

TRAVEL STYLE

Country Explorer



# ITALIAN DISCOVERY

10 days - 2 countries

Code: ITDI

FROM **US\$2595** PP\*  
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Landmarks of Italy – the Vatican, marble Duomo and Doge’s Palace – are the highlights of this journey through the birthplace of culture. Admire Michelangelo’s frescoed ceiling, the idyllic beauty of Lake Como and stop in Verona to see Shakespeare’s Juliet balcony and the 2,000-year-old Roman arena. You’ll also savour the tastes of Bologna and wander through St. Francis’ hometown, Assisi.

## THE ESSENTIALS

All taken care of



**9 nights**  
Hotel accommodation



**14 meals**  
9 hot buffet breakfasts  
5 dinners (including Be My Guest) with local wine



**On-trip transport**  
All transport shown  
All transfers shown

## THE REAL THING

Trafalgar highlights



Enjoy our hand-picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences. Here’s a sample of what you can expect

## BE MY GUEST

The Pazzi and de Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet, explore the castle dungeons, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting

## CULTURAL INSIGHT

Gain early access to the Vatican Museums to marvel at the magnificent work of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

## LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Milan, Bologna and Assisi

## HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure

## THE ICONS

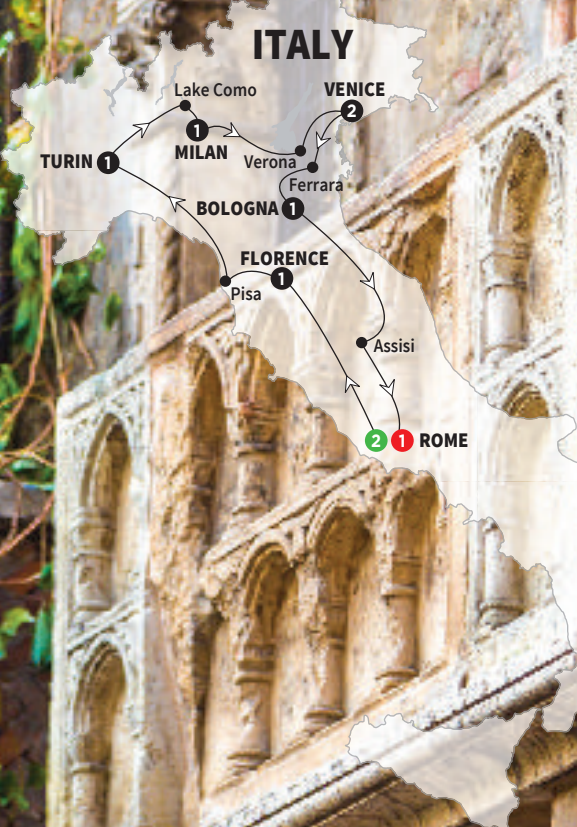
City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Milan ▶ Bologna ▶ Assisi

Orientation of Turin ▶ Venice

Visit St. Peter’s Basilica ▶ the Vatican Museums ▶ the Sistine Chapel ▶ the Roman Colosseum ▶ the medieval city of Ferrara ▶ St. Francis Basilica in Assisi

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ beautiful Lake Como ▶ the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan ▶ the Roman Arena and Juliet’s Balcony in Verona ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice ▶ the Kissing Towers in Bologna



## YOUR HOLIDAY

### 1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Tread in the footsteps of emperors and slaves, through the annals of history that span millennia – your first encounter with intoxicating Italy is the Eternal City and its glorious past which you will have an opportunity to explore on your own terms before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. This evening, we enjoy an enchanting *antipasto* of our Italian Discovery during an orientation drive past some of the city's most famous sights. **(WR)**  
**Hotel: Cicerone**

### 2 Rome Sightseeing

Our exploration of Rome begins at the Vatican Museums where we have priority access allowing entry to view the masterpieces collected by Popes throughout the centuries. During our included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**, gaze in wonder at Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Crossing the Tiber, we venture to Ancient Rome to see where hundreds of thousands of spectators would cheer chariot riders to victory at Circus Maximus and visit where brave gladiators met their fate in the imposing Colosseum. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the magnificent sites of what was once the capital of the world, or kick back in a piazza soaking up the aromas of fine coffee while you watch the world go by. **(BB)**

### 3 Rome ▶ Florence

Today we drive north through rolling Tuscan landscapes to the Renaissance city of Florence. Beauty and artistry seep through the walls of exquisite *palazzi*, churches and bridges, the most famous of which is the Ponte Vecchio which we will view during a walking tour with our **Local Specialist**. Visit the expansive Piazza della Signoria, which once lay at the heart of the flourishing Florentine Republic and view the exquisite marble Duomo and famous Baptistery renowned for its bronze doors with relief sculptures. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the fine art and architecture of this beautiful city on your own terms. This evening, we gather at a Tuscan castle set within a celebrated wine and olive oil estate for an unforgettable **Be My Guest** dining experience. **(BB, BG)**  
**Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

### 4 Florence ▶ Pisa ▶ Turin

A short journey brings us to Pisa and its Square of Miracles, home to the famous Leaning Tower, ornate Baptistery and the Cathedral del Duomo. We continue northwards, past the marble quarries of Carrara and the charming resort hubs of Portofino, Rapallo and Genoa in Liguria before arriving in sophisticated Turin. This afternoon, we venture through the grand boulevards of this aristocratic city during an orientation drive which will unveil the majestic Piazza Vittorio Veneto and River Po, Italy's largest river. **(BB)**  
**Hotel: Concord**

### 5 Turin ▶ Lake Como ▶ Milan

We leave Turin and travel to the exquisite Italian lakes for a stop at Lake Como. Then on to the economic powerhouse of Milan, where we'll enjoy a walking tour with a **Local Specialist** to explore the city's spectacular sights. We view the ornate Duomo, one of the grandest Gothic cathedrals in the world, the ancient Galleria shopping arcade and the celebrated La Scala opera house. This

evening, join your companions for a delicious Regional Meal at a local restaurant. **(BB, RM)**

**Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace**

### 6 Milan ▶ Verona ▶ Venice (2 Nights)

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered during our stop in Verona where we'll view Juliet's Balcony and the first-century ancient Roman arena still in use today. Crossing the Veneto Plains, we arrive in what was once the haunt of Casanova and Marco Polo, the magical city of Venice. **(BB, DW)**  
**Hotel: Viktoria Palace**

### 7 Venice Orientation

We board a private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square – our introduction to such sights as the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica. Witness first-hand the fine glassblowing tradition that spans centuries during a **Cultural Insight** on Giudecca Island before enjoying free time to explore Venice on your terms. Wander through the labyrinthine alleys, over ornate bridges and into quiet *piazze* as you get lost in this enchanting city. **(BB)**

### 8 Venice ▶ Ferrara ▶ Bologna

Go off the beaten track and into the medieval city of Ferrara, revealing its fascinating northern Italian culture, before arriving in Bologna – perhaps more famous for its gourmet achievements than being the site of the oldest university in Europe. Join a **Local Specialist** to explore the sights, including Neptune's fountain, the Kissing Towers and Piazza Maggiore. Of course, a visit to the home of tortellini, mortadella, tagliatelli and ragù, would be incomplete without taking the time out to sample its delicious cuisine. *Buon appetito!* **(BB)**  
**Hotel: Flyon**

### 9 Bologna ▶ Assisi ▶ Rome

Today, we cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the mystical town of Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Come face-to-face with the legacy of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order in 1208, during a walking tour of his hometown with a **Local Specialist**. Visit the magnificent Basilica that bears his name and see his tomb, before travelling back to Rome past the scenic hilltop town of Orte. Tonight, we celebrate a journey of discovery through Italy during a Farewell Dinner with our companions and Travel Director. **(BB, FD)**  
**Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

### 10 Depart Rome

Our journey together has come to an end so for now it's a fond *arrivederci* to your newfound friends at the end of your memorable Italian holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

## YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
FR 20 APR	SU 29 APR	2695	FR 27 JUL	SU 05 AUG	2625
FR 27 APR	SU 06 MAY	2695	FR 03 AUG	SU 12 AUG	2595
FR 04 MAY	SU 13 MAY	2725	FR 10 AUG	SU 19 AUG	2650
FR 11 MAY	SU 20 MAY	2725	FR 17 AUG	SU 26 AUG	2650
FR 18 MAY	SU 27 MAY	2725	FR 24 AUG	SU 02 SEP	2650
FR 25 MAY	SU 03 JUN	2725	FR 31 AUG	SU 09 SEP	2695
FR 01 JUN	SU 10 JUN	2695	FR 07 SEP	SU 16 SEP	2750
FR 08 JUN	SU 17 JUN	2695	FR 14 SEP	SU 23 SEP	2750
FR 15 JUN	SU 24 JUN	2675	FR 21 SEP	SU 30 SEP	2750
FR 22 JUN	SU 01 JUL	2675	FR 28 SEP	SU 07 OCT	2725
FR 29 JUN	SU 08 JUL	2695	FR 05 OCT	SU 14 OCT	2725
FR 06 JUL	SU 15 JUL	2695	FR 12 OCT	SU 21 OCT	2675
FR 13 JUL	SU 22 JUL	2695	FR 19 OCT	SU 28 OCT	2675
FR 20 JUL	SU 29 JUL	2625			

**Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$660 p.p.**

**Exceptions 29 Jun 18 to 31 Aug 18: US\$600 p.p.**

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS		SAVE up to US\$275 p.p.
	Past guest discount: <b>SAVE up to US\$138</b>	 Multiple trip discount: <b>SAVE up to US\$69</b>
	Young traveller discount: <b>SAVE US\$260</b>	 Triple room discount: <b>SAVE US\$90 p.p.</b>

## + MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

**Airport transfers:** On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

**Cruise Connection:** This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$97 per person.

**WiFi:** See page 256 for details.

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra night hotels see page 261.

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 Insider Experience	<b>BB</b> Buffet Breakfast	<b>RM</b> Regional Meal	<b>DW</b> Dinner with Wine
<b>WR</b> Welcome Reception	<b>FB</b> Full Breakfast	<b>BG</b> Be My Guest Dining	<b>FD</b> Farewell Dinner
 Free time	<b>L</b> Lunch	<b>D</b> Dinner	