's blue waters, the tree-lined shores, Sirmione Castle as well as the ruins of Catullus's villa or Grottoes of Catullus during a boat tour. Once you're through, you will have some free time for lunch before departing for Riva del Garda. Located on the north side of the lake, you will see its quaint Venetian-style historical centre. Overnight stay in Cappello D'oro Hotel or similar. (B,D)

## Day 6: Bergamo-Verona-Franciacorta-Milan

After breakfast, reach "fair Verona", a museum en plain air. A local professional will be waiting for you and take you on a guided tour. A walk through its narrow streets will allow you to get in touch with Verona's varied and fascinating past. The combination of art and history will amaze you. William Shakespeare's play is set in Verona: "Romeo and Juliet". We suggest taking a look at the so-called Juliet's home (and its balcony, said to have been the legendary balcony of the famous "Oh Romeo, Rome" tragedy's scene). It is a medieval building located in via Cappello. After the Verona tour, you will drive toward the territory of Franciacorta. Enjoy a light lunch and taste some local food as well as the renowned local wine. After this experience, you will head for Milan. Overnight in Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection or similar. (B, L)

## Day 7: Milan

After breakfast at hotel, take the time to visit Milan's Fashion District. Find the so-called Quadrilatero d'Oro (or Golden Rectangle) which is lined with prestigious haute couture boutiques including Versace, Prada, and Armani. In the afternoon, reach our meeting point in Alzaia-Naviglio Grande and explore one of Milan's most beautiful districts (Navigli) with a boat tour. The Navigli district is famous for its canals and night life. On the boat, cruise along the Naviglio Grande (grand canal). See old typical edifices on the canal, whose ground floors have been converted into bars, restaurants, and art galleries. Navigating upstream you will reach one of the oldest churches in the city: San Cristoforo sul Naviglio. You will then see the historic headquarters of Canottieri Olona (a multi-watersports club) and the famous Vicolo dei Lavandai (or Alley of the Launderers), an open-air wash house. Overnight in Milan Antares Hotel Concorde BW Signature Collection 4\* or similar. (B)

## Day 8: Milan

After breakfast, transfer to airport and end of tour service (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour
- Return Airport transfers
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour-escort
- Accommodation in 4 star Hotels
- Meals as per itinerary (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary
- Unique Bernina Express ride

Price Per Person AS	Twin	Triple	Single
16, 30 May; 6, 27 Jun; 11, 18 Jul; 1, 15 Aug; 5, 26 Sep; 10, 24 Oct 2024	3746	3746	5413



# Puglia Tours



Apulia region, also known by its Italian name Puglia spread lengthwise along the sea on the southeast peninsula. It is a charming region that can be visited all your round. Its sunny, mild climate is ideal for grape and olive cultivation. Discover the best of this beautiful region - superior cuisine and wines, incredible history and architecture from medieval cathedrals to deserted Greek and Roman ruins, and some of the Mediterranean's most unspoiled beaches.

A visit to its cities such as Bari, Osuuni, Lecce, Alberabello is a trip through history and culture. The region is famous for its Trulli Houses of Alberabello as well as the splendour of Leece and baroque of Bari.

## Fantasia of Puglia

6 Days

**Departs:** Selected Fridays

### Day 1: Bari

Arrival in Bari on your own. Meet Tour Leader in hotel in Bari, the main city of Puglia, and start to discover this wonderful region. Walking tour in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city centre, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle (entrance fee payable locally), a 12th century fortress.

Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress. After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight at Nicolaus 4\* Hotel, Hi Hotel Bari 4\* or similar. (D)

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

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach Trani. Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral. In the afternoon, reach Castel Del Monte, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this Unesco World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. The building is a harmonious geometrical complex, shaped as an octagon and surrounded by a still unsolved mystery. Continue towards Alberobello: a world-



Alberobello

known Unesco World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These dry-stone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. The town of Alberobello gets its name from the ancient oak forest of "Arboris Belli" (beautiful trees) that once covered the area. It is possible to see these typical buildings all over the Itria Valley. Dinner and overnight stay at Trulli Holidays Resort 4\* in a scattered hotel, sleeping in a real "Trullo". (B, D)

### Day 3: Alberobello-Matera-Alberobello

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, in the "square" of the scattered hotel (approx. 200m from the Trulli), the coach continue to this incredible Unesco World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9000 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 in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in the "Trullo\*". (B, D)

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

After breakfast leave Aberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the "white towns" of Puglia. Board the coach again and travel to Ostuni: located between the "Trulli" region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time to explore another "white town" with time for lunch, shopping or tasting of several local products like the world famous olive oil. In the late afternoon, board the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight at Delle Palme 4\* hotel. (B, D)

### Day 5: Lecce-Otranto-Lecce

After breakfast, enjoy a 3-hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town centre, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit, board the coach and leave Lecce. Reach Otranto to have some free time for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your own pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by Greek, Roman and Turkish. Wander around the old quarters to see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvellous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Supersano to have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie". Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. In the night, transfer back to Lecce for overnight at the hotel Delle Palme 4\*. (B, D)

### Day 6: Lecce

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

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Small Group Coach tour max 15 passengers
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels. Overnight in in the world famous " Trulli"
- 5 Meals included as per itinerary
- English speaking tour leader
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites: Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
26 Apr; 17, 24 May; 7, 21 June; 12, 19 Jul; 23 Aug; 6, 20, 27 Sep; 4, 18, 25 Oct; 8 Nov 2024	3099	3099	3562

Departs: Selected Thursdays

Day 1: Rome

Arrival in Rome, meet with our driver at Rome FCO airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day free at your leisure. Overnight in Diana Hotel 4\* or St. Martin 4\* Hotel.

Day 2: Rome-Bari

After breakfast transfer to the station for train departure to Bari. Arrival at the hotel in Bari on your own. Meet our Tour Leader in your hotel in Bari, the main city of Puglia, and from here start our tour to discover this wonderful region.

Walking tour in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city centre, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress. After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight at Nicolaus 4\* Hotel, Hi Hotel Bari 4\* or similar. (D)

Day 3: Bari-Trani-Castel del Monte-Alberobello

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach Trani. Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral. In the afternoon, reach Castel Del Monte, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this Unesco World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. The building is a harmonious geometrical complex, shaped as an octagon and surrounded by a still unsolved mystery. Your journey will continue towards Alberobello: a world-known Unesco World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These dry-stone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. The town of Alberobello gets its name from the ancient oak forest of "Arboris Belli" (beautiful trees) that once covered the area. It is possible to see these typical buildings all over the Itria Valley. Dinner and overnight stay at Trulli Holidays Resort 4\* in a scattered hotel, sleeping in a real "Trullo". (B, D)

Day 4: Alberobello-Matera-Alberobello

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, in the "square" of the scattered hotel (approx. 200m from the Trulli), the coach will take you to this incredible Unesco World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9000 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 in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in the "Trullo\*.". (B, D)

Day 5: Alberobello-Locorotondo-Oatuni-Lecce

Breakfast in the "square" of the scattered hotel (approx. 200m from the Trulli). Leave Aberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the "white towns" of Puglia. Board the coach again and travel

to Ostuni: located between the "Trulli" region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time to explore another "white town" with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world famous olive oil. In the late afternoon, board the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight at Delle Palme 4\* hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Lecce-Otranto-Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3 hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town centre, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit, board the coach and leave Lecce. You will reach Otranto where you will have some free time at your disposal for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by an impressive number of populations, amongst the others we can find traces of Greek, Roman and Turkish cultures. Wander around the old quarters to see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvellous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie". Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. In the night, travel back to Lecce for overnight at the hotel Delle Palme 4\*. (B, D)

Day 7: Lecce-Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. At the time indicated, transfer to the station for the train departure to Rome. Arrival at the train station and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at Diana 4\* or St Martin 4\* Hotels. (B)

Day 8: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Spend a leisurely day exploring the wonders of Rome at your own pace. Opportunity to choose one of our "I Love Rome" experiences. Overnight stay. (B)

Day 9: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel and end of tour. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Small Group Coach tour max 15 passengers
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Overnight in in the world famous " Trulli"
- Private arrival transfer from Rome airport to the hotel
- High-Speed train tickets Rome/Bari and Lecce/Rome in 2nd class
- Private arrival and departure transfer from/to Rome Termini train station
- Private departure transfer from the hotel to Lecce train station
- Meals as per itinerary
- English speaking tour leader and local guide in Bari, Matera, Lecce.
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites: Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
25 Apr; 16, 23 May; 6, 20 Jun; 11, 18 Jul; 22 Aug; 5, 19, 26 Sep; 3, 17, 24 Oct; 7 Nov 2024	4443	4443	5297



Lecce





Trani

# Essence of Puglia

9 Days

## Departs: Selected Fridays

### Day 1: Bari

Arrival in Bari on your own. Meet our Tour Leader in your hotel in Bari, the main city of Puglia, and from here start our tour to discover this wonderful region. Walking tour in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city centre, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress. After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight at Nicolaus 4\* Hotel, Hi Hotel Bari 4\* or similar. (D)



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

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### Day 3: Alberobello-Matera-Alberobello

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, the coach will take you to an incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9000 years! that are a 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 in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in the "Trullo\*" (B, D)

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

After breakfast, leave Alberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the "white towns" of Puglia. Board the coach again and travel to Ostuni: the "Trulli" region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time to explore another "white town" with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world famous olive oil. In the late afternoon, board the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight at Delle Palme 4\* hotel. (B, D)

### Day 5: Lecce-Otranto-Lecce

After breakfast at hotel, enjoy a guided tour of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town centre, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit depart for Otranto where you will have some free time for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your own pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by an impressive number

of populations, amongst the others can find traces of Greek, Roman and Turkish cultures. Wander around the old quarters to see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvellous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanze". Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. In the night, travel back to Lecce for overnight at the hotel Delle Palme 4\* (B, D)

### Day 6: Lecce-Gallipoli-Lecce

After breakfast, travel by coach from Lecce to visit Gallipoli, one of the most touristic and cosmopolitan destinations in the Salento. Gallipoli has Greek origins and is now a summer location preferred by young people who are attracted by its nightlife as well as beautiful wild beaches whose dunes and pine tree parks are paradise! You will have free time to discover the centre of Gallipoli, the walls, and the port that shelters amazing yachts. In the afternoon, you will return to Lecce and still have time to enjoy the evening. Overnight at hotel Delle Palme 4 in Lecce. (D)

### Day 7: Lecce-Martina Franca-Bari

After breakfast, head back to Bari by coach and drive through the "Murge plateau" with its unique landscape. You'll get to see Martina Franca, an elegant Baroque village full of churches, noble buildings, and squares. The urban focal point is Piazza Plebiscito, the Cathedral, the Ducal Palace and the Torre dell'Orologio. Free time here. We'll continue driving in the Valle d' Itria, a rural area full of olive trees and vineyards. You'll enjoy lunch in a masseria where food and excellent extra virgin olive oil are produced from organic farming. A tasting of those products is included. In the afternoon, there will be some free time and then a short drive will take you to Bari for overnight at The Nicolaus 4\* hotel or Hi Hotel Bari 4\* (B, L)

### Day 8: Bari-Polignano-Monopoli-Bari

After breakfast, we'll set off to two of the most prominent coastal places of Puglia: Monopoli and Polignano a Mare. We'll start from Monopoli, a fortified citadel overlooking the sea. From its port, just like a number of other Apulian ports, the crusaders left Puglia in the Middle Ages to reach the Holy Land and free it from the Muslims. A rich commerce with Constantinople flourished and this is why a marked oriental atmosphere can be felt here. The second stop is Polignano a Mare, hometown to Domenico Modugno, Italian singer-songwriter who co-wrote the world-known song Volare (nel blu, dipinto di blu). Free time for some shopping or an aperitivo in the main square. Overnight in Bari at Nicolaus 4\* Hotel, Hi Hotel Bari 4\* or similar. (B)

### Day 9: Bari

After breakfast at the hotel, end of tour. (B)  
Transfer to the Airport at an extra cost.

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Small Group Coach tour max 15 passengers
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Overnight in one of the world-famous "Trulli"
- 5 Dinners included as per itinerary
- English speaking tour leader
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites: Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
26 Apr; 17, 24 May; 7, 21 Jun; 12, 19 Jul; 23 Aug; 6, 20, 27 Sep; 4, 18, 25 Oct; 8 Nov 2024	4789	4789	5464

# 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.



## Coast to Coast Sicily Tour

7 Days

**Departs:** Selected Thursdays

**Day 1: Palermo**

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

**Day 2: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo**

Enjoy breakfast at hotel then head out on a morning excursion to Monreale, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy shopping of local delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, discovering attractions like Palermo Cathedral. Walk inside the impressive looking place of worship and marvel at its arches, cupolas and mosaics - with an incredible mix of influences coming from several dominations on the island. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight in Palermo at Mecure Hotel or similar. (B, D)

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

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. Many say that little has changed in the village since the 6th century, and its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history,



Monreale

nature and archaeology find a perfect synthesis and allow the visitor to try different, unique and charming experiences. Afterwards, we'll set off to Marsala, whose lands are known for its Marsala wine. You'll take part in a sensorial experience, visiting a traditional tavern and taste regional products during a light but unforgettable lunch. Return to coach and travel to Agrigento, the final destination for the day. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord, the Temple of Hercules, the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings. Check into hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento at Della Valle Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Agrigento-Ragusa Ibla-Ragusa**

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical centre "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola where we will visit the church of San Giuseppe: a little gem. Be enchanted by the elegant Cathedral of San Giorgio, the Church of the Souls in Purgatory and the magnificent Cosentini Palace, one of the most interesting late Baroque palaces in Sicily! Arrive at hotel, dinner and overnight in Ragusa at the Poggio del Sole Hotel or similar. (B, D)

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

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Visit Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after an earthquake, and then have a nice walk in the town's centre. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's south-eastern tip. After the visit, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortigia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, check in to Hotel Splendid or similar and enjoy dinner. (B, D)

**Day 6: Taormina**

Breakfast at hotel and head off to Mt Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna's landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800m). In the afternoon, return to Taormina and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Splendid or similar. (B)

**Day 7: Taormina**

After breakfast, end of the tour. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour
- English-speaking tour escort & local guide at sites visited
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- 6 Meals as per itinerary
- Entrance tickets to archaeological sites as per itinerary
- Saline della Laguna boat trip & lunch  
(note: in case of bad weather conditions the boat trip will be replaced with a visit inside the mill "Mulino Ettore e Inferna")
- Visit of a historic Cellar. Wine Tasting with light lunch in Marsala

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
21 Mar; 11, 18 Apr; 9, 16, 23 May; 6, 20 Jun; 4, 18 Jul; 22 Aug; 5, 12, 26 Sep; 3, 10, 24 Oct; 7 Nov 2024 27 Mar 2025	2491	2415	3226



Departs: Saturdays 9 Mar-16 Nov 2024

Day 1 Sat: Catania

Arrive on your own to the hotel in the charming city of Catania. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Il Principe Hotel or Romano House Hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2 Sun: Catania-Siracusa-Noto-Ragusa

After breakfast depart for Siracusa to visit the largest and most powerful Greek colony in Sicily: The Archaeological Park of Neapolis. Visit the old town centre of Ortigia, with its stunning Piazza Duomo and Cathedral. Proceed to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque also called the "stone garden", full of beautiful buildings and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Walk through the streets of the centre to admire the skill and ingenious creativity of local craftsmen. Noto's baroque architecture is a plethora of elegant curves, floral weaves, perspective views, palaces and gardens, capitals and cherubs that adorn the façades of churches and monasteries. Proceed to Ragusa for dinner and overnight at Mediterraneo Palace Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 3 Mon: Ragusa-Modica-Piazza Armerina-Agrigento

Breakfast at the hotel and visit of Ragusa Ibla with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. Then proceed to Modica, to admire its many baroque style treasures, always declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Stop to taste the typical products of the area. Departure to Piazza Armerina and visit the splendid Villa Romana del Casale, a building from the late imperial period and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Transfer to Agrigento for dinner and overnight at Baia Di Ulisse Wellness & Spa or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tue: Agrigento-Marsala-Saline-Palermo

After breakfast visit the famous Valley of the Temples, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples can be admired. Departure for Marsala that preserves a multitude of signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. Stop for a wine tasting to enjoy the typical local wine. Proceed to the famous Via del Sale The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. Even today the salt marshes represent one of the oldest salt mining industries in the world. In the evening, arrival in Palermo, dinner and overnight at Mecure Palermo Centro or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal or similar. (B, L)

Day 5 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Overnight in Mercure Palermo Centro 4\* or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar. (B, L)

Day 6 Thu: Palermo-Cefalù-Catania

After breakfast depart for Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure to visit the famous Mandalis Museum. Proceed to Catania, visit the old town centre and its baroque architecture, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the centre, passing through the old



'pescheria' (old fish market) to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the lava stone Elephant (symbol of the city). Stop in a delicious coffee bar to taste the local granita with brioche. Overnight at Catania at Il Principe Hotel or Romano House Hotel or similar. (B, L)

Day 7 Fri: Catania-Mt Etna-Taormina-Catania

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for a quick visit of a historic "fishmonger" (old fish market) before reaching Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3350 m), and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Etna Park, covering 59.000 hectares, is home to extremely varied and rich flora, along with many protected species. The first glimpses of captivating landscapes can be seen when approaching Rifugio Sapienza. From there, proceed to Crateri Silvestri, volcanic cones dating to 1888, now inactive but surrounded by more recent lava flows. Afterwards, visit of a beekeeping farm, to see the honey extraction laboratory and taste of home-made honey and typical products of the area. Proceed to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Visit of the fascinating Greco-Roman theatre with a breathtaking view of the Naxos Bay. The day will end with a beautiful panorama of the stunning Riviera dei Ciclopi. Return to the hotel in Catania and overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 8 Sat: Catania

After breakfast end of the tour. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour with multilingual tour leader for the entire itinerary: Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30 Mar-8 Jun & 24 Aug-12 Oct 2024.
- 7 nights' accommodation at 4\* hotels standard rooms
- Transportation by air-conditioned bus from day 2 to day 7
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (5th day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting; Catania (6th day): "granita and brioche" tasting; Etna (7th day)
- Visit to a honey factory tasting typical Etna products; Modica (3rd day): Visit to the famous Sabadi chocolate shop with tasting; Marsala (4th day): visit to the Florio wine cellar with tasting.
- Visits of Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Siracusa, Noto, Etna, Taormina, Catania old town centre, Cefalù

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Transfers on arrival and on departure
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- 7 Nights' accommodation in Superior or Deluxe room

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
9, 16, 23, 30 Mar; 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jun; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug; 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep; 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct; 2, 9, 16 Nov 2024	1851	1807	2477	2548	2505	3434



Catania



Palermo

# Palermo to Catania Tour

5 Days

**Departs:** Tuesdays 12 Mar-19 Nov 2024

**Day 1 Tue: Palermo**

Arrive independently and make tour own way to the hotel in the charming city of Palermo. Overnight at Mercure Palermo Centro 4\*or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar.

**Day 2 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo**

After breakfast departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Overnight in Palermo. (B, L)

**Day 3 Thu: Palermo-Cefalù-Catania**

Morning departure to Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure to visit the famous Mandralisca Museum. Proceed to Catania, visit to the old town centre and its baroque architecture, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the centre, passing through the old ‘pescheria’ (old fish market) to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the lava stone Elephant (symbol of the city). Stop in a delicious bar to taste the local granita with brioche. Free time for dinner. Overnight in Catania at Il Principe Hotel 4\*or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, L)

**Day 4 Fri: Catania-Mt Etna-Taormina-Catania**

This morning, after a short visit of the famous ancient fish market in Catania, the tour will continue with an excursion to the Mount Etna, the highest (c. 3350m) volcano in Europe and one of the largest and most active in the world, nowadays Unesco World Heritage Site. Views of stunning landscapes will amaze you heading to Rifugio Sapienza. You will reach the “Crateri Silvestri”, small volcanic cones now inactive, surrounded by ancient lava flows. The view beyond the mountain’s hundreds of subsidiary cones and craters, can extend across the whole of Sicily, the Aeolian islands and Calabria. The spectacle is unique! We will have a stop to enjoy the local home-made honey and some typical products of the area. The tour continues towards Taormina, charming town renowned for its magnificent position above the sea commanding a celebrated view of Etna. Free time for



lunch. Afternoon visit Taormina’s fascinating Greek theatre which will leave you breathless for its commanding view on Giardini Naxos Bay and the Etna Mountain! Free time for a nice walk among the picturesque Medieval typical narrow streets, to go shopping and looking around the local handicrafts. The day will end with an overview of the beautiful Riviera dei Ciclopi. Dinner on your own in Catania. Back to the hotel overnight stay. (B, L)

**Day 5 Sat: Catania**

Breakfast in hotel and end of our services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour with tour leader for the entire itinerary
- Multilingual Tour leader and local guides or audio-guides where necessary
- Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30 Mar-8 Jun & 24 Aug-12 Oct 2024.*
- Transportation by Deluxe comfort bus from day 2 to day 4
- 4 Nights Accommodation in 4\* hotels with breakfast daily and lunch in local restaurants
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (2nd day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting; Catania (3rd day): “granita and brioche” tasting; Etna (4th day): Visit to a honey factory tasting typical Etna products
- Visits of Monreale, Palermo, Cefalù, Etna, Taormina, Catania old town centre

## PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Transfers on arrival and on departure day
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- 4 Nights’ accommodation in Superior or Deluxe room

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
12, 19, 26 Mar; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr; 7, 14, 21, 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jul; 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug; 3, 10, 17, 24 Sep; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct; 5, 12, 19 Nov 2024	1851	1807	2477	2548	2505	3434



Departs: Saturdays 9 Mar-16 Nov 2024

Day 1 Sat: Catania

Arrive independently to the hotel in the charming city of Catania . In the evening meeting with tour-leader and travel companions and enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight at Il Principe Hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2: Catania-Siracusa-Noto-Ragusa

After breakfast departure for Syracuse to visit the largest and most powerful Greek colony in Sicily, The Archaeological Park of Neapolis. Visit the old town centre of Ortigia, with its stunning Piazza Duomo and Cathedral. Proceed to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque also called the “stone garden”, full of beautiful buildings and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Walk through the streets of the centre to admire the skill and ingenious creativity of local craftsmen. Noto’s baroque architecture is a plethora of elegant curves, floral weaves, perspective views, palaces and gardens, capitals and cherubs that adorn the façades of churches and monasteries. Proceed to Ragusa for dinner and overnight at Mediterraneo Palace Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 3: Ragusa-Modica-Piazza Armerina-Agrigento

Breakfast at the hotel and visit of Ragusa Ibla with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. Then continue to Modica, to admire its many baroque style treasures, always declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Stop to taste the typical products of the area. Departure to Piazza Armerina and visit the splendid Villa Romana del Casale, a building from the late imperial period and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Transfer to the hotel in Agrigento. Dinner and overnight at Baia Di Ulisse Wellness & Spa or similar. (B, D)

Day 4: Agrigento-Marsala-Saline-Palermo

Morning visit of the famous Valley of the Temples one of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples can be admired. Departure for Marsala, that preserves a multitude of signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. After the visit a wine tasting is arranged to enjoy the typical local wine. Proceed to the famous Via del Sale.The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. Even today the salt marshes represent one of the oldest salt mining industries in the world. In the evening, arrival at Palermo. Dinner and an overnight at Mercure Palermo Centro or similar. (B, L, D)



Day 5: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

After breakfast departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Dinner and overnight at Mecure Palermo Centro. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Palermo

Breakfast in hotel and end of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour with tour leader for the entire itinerary
- Multilingual Tour leader. Note: *This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30 Mar-8 Jun & 24 Aug-12 Oct 2024.*
- Transport by air-conditioned bus from the 2nd day until the 5th day
- 5 nights’ accommodation in 4-star hotels in standard room
- 5 international breakfast, 3 lunches in exclusive restaurants and 2 dinners in hotels to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (5th day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting.
- Local guides or audio guides when necessary

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Private Transfer on arrival and departure
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- 5 nights’ accommodation in 4\* hotels with breakfast daily in Superior or Deluxe room category

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
9, 16, 23, 30 Mar; 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jun; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug; 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep; 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct; 2, 9, 16 Nov 2024	1512	1807	2477	2548	2505	3434



Agrigento



Taormina

# Catania to Taormina Tour

10 Days

Departs: Saturdays 9 Mar-16 Nov 2024

**Day 1 Sat: Catania**

Individual arrival to your hotel in Catania. In the evening meet the tour leader and your travel companions for a short briefing. Dinner on your own and overnight in Il Principe Hotel 4\*or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar.

**Day 2: Catania-Syracusa-Noto-Ragusa**

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for Syracuse to visit the largest and most powerful Greek colony in Sicily, The Archaeological Park of Neapolis. Visit of the old town centre of Ortigia, with its stunning Piazza Duomo and Cathedral. Proceed to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque also called the “stone garden”, full of beautiful buildings and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Noto’s baroque architecture is a plethora of elegant curves, floral weaves, perspective views, palaces and gardens, capitals and cherubs that adorn the façades of churches and monasteries. At the end of the visit proceed to Ragusa, check in in hotel, dinner, and overnight stay in Mediterraneo Palace Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, D)

**Day 3: Ragusa-Modica-Piazza Armerina-Agrigento**

Breakfast in the hotel and visit of Ragusa Ibla with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. Then proceed to Modica, to admire its many baroque style treasures, always declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. To end the visit, stop to taste the typical products of the area. Departure to Piazza Armerina and visit the splendid Villa Romana del Casale, a building from the late imperial period and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Transfer to the hotel in Agrigento. Dinner and overnight in Baia di Ulisse Wellness & SPA 4\* or similar. (B, D)

**Day 4: Agrigento-Marsala-Saline-Palermo**

Breakfast in the hotel and visit of the famous Valley of the Temples a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples can be admired. Departure for Marsala, with signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. At the end of the visit a wine tasting to enjoy the typical local wine. Proceed to the famous Via del Sale The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. Even today the salt marshes represent one of the oldest salt mining industries in the world. In the evening, arrival in Palermo, check-in at the hotel, and an overnight stay in Mercure Palermo Centro 4\* or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar. (B, L)

**Day 5: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo**

Breakfast in the hotel and departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo which preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the historical-artistic point of view of the coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Overnight stay in Palermo. (B, L)

**Day 6: Palermo-Cefalù-Catania**

Breakfast in the hotel and departure to Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure to visit the famous Mandaliscia Museum. Proceed to Catania, visit to the old town center and its baroque architecture a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the center, passing through the old ‘pescheria’ (old fish market) to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the lava stone Elephant (symbol of the city). Stop in a delicious to taste the local granita with brioche. Overnight stay in Il Principe Hotel 4\*or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, L)

**Day 7: Catania-Mt Etna-Taormina**

After breakfast departure for a quick visit of a historic “fishmonger” (old fish market) before reaching Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.350 m), and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Etna Park, covering 59.000 hectares, is home to extremely varied and rich flora, along with many protected species. The first glimpses of



captivating landscapes can be seen when approaching Rifugio Sapienza. From there, proceed to Crateri Silvestri, volcanic cones dating to 1888, now inactive but surrounded by more recent lava flows. The view that can be enjoyed through the multitude of volcanic cones and craters extends to the Aeolian Islands and Calabria, making it a truly unique sight to behold. Afterwards, visit beekeeping farm, to see the honey extraction laboratory and taste of home-made honey and typical products of the area. Proceed to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Visit of the fascinating Greco-Roman theatre, with a breathtaking view of the Naxos Bay. The day will end with a beautiful panorama of the stunning Riviera dei Ciclopi. Dinner and overnight at Taormina, Hotel Villa Diodoro 4\* or Hotel Caparena Wellness & Spa or similar (B, L, D)

**Day 8:Taormina-Castelmola-Savoca-Taormina**

Morning departure for Castelmola, with a wonderful landscape over the Ionian Sea. It is a small village characterized by narrow medieval alleys, little squares and ancient churches, officially recognized as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Proceeding on, the excursion will continue to Savoca, also one of the most beautiful villages in Italy and located over a rocky hill. Savoca treasures vestiges of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque origins in its territory. Return to Taormina and free afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Taormina (B, D)

**Day 9: Taormina**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day in Taormina, defined by Goethe as the “paradise on earth”. You can enjoy the Medieval village visiting its historical monuments or engage in shopping buying some of the local handicraft products. Dinner and overnight in Taormina. (B, D)

**Day 10: Taormina**

Breakfast in hotel and end of services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Regular coach tour with tour leader for the entire itinerary
- Multilingual Tour leader. Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30 Mar-8 Jun & 24 Aug-12 Oct 2024.
- Local guides or audio guides when necessary
- Transport by a/c bus from the 2nd day until the 9th day
- 9 Nights Accommodation in 4\* hotels in standard rooms
- 9 international breakfast, 5 lunches in exclusive restaurants and 5 dinners in hotels to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (5th day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting; Catania (6th day): “granita and brioche” tasting; Etna (7th day): Visit to a honey factory tasting typical Etna products, Modica (3rd day): Visit to the famous Sabadi chocolate shop with tasting; Marsala (4th day): visit to the Florio wine cellar with tasting
- Visits of Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Siracusa, Noto, Etna, Catania old town centre, Cefalù, Taormina

**PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

- Private Transfer on arrival and departure
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- Accommodation with breakfast daily in Superior or Deluxe room

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
9, 16, 23, 30 Mar; 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jun; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug; 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep; 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct; 2, 9, 16 Nov 2024	3016	2934	3890	3955	3876	5039



Departs: Tuesdays 12 Mar-19 Nov 2024

Day 1 Tue: Palermo

Individual arrival to the hotel in the charming city of Palermo. In the evening you will meet our tour-leader and your travel companions for a short briefing. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel Mercure Palermo Centro 4\*or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar.

Day 2: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

Breakfast in the hotel and departure to visit Monreale, with its impressive Arab-Norman Cathedral and stunning Cloister. Return to Palermo. This city preserves monuments of the Arab-Norman period, including the beautiful historical-artistic point of view of the Cathedral, the fascinating Byzantine Church of the Martorana and the Palatine Chapel, a higher example from the e coexistence between cultures and religions. Along the visit stop for a food surprise in a local bakery. Dinner on your own and overnight stay Mercure Palermo Centro 4\* or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar (B, L)

Day 3: Palermo-Cefalu-Catania

After breakfast, departure to Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure. We recommend to visit the famous Mandralisca Museum. Proceed to Catania, visit to the old town center and its baroque architecture, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the center, passing through the old fish market to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the lava stone Elephant (symbol of the city). Stop to taste the local granita with brioche. Dinner on your own and overnight stay in Il Principe Hotel 4\* or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, L)

Day 4: Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania

Breakfast and departure for a quick visit of a historic “fishmonger” (old fish market) before reaching Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.350 m), and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From there, proceed to Crateri Silvestri, volcanic cones dating to 1888, now inactive but surrounded by more recent lava flows. Afterwards, visit of a beekeeping farm, to see the honey extraction laboratory and taste of home-made honey and typical products of the area. Then stop to have lunch in a lovely restaurant. Proceed to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Visit of the fascinating Greco-Roman theatre, with a breathtaking view of the Naxos Bay. The day will end with a beautiful panorama of the stunning Riviera dei Ciclopi. Return to the hotel in Catania and overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 5: Catania

Free day to explore Catania. Overnight in Catania. (B)

Day 6: Catania-Siracusa-Noto-Ragusa

After breakfast departure to Syracuse to visit the largest and most powerful Greek colony in Sicily, The Archaeological Park of Neapolis. Visit of the old town centre of Ortigia, with its stunning Piazza Duomo and Cathedral. Proceed to Noto, the capital of Sicilian baroque also called the “stone garden”, full of beautiful buildings and declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. At the end of the visit proceed to Ragusa for overnight stay in Mediterraneo Palace Hotel 4\* or similar (B, D)

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

Breakfast in the hotel and visit of Ragusa Ibla with its beautiful churches and the Ibleo garden. Then proceed to Modica, to admire its many baroque style treasures, always declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. After the visit, stop to taste the typical products of the area. Departure to Piazza Armerina and visit the splendid Villa Romana del Casale, a building from the late imperial period and a UNESCO

World Heritage Site. Transfer to the hotel in Agrigento Baia di Ulisse Wellness & Spa 4\* or similar (B, D)

Day 8: Agrigento-Marsala-Saline-Palermo

Morning visit of the famous Valley of the Temples a UNESCO World Heritage Site to admire The Giunone, Concordia and Ercole temples. Departure for Marsala, that preserves a multitude of signs of the Phoenician, Arab and Norman dominations. At the end of the visit a wine tasting to enjoy the typical local wine. Proceed to the famous Via del Sale The lagoon and the islands of Stagnone constitute a large nature reserve of enormous environmental value. In the evening, arrival at hotel in Mercure Palermo Centro 4\*or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar (B, L, D)

Day 9: Palermo-Erice-Segesta-Palermo

Breakfast at the hotel and visit of the city of Erice, an ancient city made by the “Elimi” at about 751 meters high on Mount San Julian. A Sicilian Borgo characterized for its narrow streets and medieval arches. Visit of the historic center, the main church and the Castle of Venere. In the afternoon, continue to Segesta, to visit of the temple and the theater set at an altitude of 400 meters, carried out in the 3rd century BC. Trasfer back to Palermo and dinner on your own and overnight stay in Palermo. (B, L)

Day 10: Palermo

Breakfast in the hotel. End of the tour. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour with tour leader for the entire itinerary
- Multilingual Tour leader. *Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30 Mar-8 Jun & 24 Aug-12 Oct 2024.*
- Service of local guides or audio guides when necessary
- Transport by A/C bus from the 2nd day until the 8th day
- 9 Nights' accommodation at 4\* hotels in standard room
- 9 international breakfasts, 5 lunches in famous restaurants and 2 dinners in hotels to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (2nd day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting; Catania (3rd day): “granita and brioche” tasting; Etna (4th day): Visit to a honey factory tasting typical Etna products; Modica (7th day)
- Visit to the famous Sabadi chocolate shop with tasting; Marsala (8th day): visit to the Florio wine cellar with tasting
- Visits to Monreale, Palermo, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Ragusa, Siracusa, Noto, Etna, Taormina, Catania old town centre, Cefalù

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Private Transfer on arrival and on departure day
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- 9 nights' accommodation with breakfast daily in Superior or Deluxe room category

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
12, 19, 26 Mar; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr; 7, 14, 21, 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jul; 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug; 3, 10, 17, 24 Sep; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct; 5, 12, 19 Nov 2024	2421	2369	3316	3251	3200	4483



Noto



Lipari

Sicily & Aeolian Islands Tour

9 Days

Departs: Tuesdays 2 Apr-29 Oct 2024

Day 1 Tue: Palermo

Individual arrival to the hotel in the charming city of Palermo. In the evening meet our tour-leader and your travel companions for a short briefing. Dinner on your own and overnight in hotel Mercure Palermo Centro 4\*or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar.

Day 2 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

After breakfast in hotel, the morning will be spent visiting Monreale. Later you will discover the stunning Palermo, one of the richest towns in the island for its history and art. Visit of the wonderful eclectic Cathedral, the astonishing Martorana Church and the amazing Cappella Palatina. After the visit stop to enjoy a typical lunch with local food. Continue sightseeing to admire the famous Teatro Massimo and the debated fountain in Pretoria Square. Dinner on your own and overnight in Palermo. (B, L)

Day 3 Thu: Palermo-Cefalu-Catania

After breakfast departure to Cefalù, a beautiful medieval maritime village with its Norman Cathedral. Time at leisure to visit the famous Mandralisca Museum. Proceed to Catania, visit to the old town center and its baroque architecture a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a walk in the center, passing through the old ‘pescheria’ (old fish market) to reach the scenic Piazza del Duomo with its stunning Cathedral and the symbol of the city , lava stone Elephant. Stop to taste the local granita with brioche. Overnight stay In Catania Il Principe Hotel 4\*or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, L)

Day 4 Fri: Catania-Etna-Taormina-Catania

Morning departure for a quick visit of a historic “fishmonger” (old fish market) before reaching Etna, the tallest active volcano in Europe (3.350 m), and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From there, proceed to Crateri Silvestri, volcanic cones dating to 1888, now inactive but surrounded by more recent lava flows. Afterwards, visit of a beekeeping farm, to see the honey extraction laboratory and taste of home-made honey and typical products of the area. Proceed to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Free time for lunch. Visit of the fascinating Greco-Roman theatre, with a breathtaking view of the Naxos Bay. Evening enjoy a beautiful panorama of the stunning Riviera dei Ciclopi. Return to the hotel in Catania for overnight stay. (B)

Day 5 Sat: Catania-Lipari

Breakfast in the hotel and free time to enjoy Catania city center. The tour continues without a tour leader. Private transfer to Milazzo in the late morning. Transfer by hydrofoil to the island of Lipari. Arrival and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Hotel Bougainville 4\* or similar (B, D)

Day 6 Sun: Lipari-Salina-Lipari

After breakfast, full day excursion to Lipari & Salina islands. Leaving the harbour, the boat will skirt Lipari coast and you will have a view of the Castle of Lipari, the Monte Rosa and Canneto. You will have time to swim in the crystalline blue water of Pumice Cave beach. Proceeding on to Salina, the captain will show you the famous Acquacalda bay. First stop will be on Santa Marina Salina the biggest town of the island. The boat will then stop in the charming fishermen’s village Lingua where you will have free time to visit the island, its Lago Salato or enjoy typical restaurants. Back to Lipari in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Bougainville 4\* or similar (B, D)



Day 7 Mon: Lipari-Panarea-Stromboli-Lipari

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the port of Lipari for a full-day excursion to Panarea and Stromboli. Before leaving Lipari, there will be a short stop at the pumice caves. Proceed to Panarea, to visit the Cave of Lovers and the prehistoric village of Capo Milazzese. Time at leisure for lunch. The boat then continues to Stromboli, passing through the little islands surrounding it, and discovering from the sea the village of Ginostra. On Stromboli time at leisure. Return to Lipari and overnight stay (B, Packed Lunch)

Day 8 Tue: Lipari-Taormina

Breakfast in the hotel and transfer to the port to leave for Milazzo by hydrofoil. Private transfer to Taormina, famous for its natural landscape, marine beauties, historical monuments and an unforgettable view of the sea and Etna. Time at leisure to stroll along the charming medieval streets of the center and go shopping, buying some of the best home-made products of the entire island. Dinner and overnight stay in Villa Diodoro Hotel 4\*/ Hotel Caparena Wellness & Spa 4\* or similar (B, D)

Day 9 Wed: Taormina

Breakfast in hotel and end of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Regular coach tour with tour leader for the entire itinerary
- Multilingual Tour leader. Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 2Apr-8Jun & 24Aug-12Oct 2024.
- Transport by A/C bus from the 2nd day until the 4th day
- 5 international breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 in hotel to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine.
- Typical product tastings: Palermo (2nd day): gastronomic surprise with street food tasting; Catania (3rd day): “granita and brioche” tasting; Etna (4th day): Visit to a honey factory tasting typical Etna products
- Visits: Monreale, Palermo, Cefalù, Catania old town centre, Etna
- Private extensione to Aeolian Islands
- 3 international breakfasts, 2 dinners and 1 lunch and beverages not included (packed lunch instead of dinner on the day of Panarea and Stromboli excursion)
- Private transfer Catania Hotel - Milazzo Harbour
- Private transfer Lipari Harbour – Lipari Hotel
- Hydrofoil back and forth Milazzo - Lipari - Milazzo
- Aeolian Islands city taxes

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Airport transfers on first and last day of the tour
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- Accommodation with breakfast daily in Superior or Deluxe room category

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr; 7, 14, 21, 28 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Oct 2024	2692	2621	3363	3523	3455	4431
4, 11, 18, 25 Jun; 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jul; 3, 10, 17, 24 Sep 2024	2885	2799	3568	3709	3626	4717
6, 13, 20, 27 Aug 2024	3077	2975	3951	3895	3798	5000



Departs: Saturdays 9 Mar-16 Nov 2024

Day 1 Sat: Catania

Arrive at the hotel in the city of Catania. In the evening you will meet your tour-leader and your travel companions and enjoy a welcome dinner. Overnight at Il Principe Hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2 Sun: Catania-Syracuse-Noto-Ragusa

After breakfast visit Syracuse, greatest Greek colony in Sicily and a World Heritage Site. The visit will start with the Archaeological Park of Neapolis with its Greek Theatre, Roman Amphitheatre, Latomie of Paradise, and Ear of Dionysius. Continue visiting the splendid Ortigia, a small island which is the historical centre of Syracuse. In Ortigia you will admire the beautiful Cathedral which dominates the square with its authoritative presence. From Piazza Duomo you will reach a wide terrace on the waterfront surrounding the famous Arethusa's Fountain, one of the most famous freshwater sources of the Greek world. Free time for lunch. Departure to Noto, the capital of Sicilian Baroque, famous for its fine buildings of the early 18th century and declared Unesco World Heritage Site. We will visit Palazzo Nicolaci Villadorata, beautiful noble residence in Baroque style and once the residence of Don Giacomo Nicolaci, a patron of the arts. Continue to Ragusa for dinner and overnight at Mediterraneo Palace Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 3 Mon: Ragusa-Modica-Piazza Armerina-Agrigento

After breakfast visit Ragusa and its historical centre cradle of Sicilian Baroque. In the past used as a location of the popular TV series "Police Inspector Montalbano" this ancient town is a home to more than 50 churches and many other architectural treasures and is also one of 44 Italian World Heritage Sites. The tour then continues towards Modica, a charming town with tiny streets. Here you will stop at 'Sabadi', one of the most renowned chocolate manufactures and will have an opportunity to enjoy a multi sensorial chocolate tasting. Next stop is the beautiful and perfectly preserved noble 17th-century Palazzo Castro Polara Grimaldi. You will have time to savour some local delicacies under the shadow of the amazing Orti di San Giorgio: 7 gardens suspended between light and beauty. We will then reach Piazza Armerina where we will admire the splendid polychrome mosaics of the famous Villa Romana del Casale, World Heritage Site. The complex includes some of the most extensive and most beautiful Roman mosaics known. Continuing to Agrigento for dinner and overnight at Baia Di Ulisse Wellness & Spa. (B, D)

Day 4 Tue: Agrigento-Marsala-Salt Road-Palermo

Continue to Agrigento where we will visit the famous Valley of the Temples, a World Heritage Site. You will see the "Temple of Hera", the "Temple of Concordia" and the "Temple of Heracles". Next stop is the town of Marsala. After a walk along the city centre, guided tour of the Florio Cellars. After a 30min tour through the barrel vaults, where the ancient tuff stone floor has been restored, you will reach the avant-garde tasting rooms named Donna Franca and Duca Enrico. You will enjoy a delicious light lunch and a memorable wine tasting experience! The tour will continue visiting the popular Salt Road: here the salt marshes have given rise to one of the oldest salt-extracting industries in the world! Continue to Palermo for dinner and overnight at Mecure Palermo Centro Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 5 Wed: Palermo-Monreale-Palermo

After breakfast the morning will be spent visiting Monreale, its huge Norman Cathedral, proclaimed the Eighth Wonder of the World. Later we will discover the stunning Palermo, one of the richest towns on the island for its history and art. Along the visiting day we will have a stop for a food surprise in the famous Antica Focacceria San Francesco. Free time for lunch. Continuing our walk, we will admire Teatro Massimo and the debated fountain in Pretoria Square. Dinner and overnight Mercure Palermo Centro 4\* or Ibis Styles Palermo Cristal 4\* or similar. (B, D)

Day 6 Thu: Palermo-Cefalù-Catania

After breakfast drive to Cefalù. Visit of its stunning Norman Dome and free time to stroll through the town or to visit the famous and well-known Mandralisca Museum. Arrival in Catania and free time for lunch. Later on, the tour continues visiting Catania's historical centre stated Unesco World Heritage Site. The walking tour will start from the scenic Duomo square with its magnificent Cathedral and the famous "Liotru" statue. Not far from here reach University Square and walk along the baroque Via dei Crociferi. Enjoy a break in a historical bar of the city centre to taste the typical "granita & brioche". Dinner at the hotel or in a restaurant nearby and overnight at Il Principe Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 7 Fri: Catania-Mt Etna-Taormina-Catania

This morning, after a short visit of the famous "pescheria" (the ancient fish market)



in Catania, continue to Mount Etna, the highest (c. 3350m) volcano in Europe and one of the largest and most active in the world. Views of stunning landscapes will amaze you heading to Rifugio Sapienza. You will reach the "Crateri Silvestri", small volcanic cones now inactive, surrounded by ancient lava flows. Have a stop to enjoy the local home-made honey and some typical products of the area. The tour continues towards Taormina, charming town renowned for its magnificent position above the sea. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon visits Taormina's fascinating Greek theatre. Free time for a walk among the Medieval typical narrow streets, to go shopping and looking around the local handicrafts. The day will end with an overview of the beautiful Riviera dei Ciclopi. Back to the hotel in Catania for dinner and overnight in Il Principe Hotel 4\*or Romano House Hotel 4\* or similar. (B, D)

Day 8 Sat: Catania-Valletta

After breakfast, free time to discover the city centre of Catania. According to flights' schedule, private transfer to the airport and direct flight to Malta. The tour continues now without the tour leader. Arrive to Malta and private transfer to the hotel. Free dinner and overnight in Hotel Argento St Julians 4\* or Seashells Resort at Suncrest 4\*or similar. (B, D)

Day 9 Sun: Valletta-Cottonera-Marsaxlokk-Blue Grotto-Dingli-Valletta

Today options of 2 tours. Full day excursion with driver and guide to discover the beauty of this magical Island. Start with Cottonera and continue to visit the fishing village of Marsaxlokk. Free time to stroll along the streets of the city centre and browse among the stalls of the famous local market. Continuing you will visit the town of Wied iz-Zurrieq where you will embark on a sea excursion towards the famous Blue Grotto. Your tour will continue in the direction of Dingli through the Maltese countryside. Return transfer to hotel included. Overnight in Hotel Argento St Julians 4\* / Seashells Resort at Suncrest 4\*or similar.

ALTERNATIVELY: Valletta-Comino-Blue Lagoon-Gozo-Malta caves-Valletta

After breakfast you will be transferred to Bugibba, where you will board a comfortable boat for a fantastic mini cruise. Sailing through the north of the Maltese coast to the island of Comino; you will stop at the famous Blue Lagoon for about an hour. Afterwards you will reach Gozo for a visit of about 3 hours, discovering the most charming places of the island. At the end of tour, you will return on board to circumnavigate Comino and visit the famous caves. Return to Bugibba at late afternoon. Transfer to your hotel and overnight at Hotel Argento St Julians 4\* or Seashells Resort at Suncrest 4\*or similar. (B)

Day 10 Mon: Valletta-Mdina-Valletta

After breakfast in hotel, half day excursion to discover the treasures of Valletta. Visit the wonderful Casa Rocca Piccola. Then visit the Cathedral of St. John where you will admire the beautiful "Beheading of St. John the Baptist" and the Barraca Gardens. Later visit the Grand Master's Palace. Your tour continues on to Mdina, the former capital of Malta. You will visit the Cathedral of St. Paul and then free time to walk along its lovely streets. Transfer to your hotel. Free afternoon. Overnight at Hotel Argento St Julians 4\* / Seashells Resort at Suncrest 4\*or similar. (B)

Day 11 Tue: Malta

After breakfast at hotel, check-out, and end of our services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

Sicily Inclusions:

- Multilingual Tour leader and professional travel guide (English, Italian or Spanish) from the evening of the 1st day to the evening of the 8th day; local guides or audio-guides where necessary Note: This tour will be English only (not multilingual) between 30Mar-8Jun & 24Aug-12Oct 2024.
- Transportation by Deluxe Comfort bus from day 2 to day 7
- Accommodation in 4\* hotels mostly located in the city centre in standard rooms
- 7 international breakfasts, 5 lunches in exclusive restaurants and 2 dinners in hotels to have a taste of Sicilian traditional cuisine
- Tasting of typical Sicilian products: Modica (day 3): visit of the well-known chocolate manufacturers Sabadi with tasting; Marsala (day 4): visit of the famous Florio wine cellar and wine tasting; Palermo (day 5) tasting of local street food; Catania (day 6): tasting of Sicilian "granita & brioche"; Etna (day 7) visit of a beekeeping honey company and honey tasting

Malta Inclusions

- Accommodation in 4\* hotels, mostly located in the city centre with breakfast, standard room
- Direct flight Catania-Malta with 23kg luggage included
- Private transfer from Valletta airport-hotel
- 1 half-day excursion with a private driver-guide in English (1st day in Malta)
- 1 full day excursion with private driver-guide in English (2nd day in Malta) or, alternatively, 1 excursion to the Blue Lagoon, Comino, Gozo and The Caves

PRIVILEGE PACKAGE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Private Transfer on arrival and departure in Sicily
- Entrance fees at monuments/museums & City Taxes
- Accommodation with breakfast daily in Superior or Deluxe room category
- Private transfer from Valletta airport-hotel

Price Per Person A\$	Standard			Privelege Package		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
9, 16, 23, 30 Mar; 6, 13, 20, 27 Apr; 4, 11, 18, 25 May; 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jun; 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul; 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Aug; 7, 14, 21, 28 Sep; 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct; 2, 9, 16 Nov 2024	3269	3217	3881	4146	4096	5219



Valletta

# 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 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.



## Capri Dream with Blue Grotto

2 Days

**Departs:** Daily 15 May-14 Oct 2024

### Day 1: Rome-Capri

Proceed to meeting point for a scenic drive. After leaving Rome and driving along the "Sun Route" motorway, cross the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival at the port of Naples to take a ferry to Capri, a world-famous VIP island on the Gulf of Naples, celebrated as an exclusive resort since the Roman Emperors times. Arrived in Capri we make our way directly to the Blue Grotto (depending on sea and weather conditions). The Blue Grotto or the Grotta Azzura is a rich and thrilling experience that only comes once in a lifetime. From the small seaport of Marina Grande we will continue on board of a minibus reaching Anacapri, little town located high on the hills. After free time for lunch (not included) time at your disposal to explore the island. Arrival at the hotel and overnight stay. La Bouganville hotel or similar.

### Day 2: Capri-Rome

Breakfast at hotel and free time. Departure back to Rome in the afternoon. Estimated arrival in the late evening, depending on traffic. End of service. (B)

#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services
- Transport by deluxe motorcoach
- Visit Capri with Professional local guides
- Tour director during the first and last day
- Ferry tickets
- 1 nights accommodation in Capri including breakfast
- One piece of luggage per person allowed



Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
15 May-14 Oct 2024	930	854	1202



Capri

## Limencello Experience 2 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-31 Oct 2024  
*Tour does not operate 29 Apr, 1 May 2024*

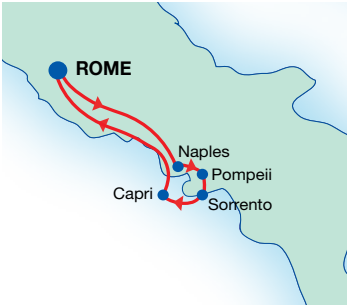
### Day 1: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Proceed to meeting point and begin the journey by heading south along the so-called Sun Highway, crossing the fertile Roman countryside and the area known as Castelli Romani, dotted with enchanting medieval villages and arriving in Naples. Short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with the Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida and the city below. Descending towards the port of Mergellina, leave the city and travel south towards Mount Vesuvius and, once reach the town of Pompeii, you will have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, enter one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Pompeii, with Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii, traveling back in time to the tragic days in 79 AD when the silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, covering this prosperous city crystallized until our days. Learn how people lived at that time, visiting houses and "bars" of the time, admiring frescoes and mosaics to imagine how rich and prosperous was the city before the dreadful day. After the visit, drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner and an overnight. Overnight at Michaelangelo or Grand Vesuvio hotel or similar in Sorrento. (D)

### Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Rome

After breakfast tour to Capri Island. Depending on weather conditions, take a boat ride to the popular and dreamy "Grotta Azzurra" (Blue Grotto), where sunlight passes into an underwater cavity and shines through the seawater, creating a magical blue reflection. After returning to the port, board on a minibus for a scenic drive to Anacapri, 918 feet (280 metres) above the sea level. See the wonderful views of the bay of Naples time for lunch (lunch not included). After you can take advantage of some free time to explore Capri at your leisure or to go shopping. Then return to Marina Grande and back to the mainland to return to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome end of services. (B)

*Note: During peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks). The order of itinerary may change.*



#### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services
- Transport by deluxe motorcoach
- Service of Professional local guides
- Tour director during the first and last day
- Headsets in Pompeii & Entrance tickets to Pompeii with Skip the Line
- Local assistant in Sorrento
- Ferry tickets
- 1 night accommodation in 4\* hotel (standard room)
- 1 lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza and a drink included in Pompeii and 1 dinner
- One piece of luggage per person allowed

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Apr-29 Apr 2024; 2 May-31 Oct 2024	1000	1000	1202



# Isola Bella Experience 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily 15 May-13 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Rome-Capri**

Proceed to meeting point. After leaving Rome and driving along the “Sun Route” motorway, cross the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival at the port of Naples to take a ferry to Capri: a world-famous VIP Island on the Gulf of Naples, celebrated as an exclusive resort since the Roman Emperors times. Arrive in Capri and make our way directly to the Blue Grotto (depending on sea and weather conditions). The Blue Grotto or the Grotta Azzura is a rich and thrilling experience that only comes once in a lifetime. From the small seaport of Marina Grande, we will continue on a minibus reaching Anacapri, little town located high on the hills. After lunch (not Included) you will have free time at your disposal. Arrival at the hotel and overnight stay at hotel in Capri. Bouganville Hotel or similar.

*Note: During peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks)*

**Day 2: Capri Island**

Breakfast at the hotel and spend the day exploring Capri at your leisure. Overnight stay at hotel in Capri Island. (B)

**Day 3: Capri-Rome**

Breakfast at your hotel and free time. Departure back to Rome in the afternoon. Estimated arrival in the late evening, depending on traffic. Upon arrival end of our services. (B)

*Note: The order of itinerary may change.*

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Package combining accommodation with regular services
- Transport by deluxe motorcoach
- Visit Capri with Professional local guides
- Tour director during the first and last day
- Ferry tickets
- 2 nights accommodation in Capri 4\* including breakfast
- One piece of luggage per person allowed

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
15 May-13 Oct 2024	1214	1083	1735



Pompeii

# Pulcinella Experience 5 Days

**Departs:** Daily 12 May-12 Oct 2024

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

Morning departure by coach from Rome heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania to Naples. Take a short tour to discover its beauty from the comfort of your coach climbing up the Vomero hill. The town overlooks the bay of Naples and the skyline is dominated by the majestic and still active volcano Vesuvius, offering an impressive sight perfect to take stunning pictures. Descending towards the port of Mergellina, you will leave the city and travel south towards Mount Vesuvius and reach the town of Pompeii. Enjoy lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, enter the famous archaeological site, the ruins of Pompeii, with Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Through the remains and ruins of this ancient city you will learn how the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD destroyed the city. After the visit, transfer along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner. Overnight at Grand hotel Vesuvio, Michelangelo or similar Hotel in Sorrento. (L, D)

**Day 2: Sorrento**

Spend a leisurely day exploring Sorrento, the jewel of the Sorrentine Peninsula that is famous for the cultivation of oranges, lemon and olive trees. Return to your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay. Overnight in hotel in Sorrento. (B, D)

**Day 3: Sorrento-Capri**

After breakfast day trip to Capri Island. Pick up from hotel in Sorrento. Depending on weather conditions, take a boat ride to the “Grotta Azzurra” (Blue Grotto), where sunlight passes into an underwater cavity and shines through the seawater, creating a magical blue reflection. After returning to the port, board on a minibus for a scenic drive to Anacapri, 918 feet (280 meters) above the sea level. You’ll see wonderful views of the bay of Naples, free time for lunch (lunch not included). Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore Capri then in the afternoon check in at your new hotel for a well-deserved rest. Overnight in Capri at La Bouganville hotel or similar. (B)

*Note: During peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).*

**Day 4: Capri**

Step out early to discover the beauty of Capri at your own pace. Explore the many shops and restaurants of this wonderful island or take a swim in the gulf of Naples. If the excursion to the Blue Grotto was not possible on day 3 due to sea conditions, you may choose to take the row boat excursion today. Return to your hotel for your last evening in Capri. Accommodation in Capri Island. (B)

**Day 5: Capri-Rome**

After breakfast at your hotel, time for last-minute sightseeing or shopping in Capri. Transfer to port. Approx. at 4 or 4:30 in the afternoon board on the ferry to Naples and then head to Rome, where the tour will come to an end (estimated arrival in Rome is 9:00 pm). End of Services. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Package combining accommodation with regular services
- Return from Naples or Sorrento to Rome by deluxe motor coach
- Full day regular excursion to Pompeii
- Full day regular tour of Capri with p/up from hotel in Sorrento and drop off at hotel in Capri
- Transfer Pompeii to Sorrento & Capri hotel to Harbour
- Headsets in Pompeii & Entrance tickets to Pompeii with Skip the Line
- Local assistant in Sorrento
- Roundtrip Ferry tickets Capri/Naples or Sorrento
- 4 night accommodation in 4\* hotel (standard room)
- 1 lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza and a drink included in Pompeii
- One piece of luggage per person allowed

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
12 May-12 Oct 2024	1995	1837	3011



Capri



Rome

# Rome and Dolce Vita

6 Days

**Departs:** 25 Mar-15 2024 Daily except Saturdays

**Tour does not operate:** 30, 31 Mar; 24, 27, 29, 30 Apr; 1, 28 Jun; 13, 24, 15 Aug; 31 Oct 2024

## Day 1: Rome

Upon arrival proceed on your own to hotel in Rome. Overnight stay in St Martin, Diana Roof Garden or similar Hotel.

## Day 2: Rome

After breakfast, meet your driver who will take you to the meeting point with your local foodie guide. Enjoy a lovely walking tour through local food markets, grocery stores and gelato shops in the areas of Campo De' Fiori, Trastevere, and the Jewish Ghetto. Enjoy a slice of freshly baked crispy "Pizza Bianca". Try a "Suppli", a little ball of deep-fried tomato sauce risotto with a heart of melted mozzarella cheese. Pasta will be on the list too, along with other dishes "Carciofo alla Giudia", a deep-fried artichoke, and "Filetto di Baccalà", a battered fleshy cod fillet. Afterwards, have "Gelato" for dessert! At the end of this experience, tour the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Square, Gallery of Tapestries, the lavish Gallery of Maps, the stunning Raphael's Rooms and the world-famous Sistine Chapel. Admire St. Peter's Basilica; the largest church in the world containing famous art. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight in Rome. (B)

## Day 3: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

The journey begins heading south, crossing the fertile Roman countryside and the area known as Castelli Romani, dotted with enchanting medieval villages and arriving in Naples. Short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill for beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples. Descending towards the port of Mergellina, leave the city and reach the town of Pompeii, for a lunch stop of Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, enter the ruins of Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Travel back in time to the tragic days in 79 AD when Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, leaving the city crystallized until our days. Learn how people lived in this prosperous city before the devastation. After the visit, arrive in Sorrento for dinner and overnight in Sorrento. Hotel Michelangelo or Grand Vesuvio or similar. (L, D)



## Day 4: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

After breakfast head to Capri island. Depending on weather conditions, take a boat ride to the popular and dreamy "Grotta Azzurra" (Blue Grotto), where sunlight passes into an underwater cavity and shines through the seawater, creating a magical blue reflection. After returning to the port, board a minibus for a scenic drive to Anacapri, 918 feet (280 meters) above the sea level. See wonderful views of the bay of Naples, and free time for lunch (not included). After, free time to explore Capri at leisure or go shopping. Then, return to Marina Grande back to the mainland to return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight stay in Sorrento. Note : Visit to Blue grotto subject to weather conditions. (B)

## Day 5: Sorrento-Rome

Breakfast at the hotel and free time. Departure back to Rome in the afternoon. Overnight in Rome. (B)

## Day 6: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. End of service. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach to/from Rome
- Vatican Museum Tour small group max 10 people
- Rome Food tour
- Private Transfers on day 2 from the hotel to the meeting point
- Transfer at the end of the tour from Trastevere area to Vatican Museums.
- Full day regular excursion to Pompeii
- Full day regular tour of Capri
- Transfer Sorrento hotel/Harbour
- 4 night accommodation in 4\* hotels
- 1 lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza and a drink included in Pompeii

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
25 Mar-30 Jun; 28 Aug-15 Nov 2024	2830	2637	4165
1 Jul-31 Jul 2024	2641	2511	3789
1 Aug-27 Aug 2024	2495	2385	3495



Departs: Daily 1 May-19 Oct 2024

Day 1: Rome-Naples

Meeting point at Termini Station (about 8:00 a.m.- (optional private transfer could be provided from hotels in Rome from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m) and take the high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, direct transfer to the Hotel. Day at disposal to explore the city and enjoy on our optional tour. Overnight stay in Naples. (B)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Napoli walking tour with aperitif.

Day 2: Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

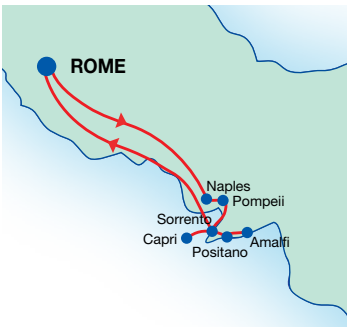
Breakfast in the hotel, check out and pick up about 10:00 a.m. Proceed to Pompeii for the private guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and buried it, preserving it under a sea of volcanic ash for nearly 1700 years. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande, one of the most authentic treasures of the city. A local assistant welcomes you at hotel during the check-in and gives you information for Capri excursion and the following transfer and activities. Overnight stay. (B)

Day 3: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the port, according to the details provided. Sail to Capri by traditional Gozzo Sorrentino. Enjoy a boat trip around the island and the possibility to swim into its crystal-clear waters or visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Once landed on the island, you will continue by minibus to discover it and reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)

Day 4: Sorrento-Positano-Amalfi

Breakfast in the hotel. At 10:30 a.m. transfer from Sorrento to Amalfi with 2 hours stop in Positano to discover the pearl of the Amalfi coast. Proceed to Amalfi, a



town rich in history that gives its name to the entire coastline. Check-in at the hotel, dinner at leisure and overnight stay. (B)

Day 5: Amalfi

Breakfast in the hotel. Day at leisure for exploring the beauty of the area. Possibility to add optional tours to visit the Amalfi Coast such as a walking tour of Ravello, or you can feel and taste the true essence of the Amalfi Coast discovering all Limoncello production phases in a real panoramic LIMONAIA, a gorgeous lemon garden. Dinner at leisure and overnight stay. (B)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Classic lemon tour; Amalfi Coast (Amalfi, Positano and Ravello).

Day 6 Amalfi-Napoli-Roma

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning at leisure in Amalfi. Direct transfer from Amalfi to Naples at around 3:00 p.m. where local assistant in Naples train station will help you to board the high speed train going to Rome. Arrival at Termini Station scheduled for around 7:00 p.m. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services Multilingual English & Spanish
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Rome Termini to Naples Centrale return
- Private guided tour of the archaeological site of Pompeii (entrance ticket included)
- Tour of Capri island
- Local assistant in Roma Termini Station, Napoli Centrale Station, Sorrento Hotels
- Accommodation in 4\* hotels (1in in Naples, 2 nights in Sorrento, 2 in Amalfi)
- Transport in air-conditioned minibuses
- 1 luggage + 1 hand bag per passenger is permitted

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-19 Oct 2024	2609	On Request	3976
1 Jun-30 Jun; 1-30 Sep 2024	2838	On Request	4269
1 Jul-31 Aug 2024	2799	On Request	4268



Positano



Amalfi

# Emerald Tour

# 5 Days

# Sorrento Dream

# 4 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 May-20 Oct 2024

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

Make your own way to Rome Termini Station to meet assistant at 8:00am and the take high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, our expert local guide will meet you at Naples train station and you will proceed to Pompeii for the guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande. Local assistant will welcome you upon check-in at hotel. Overnight at Grand Hotel Vesuvio or similar.

**Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the port of Sorrento. Meet the guide and sail to Capri by hydrofoil. After arriving at the island, enjoy a boat trip around the island and have the possibility to visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Continue by minibus to Anacapri. Then reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)

**Day 3: Sorrento-Positano-Amalfi**

Breakfast at the hotel. At 10:30am transfer from Sorrento to Amalfi with 2 hours stop in Positano to discover the pearl of the Amalfi coast. Proceed to Amalfi, a town rich in history that gives its name to the entire coastline. Check-in at the hotel, evening at leisure and overnight stay at Grand Hotel Excelsior or similar. (B)

**Day 4: Amalfi**

Breakfast in the hotel. Day at leisure for exploring the beauty of the area. Possibility to add optional tours to visit the Amalfi Coast, one of the most enchanting places in Italy, with its mountains dropping sheer to the sea, picturesque villages and breathtaking landscapes. Dinner at leisure and overnight stay in Amalfi. (B)

**Day 5: Amalfi-Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure in Amalfi. Direct transfer from Amalfi to Naples at around 3:00pm. Our local assistant in Naples train station will help you to board the high-speed train bound for Rome. Arrival at Termini Station at approximately 7:00pm. End of the tour. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Package combining accommodation with regular services Multilingual English & Spanish
- 4 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels (2 in Sorrento & 2 in Amalfi)
- 4 American Buffet Breakfast
- 2nd class high-speed train tickets Rome-Naples/Naples-Rome
- Local assistant at departure in Rome, arrival and departure in Naples
- Local assistant at Sorrento hotel upon check in
- Minibus/minivan transfer Naples to Pompeii and Sorrento
- Minibus transfer Sorrento to Amalfi with 2 hour stop (free time) in Positano
- Minibus/minivan transfer Amalfi to Naples train station
- Private guided tour of archaeological site in Pompeii (entrance tickets included)
- Tour of Capri island \* (minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation, hotel in Sorrento-port, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board); *Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*
- \*In case of bad weather, the excursion could be replaced with a guided regular group tour of Capri by ferry.*

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-20 Oct 2024	2392	On Request	3605
1 Jun-30 Sep 2024	2622	On Request	3989

**Departs:** Daily 1 May-21 Oct 2024

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

Make your own way to Rome Termini Station to meet our assistant at 8:00am and take the high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, our expert local guide will meet you at Naples train station and you will proceed to Pompeii for the guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande. Local assistant will welcome you upon check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay at Grand Hotel Vesuvio or similar.

**Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the port of Sorrento. Meet the guide and sail to Capri by hydrofoil. After arriving at the island, enjoy a boat trip around the island and have the possibility to visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Continue by minibus to Anacapri. Then reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace Return to the port to head back to Sorrento. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

**Day 3: Sorrento**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for exploring the beauty of the area. Possibility to add optional tours to visit the Amalfi Coast, one of the most enchanting places in Italy, with its mountains dropping sheer to the sea, picturesque villages and breathtaking landscapes. Overnight at the hotel. (B)

**Day 4: Sorrento-Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel. Around 3.30pm, transfer from Sorrento to Naples, where local assistant at Naples train station will help you board the high-speed train going to Rome. Arrival at Rome Termini Station at approximately 7:00pm. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 3 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels with breakfast daily
- 2nd class high-speed train tickets Rome-Naples/Naples-Rome
- Local assistant at departure in Rome, arrival and departure in Naples
- Local assistant at Sorrento hotel upon check in
- Minibus/minivan transfer Naples to Pompeii and Sorrento
- Minibus/minivan transfer Amalfi to Naples train station
- Private guided tour of archaeological site in Pompeii (entrance tickets included)
- Tour of Capri island \* (minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation hotel in Sorrento-port, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board); *Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*
- \* In case of bad weather, the excursion could be replaced with a guided regular group tour of Capri by ferry. In this case, the visit of the island is guaranteed but the itinerary and the inclusions may undergo small variations.*

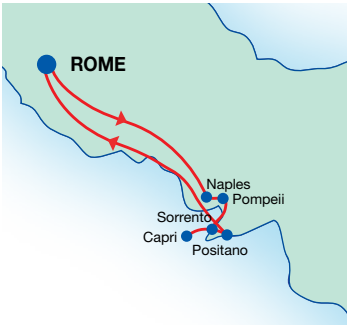
Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-21 Oct 2024	1699	On Request	2249
1 Jun-30 Sep 2024	1814	On Request	2364



Departs: Daily 1 May-20 Oct 2024

Day 1: Rome-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Make your own way to Rome Termini Station to meet assistant at 8:00am and the take high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, our expert local guide will meet you at Naples train station and you will proceed to Pompeii for the guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande. Local assistant will welcome you upon check-in at hotel. Overnight at Grand Hotel Vesuvio/Michelangelo Hotel or similar.



Day 2: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the port of Sorrento. Meet the guide and sail to Capri by hydrofoil. After arriving at the island, enjoy a boat trip around the island and have the possibility to visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Continue by minibus to Anacapri. Then reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)

Day 3: Sorrento-Positano

Breakfast at the hotel. At 10:30am transfer from Sorrento to Positano and time at leisure to discover the pearl of the Amalfi Coast. Overnight at Conca d'Oro Hotel or similar. (B)

Day 4: Positano

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure for exploring the beauties of the area. Possibility to add optional tours to visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Continue by minibus to Anacapri. Then reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)

Day 5: Positano-Naples-Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning at leisure in Positano. Direct transfer from Positano to Naples at around 3:00p.m. Local assistant in Naples train station to board the high speed train going to Rome. Arrival at Termini Station scheduled around 7:00pm. End of services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services Multilingual English & Spanish
  - 4 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels (2in Sorrento & 2 in Poisitano)
  - Breakfast daily
  - 2nd class high-speed train tickets Rome-Naples/Naples-Rome
  - Local assistant at departure in Rome, arrival and departure in Naples
  - Local assistant at Sorrento hotel upon check in
  - Minibus/minivan transfer Naples to Pompeii and Sorrento & Sorrento-Positano & Positano-Naples station
  - Private guided tour of archaeological site in Pompeii (entrance tickets included)
  - Tour of Capri island \*(minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation Hotel in Sorrento-port, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board); *Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*
- \* In case of bad weather, the excursion could be replaced with a guided regular group tour of Capri by ferry.*

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-20 Oct 2024	3194	On Request	5094
1 Jun-30 Sep 2024	3272	On Request	5174



Sorrento





Monastery of Santa Chiara

# Napoli Escape & Sorrento

5 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 May-21 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Rome-Naples**

Meet our assistant in Termini Station (about 8:00 a.m.– OPTIONAL private transfer could be provided from hotels in Rome from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m) and take the high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, direct transfer to the Hotel. Day at disposal to explore the city and taste the excellence of local food such as pizza. Overnight stay in Naples in Palazzo Salgar or similar.

**Day 2: Naples**

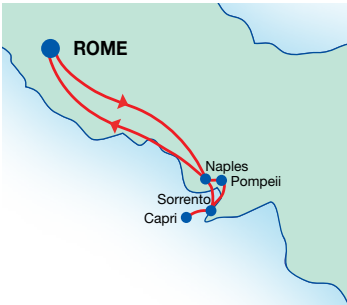
Breakfast in the hotel. In the morning reach Piazza del Gesù Nuovo to start a guided walking tour to admire Church of Gesù Nuovo and the Monastery of Santa Chiara. Next, visit Pignasecca, a colorful local market buzzing with food and clothing shops. Take in the sights and smells of the market and try some typical Neapolitan street food along the way. Enter the bustling Quartieri Spagnoli (Spanish Quarter), the most densely populated and characteristic part of the city. Look up the hill at its grid of alleys and stairs and take in the street art and hanging linins decorating the balconies. Finish in the monumental area of Naples and admire the elegant Caffè Gambrinus, the San Carlo Theatre, the Galleria Umberto, and the Piazza Plebiscito framed in the background by the Royal Palace. Afternoon at leisure with possibility to enjoy optional tours. Overnight stay in Naples. (B)

**Day 3: Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento**

Breakfast in the hotel, check out and pick up about 10:00 a.m. Proceed to Pompeii for the private guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and buried it, preserving it under a sea of volcanic ash for nearly 1700 years. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande, one of the most authentic treasures of the city. A local assistant welcomes you at hotel during the check-in and gives you all the informations for Capri excursion and the following transfer and activities. Overnight stay at Grand Hotel Vesuvio or Michaelangelo Hotel. (B)

**Day 4: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento**

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the port, according to the details provided.



Sail to Capri by traditional Gozzo Sorrentino. Enjoy a boat trip around the island and the possibility to swim into its crystal-clear waters or visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Once landed on the island, you will continue by minibus to discover it and reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)

**Day 5: Sorrento-Naples-Rome**

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning at leisure in Sorrento. Direct transfer from Sorrento to Naples at around 3:30 p.m. where local assistant in Naples train station will help you to board the high speed train going to Rome. Arrival at Termini Station scheduled for around 7:00pm. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- Package combining accommodation with regular services Multilingual English & Spanish
  - 4 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels (2in Naples & 2 in Sorrento)
  - 4 American Buffet Breakfasts
  - 2nd class high-speed train tickets Rome-Naples/Naples-Rome
  - Local assistant at Rome Termini Station, Napoli Centrale Station
  - Local assistant at Sorrento hotel
  - Minibus/minivan transfer Naples to Pompeii and Sorrento & Positano-Naples station
  - Private guided tour of archaeological site in Pompeii (entrance tickets included)
  - Street Food walking tour of Naples
  - Tour of Capri island \*(minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation Hotel in Sorrento-port, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board); *Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*
- \*In case of bad weather, the excursion could be replaced with a guided regular group tour of Capri by ferry*

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-21 Oct 2024	1939	2637	2617
1 Jun-30 Jun; 1-30 Sep 2024	2015	2511	2693
1 Jul-31 Aug 2024	1939	2385	2515



Departs: Daily 1 May-20 Oct 2024

Day 1: Rome-Naples

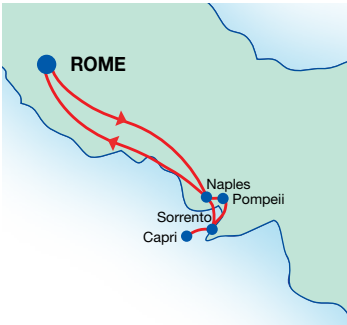
Meet our assistant in Termini Station (about 8:00 a.m.- OPTIONAL private transfer could be provided from hotels in Rome from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m) and take the high speed train to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples, direct transfer to hotel. Day at disposal to explore the city and enjoy on our optional tour. Overnight stay in Naples at Palazzo Salgar or similar. Optional Experiences: Napoli walking tour with aperitif.

Day 2: Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento

Breakfast in the hotel, check out and pick up about 10:00 a.m. Proceed to Pompeii for the private guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and buried it under a sea of volcanic ash for nearly 1700 years. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande, one of the most authentic treasures of the city. A local assistant welcomes you at hotel during the check-in and gives you all the information for Capri excursion and the following transfer and activities. Overnight stay at Grand Hotel Vesuvio or Michaelangelo Hotel. (B)

Day 3: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

Breakfast in the hotel and departure for the port, according to the details provided. Sail to Capri by traditional Gozzo Sorrentino. Enjoy a boat trip around the island and the possibility to swim into its crystal-clear waters or visit the Blue Grotto (optional entrance, weather permitting). Once landed on the island, you will continue by minibus to discover it and reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Enjoy some free time to explore Capri at your own pace. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento and overnight stay. (B)



Day 4: Sorrento-Naples-Rome

Breakfast in the hotel. Morning at leisure in Sorrento. Direct transfer from Sorrento to Naples at around 3:30 p.m. where local assistant in Naples train station will help you to board the high speed train going to Rome. Arrival at Termini Station scheduled for around 7:00 p.m. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Package combining accommodation with regular services Multilingual English & Spanish
- 3 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels (1in Naples & 2 in Sorrento)
- 3 American Buffet Breakfasts
- 2nd class high-speed train tickets Rome-Naples/Naples-Rome
- Local assistant at Rome Termini Station, Napoli Centrale Station
- Local assistant at Sorrento hotel
- Minibus/minivan transfer Naples to Pompeii and Sorrento & Positano-Naples station
- Private guided tour of archaeological site in Pompeii (entrance tickets included)
- Tour of Capri island \*(minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation Hotel in Sorrento-port, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board); *Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*  
*\*In case of bad weather, the excursion could be replaced with a guided regular group tour of Capri by ferry.*

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1-31 May; 1-21 Oct 2024	1657	On Request	2184
1 Jun-30 Jun; 1-30 Sep 2024	1735	On Request	2259
1 Jul-31 Aug 2024	1697	On Request	2171



Piazzetta Capri

# 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 Frecciabianca. Thanks to international high-speed trains, Italy has connections with France and Switzerland.

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

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

## Enchanting Cinque Terre

6 Days

**Departs:** Daily

### Day 1: Milan

Arrival at Milan Malpensa airport and transfer to the hotel. Day at leisure. Depending on the arrival time, it is possible to join a guided tour of the city centre, which reaches the main symbols of the city, such as the Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, the Teatro alla Scala and the Sforzesco Castle; or an internal visit of the Teatro alla Scala and its museum, one of the most famous theatre houses in the world. Dinner on your own and overnight stay in Milan. *OPTIONAL: Milan Walking tour; Milan Walking tour with the Last Supper.*

### Day 2: Milan-Genova

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Milan Centrale station to board the train to Genova. The journey takes about 1h 40min. After arriving and settling into the hotel, the discovery of the historic centre will begin: an electric rickshaw! It is ideal for getting around which winds along the steep and narrow alleys-the carruggi-that climb the hills of Genova. Genova amazes with its incredible views, ornate churches, and craft stores. You can stroll through the alleys of the historic centre, admire the marine fauna of the Aquarium, one of the largest in Europe, or discover the local specialties (focaccia, cheese focaccia, fried squid). Overnight stay in Genova. (B) *Optional: Genova Walking tour*

### Day 3: Genova-La Spezia

After breakfast board the train to La Spezia. The journey takes about 1h 30 min. La Spezia is the starting city to explore the famous Cinque Terre, the stretch of coast with 5 fishing villages perched over the sea: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. The two-day Cinque Terre Train Card is included, which allows access to the National Park area and the use of regional trains that connect the villages and of local buses. Overnight stay in La Spezia. (B)

### Day 4: La Spezia

Breakfast at the hotel, then free day to continue the visit of the Cinque Terre, in all their magic: including breathtaking views, scenic walks overlooking the sea,



delicious local food and wine dishes such as the famous Ligurian-style pesto or the famous focaccia di Recco whose fragrance floods the narrow streets of the picturesque seaside villages. Sports enthusiasts can opt for a mountain e-bike ride with a guide on one of the many scenic routes of the Gulf of Poets. Overnight stay in La Spezia (B) *OPTIONAL: The Gulf of Poets by e-bike. (B)*

### Day 5: La Spezia-Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the high-speed train to Roma Termini Station. The journey takes about 4hrs. We suggest to take a train departing early in the morning to have a half day at disposal in Rome to discover the city or join an optional activity. We recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance, or our tour of Imperial Rome, to observe the monuments of the Roman Forum, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's narration of the history of ancient Rome and the gladiator fights that took place there. Alternatively, participate in a practical cooking class to learn how to prepare some of the best-known Italian specialties such as pasta, pizza or tiramisu. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

*Optional Experiences include: Colosseum & the Roman Forum; Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel; Rome Cooking class with market visit; Panoramic Rome tour.*

### Day 6: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and end of the tour. Possibility to book a private airport transfer, or to continue the journey by joining another itinerary. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- Standard room accommodation in 4 star hotels (1 night Milan, 1 night Genova, 2 nights La Spezia, 1 night Rome)
- 5 Breakfast daily at the hotel
- Arrival private transfer from Milano Malpensa Airport to the hotel in Milan city centre
- 48 hour Cinque Terre Train Card
- 1st class Intercity train from Milan to Genova
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from La Spezia to Roma Termini Station.

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1 Apr-27 Oct 2024	1571	N/A	2678



Departs: Daily

Day 1: Rome

Arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, transfer to the hotel by a private car. The best way to discover the Eternal City is by getting lost in its streets guided by an expert local guide who will reveal the city's most iconic sights. In the afternoon, we recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance more closely. Dinner on your own and overnight stay in Rome. Optional Experiences: Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel.

Day 2: Rome

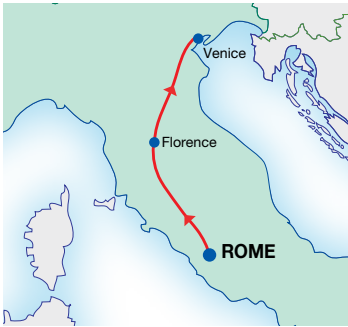
Breakfast at the hotel, then another day dedicated to discovering the city. We suggest our tour of Imperial Rome, to closely admire the monuments of the Roman Forum, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's presentation of the evocative history of ancient Rome and the gladiators' fights that took place there. Or you can join an excursion to visit Rome Catacombs. For the evening we recommend a nice walk in the Trastevere district, full of typical restaurants. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

Day 3: Rome-Florence

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Rome Termini station to board the high-speed train to Florence; the journey takes about 1h 30min. After arriving, hotel accommodation and free time available for an independent visit of the city, the 'cradle of the Renaissance'. Among the places that certainly are worth being seen we must include Piazza della Signoria, the medieval heart of the city, Piazza Santa Croce with its past noble families' buildings, and the home of Dante, the Supreme Poet author of the Divine Comedy. Overnight stay in Florence. (B)

Day 4: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel, then full day dedicated to the discover of Florence. It is possible to participate in a guided walking tour that reaches the symbols of the city (Piazza della Repubblica, Piazza della Signoria, the Ponte Vecchio with the goldsmiths' shops), or a guided tour of one of the main museums: the Uffizi Galleries, with the masterpieces of the masters of the Italian Renaissance (Leonardo, Caravaggio, Raffaello, Tiziano, Botticelli and many others), or the Accademia Gallery, which houses the original of Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Overnight in Florence. (B)



Day 5: Florence-Venice

After breakfast at the hotel, board the high-speed train to Venice S. Lucia. The journey takes about 2h 15'. After arriving, hotel accommodation, so in the afternoon there will be a 30-minute "gondola ride" with commentary via app on your mobile phone. Before dinner in Venice, it is traditional to have an aperitif based on "cicheti" (small snacks) in one of the many "bacari" (taverns) scattered along the "calli" (that is what the Venetian streets are called): a must experience to try, absolutely! Overnight stay in Venice. (B)

Day 6: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel, then full day dedicated to the discovery of Venice or its lagoon on your own. You can take a guided walking tour through the most famous places in the city (Piazza San Marco with the Basilica and the Clock Tower, the Rialto Bridge, Campo Santa Maria Formosa) and others less known; or a skip-the-line guided tour of the Doge's Palace, with the Doge's luxurious apartments and the famous Bridge of Sighs. Overnight stay Hotel Principe or similar. (B)

Day 7: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel and end of services. Possibility to book a private transfer to the airport, or to continue the journey by joining another tour as an additional service. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- Accommodation in 3 or 4 star hotels (2 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Florence and 2 nights in Venice)
- 6 breakfasts at the hotel
- Arrival private transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport to Hotel in Rome city centre
- Private walking tour in Rome, Florence and Venice with local guide.
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Roma Termini to Firenze Santa Maria Novella station
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Firenze Santa Maria Novella station to Venezia St. Lucia station
- 1 luggage per person allowed

Price Per Person A\$	3 Star Hotels			4 Star Hotels		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
15 Jan-15 Mar; 16 Jul-20 Aug 2024	1278	1186	1833	1482	N/A	2248
16 Mar-15 Jul; 20 Aug-28 Oct 2024	1598	1414	2389	1845	N/A	3006



Florence





Milan

# Hidden Wonders of Northern Italy

7 Days

## Departs: Daily

### Day 1: Turin

Independent arrival in Turin. Accompanied by an experienced local guide, you will get your first taste of the city, and as you stroll its avenues you will hear tales of its growth and development without neglecting gossip and tips on the best places to discover on your own. Dinner on your own and overnight stay in Turin.

### Day 2: Turin

After breakfast at the hotel, free day at disposal in Turin to visit the city or join an optional activity as a guided tour of the Royal Palace or the Egyptian Museum. Alternatively, discover the local specialties such as Bagna Cauda, Agnolotti or Gianduiotti. Overnight in Turin. (B) **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Turin walking tour & Royal Palace; Turin walking tour & Egyptian Museum.

### Day 3: Turin-Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, board the high-speed train to Milan Centrale Station. The journey takes about 1h. After arriving, and checked into accommodation you will get an initial acquaintance with Milan through a walk accompanied by an expert guide to the city. Milan is a lively city: full of things to do and see, glam clubs, and trendy restaurants. It is undoubtedly the city with the most international breath in Italy. This walk with a local guide will be the key to juggling the city without missing anything. Overnight stay in Milan. (B)

### Day 4: Milan

After breakfast, free day to continue exploring Milan or to take one of the optional experiences. For art history enthusiasts, a tour to discover Leonardo's world-renowned and priceless Last Supper will not be missed. Alternatively, one could



opt for a full-day excursion outside the historic centre of Milan: Lake Como, an hour from the city and is an oasis of peace and tranquility; otherwise, why not reach Lake Maggiore with its splendid Borromean Islands. Overnight stay in Milan.

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Milan Walking tour with the last supper; Excursion to Borromean Islands.

### Day 5: Milan-Verona

After breakfast board the high-speed train to Verona Porta Nuova; the journey takes less than 1 hour 15 minutes. Depending on the time of arrival, join a walk with a local guide. Accommodation and overnight stay in Verona. (B)

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Verona Walking tour.

### Day 6: Verona

After breakfast, a day dedicated to visit the city: a skip-the-line entrance ticket is included to a self-guided visit of the Arena of Verona, an open-place theatres and the main attraction of the city. You can continue to discover what the city offers: Juliet's house, some of the most exemplary churches of Italian Romanesque architecture, and the city's many stone bridges without neglecting the rich local gastronomy and fine wines of the area. Overnight stay in Verona. (B)

### Day 7: Verona

After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and end of the tour. Possibility to book a private airport transfer, or continue the journey. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- 6 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels with daily breakfast
- Private walking tour in Turin and Milan both with local guides.
- Skip the line entrance ticket to the Verona Arena – ticket only without guide service – not available on Monday)
- Two 2nd class high-speed train ticket

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Triple	Single
1Apr-27 Jul; 18 Aug-26 Oct 2024	1578	N/A	2315
28 Jul-17 Aug 2024	1316	N/A	1898



Departs: Daily

Day 1: Rome

Individual arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, transfer to the hotel by a private car and hotel accommodation. The best way to discover the Eternal City is by getting lost in its streets guided by an expert local guide who will reveal the city's most iconic sights, answer the most pointed curiosities about its history, in an exciting welcome walk in Rome aimed at providing the right directions and suggestions to make the most of your time in the capital. Overnight stay in Rome.

Day 2: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel then another day dedicated to discovering the city. We suggest the tour of Imperial Rome, to closely admire the monuments of the Roman Forum, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's presentation of the history of ancient Rome and the gladiators' fights that took place. For those with a sweet tooth, there is an opportunity to take part in a cooking class: why miss the chance to learn how to cook an authentic dish from the tasty Italian food tradition. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Colosseum & the Roman Forum, Rome Cooking class with market visit.

Day 3: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure to discover Rome. We recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance more closely. In the heart of Rome, within the green park of Villa Borghese, the lovely Galleria Borghese can also be an interesting place to visit. Alternatively, it is possible to opt for a trip out of town by discovering the wonders of Villa d'Este and Villa Adriana in Tivoli. Overnight in Rome (B) Optional Experiences: Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel (small group); Villa Adriana & Villa d'Este; The Borghese Gallery. (B)

Day 4: Rome-Florence

After breakfast at the hotel, reach Rome Termini station to board the high-speed train to Florence; the journey takes about 1h 30'. In the afternoon, after relaxing and checking into your hotel, dedicate yourself to walking through the streets of the heart of the city. The tales of the expert local guide will accompany your steps as you discover how the architectural development took it from a medieval town to the cradle of the Renaissance, amidst some juicy gossip and secrets about the Medici family in the midst of the wonders of the historic centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Overnight in Florence. (B)



Day 5: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel then full day dedicated to the discover of Florence. Participate in a guided tour of one of the main museums: the Uffizi Galleries, with the masterpieces of the masters of the Italian Renaissance, or the Accademia Gallery, which houses the original of Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Alternatively, you can go on half-day or full-day excursions to discover the neighbouring places of interest such as the beautiful city of Siena or the picturesque Montalcino and Montepulciano or even the beautiful Pisa and Lucca. Return to Florence Hotel for overnight stay.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Florence Walking tour with Accademia & Uffizi; Full-day excursion Siena & San Gimignano; Full-day excursion Pisa & Lucca; Full-day excursion Montalcino & Montepulciano.

Day 6: Florence-Monterosso (Cinque Terre)

After breakfast at the hotel, board the regional train to Monterosso with change in Pisa or La Spezia. The journey takes about 3h. Monterosso is the starting city to explore the famous Cinque Terre, the stretch of coast with 5 fishing villages perched over the sea: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. The two-day Cinque Terre Train Card is included, which allows access to the National Park area and the use of regional trains that connect the villages and of local buses. Overnight stay in Monterosso. (B)

Day 7: Monterosso

Breakfast at the hotel, then free day to continue the visit of the Cinque Terre all their magic: including breathtaking views, scenic walks overlooking the sea, delicious local food and wine dishes such as the famous Ligurian-style pesto or the famous foccaccia di Recco whose fragrance floods the narrow streets of the picturesque seaside villages. Sports enthusiasts can opt for a mountain e-bike ride with a guide on one of the many scenic routes of the Gulf of Poets. Overnight in Monterosso. (B)

Day 8: Monterosso

After breakfast, check out and end of our services. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- Arrival private transfer in Rome (from airport or train station)
- 7 nights accommodation with daily breakfast (3 nights Rome, 2 nights Florence, 2 nights in Monterosso)
- 2nd class train ticket Rome-Florence & Florence-Monterosso
- A 48hr Cinque Terre Card & Train Pass

Price Per Person A\$	3 Star Hotels			4 Star Hotels		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
26 Apr-13 Jul; 28 Aug-8 Oct 2024	1744	1248	2313	1744	1784	2799
14 Jul-27 Aug 2024	1340	1248	1923	1488	1515	2336



Monterosso





Venice

# Art & Fashion by Train

8 Days

## Departs: Daily

### Day 1: Rome

Arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, transfer to the hotel by private car. The best way to discover the Eternal City is by an expert local guide who will reveal the city's most iconic sights. In the afternoon, we recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance. It is possible to participate in a series of other optional activities, such as a cooking lesson to learn how to make pizza or pasta and ice cream. For dinner we suggest trying a typical Roman restaurant. Overnight stay in Rome.

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel.

### Day 2: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel, then another day dedicated to discovering the city. We suggest a tour of Imperial Rome, to closely admire the monuments of the Roman Forum, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's presentation of the history of ancient Rome and the gladiators' fights that took place there. For those with a sweet tooth, there is also the opportunity to take part in a fun cooking class: why miss the chance to learn how to cook an authentic dish from the tasty Italian food tradition. For the evening we recommend a nice walk in the Trastevere district, full of typical restaurants. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Colosseum & Roman Forum; Rome Cooking Class with Market Visit.

### Day 3: Rome-Florence

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Rome Termini station to board the high-speed train to Florence; the journey takes about 1h 30'. In the afternoon, after relaxing and checking into your hotel, dedicate yourself to walking through the streets of the heart of the city. The tales of the expert local guide will accompany your steps: you will discover how the architectural development took it from a medieval town to the cradle of the Renaissance, amidst some juicy gossip and scabrous secrets about the Medici family in the midst of the wonders of the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Overnight stay in Florence (B)

### Day 4: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel, then full day dedicated to the discover of Florence. It is possible to participate in a guided tour of one of the main museums: the Uffizi Galleries, with the masterpieces of the masters of the Italian Renaissance (Leonardo, Caravaggio, Raffaello, Tiziano, Botticelli and many others), or the Accademia Gallery, which houses the original of Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Alternatively, you can go on half-day or full-day excursions to discover the neighbouring places of interest such as the beautiful city of Siena with its strong Palio tradition or more distant places but with an undisputable charm such as the Cinque Terre. Overnight stay in Florence. (B)

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Florence Walking tour with Accademia & Uffizi Gallery; Full-day excursion to the Cinque Terre; Full-day excursion to Siena & San Gimignano.



### Day 5: Florence-Venice

After breakfast proceed to train station and board the high-speed train to Venice S. Lucia. The journey takes about 2h 15min. After arriving, and checking into hotel accommodation, the discovery of Venice can begin through the words of a skilled local guide, exploring the most characteristic and hidden places of the beautiful lagoon. Before dinner in Venice, it is traditional to have an aperitif based on "cicheti" (small snacks) in one of the many "bacari" (taverns) scattered along the "calli" (that is what the Venetian streets are called): a must experience to try, absolutely! Overnight stay in Venice. (B)

### Day 6: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel, then full day dedicated to the discovery of Venice or its lagoon. Take a guided walking tour through the most famous places in the city or a skip-the-line guided tour of the Doge's Palace, with the Doge's luxurious apartments and the famous Bridge of Sighs. Alternatively, you can go on a boat trip to the islands of the Venice lagoon: Murano, known all over the world for its famous glass craftsmanship; Burano, famous for the picturesque fishermen's houses all painted in bright colours; and Torcello, the first settlement centre in the lagoon. Overnight stay in Venice (B). Optional Experiences: Venice Walking tour with Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica; Wine tour & Cicchetti; Venice Walking Tour with Gondola Ride. (B)

### Day 7: Venice-Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the high-speed train to Milan. The journey takes about 2h 30'. Once checked into the hotel, get an initial acquaintance with Milan through a walk accompanied by an expert guide to the city. Milan is a lively city: full of things to do and see, glam clubs, and trendy restaurants it is undoubtedly the city with the most international breath in Italy. This walk with a local guide will be the key to juggling the city without missing anything. Overnight stay in Milan. (B)

**OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** Milan Walking tour with Last Supper.

### Day 8: Milan

After breakfast, check-out and end of our services. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- Arrival transfer in Rome (from airport or train station)
- 7 nights accommodation in 4\* hotels with daily breakfast (2 nights Rome, 2 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice, 1 night Milan)
- Tasting local products in Florence
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Roma Termini to Firenze Santa Maria Novella station
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Venezia St. Lucia to Milano Centrale station
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Firenze Santa Maria Novella station to Venezia St. Lucia station
- Private walking tour in Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan with local guides.

Price Per Person A\$	3 Star Hotels			4 Star Hotels		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
15 Jan-15 Mar; 16 Jul-20 Aug 2024	1553	1437	2210	1759	1860	2649
16 Mar-15 Jul; 20 Aug-28 Oct 2024	1867	1661	2759	2199	2344	3528



Departs: Daily

Day 1: Rome

Arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport, transfer to the hotel by a private car. The best way to discover the Eternal City is by getting lost in its streets guided by an expert local guide who will reveal the city's most iconic sights and answer the most pointed curiosities in an exciting welcome walk aimed at providing the right directions and suggestions to make the most of your time. For the evening we recommend a nice walk in the Trastevere district, full of typical restaurants. Overnight stay in Rome.

Day 2: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure to discover Rome. We recommend a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, to admire Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and other masterpieces more closely. Alternatively we suggest an Imperial Rome tour, to admire the monuments of the Roman Forum up close, enter the Colosseum and listen to our guide's presentation of the evocative history of ancient Rome and the gladiator fights that took place there. For those with a sweet tooth, there is an opportunity to take part in a cooking class. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Guided Tour of the Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel; Colosseum & Roman Forum; Rome Cooking Class with Market Visit.

Day 3: Rome

Breakfast and free day to continue exploring on your own. Our suggestion is to use the entire day for an excursion to Naples and Pompeii, easily reached from Rome. The archaeological site of Pompeii is home to the remains of the ancient Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD; visiting the impressively preserved remains will feel like stepping back in time. Naples is the queen of the gulf of the same name, a city of unquestionable charm and tasty gastronomy that you absolutely cannot not try. Overnight stay in Rome. (B)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Full day Naples & Pompeii from Rome.

Day 4: Rome-Florence

After breakfast at hotel, you will reach Rome Termini station to board the high-speed train to Florence; the journey takes about 1h 30'. In the afternoon, after relaxing and checking into your hotel, dedicate yourself to walking through the streets of the city. The tales of the expert local guide will accompany your steps as you discover the architectural development took it from a medieval town to the cradle of the Renaissance. Participate in a guided tour of one of the main museums: the Uffizi Galleries, or the Accademia Gallery. Overnight stay in Florence (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Florence Walking Tour With Accademia Gallery; Florence Walking Tour With Uffizi Gallery; Florence Walking Tour With Accademia & Uffizi Gallery.

Day 5: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the day will be at leisure to explore the surroundings of Florence: you can opt for a full-day tour in the direction of Siena. Alternatively, it is possible to choose an excursion to discover Montalcino, the ancient medieval village famous throughout the world for its Brunello wine, and Montepulciano, a wonderful little town from which to enjoy a fabulous and boundless panorama of the



Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana. Overnight stay in Florence. (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Full-day excursion to Siena & San Gimignano; Full-day excursion Pisa & Lucca; Full-day excursion Montalcino & Montepulciano.

Day 6: Florence-La Spezia

After breakfast at hotel, board the regional train to La Spezia, taking about 2h 30'. La Spezia is the starting city to explore the famous Cinque Terre, the stretch of coast with 5 fishing villages perched over the sea: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. The two-day Cinque Terre Train Card is included, which allows access to the National Park area and the use of regional trains that connect the villages and of local buses. Overnight stay in La Spezia. (B)

Day 7: La Spezia

Breakfast at hotel, then free day to continue the visit of the Cinque Terre in all their magic: including breathtaking views, scenic walks overlooking the sea, delicious local food and wine dishes such as the famous Ligurian-style pesto or the focaccia di Recco whose fragrance floods the narrow streets of the picturesque seaside villages. Sports enthusiasts can opt for a mountain e-bike ride with a guide on one of the many scenic routes of the Gulf of Poets. Overnight stay in La Spezia. (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: The Gulf of Poets by e-bike.

Day 8: La Spezia-Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, board the intercity train to Milan. The journey takes about 3h 20'. After arriving, and checking into the hotel, free time for all to visit the city on one's own. We suggest to discover the most famous symbols of Milan, such as the Duomo, the Castello Sforzesco, the Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio and the Navigli, the famous canals. Continue your visit to the city with visit of the Teatro alla Scala and its museum, a unique experience to visit one of the most famous theatre houses in the world. Overnight stay in Milan. (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Milan Walking tour with the Last Supper.

Day 9: Milan-Como-Lake Como-Milan

Breakfast at the hotel and then take the regional train to reach Como. The journey takes about 40 min. Discover the city of Como and its famous lake on your own. A day ticket is included for the hop-on / hop-off public boat to discover the lake departing from Como. You can choose the best stops to get off for a walk according to the departures of the boats and the time of the train back to Milan. Enjoy some free time in Como to get to know the town and shop in the many local boutiques. Return to Milan in the evening and overnight stay in Milan. (B)

Day 10: Milan-Venice

Breakfast at the hotel. Make your way to the train station and take the high-speed train again as you traverse the country across to the east coast and the iconic Venice. The journey takes about 2h 30'. After checking into the hotel, the discovery of Venice can begin through the words of a skilled local guide strolling through the maze of narrow streets, between bridges and sighs of wonder Before dinner in Venice, it is traditional to have an aperitif based on "cichetti" (small snacks) in one of the many "bacari" (taverns) scattered along the "calli" (that is what the Venetian streets are called): a must experience to try, absolutely! Overnight stay in Venice. (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Wine tour & Cicchetti; Venice Walking Tour with Gondola Ride.

Day 11: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel, then full day dedicated to the discovery of Venice or its lagoon. Take a guided walking tour through the most famous places in the city or a skip-the-line guided tour of the Doge's Palace, with the Doge's luxurious apartments and the famous Bridge of Sighs. Alternatively, you can go on a boat trip to the islands of the Venice lagoon: Murano, known all over the world for its famous glass craftsmanship; Burano, famous not only for its lace, but also for the picturesque fishermen's houses all painted in bright colours; and Torcello, the first settlement centre in the lagoon. Overnight stay in Venice. (B) OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Venice Walking tour with Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica.

Day 12: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and end of the tour. Possibility to book a private transfer to the airport as an additional service. (B)



Vernazza

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Independent itinerary comprising accommodation and train tickets
- 3 nights accommodation in Rome, 2 nights in Florence, 2 nights in La Spezia, 2 nights in Milan, 2 nights in Venice.
- Breakfast daily.
- Regular walking tour in Rome, Florence and Venice with local guide.
- 48hrs Cinque Terre Train Card
- One day free circulation ticket on the public boat on Lake Como – departure from Como- An unlimited number of trips are allowed between the ferry ports of Como and Bellagio, including intermediate stops
- Arrival private transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport to Hotel in Rome
- Round-trip high-speed train tickets from Roma Termini to Napoli Centrale - 2nd class
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Roma Termini to Firenze Santa Maria Novella station
- Regional train ticket from Firenze Santa Maria Novella station to La Spezia Centrale – 2nd class without seat reservation
- Intercity train ticket from La Spezia Centrale to Milano Centrale – 1st class
- Round-trip regional train tickets from Milano Centrale to Como Centrale – 1st class without seat reservation
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Milano Centrale station to Venezia St. Lucia

Price Per Person A\$	3 Star Hotels			4 Star Hotels		
	Twin	Triple	Single	Twin	Triple	Single
15 Mar-14 Jul; 15 Aug-28 Oct 2024	3884	3786	5473	4319	N/A	6504
15 Jul-14 Aug 2024	3449	3499	4747	3761	N/A	5426



# 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 Express3 Days

Escape to Cinque Terre3 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2024

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\$600  
per person  
twin share

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2024

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

Day 3: Riomaggiore

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

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

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

from  
A\$550  
per person  
twin share

Cinque Terre Discovery4 Days

Cinque Terre Experience5 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2024

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\$995  
per person  
twin share

Departs: Daily 1 Mar-31 Oct 2024

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\$1195  
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 2024

### 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 Castelvecchio National Park and, along the way, we will have an opportunity to sample stunning wines and delicious food at two of the great wineries that are run by local families. In the afternoon, we will progress to the beautiful village of San Gimignano, where you can have some free time to explore this stunning town. We will end the day of the tour at a local Tuscan trattoria, where we will enjoy dinner 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\$2600  
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 13 Jan-14 Dec 2024

### 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 enjoying 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\$4500**  
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 49 and recommended day tours on pages 50 & 51. Due to space limitations we cannot display all the hotels and tours we have on offer.

## Rome City Break

4 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

### 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)

#### 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\$499  
per person  
twin share

4 Star from  
A\$780  
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.



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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels - Contact us for More

## 1 Terminal Hotel

★★★

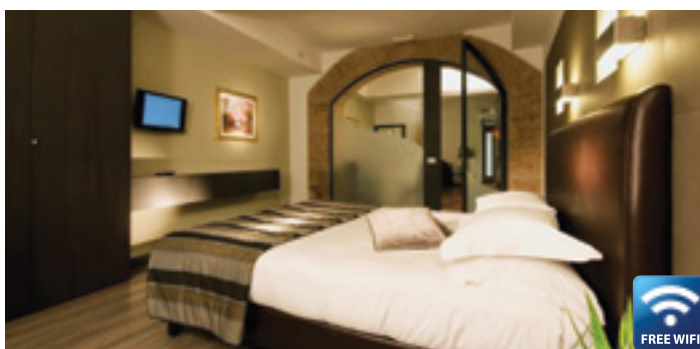


Conveniently located only 250m from the Termini Station, the Terminal Hotel is in the ideal location for discovering the Eternal City and visiting monuments such as the Spanish Steps. The hotel features a meeting and reading lounge, TV room, bar and a breakfast room to ensure a basic but comfortable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

from  
A\$73  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 2 Trevi Hotel

★★★



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

from  
A\$94  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 3 Diana Hotel

★★★★



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

from  
A\$104  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 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

★★★★

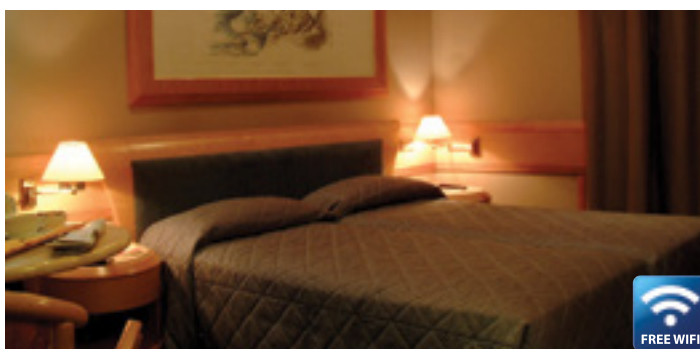


This four star hotel is located in the centre of Rome beside the Opera House and Via Nazionale – one of the best shopping districts in Italy. Between the shopping and the history, this imperial styled hotel is the perfect base to suit the needs of everyone. The Quirinale features 210 rooms ranging from 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

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# 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](http://www.greecemedtravel.com.au). We can also customise tours to suite any taste, budget and duration. So please do not hesitate to ask for the tour that includes your selected sites.

## 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

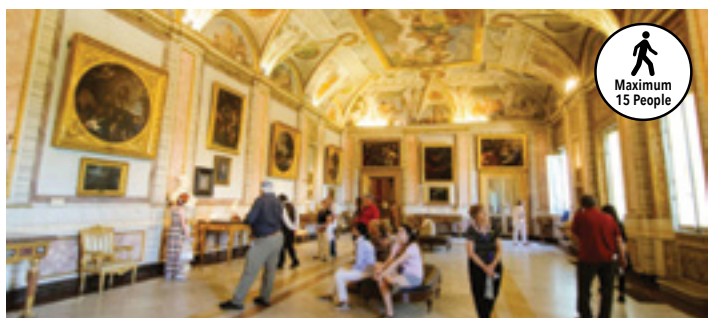
Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and visit the most extensive collection of art in the World jumping the line. Your expert guide will lead you into the museum where you will discover the treasures of this unique art collection: The Tapestries, the Maps Gallery up to arrive to the Sistine Chapel 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

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## 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

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# 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 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

### 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)

### 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\$430  
per person  
twin share

4 Star from  
A\$760  
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



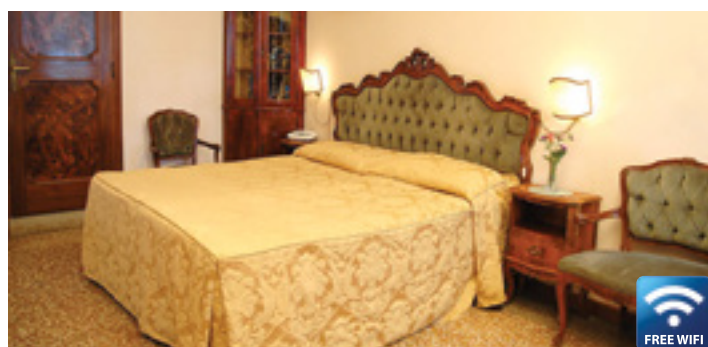
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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels - Contact us for More

## 1 Scandinavia Hotel

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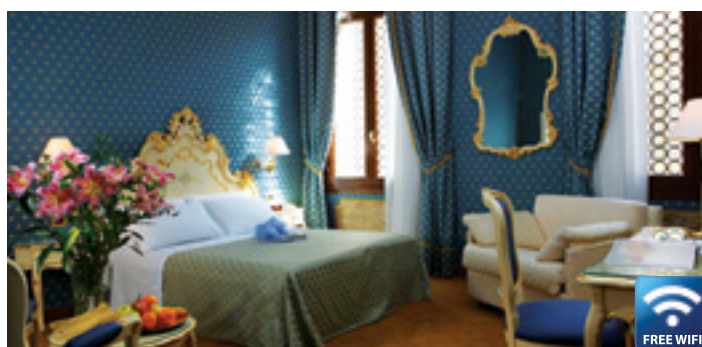


Experience the old-world charm of Venice in one of its oldest buildings just a short stroll from St. Mark's Square. Dating from the year 1000 it is said that this is the very place where Desdemona met Othello in the "Moor of Venice." Occupying one of the best locations in Venice, the Piazza San Marco 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

## 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

## 3 Casa Kirsch

★★★

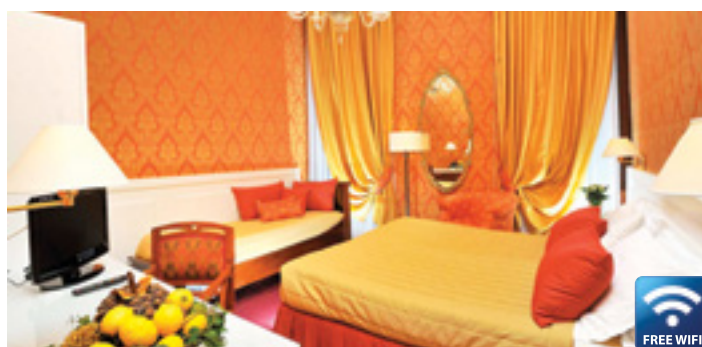


Casa Kirsch is located in a quiet side street, close to the Bridge of Sighs and The Doge's Palace with St Mark's Square just one minute walking distance. The rooms have been designed with modern comforts such as glass walls, plasma TV, phone, A/C, heating and internet access. All rooms are fitted with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

## 4 Casa Verardo Hotel

★★★★

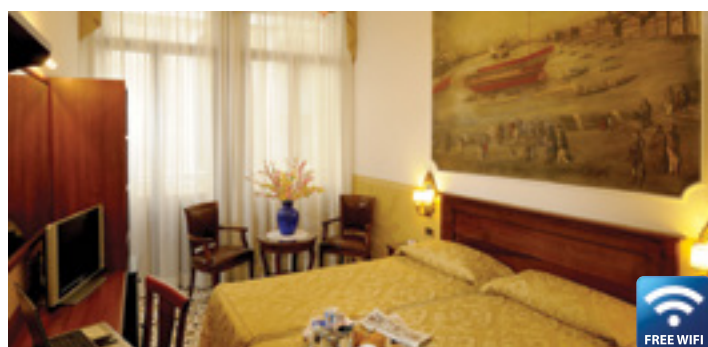


Casa Verardo is an authentic, ancient noble palace that has been restored in a Venetian tradition. Casa Verardo is in an excellent location, just 3 minutes from Piazza San Marco, the Basilica and the nearest pier. From the top floor terrace guests can experience an enchanting 360° view of Venice, there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

from  
A\$100  
per person  
per night  
twin share

## 5 Hotel Ala

★★★

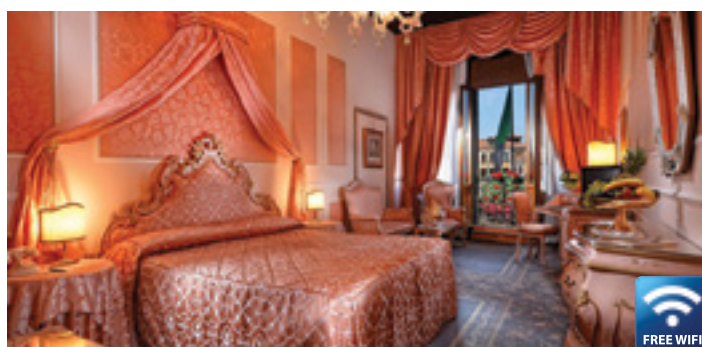


This hotel is only steps away from St. Mark's Square, the nicest shops (Gucci, Armani, Valentino, Ferragamo and Burberry), banks and restaurants, in the heart of Venice. The hotel features two different wings have been recently restored and enriched with the most modern comforts. This 18th century building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

from  
A\$102  
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

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# 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.



## 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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## Florence City Break 3 Days

Departs: Daily 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

### 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)

### 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\$396  
per person  
twin share

4 Star from  
A\$540  
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.

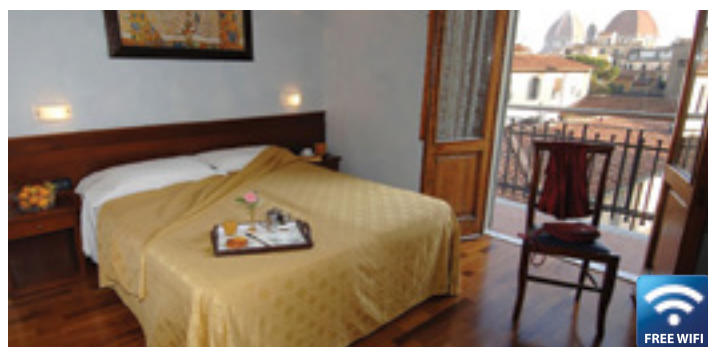
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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels - Contact us for More

## 1 Palazzo Vecchio

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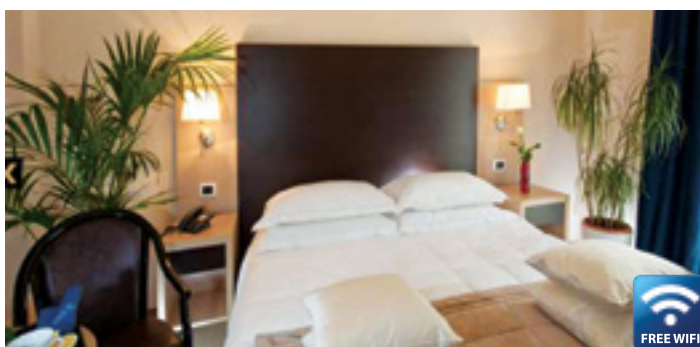
Hotel Palazzo Vecchio is just a few steps from Santa Maria Novella Station in the heart of the historic centre of Florence. Located in an ideal position close to the main historical and artistic sights, such as the Palazzo degli Affari, the Palazzo dei Congressi and Fortezza da Basso, amongst others. 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

★★★



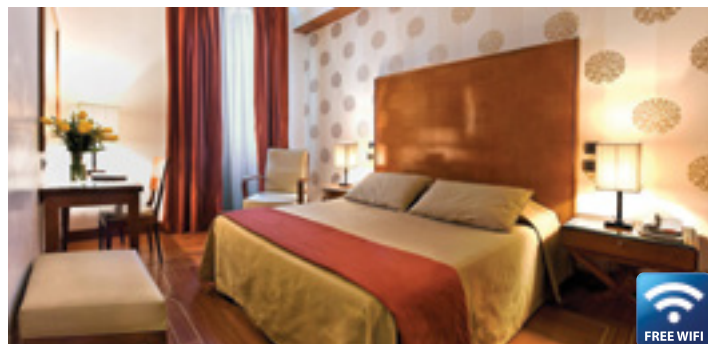
Located just 200m from Santa Maria Novella Church, the Hotel Club is surrounded by shops, cafes and restaurants. With modern design, the train station and cathedral are just a short walk from the hotel. Relax in the refined and fashionable Hotel Club hall where you can connect to Wi-fi and relax in one 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

★★★



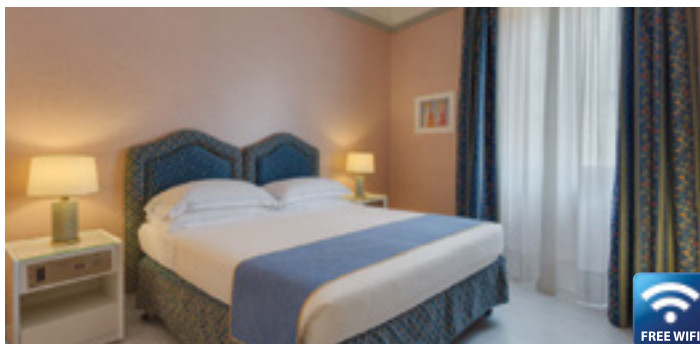
In the heart of downtown Florence, just on the east part of the central train station- Santa Maria Novella- visitors will find this charming hotel. It is ideally situated, providing excellent access to the main tourist attractions like the world-renowned Duomo, as well as the lively and busy shopping 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

★★★★



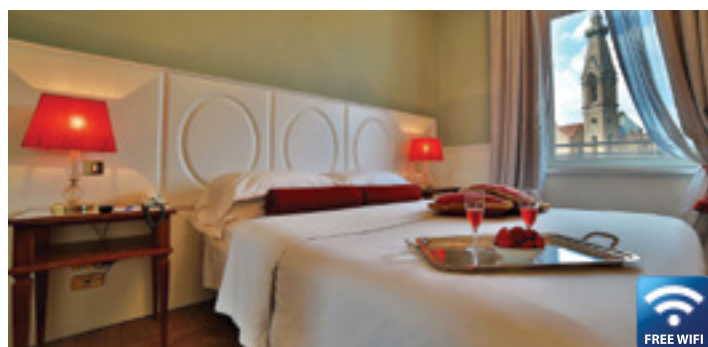
The Rivoli Hotel is a 15th Century Franciscan monastery, which has been restored to its original splendour. Excellent location, 250m from the Santa Maria Novella railway station and within walking distance of the city's main attractions. The hotel's history is brought back to life with cross vaults, 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

★★★★



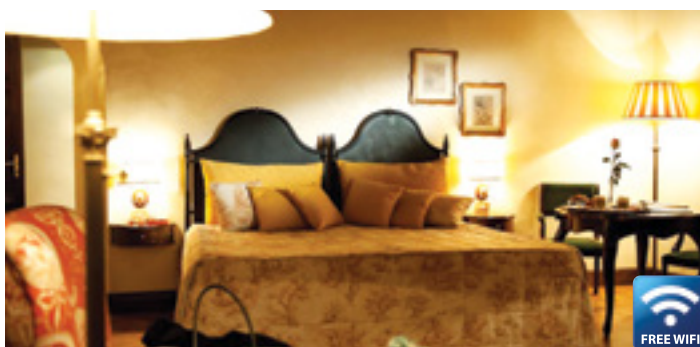
Located in the very centre of Florence, right on the bank of the Arno River and across from the Piazzale Michelangelo. Visitors will be able to reach all of the city's most famous cultural attractions on foot, including the Duomo, Vecchio Palace, Uffizi and Bargello museums. The comfortable guest rooms 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 Mitterand 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



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# 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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## 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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## Naples City Break 3 Days

**Departs:** Daily 3 1 Jan-31 Dec 2024

### 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)

#### 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\$495  
per person  
twin share

4 Star from  
A\$625  
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.

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# Samples of our Recommended Hotels - Contact us for More

## 1 Gardenia Hotel - Sorrento

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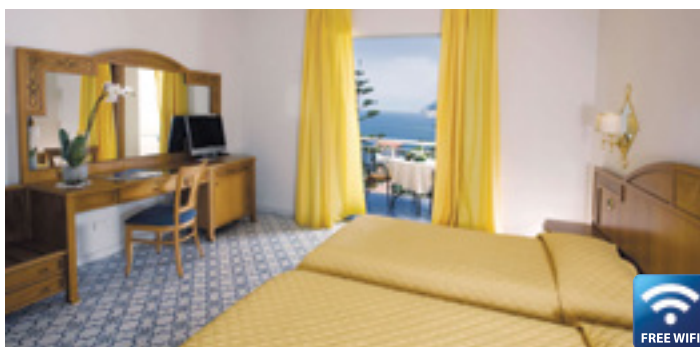
Situated in Corso Italia, Sorrento's main street, only 500 metres from the old town. The hotel is a typical example of modern Mediterranean architecture. The panoramic terrace with deckchairs and pergola is the ideal place to enjoy the stunning views of the Bay of Naples. The hotel has a pool, private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

★★★★



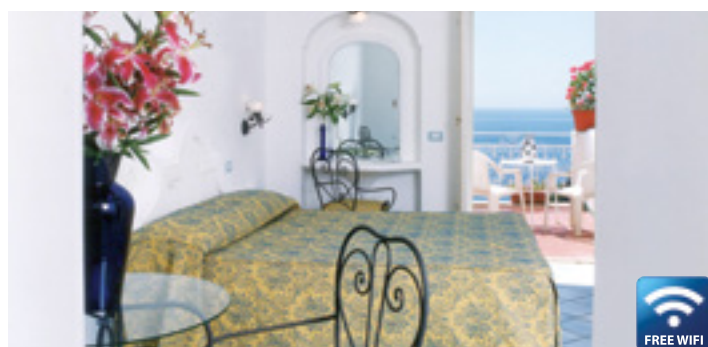
Built and furnished in a modern style, located in a charming position overlooking the Bay of Naples and right opposite Vesuvius. Offers large swimming pools with separate section for children, gardens, extensive lemon and orange groves, wide lounges, conference rooms, garage, parking, solarium, children's 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

★★★★



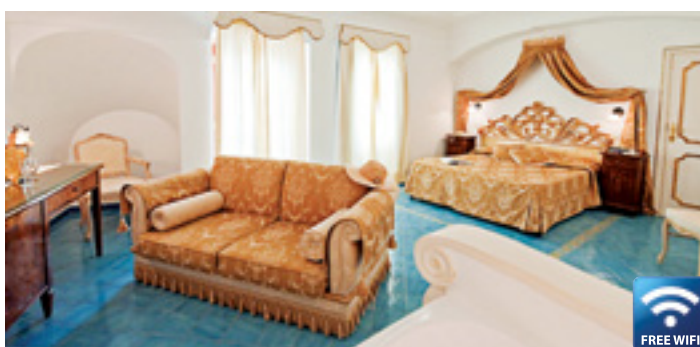
The Positano Art Hotel Pasitea is a beautiful hotel enjoying a peaceful surrounding, houses in a traditional Mediterranean structure, which boasts magnificent views to the sea from its idyllic position. It sits overlooking the gulf of Naples, on the rock of Positano. The historical centre is approximately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

★★★★



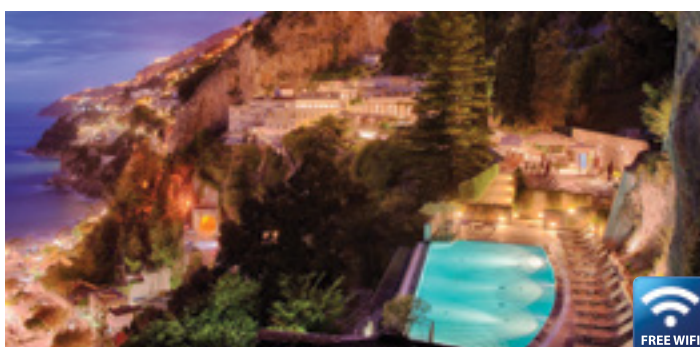
This splendid Hotel is an 8 minute walk from the town's main piazza. Exceptional views over the Amalfi Coast and the Tyrrhenian Sea. Offers pool, excellent restaurant and a private beach which can be reached by stairs or a lift, also a bar, parking facilities and spacious public lounge area. Provides 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. Nearly all 53 rooms face the sea and are decorated in neutral tones and elegant furnishings. Two first class restaurants, an outdoor pool, gym and 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 spectacular views 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



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# Italy by Car

Our pre planned self-drive programs showcase the most popular and well balanced itineraries of Italy including Sicily. They include the car rental with unlimited km and pre booked hotel accommodation and some activities like Pizza making in Naples or Olive tasting in Ravello. The hotels included are 4 star.

Due to space limitation only sample itineraries are presented. Please contact us and make your self drive holiday as short or as long as you wish.



## The Southern Dream 4 Days

**Departs:** Daily 17 Apr-27 Oct 2024

### Day 1: Rome-Naples (250km)

In the morning, pick up the rental car at Fiumicino airport or Termini station. Depart for Naples. Along the way, stop for a walk in the Reggia di Caserta, the largest royal residence in the world, UNESCO Heritage Site. Continue to Naples, *OPTIONAL: Naples walking tour*

### Day 2: Naples-Positano-Sorrento (78km)

Drive to the famous archaeological site of Pompeii: Continue onto Positano, which deserves at least one stop for a photo op from above. Finally you will reach Sorrento, the capital of Limoncello, located on the opposite side of the Bay of Naples.

*OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Full day Excursion Pompeii*

### Day 3: Sorrento-Ravello-Amalfi-Sorrento (77km)

Drive to Ravello the small village suspended 350 metres above the sea. Recommend a stop to taste the area's aromatic olive oil. On the way back to Sorrento, don't miss Amalfi: admiring Piazza del Duomo and the imposing Cathedral of St. Andrew. Take your time to discover the town that gives its name to the entire coast, get lost in its alleys and lemon scent. In the late afternoon return to Sorrento.

*OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Amalfi Lemon Classic Tour*

### Day 4: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento

Tour of Capri island (minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation in Sorrento - Pier, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board).

### Day 5: Sorrento-Rome (255km)

At the end of the day, drop-off of the rental car at Roma Fiumicino Airport or Roma Termini Rail Station.



### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 and drop off day 5
- 4 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (1 in Naples and 3 in Sorrento)
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- 4 Breakfasts
- Pizza making cooking class in Naples
- 1 olive oil tasting in Ravello area
- Tour of Capri island \* (minibus tour to visit the island, round trip transportation Hotel in Sorrento - Pier, daily trip with Gozzo Sorrentino around Capri with welcome drink on board);

*Optional: Blue Grotto entrance (sea conditions permitting), lunch.*

from  
A\$2622  
per person  
twin share

## The Northern Pearls 6 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-26 Oct 2024

### Day 1: Milan-Maggiore Lake-Lake Como (200km)

In the morning, pick up the rental car at Milan Malpensa airport or Central Station. Depart towards Stresa, the pearl of Maggiore Lake. A lake cruise is planned here to discover the Borromean Islands. A visit to Isola Bella goes perfectly with a visit to Isola Madre, which is larger and even more exotic, featuring lush vegetation thanks to botanical species from all over the world.

At the end of the boat cruise, return to Stresa and from here you continue to the Hotel.

### Day 2: Lake Como

Depart for Tremezzina on the lake to visit Villa Carlotta, the interior of the museum and the magnificent gardens. Rest of the day at leisure to visit the towns that line the lake, such as Tremezzo, Cernobbio etc. Stop at Bellagio recommended.

*OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: Como Private Mini-Cruise*

### Day 3: Como Lake-Garda Lake-Brescia Area (183km)

Depart for Lake Garda towards Sirmione, the pearl of Lake Garda. Here there is a short boat cruise on the lake that will allow you to admire what was once Maria Callas's villa, the ruins of an ancient Roman villa, Catullus's Caves, Boiardo's sulfur spring and finally the Scaliger Castle from an unusual perspective. At the end of the day, departure for the hotel located in the Brescia area.

### Day 4: Brescia Area-Iseo Lake-Brescia Area (40km)

Day at leisure to explore the surroundings on your own. Our suggestion is to reach Lake Iseo just 20 km from your hotel.

### Day 5: Brescia Area-Franciacorta-Milan (100km)

Depart in the direction of Milan, which you will reach in the evening. Along the way pass through our Sparkling Valley. Here, a tasting awaits you with a visit to one of the many wineries producing "Metodo Classico Italiano." Continuing on to Milan, stop in Bergamo.

### Day 6: Milan

Free day to visit the city. You can opt for a guided tour of the centre, which reaches the main symbols of the city, such as the Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, the "Teatro alla Scala" and the Castello Sforzesco. Alternatively, you can take an in-depth visit to the "Teatro alla Scala". At the end of the day, return the car to Milan airport or Central Station.



### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 and drop off day 6 in Milan
- 5 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (2 in Lake Como, 2 in Brescia & 1 in Milan)
- 5 Breakfasts
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- Wine tasting in Franciacorta
- Public boat to Isola Bella, Isola Madre (Lake Maggiore)
- Entrance fee to Villa Carlotta in Tremezzina
- 1 Garda Lake Regular boat trip

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# Authentic Apulia

7 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-25 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Naples-Vesuvius Mountain-Salerno area (80km)**

In the morning, pick up the rental car at Naples airport.

**Day 2: Salerno area-Matera-Conversano (300km)**

**Day 3: Conversano-Alberobello-Conversano (80km)**

Optional: Alberobello walking tour

**Day 4: Conversano-Ostuni-Otranto-Lecce (235km)**

**Day 5: Lecce**

**Day 6: Lecce-Manduria-Polignano a Mare-Bari (220km)**

**Day 6: Bari**

Free day to visit the city. At the end of the day, drop-off of the rental car at the airport.



## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 in Naples and drop off day 7 in Bari
- 6 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (1 in Salerno, 2 in Conversano, 2 in Lecce, 1 in Bari)
- 6 Breakfasts
- One way fee
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- 1 light lunch at Vesuvius Mountain area
- Entrance ticket to Vesuvius Mountain National Park
- 1 wine tasting in Alberobello & 1 at Wine Museum in Manduria
- Ride in an Apoe Collesino in Matera

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**A\$2344**  
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# Charming Lakes & Riviera

8 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-24 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Venice-Verona-Sirmione-Milan (310km)**

In the morning, pickup of the rental car at Venice airport and drive to Verona.

Optional walking tour of Verona.

Afternoon continue to Sirmione the pearl of Lake Garda where a short boat cruise on the lake is included. Continue to Milan for overnight.

**Day 2: Milan-Tremezina-Como-Bellagio-Milan (220km)**

Optional: Milan walking tour, Como private Mini-Cruise

**Day 3: Milan-Stresa-Maggiore Lake-Turin (232km)**

Drive to Stresa. A lake cruise is planned here to discover the Borromean Islands. Drive to Turin.

Optional: Turin walking tour & Egyptian Museum or Turin Tour with Royal Palace

**Day 4: Turin-Barolo-Alba-Asti-Turin (172km)**

Optional: honey tasting and lunch in Langhe Area

**Day 5: Turin-Genova-La Spezia (130km)**

Optional: Genoa walking tour

**Day 6: La Spezia-Cinque Terre-La Spezia**

**Day 7: La Spezia-Lucca-Perugia (298km)**

Optional: Venice Walking Tour With Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica; Wine Tour & Cicchetti, Venice Walking Tour With Gondola Ride

**Day 8: Perugia-Rome (260km)**

At the end of the day, drop-off of the rental car at the airport.



## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 in Venice and drop off day 8 in Rome
- 7 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (2 in Milan, 2 in Turin, 2 in La Spezia, 1 in Perugia)
- 7 Breakfasts
- One way fee
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- 1 regular boat ticket on lake Garda
- Public boat to Isola Bella, Isola Madre (lake Maggiore)
- 1 entrance ticket to Villa Carlota
- 1 entrance ticket to Wimy Wine Museum in Barolo
- Genoa Rickshaw Tour
- 1 Cinque Terre Train Card

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**A\$2736**  
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twin share

# The Green Heart

8 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-24 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Rome-Orvieto-Perugia-Sienna Area (300km)**

In the morning, pickup of the rental car at Fiumicino airport or Termini station

**Day 2: Sienna Area-Val d'orcia-Montalcino-Bagno Vignoni-Pienza-Montepulciano-Siena (150km)**

**Day 3: Sienna-Chianti-San Casciano in Val Di Pesa-Florence (120km)**

**Day 4: Florence-Bologna (110km)**

Optional: Florence walking tour with Accademia Gallery; Florence walking tour with Uffizi Gallery

**Day 5: Bologna-Modena-Bologna (210km)**

**Day 6: Bologna-Ferrara-Treviso (190km)**

Optional: Ferrara walking tour

**Day 7: Treviso area**

Optional: Venice Walking Tour With Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica; Wine Tour & Cicchetti, Venice Walking Tour With Gondola Ride

**Day 8: Treviso area-Venice (40km)**

At the end of the day, drop-off of the rental car at the airport.



## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 and drop off day 6 in Milan
- 5 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (2 in Lake Como, 2 in Brescia & 1 in Milan)
- 5 Breakfasts
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- Wine tasting in Franciacorta
- Public boat to Isola Bella, Isola Madre (Lake Maggiore)
- Entrance fee to Villa Carlotta in Tremezzina
- 1 Garda Lake Regular boat trip

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# Flavours of Sicily

9 Days

**Departs:** Daily 1 Apr-23 Oct 2024

**Day 1: Catania-Etna area (40km)**

Pick rental car at Catania Airport and drive to Mount Etna. Overnight stay is on the slopes of the volcano, a wine resort surrounded by vineyards. On arrival be greeted with a tasting of local wines.

**Day 2: Etna-Taormina-Etna (80km)**

Discover Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe at 3,350 metres.

**Day 3: Etna-Siracusa (100km)**

Depart for Siracusa, the former Greek colony in Sicily. This afternoon explore the islet of Ortigia, the heart of the city, with its splendid Baroque cathedral and the historic Arethusa Fountain.

**Day 4: Siracusa-Not-Marzamemi-Siracusa (120km)**

Drive to Noto, the 'capital of the Sicilian Baroque', with its richly decorated churches, noble palaces and elegant wrought-iron balconies. This afternoon, we recommend visiting Marzamemi, away from the crowds where the sea is crystal clear.

**Day 5: Siracusa-Ragusa-Agrigento (230km)**

Departure for Ragusa, the cradle of the Sicilian late-baroque style.

**Day 6: Agrigento-Alcarno (120km)**

Visit Valley of the Temples recommended. An overnight stay is scheduled in a wine resort surrounded by greenery.

**Day 7: Alcamo-Marsala-Alcarno (140km)**

Drive to the area rich in salt marshes. For lunch, a wine tasting at a historic winery in the area is included, combined with local gastronomic products.

**Day 8: Alcamo-Palermo (90km)**

**Day 9: Palermo**

Return of the car at the airport.



## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Self drive program
- Car rental Intermediate Automatic pick up day 1 in Catania and drop off day 8 in Palermo
- 8 Nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (4 in farmhouses, 2 in Siracusa, 1 in Agrigento, 1 in Palermo)
- 8 Breakfasts
- One way fee
- Unlimited Km. Basic standard coverage with liability and kasko insurance with deductible (CDW), RCA insurance, vehicle license fee
- 1 Wine tasting experience in the Etna Volcano area
- 1 visit to winery with tasting of organic wines in Alcamo
- 1 food and wine tasting in Marsala
- Street food tour in Palermo

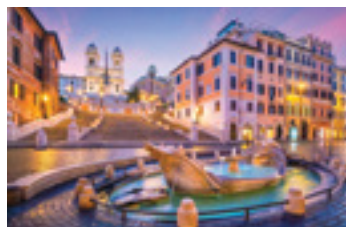
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# Italy General Information



## 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 skydiving 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 2024

1 Jan – New Years Day  
6 Jan – Epiphany  
31 Mar – Easter  
1 Apr – Easter Monday  
25 Apr – Liberation Day  
1 May – Labour Day  
2 Jun – Republic Day  
15 Aug – Assumption of Mary  
15 Aug – Ferragosto  
1 Nov – All Saint's Day  
8 Dec – Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
25 Dec – Christmas Day  
26 Dec – St Stephen's 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.

# Booking Conditions

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement of travel arrangements for your trip. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you making a booking request. "You" and "Your" means all persons named in a booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us", "our" and "Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre/ Luxury Greece Collection" means Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd.

If these Booking Conditions are published in a brochure, then please note the information contained in the brochure may alter from time to time due to changes that are beyond the control of the operators and their agents. These changes may affect prices, duration of tours, itineraries, contents, etc. Information contained in the brochure has been carefully checked and to the best of our knowledge is correct at the time of publishing. Prices and conditions of travel are subject to change without notice.

## VALIDITY:

Brochure is valid 1 January 2024 to 31 October 2024, unless dates under individual land components state otherwise.

## HOW TO BOOK:

Contact your Travel Agent or Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd to make your reservations.

A booking request is accepted when we issue a written booking confirmation. It is at this point that a contract between us and you comes into existence subject to these Booking Conditions. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion. No employee of ours other than a director has the authority to vary or omit any of these Booking Conditions or to promise any discount, refund or credit.

Confirmed bookings will be issued with an invoice upon confirmation detailing all services booked. It is your responsibility to ensure all details are correct. The right is reserved to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated for any service notwithstanding that the invoice may have been paid in full.

## SERVICES

The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control. This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

## PRICES & EXCLUSIONS

Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication unless otherwise indicated. We also sometimes invoice in Euro or New Zealand dollars. The price includes accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. International and domestic airfares and airport/hotel transfers are not included unless specifically stated. Costs associated with passports, visas, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Selling prices for our products are calculated to include, but not limited to, research, brochure preparation, printing and distribution, communication costs, postage, courier fees, bank charges, currency transfers and remuneration to the travel agents. The prices do not imply that same or similar products may or may not be available at a different price if obtained from another source. Prices shown may not be valid during trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses.

## PRICE SURCHARGES

In the event of exchange rate fluctuations, the costs are subject to change without notice. In case of increases in the prices of service beyond our control including fuel surcharges, entrance fees, local taxes etc we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly at any time up until the delivery of service irrespective if the payment has been received in full or not. Some overseas suppliers might charge a handling fee to supply a particular service. You will be informed about it at the time of booking.

## DEPOSIT

A 10% deposit per person or \$300 (whichever is the greater), is required within 7 days (unless otherwise stated) of us accepting your booking. The deposit represents a fee payable to us for services associated with the processing and confirmation of your booking and any consultations on travel arrangements that we may provide to you. Because these services are provided as soon as we confirm your booking, the deposit is non-refundable other than where we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure (see below).

Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable.

Some products may require higher deposit in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed.

## FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be received by the date(s) reflected on your invoice. We are under no obligation to remind you of a payment becoming due. If we fail to receive a payment from you by the due date for payment in clear funds, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you (see below). Note: some trips may require payment (including full payment) earlier or in additional instalments and this will be advised with the booking confirmation.

For late bookings (bookings within 45 days of departure), full payment is required at the time of request. You acknowledge that we may not be able to confirm services, in which case we will provide you with a refund.

## CANCELLATIONS BY YOU

### General Cancellations

If you wish to cancel your trip for other reasons than as set out below, we require written notice and will make refunds to you less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice:

**Ferry Tickets:** All ferry tickets are not refundable once paid in full regardless of date of cancellation.

### Other Services:

- Over 45 days before commencement: Deposit and any instalment payments only
- 45 days to 31 days before commencement: 50% of the booking value
- Within 30 days or no show 100% of the booking value

Certain products might be subject to additional cancellation fees in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed.

### Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the

credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

**Ferry Tickets:** All ferry tickets are not refundable once paid in full regardless of date of cancellation.

### Other Services:

- More than 45 days before commencement: 25% of the Excess Payment
- 45 days to 31 days before commencement: 50% of the Excess Payment
- Within 30 days or no show 100% of the Excess Payment

Certain products might be subject to additional cancellation fees in excess of the above. This will be advised at the time your reservation is confirmed. Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all bookings.

## New or changed quarantine requirements

If after we confirm your booking: (a) new or changed quarantine requirements are imposed by government authorities either in a destination you are due to visit or in your home State or county and these remain in effect 60 days before commencement of travel arrangements booked with us; and (b) these new or changed quarantine requirements make it reasonably impractical for you to travel; then (c) you may give us written notice to cancel your trip not less than 45 days prior to commencement of the first arrangement.

If you cancel travel arrangements in these circumstances, then we will refund payments made by you less: (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred by us in relation to your travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of your travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to your travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

## General

You agree that the deductions and cancellation charges specified above are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests.

For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date at your request is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking.

## ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL

If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19) or vaccination requirements:

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking.

We will not be responsible for any other loss or loss you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

## CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US

In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

### Force Majeure – Prior to travel

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

### Force Majeure – During travel

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

### Force Majeure – General

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

## Other cancellations

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate.

We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

## AMENDMENTS BY YOU

We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers.



# Booking Conditions (continued)

## AMENDMENTS BY US

### Prior to travel

Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

### During travel

You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

### General

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications.

If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept.

We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

## UNUSED & DENIED SERVICES

No refunds will be made for any travel arrangements not utilised, whether by choice or because of late arrival or early departure. This includes the failure of transport to operate according to schedule, which we disclaim responsibility for.

If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

## CLIENT NAMES – EXACTLY AS PER PASSPORT

For security reasons, airlines and our overseas suppliers require names to be given exactly as stated in your passport. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Travel Documents cannot be issued until full payment is received and will be available no later than 14 days prior to departure. All documents for bookings under \$2000 will be available in electronic format only. For last minute bookings paid less than 14 days prior to client's departure, the documents will be provided in electronic format regardless of the value of the services.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

## ACCOMMODATION

We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

## INFORMATION & DESCRIPTIONS

Rooms and scenes shown are representative of those featured in various programs but are not necessarily supplied or visited. Hotel locations on maps are a guide only as maps are not to scale. Hotel gradings are those suggested by relevant local authorities or our representatives and may vary from Tourist Office gradings. The quality of hotels overseas may differ from Australian standards. In general terms rooms can be smaller and fairly basic, particularly those in the lower categories. If you prefer a superior degree of comfort, please select a higher category of accommodation. Specific bedding arrangements can be requested but cannot be confirmed or guaranteed.

## PASSPORTS, VISAS

It is a requirement that you hold a valid passport and any required visas for your trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the necessary documentation to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries to be visited.

## VACCINATIONS

We strongly encourage you to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. This is so health risks for yourself and others you come into contact with can be mitigated. Subject to the Illness or Vaccination Status Preventing Travel section above, if you choose to travel without being fully vaccinated, then you do so accepting the implicit risks to your health and you agree to provide us with waivers and releases as we may require.

It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the trip. Any information provided by us is given in good faith.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice.

If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide.

We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

## DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Special dietary requests are required to be notified to us at the time of booking. Although we will use reasonable endeavours to accommodate requests, we cannot guarantee requests will be met by suppliers. It is your responsibility to check that meals and beverages do not contain any allergens. We expressly disclaim any liability for meals or beverages that contain allergens.

## AUTHORITY ON TOUR

When joining a group tour, you undertake to conduct yourself in a manner conducive to good group dynamics. If you act in a manner that threatens or disrupts the safety or enjoyment of others on the tour, the tour leader may, acting reasonably, require that you leave the tour. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

## MINIMUM NUMBERS

Some trips are based on a minimum number of passengers travelling. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking if this is the case. If a trip fails to satisfy minimum numbers, the trip may be cancelled. If the trip is cancelled, we will at your election refund you all payments made or credit payments towards alternative arrangements. We will not be responsible for any other travel arrangements affected by, or any additional costs incurred, as a result of cancellation.

## IMAGE RELEASE

When on tour, we may take photographs or make recordings of you and your activities that identify you. We reserve the right to use any images and/or recordings for promotional and marketing purposes. You consent to this use and acknowledge you will not be entitled to any payment or other compensation. If you do not consent to the use of your image or likeness, please advise us at least 21 days prior to the commencement of your tour.

## INDEPENDENT SERVICES

We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

## ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers.

You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

## RESPONSIBILITY

### Services supplied by independent suppliers

Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (**Independent Supplier**) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier. Any claims you have in this regard must be made against the Independent Supplier. You acknowledge that the Independent Supplier's liability to you may be limited by their own terms and conditions.

### Services we directly supply

To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care.

We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or where the supplier is not an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do.

We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure.

While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

### General liability limitation

You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia.

Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having them resupplied.

## COMPLAINTS

In the event of a problem with any aspect of your travel arrangements you must tell us or make our representative or our local supplier aware of such problems immediately.

We will only consider and be responsible for claims made against us where we or our suppliers have had the opportunity to put things right on the ground. If you notify us of a problem during travel and we haven't resolved it to your satisfaction, then you must make any claim in writing within 30 days from the end of your travel arrangements.

## DEEMED ACCEPTANCE

If you place a booking on behalf of another party, you represent and warrant us that you are duly authorised to provide the agreement and consent of the other party to be bound by these Booking Conditions. You agree that you will be responsible for any loss or damage we incur if this is not the case.

## GENERAL

The contract between Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre Pty Ltd trading as Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre or Luxury Greece Collection and you is governed by the laws of the State of New South Wales. Any disputes shall be dealt with by a court with the appropriate jurisdiction in New South Wales.

If any provision of these Booking Conditions is found to be unenforceable, then to the extent possible it will be severed without affecting the remaining provisions.

Any personal information you provide to us will be collected, stored, used, protected and shared in accordance with Australian Privacy Principles, and our Privacy Policy, which is published here [www.greecemedtravel.com.au](http://www.greecemedtravel.com.au)

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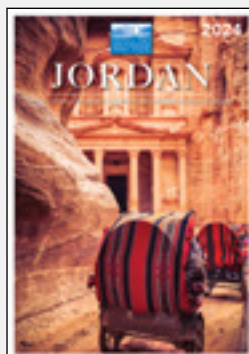
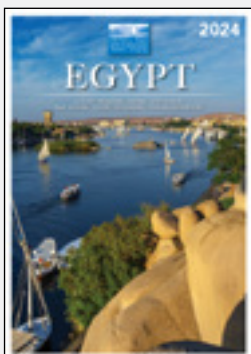
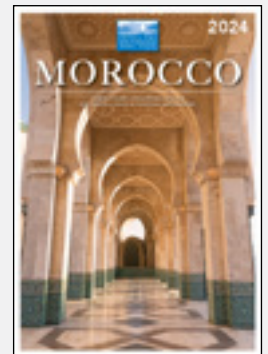
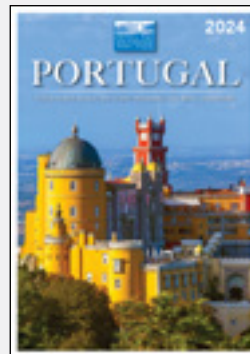
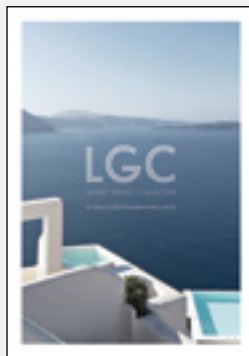
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