



CHARMING & MEDIEVAL ITALY

Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Padua, Venice, Tuscany, Rome
8 Days 7 Nights (Program no. 2/2)



Italy a living museum and UNESCO World Heritages Sites are abundant here. "Rome is the result of 3000 years of ad hoc urban development, Rome's cityscape is an exhilarating sight. Ancient icons such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Pantheon recall the city's golden age as caput mundi (capital of the world), while monumental basilicas tell of its history as seat of the Catholic Church. Lording it over the skyline, St Peter's Basilica towers over the Vatican, testifying to the ambition of Rome's Renaissance popes and the genius of its game-changing architects. Elsewhere, ornate piazzas and showy fountains add a baroque flourish to the city's captivating streets".

... Florence and the ancient Signoria dei Medici is the preeminent cradle of culture and art; Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower; Santa Maria Novella; Palazzo Vecchio, and the Uffizi Gallery, Arno River and Ponte Vecchio...

Discover San Gimignano rolling hills covered with rows of grapevines, terra cotta roofs, and fortified towers ...

Siena was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site...famous for its cuisine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio...

Chianti offers a unique landscape, with green, gentle hills covered with wide fields of vineyards and olive groves, small stone villages, characteristic parishes and countryside homes in stone.

Venice, the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands. Romantic canals, gondola rides, bridges, and 17th-century palazzi overlooking the water are simply Artistic masterpieces. "Venice and its Lagoon" site was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1987. Admire the Grand Canal lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces; Piazza San Marco, St. Mark's Basilica; Campanile bell tower; Doge's Palace; Galleria dell'Accademia; Rialto foot bridge.

Tour Highlight:

Day 1: ROME: Turtle Fountain, Jewish Getto, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza di Spagna.

Day 2: ASSISI - SIENA: Assisi: Basilica St Francis on your own. Siena: Palio, Piza Del Campo.

Day 3: FLORENCE: Santa Maria Del Fiore, Campanile Tower, Piazza/Palazzo della Signora, Basilica Santa Croce. Lunch.

Day 4: BOLOGNA - PADUA: Bologna: walking tour to piazzas: Nettuno, Maggiore, Renzo Palace, San Petronio Basilica, Padua: San Antonio Basilica.

Day 5: VENICE: walking tour: Piazza San Marco, Palazzo Dei Dogi, Bridge of Sighs. Spritz.

Day 6: TUSCANY: Val di Chiana, Montepulciano. Lunch.

Day 7: ROME: Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St Peter Square.



Package is quoted in **EURO Per Person** and includes:

- ✈️ 3-Night accommodation in **ROME** in 4-star hotels.
- ✈️ 2-Night accommodation in **FLORENCE** in 4-star hotels.
- ✈️ 2-Night accommodation in **VENICE** in 4-star hotels.
- ✈️ Bed and Breakfast basis in Standard Rooms.
- 🚗 Round Trip Transfer from/to Airport.
- 🚗 Transportation by deluxe motor coach.
- 🗣️ Monolingual tour-escort in English.
- 🗣️ Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary (Rome, Florence, Venice).
- 🗣️ Visit also Assisi, Siena, Bologna, Padua, Tuscany wine region
- 🍽️ 4 Meals as per itinerary (please inform us at the moment of the booking, in case of any food allergy or alimentary restriction):
- 🍽️ Day 2: Dinner in Florence.
- 🍽️ Day 3: Traditional lunch.
- 🍽️ Day 4: Dinner in Venice.
- 🍽️ Day 6: Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano.
- 🍦 Gelato
- 🍷 Spritz and Cicchetti experience in Venice (light lunch).
- 🚗 Rome by night (Day 1: *sightseeing tour* ^{TBC}).
- 🚗 Entrance tickets to Vatican Museums, and St. Peter's Basilica with "Skip the Line" (Day 7).
- 🗣️ Guided tour in Florence.
- 🏠 Travel insurance covering Covid.
- ✈️ Free accommodation for children up to 6 years old sharing the room with their parents.
- ✈️ Validity of Prices, 3 Seasons: Low Season, Shoulder Season, High Season.
- 🚫 Package excludes airline ticket.

Package Excludes:

- 🚫 Drinks with meals.
- 🚫 Tips.

LOW SEASON & DEPARTURE DATES	
January 2024	7, 21
February 2024	4, 18
March 2024	3, 17

No. Nights	City	4-Star Hotel Names	Low Season	Double/Triple	Single
1N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel		€ 1,362	€ 1,740
2N	Florence	Raffaello Hotel			
2N	Venice	Delfino Hotel			
2N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel			

SHOULDER SEASON & DEPARTURE DATES	
August 2024	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

No. Nights	City	4-Star Hotel Names	Shoulder Season	Double/Triple	Single
1N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel		€ 1,624	€ 2,102
2N	Florence	Raffaello Hotel			
2N	Venice	Delfino Hotel or Tritone Hotel or Antony Hotel			
2N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel			



HIGH SEASON & DEPARTURE DATES	
March 2024	24, 31
April 2024	7, 14, 21, 28
May 2024	3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19*, 24, 26, 31
June 2024	2, 7, 9*, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
July 2024	5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21*, 26, 28
August 2024	23, 25, 30
September 2024	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22*, 27, 29
October 2024	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27

No. Nights	City	4-Star Hotel Names	High Season	Double/Triple	Single
1N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel		€ 1,748	€ 2,302
2N	Florence	Raffaello Hotel			
2N	Venice	Delfino Hotel or Tritone Hotel or Antony Hotel			
2N	Rome	St. Martin Hotel or Diana Roof Garden Hotel			

ROME: 4* ST. MARTIN HOTEL Adress: Via San Martino della Battaglia, 58 www.stmartinroma.com	FLORENCE: 4* RAFFAELLO HOTEL Adress: Viale Morgagni 19 Web www.raffaellohotel.it	VENICE: 4* DELFINO HOTEL Adress: Corso del Popolo, 211, 30172, Mestre (Italy) www.hoteldelfino-mestre.com/it/hotel/
<i>Located a few meters from Piazza della Repubblica and in front of the Castro Pretorio metro station.</i>	<i>Located at the entrance to the city, it is the ideal starting point for visiting Florence</i>	<i>Just 10meters from the bus stop; approximately 300meters from the train stations</i>

Important Notices:

- ✦ Fares are subject to change according to Availability at the Time of Booking.
- ✦ The Itinerary or activities might be subject to change in light of logistic and/or technical issues.
- ✦ In case the mentioned hotel is unavailable, then alternate hotel of similar category will be provided.
- ✦ Package price excludes City tax for overnight stays to be apid Directly at the hotels (per city council rules)
- ✦ Package price excludes entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- ✦ Prices do not include Tips, Porterage ...
- ✦ In case of loss or damage of the headsets, a charge of 65 € will be imposed per device.
- ✦ For Alternative Packages throughout Italy, please email us.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ROME

Rome Welcome to Rome! Meet the driver and transfer to the hotel.

- 07:45PM, pick-up from hotel and 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 neighborhoods, 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**. The Jewish Ghetto of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine!
- Then 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 through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away.
- Next Stop...Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder 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. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top!
- After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to end this experience: relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato, it's on us! The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Return to the hotel on your own and overnight stay.

DAY 2 | B, D ROME · ASSISI · SIENA · FLORENCE



- 07:45M, pick-up from hotel by a 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**, where you will see masterpieces by **Giotto** and **Cimabue** and, then, have free time for lunch (not included).
- Board on the bus to reach **Siena**, an **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, world-known for the **Palio** (the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square, **Piazza del Campo**).
- Journey to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

DAY 3 | B, L - FLORENCE



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- Breakfast, wander around beautiful Florence, the “**Cradle of Renaissance**”, when Michelangelo’s 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.
 - You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as **Santa Maria del Fiore**, more commonly referred to as the **Duomo**. Contemplate its magnificent dome built by **Filippo Brunelleschi**.
 - 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 della Signoria** (also known as **Palazzo Vecchio**), and the **Basilica of Santa Croce**.
 - Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Free afternoon at leisure. You can stroll Florence cobblestone streets.
 - Optional: Take a short trip to Pisa, one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa’s symbol “the Leaning Tower” and the Baptistery.
- Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence.

DAY 4 | B, D FLORENCE · BOLOGNA · PADUA · VENICE



- Breakfast in Florence, then departure to **Bologna**. Discover the elegant city center with its “porticos”, it’s shopping streets....
- From **Piazza Malpighi** you will walk towards the heart of the city, to **Piazza del Nettuno** and **Piazza Maggiore** (Neptune square and Major square). Continue along **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, head to 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 and overnight stay.

DAY 5 | B VENICE



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- Breakfast then transfer to **Piazza San Marco**. Visit the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: **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 with the company of your tour leader.
- Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice’s canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel and overnight.

DAY 6 | B, L VENICE. TUSCANY WINE REGION (MONTEPULCIANO). ROME



- Breakfast, then departure from **Piazzale Roma** 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, on 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, you will arrive in Rome to check in into your hotel.



DAY 7 | B ROME



- Between 7:45AM - 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!
- No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll 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**. 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 stay.

DAY 8 | B ROME

- Breakfast then transfer to airport.

FLORENCE: SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore	Piazza della Signoria	Basilica of Santa Maria Novella	Brunelleschi's dome	Museo di Palazzo Davanzati
Uffizi Gallery	Palazzo Vecchio	Basilica of Santa Croce in Florence	Cappelle Medicee	Ponte Vecchio
Palatine Gallery	Pitti Palace	Basilica di San Lorenzo	Laurentian Medici Library	The Boboli Gardens
Accademia Gallery	Strozzi Palace	Basilica of Santa Croce in Florence	The Baptistery of St. John	Grotta del Buontalenti

Walking tour & monuments: **Piazza Della Signoria** with the town hall **Palazzo Vecchio**, **Duomo**, **Baptistery** with its 'Gates of Paradise', Giotto's independent **bell tower**, **Brunelleschi's Dome**, **Santa Trinita** and **Orsanmichele Church**, **Pontevecchio Bridge** and the secret **Vasari Corridor**, as well as famous shopping streets.

SIENNA:

SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

Siena's Cathedral	Palazzo Pubblico
Duomo Crypt	Torre del Mangia
The Baptistery of St. John (San Giovanni)	Pinacoteca Nazionale
Piazza del Campo	Porta dei Pispiri
The Palio di Siena	

PADUA:

SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

The Basilica of St. Anthony	Piazza dei Signori
Padua Cathedral	Prato della Valle (90,000 m ² elliptical square)
The Church of the Eremitani	University of Padua Botanical Garden
Ragione Palace	Villa Pisani National Museum



ROME: SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

Colosseum	Pantheon	Piazza Navona	Castel Sant'Angelo	Villa Borghese
St. Peter's Basilica & St. Peter's Square	Trevi Fountain	Piazza del Popolo	Palatine Hill	Villa d'Este
Sistine Chapel	Fiumi Fountain	Piazza Venezia	Baths of Caracalla	Hadrian's Villa
Vatican Museum	Spanish Steps	Piazza di Spagna	Altar of the Fatherland	Villa Medici
Basilica Papale di Santa Maria Maggiore	Via Veneto & Via del Corso	Piazza Venezia	Domus Aurea	Pincio Promenade
Basilica Papale San Paolo fuori le Mura	Roman Forum	Quirinal Palace	Trajan's Column & Trajan's Market	Imperial Forum
Arch of Constantine	Circus Maximus	Palazzo Barberini	St. Angelo Bridge	National Roman Museum, Baths of Diocletian
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VENICE: SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

St. Mark's Basilica and St. Mark's Campanile	Ponte di Rialto (Rialto Bridge)	Murano island	Peggy Guggenheim Collection	Santa Maria dei Miracoli
Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square)	Scuola Grande di San Rocco	Burano island	Gallerie dell'Accademia	Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari
Palazzo Ducale (Doge's Palace)	Ca' d'Oro	Torcello island	The Arsenal and the Museum of Naval History	Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute
Canale Grande (Grand Canal)	Palazzo Rezzonico	Lido	Bridge of Sighs	Museo Correr
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BOLOGNA: SOME OF THE SITES TO SEE

Bologna Historic District	Palazzo dei Notai	Statue of Neptune, Piazza Nettuno	Seven Little Secrets of Bologna	
Famous Porticoes of Bologna (UNESCO)	Palazzo d'Accursio		Little Venice (underground canals). Best view from window on Via Piella	Panum Resis in the University
Bologna Jewish Ghetto	Saint Petronius Basilica	Gastronomy at the Quadrilatero	Canabis Protectio	Arrows on the Ceiling Under the Portico of Corte Isolani
Palazzo dei Banchi	Piazza Maggiore	Walk and Shop on Via Rizzoli	Asinelli Tower (broken pot)	cordless antique phone (whispering into the walls opposite corners)
			Neptune's Finger Illusion	

