

ITALY, The Beating Heart of Italy

Rome. Florence. Venice. Padua. San Marino. Gubbio. Perugia. Assisi. Rome
8 Days 7 Nights



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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”.

... 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...

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.

Trip Highlights:

Day 2: Rome, panoramic tour of the Eternal City

Day 4: Rome. Florence (stunning landscapes of historical towns)

Day 5: Florence. Venice (canals, St Mark’ Square, Murano glass factory)

Day 7: Venice. Padua. San Marino. Gubbio. Perugia (Padua basilica, San Marino, Gubbio palace & cathedral)

Trip Map:



Holiday in the heart of Italia quoted in US Dollars per person and includes:

- ✈️ 03-Night accommodation in ROME at a 4-star Ergife Hotel
- ✈️ 01-Night accommodation in FLORENCE at the 4-star NOVOTEL FIRENZE NORD Hotel
- ✈️ 02-Night accommodation in VENICE at the 4-star LUGANO TORRETTA Hotel or similar
- ✈️ 01-Night accommodation in PERUGIA at the 4-star PERUGIA PARK Hotel or similar
- 🛏️ Bed and Breakfast basis
- 🚗 Transfer Airport / Hotel only
- 🏞️ City Tour in Rome
- 🏞️ City Tour in Florence
- 🏞️ City Tour in Venice
- 🏞️ City Tour in Perugia
- 🚗 Evening Transfer: Trastevere in Rome
- 🚗 Transfer Michelangelo's viewpoint in Florence
- 🚤 Boat: Tronchetto - St Mark's Square - Tronchetto in Venice
- 🎫 Entrance ticket to Murano glass factory in Venice
- 🍽️ 1 Lunch or Dinner in Venice
- 🚗 Transfers by Bus
- 🗣️ English speaking guide
- 🛖 Travel insurance
- 📶 Free E-Sim card
- 🔄 Starts and ends in Rome
- 📅 Validity: April year 2025 till March year 2026
- 🚫 Package excludes air ticket

Period	Double/Twin	Single
Low Season	\$ 1,177	\$ 1,762
Mid Season	\$ 1,261	\$ 1,845
High Season	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,945

SELECTED HOTELS

City	No. Nights	Stars	Hotel Options
ROME	3N	4	ERGIFE
FLORENCE	1N	4	NOVOTEL FIRENZE NORD
VENICE	2N	4	LUGANO TORRETTA or DELFINO
PERUGIA	1N	4	PERUGIA PARK HOTEL or LA MERIDIANA or BEST WESTERN QUATTROTORRI or GIO ARTE E VINI

ESCORTED TOUR SCHEDULE & DATES (SUNDAYS)		
Months Y2025 & Y2026	Days	Seasons
Apr-25	06. 13. 20. 27	High
May-25	04. 11. 18. 25	High
Jun-25	01. 08. 15. 22. 29	High
Jul-25	06. 13. 20. 27	Mid
Aug-25	03. 10. 17. 24. 31	Mid
Sep-25	07. 14. 21. 28	High
Oct-25	05. 12. 19. 26	High
Nov-25	02. 09	Mid
Nov-25	16. 23. 30	Low
Dec-25	07. 14. 21	Low
Dec-25	28	High
Jan-26	04. 11. 18. 25	Low
Feb-26	01. 08. 15. 22	Low
Mar-26	01. 08. 15	Low
Mar-26	22. 29	Mid

Important Notices:

- ✦ These wallet-friendly programs are carefully priced to create "Budget Adventures" packages, that cater to budget-conscious travelers, backpackers, and globetrotters who wish to travel frequently and on a budget.
- ✦ Budget Adventures' packages cater to budget tourists with limited funds, yet offering high-quality hotels (which may not be centrally located), trips, and activities, ensuring excellent value for money.
- ✦ Prices are subject to change according to Availability at the Date and Time of booking.
- ✦ Transfers from Hotel to Airport at the end of the tour(s) is NOT included.
- ✦ The Itinerary or activities might be subject to change in light of logistic, technical issues, and/or trip experience.
- ✦ The list of Selected Hotels is final and cannot be changed. No alternative accommodations can be requested unless otherwise decided by the Suppliers.
- ✦ Room categories are assigned according to availability at the date of booking.
- ✦ If you need additional nights, please contact us.
- ✦ The trip guide will only contact you when the included activities begin. At the reception, you will find an information board with our staff's telephone number and hours of assistance. Until then, you have free time to enjoy at your leisure. The hotel staff can assist you with any information you need.
- ✦ During your trip, your guide may offer optional activities, that should be booked in advance, as last minute decision may result in missed opportunities due to limited tickets, bus seats, or other factors.
- ✦ Distance in Kilometers, Schedules and Timing are on approximate and indicative basis.
- ✦ The guide may adjust them as needed to enhance the trip experience.
- ✦ Approximate Check-in time is: 14:00 and Check-out time 10:10am, depending on hotels and occupancy.
- ✦ Promotional rates may be applicable.
- ✦ Prices may fluctuate based on changes in the Euro/USD exchange rate.
- ✦ Kindly do the due diligence to go through the Hotel list: Check the hotel reviews, ranking, website, information, location and gallery to make an informed decision prior to booking.
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ITINERARY

DAY 1, SUNDAY: ROME

- Transfer to hotel, free time. In the afternoon, you'll find information about the start of your tour on the boards located at the hotel reception.

DAY 2, MONDAY: ROME



- 08:00 a.m. Walking and Panoramic tour (3H30MIN) of Italy's capital, Rome. The Eternal City is one of the oldest and most influential cities in Western civilization.
- Bus sightseeing tour: immerse yourself in this open-air museum, and contemplate the: Arch of Constantine, Colosseum (from the exterior), imperial forums, majestic basilicas, churches, passing by Tiber Island, Lungotevere Avenue, and Castel Sant'Angelo. The tour will finish at Vatican City, an independent state within Rome and the center of the Catholic Church.
- Continue to Piazza Venezia, a prominent monumental center and political symbol of the 20th and 21st centuries. The tour will include headphones to ensure you don't miss any details.
- Our tour will conclude at 12:00pm in the Vatican City, an independent state within Rome - the heart of the Catholic Church. We recommend visiting St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums.
- Afternoon free at leisure.
- In the evening, a transfer is arranged to Trastevere, a lively neighborhood known for its charming, traditional restaurants.

Tour's Details & Schedule:

- ⌚ 08:00 a.m.: Breakfast, then panoramic tour of approximately 3H 30min through Italy's capital, one of the oldest and most influential cities in Western civilization; an open-air museum in itself. Pass by landmarks e.g. Arch of Constantine, Roman Forums, Circus Maximus, Basilica of Saint Mary in Cosmedin with the Bocca della Verità (the Mouth of Truth), Republican Temples, Baths of Caracalla, Aurelian Walls, Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, Minor Basilica of Saint Mary in Domnica alla Navicella, Pyramid of Cestius, Porta San Paolo, Tiber Island, Lungotevere Avenue with the Babylonian-style Jewish Synagogue, and the exterior of Castel Sant'Angelo.
- ⌚ 12:00 p.m.: This tour ends in the Vatican City, an independent state within Rome and the heart of the Catholic Church. For those interested, our guide will offer an optional visit after the panoramic tour, providing deeper insight into St. Peter's Basilica and the most notable rooms of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Free afternoon.
- ⌚ 06:00 p.m.: Transfer to the popular Trastevere neighborhood, known for its charming restaurants and lively atmosphere. This district is rich in hidden gems, from quaint medieval churches and quirky shops selling unique items to everyday scenes of local life. You'll find many trattorias (casual eating establishments, typically less formal than a ristorante) and osterias (similar to taverns), each exuding Italian charm and ready to serve you authentic local dishes.
- ⌚ 08:30 p.m.: Return to hotel.

DAY 3, TUESDAY: ROME



Free day at leisure. We recommend an optional excursion to Naples, Capri, and Pompeii.

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DAY 4, WEDNESDAY: ROME - FLORENCE

Total distance covered: 320 km



- Journey to Florence, the capital of Tuscany. Photo stop at the Michelangelo viewpoint, one of the most stunning views of the city.
- Embark on a guided tour of the capital of Tuscany, one of the most visited cities in the country. This city, known as the cradle of the Renaissance, has inspired some of the most influential artists and thinkers in history, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Raphael.
- Marvel at the Gothic Cathedral (Duomo di Firenze), the ancient stone bridge (Ponte Vecchio) with its goldsmith stores and paved streets, Piazza della Signoria - the political heart of the city - with the town hall in a medieval building.
- Free time.
- We recommend comfortable shoes as the tour involves walking.

Tour's Details & Schedule:

- ⌚ 08:00 a.m.: Departure from Rome (time may vary, depending on the departure points).
- ⌚ 12:30 p.m.: Florence. Upon arrival, stop at the Michelangelo viewpoint. Embark on a sightseeing tour with a local guide to discover, Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance which was home for most influential artists and thinkers in history e.g. Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Raphael. Highlights: Duomo di Firenze, the historic Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria. We recommend visiting one of Florence impressive museums: Accademia Gallery or the Uffizi Gallery.

DAY 5, THURSDAY: FLORENCE - VENICE

Total distance covered: 310 km



- Depart early from Florence, head towards Northern Italy, crossing the Apennines.
- In Venice, take a boat transfer to the city center.
- Walking tour of the San Marco district, the Basilica and Campanile.
- Visit a Murano Glass Factory to admire traditional glass-working techniques.
- Accommodation will be in the Mestre area.

Tour's Details & Schedule:

- ⌚ 08:15 a.m.: Departure from Florence.
- ⌚ 12:00 p.m.: Arrival to Venice. Transfer to Tronchetto to take a private boat to the historic center of Venice. Cruise along the Giudecca Canal, admiring the stunning views of Venice. After lunch, a walking tour with a local guide, exploring St. Mark's Square, Basilica and Campanile. Visit a renowned Murano Glass Factory to see traditional glass-working techniques. Free time, our guide recommends taking a gondola ride.
- ⌚ 07:30 p.m.: Transfer back from San Marco district to the hotel (usually located in Mestre) on private boat.

DAY 6, FRIDAY: VENICE



Free day at leisure to explore Venice mesmerizing city and the surrounding islands (Murano, Burano, Lido).

Enrich your stay, few suggestions on visits and activities in Venice

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

DAY 7, SATURDAY: VENICE - PADUA - SAN MARINO - GUBBIO - PERUGIA

Total distance covered: 475 km



- Journey to Padua, a revered destination for many pilgrims, where we'll visit the magnificent Saint's Basilica.
- Continue to the stunning Adriatic coast, bringing us to San Marino, a charming independent country perched atop a fortified mountain.
- After lunch, we'll traverse the picturesque Apennines, soaking in the breathtaking mountain scenery as we head to Gubbio, a beautifully preserved town known for the impressive Palace of Consuls and the 12th century cathedral.
- Finally, we'll arrive in the enchanting city of Perugia.

Tour's Details & Schedule:

- ⌚ 07:30 a.m.: Departure from Venice.
- ⌚ 08:15 a.m.: Arrive to Padua, city of San Antonio, home to a beautiful medieval basilica that receives many pilgrims, with bustling streets in the center. Time to visit the Basilica.
- ⌚ 09:30 a.m.: Departure from Padua towards the Adriatic coast, then to San Marino, a tiny independent country surrounded by Italy.
- ⌚ 01:30 p.m.: San Marino. Free time at the top of the heavily fortified mountain. Time to stroll, have lunch, and do some shopping.
- ⌚ 04:00 p.m.: Departure from San Marino crossing Apennines' beautiful countryside.
- ⌚ 06:15 p.m.: Gubbio, a small preserved city, where the Palace of Consuls and the 12th century cathedral stand out. Time for a walk.
- ⌚ 07:30 p.m.: Departure from Gubbio.
- ⌚ 08:30 p.m.: Arrive to Perugia. Accommodation.

DAY 8, SUNDAY: PERUGIA - ASSISI - ROME

Total distance covered: 215 km



- In the heart of Umbria, Perugia awaits, a captivating medieval city. Panoramic tour of Perugia, a beautiful historic city, also known as the city of chocolate.
- We'll take the moving walkway up the rocky hill and enjoy exploring its charming squares and stone streets.
- Continue to Assisi, where we'll have time for lunch and to see the Basilica of Saint Francis. (Note: decent clothing is required for visiting the Basilica).
- Head to Rome to arrive in the afternoon.
- Please, check the time of your flight in case you might need an additional night. Transfer to Airport is Not included.

Tour's Details & Schedule:

- ⌚ 08:00 a.m.: Check-out from the hotel, go on a panoramic city tour with a local guide. We'll take the moving walkway up the rocky hill and get to know the historic center of the city of chocolate!
- ⌚ 10:15 a.m.: Departure from Perugia.
- ⌚ 11:00 a.m.: Assisi. You'll have time for lunch and to explore this artistic jewel of Umbria. Free time to visit the basilicas.
- ⌚ 01:30 p.m.: Departure from Assisi.
- ⌚ 04:30 p.m.: Arrival to Rome (*).

(*) Important Note:

- ⚠ Check your flight schedule and time. You may need an additional night. Our guide will advise you on the best public transportation for your onward transfers.
- ⚠ last day of the tour includes activities and arriving from outside Rome. Hence, the planned schedule and timing could be affected by various factors e.g. traffic, customer delays, mechanical issues, etc. Therefore, it is advisable not to book a flight or train with such tight schedule and please consider the possibility of delays in case of unexpected events.