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-  Plane
-  Cruise
-  Over night

-  Visited Location
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## Day 1 | Ciao Rome



Embrace excess on this leisurely jaunt through the highlights of Italy, which begins in Rome. Spend the day soaking up its vibrant atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception. We enjoy a leisurely orientation through the city this evening, venturing into Ancient Rome before our journey through Italy begins.

**Meals:** Welcome Reception

**Hotel:** Cicerone

## Day 2 | Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Explore Vatican City this morning with a Local Specialist who will reveal all the highlights of St. Peter's Basilica. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to visit the awe-inspiring Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. We continue to Ancient Rome next, to admire where exhilarating chariot races were once held, and visit to the imposing Colosseum. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore on your own. From Roman ruins to Renaissance palazzi - Rome has it all.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Cicerone

### Optional Experiences:

**Inside the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel** - Join us for an extension to your included sightseeing tour, which gives you a chance to see the artistic masterpieces collected and commissioned by the Popes. With our Local Specialist, we'll visit the Tapestry Gallery, Gallery of Maps and the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo spent four years preparing the vault and altar wall, and we'll give you plenty of time to admire just how much painstaking work went into his creations.

*Adult: 58.00 EUR*

**Piazzas and Fountains** - Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City.

*Adult: 37.00 EUR*

## Day 3 | Rome Your Way



Discover why the Italians say 'it is sweet doing nothing', spending your day watching Rome's beautiful people embrace life lived to its fullest in the exquisite city. Delve into its treasures spanning millennia – the museums, churches, gardens and architecture that remain as enduring symbols of a powerful city. Or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, site of the magnificent Villa d'Este Gardens.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Cicerone

### Optional Experiences:

**Tivoli And Gardens Of The Villa D'Este** - Visit the ancient Sabine town of Tivoli with our Local Specialist to enjoy the gardens and fountains of the Villa D'Este. We'll see its grottos and pavilions, the Avenue of a Hundred Fountains, and the Dragon Fountain of the Organ.

**Adult: 46.00 EUR**

*\*On occasion, the price of this optional may increase due to group size.*

**Roman Evening with Dinner** - Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, we'll arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

**Adult: 62.00 EUR**

## Day 4 | Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast



Today we pay homage to the thousands of brave souls whose final resting place is the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino. View the 6<sup>th</sup>-century Abbey that was destroyed during World War II, before venturing south to Pompeii, a city frozen in time. Join a Local Specialist through the excavations that yield the tragic story of a once vibrant city engulfed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Wander down the stone avenues past such sights as the Forum and Temple of Apollo. We arrive later at our hotel on the iconic Mediterranean Amalfi Coast where we'll dine tonight.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** San Pietro Maiori

## Day 5 | Scenic Amalfi Coast Your Way



Indulge in a full free day at leisure. Consider joining an Optional Experience along the Amalfi Coast to the beautiful seaside village of Positano, a true painter's paradise. You could also choose to soak up the extraordinary beauty of the village of Ravello which has long inspired musicians, writers and artists. Smell the fresh scents of lemons as you relax in this picture-perfect setting. After a day of sightseeing, perhaps you could spend a relaxing evening sipping limoncello and watching the Mediterranean sky light up in glorious pinks, yellows and blues.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** San Pietro Maiori

### Optional Experiences:

**Amalfi Coast and Positano** - Join us as we take in delightful villages and spectacular scenery along the incredible Amalfi Coast. You'll visit the celebrated town of Positano, which is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. There will be time to shop for local goods or enjoy a drink in a cafe overlooking the beach.

*Adult: 59.00 EUR*

**Explore Ravello** - Join us on a trip to the balcony of the Amalfi coast. Ravello is perched high above the terraced groves with breathtaking views. Your Local Specialist will show you the gardens of the Villa Rufolo, which inspired Wagner, and you'll have free time to visit the 11th century cathedral.

*Adult: 41.00 EUR*

## Day 6 | Experience the Isle of Capri



This morning we journey along the coast to the medieval town of Amalfi. See the 10th-century Romanesque Cathedral of Sant'Andrea and the Campanile, before setting sail to the glamorous island of Capri. On arrival, ascend to Capri town by funicular for a guided walking tour with a Local Specialist who will share views of the piazzetta - the heart and soul of this beautiful town. Later, we return to the mainland.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** San Pietro Maiori

### Optional Experiences:

**Discover The Isle Of Capri** - Experience the spectacular cliffs and famous turquoise waters of Capri during a relaxing cruise to the most beautiful part of the island, the southern side. View the beautiful grottoes and unique coastline before ascending to Capri town. This optional experience is weather dependent and may be replaced by a minibus tour of the Island with a visit to Anacapri and the Villa San Michele.

*Adult: 47.00 EUR*

**Dinner on the Amalfi Coast** - Come with us for a short drive to a restaurant we know and love on the Amalfi Coast. You'll get to try some locally-loved dishes and drinks, all served alongside Neapolitan hospitality and beautiful views.

*Adult: 66.00 EUR*

## Day 7 | Journey to Florence



From the Amalfi Coast, we travel north through the rolling green and golden landscape of Umbria into scenic Tuscany before arriving in the Renaissance city of Florence. You'll have a free evening to amble along the Arno River, admire the famous city skyline at night from Piazzale Michelangelo, or indulge in the finest antipasti in town.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Grand Mediterraneo

### Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

#### **Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills -**

This evening we'll take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

*Adult: 65.00 EUR*

**Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli** - Through the Chianti hills, we'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, we'll enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

*Adult: 68.00 EUR*

## Day 8 | Florence Your Way



Delve into the history of a city renowned for its art, architecture and cultural treasures. Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour, including views of the exquisite marble Duomo, Baptistery and Ponte Vecchio. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria, the centre of Florentine political life since the 14<sup>th</sup> century with its prominent Palazzo Vecchio. Learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. This evening you'll Connect With Locals at the Trebbio Castle over an exclusive Be My Guest dinner with your warm hosts, the Baj-Macario family. It's hard to believe that a vicious plot was hatched against the backdrop of these tranquil Tuscan vineyards and olive groves, but you'll learn all about it as well as how your visit is helping the family to run the estate in harmony with nature.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Be My Guest

**Hotel:** Grand Mediterraneo

### Optional Experiences:

**Visit To San Gimignano** - Join us for a panoramic drive to the nearby hilltop town of San Gimignano. Magnificently preserved from the Middle Ages, this little town, known as the 'Medieval Manhattan', is one of the most beautiful in Italy - a true gem. You'll also be treated to a delicious local gelato.

**Adult: 36.00 EUR**

## Day 9 | Venture to Venice



After a leisurely start to the day, continue north, bound for Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic' and our home for the next two nights.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Principe

### Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following three optional experiences depending on availability:

**Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia** - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.

**Adult: 49.00 EUR**

*\*This optional is subject to availability and involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel this optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.*

**Discover Palazzo Vecchio** - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

**Adult: 42.00 EUR**

**Bargello Museum Visit** - Join us today for a visit to the Bargello museum, housed in one of the oldest and most intriguing buildings of Florence. As you'll learn from your Local Specialist, there was rarely a dull moment in this former barracks and prison! Learn how the Bargello has witnessed crucial episodes of history including fires, sieges and political executions. This fascinating building is now home to the National Museum and boasts awe-inspiring works by Donatello, Brunelleschi and Michelangelo to name but a few.

**Adult: 42.00 EUR**

**Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks** - This afternoon, discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You'll enjoy a delicious meal, with a selection of drinks, on the fisherman's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a photographer's paradise.

**Adult: 72.00 EUR**

## Day 10 | Cruise the Canals of Venice



We cruise by private launch past many of the city's most prominent sights, enjoying views of the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Next up is an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness first-hand the intricate craft of glassblowing. Watch how master craftsmen use the same techniques their forefathers did to shape the delicate glassworks for which Venice has become justifiably famous, perhaps choosing to buy a souvenir of your own. Inspired by the artistry you've just witnessed, you'll soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice on your own terms before enjoying a Farewell Dinner with our Travel Director and newfound friends to toast to the delicious flavours of Italy.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

**Hotel:** Principe

### Optional Experiences:

**Venice's Secrets and St. Mark's Basilica** - Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll visit the majestic Basilica of St Mark, where you'll admire magnificent mosaics in one of the most ornate churches in the world.

*Adult: 38.00 EUR*

**Gondolas & the Grand Canal** - Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

*Adult: 79.00 EUR*

## Day 11 | Journey Home



For now our leisurely encounter with an extraordinary destination has come to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

**Meals:** Breakfast