

## Your holiday

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Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Welcome to the 'Eternal City' - once home to gods and goddesses, emperors, senators and slaves. Explore the city's bustling boulevards and labyrinthine lanes before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at a Welcome Reception. This evening, we embark on an orientation drive revealing some of the city's most celebrated sights. (WR) Hotel: Grand Hotel Tiberio Rome/Crowne Plaza Rome St. Peter's

**Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** The Holy See takes centre stage today as we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will see us visit the 16th-century St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City and witness Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà, a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture. We cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to delve into what was once the largest empire in the world and view such ancient sites as the imposing Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves dueled to their deaths. Later, perhaps join an Optional Experience to see the exquisite frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. (B)

Onwards to Florence We travel north into the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. Next we'll Connect With Locals over lunch during a Be My Guest experience at a 12th-century castle with Anna, before continuing to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join a Local Specialist for an enchanting encounter with one of the world's cultural centres, admiring the exquisite architecture and artistry around every turn. View the marble Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of Florence, before arriving at your hotel. (B, BMG, &, &)

### **Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**



Explore a 12th-century castle. Meet the Baj-Macario's for stories of the Pazzi and Medici feud, plotted within its walls, before feasting on organic produce and exploring the former dungeons. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

Journey to the Canals of Venice The romantic island city of Venice is our final destination today. We take to San Marco's waters, cruising the canals and admiring views of the imposing St. Mark's Basilica and ornate Doge's Palace. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, we'll Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old art of Venetian glassblowing before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow calle in search of a cosy bacaro where you can eniov delicious Venetian cuisine washed down with a Venetian Spritz, or two. Take some time, venture

to the enchanting canal-side setting of St. Mark's Square. The sounds of talented musicians, seagulls and lapping water provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable sunset over the Grand Canal. (B, , , )

#### Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

5 Across the Alps to Lucerne We depart Venice, travelling north into the picturesque Italian and Swiss Lake Districts via Como and Lugano. Slicing through the Alps, we arrive in Switzerland and the laid-back lakeside city of Lucerne. The city is perhaps most famous for its solid wooden Chapel Bridge and poignant Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss Guards. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, amble through the Old Town or consider joining an Optional Experience and ascend one of the surrounding mountain peaks for panoramic views. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Europe

Through Burgundy to Paris From Lucerne, we head into France and through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris, we enjoy a free evening. Wander up grand boulevards and through quaint squares, or perhaps take a cruise on the Seine followed by a tour of Paris's illuminations. (B)

#### Hotel: Oceania Porte de Versailles Paris

Explore Elegant Paris Join a Local Specialist today and see the Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. (B)

Cross the English Channel to London Pass the tragic Somme battlefields en route to Calais from where we set sail across the English Channel to Dover and travel through Kent to London. (B) Hotel: Hilton Kensington

**Discover Historic London** Join a *Local Specialist* today to see the sights of London. View Big Ben, the imposing Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace, after which you have an afternoon at leisure to soak up the dynamic atmosphere of this capital city that combines centuries-old heritage with modern verve. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

Journey Home It's time to bid farewell to London and your fellow travellers as your memorable European holiday comes to an end. (B)

## Your holiday planner

See below for a selection of departure dates. Speak to your Travel Agent or search 'European Dream' on trafalgar.com for all available departures and pricing.

# 2023

Jan	02	16	30		Jul	03	10	17	24	
Feb	13	27	_			31	_			
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## 2024

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May	06	13	20	27		30	_		
Jun	03	10	17	24	Oct	21			

- These departures may vary in itinerary, hotels, and inclusions in line with seasonal changes.
- Festive Meals: Christmas and New Year's Eve dinners have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season

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