

Rome and Tuscan Highlights

9 Days

2 Countries

13 Meals

An idyllic Italian retreat, bringing all your Tuscan dreams to life. When you're not spending time with sisters Sandra and Antonella on their agriturismo overlooking vineyards, you'll get to delve into the life of Leonardo da Vinci and soak up the healing waters of Montecatini spa.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **VIP Admission** to the Vatican Museums
- **Explore** Rome, Vinci, Florence and Pisa with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Siena and San Gimignano
- **Visit** St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, and the Leonardiano Museum in Vinci

Day

1 Welcome to Rome *Ciao Roma!* Italy opens its doors for an unforgettable jaunt through Rome, Tuscany, and two millennia of culture, history and fiery Italian verve. Spend the afternoon exploring the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Embark on an orientation drive past some of Rome's icons and unexpected highlights, including the Colosseum and Circus Maximus, once the site of exhilarating chariot races which attracted thousands of enthusiastic spectators. **(WR) Hotel: Barceló Occidental Aurelia**

2 Journey to the Tuscan Hills Our journey through Rome begins in the centre of Christendom, where we join a *Local Specialist* on an included sightseeing tour to visit St. Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's much-admired Pietà. This afternoon, we enjoy a leisurely drive through the scenic Tuscan hills to the thermal spa resort of Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy and your home for the next six nights. **(B) Hotel: Columbia**

3 Explore Renaissance Florence Your *Local Specialist* will reveal the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps take a walk across the beautiful Ponte Vecchio. In the 16th-century, a decree mandated that the only businesses allowed to ply their trade on this bridge were goldsmiths and jewellers, and to this day, some of the most prestigious jewellery shops in the city can be found here. **(B, D)**

4 Montecatini Your Way You have a full free day to relax in the spa atmosphere of Montecatini or join an Optional Experience to Cinque Terre, whose pastel-hued villages cling to the rugged Ligurian cliffs. **(B)**

5 Discover Pisa and Vinci Journey to Pisa where we join a *Local Specialist* to view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble Cathedral and the ornate Baptistery, said to be the largest in Italy. We continue through Tuscany, arriving in Vinci where we'll *Dive Into Culture* with a *Local Specialist* at Museo Leonardiano and gain a deeper understanding of the life of this talented master. Admire Leonardo da Vinci's machines and models, his sketches and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits during your visit. Tonight, *Connect With Locals* at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia, where you'll enjoy an exclusive *Be My Guest* dinner surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. **(B, BMG, 🍷, 🍷)**

6 Off to Siena and San Gimignano Saunter through the beautifully preserved medieval city of Siena to see the 13th-century marble cathedral and the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, home to the biannual Palio horse race. We venture to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its towers. Enjoy some free time strolling through its narrow lanes and shopping for locally-produced delicacies and hand-painted Tuscan pottery - the alluring aromas of pecorino cheese and cured meats tempting you at every turn. **(B)**

7 Tuscan Lifestyle Experience Feast your eyes on the vibrant colours and busy stalls heaving with fresh produce at a local food market where you will join a *Local Specialist* professional chef for a tasty introduction to Tuscan cuisine. **(B, L)**



Lunch with Chef Libero. Taste sun-ripened tomatoes and the freshest herbs with a Tuscan local in a Florence market, before making pasta the Italian way and sampling your own creations. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

8 Onwards to Rome and the Vatican City Departing Tuscany, we travel south to Rome. This afternoon, we *Dive Into Culture* with a *Local Specialist* for a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, including a visit to Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. The evening brings a special treat, as we stay at the Vatican Museums for a Farewell Dinner set amidst the stunning Roman and Ancient Greek artworks. **(B, FD, 🍷) Hotel: Villa Pamphili**

9 Journey Home Today we bid a fond farewell to newfound friends and an epic experience, departing Rome. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

"The Rome and Tuscan Highlights will introduce you to the best that Italy's beautiful Tuscany has to offer - art, culture, shopping, food and wine! Mamma mia!"

Our Guest: S. Bosch on Rome and Tuscan Highlights

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2023

Apr	28	Aug	04*	11	18	25*			
May	05	12	19	26	Sep	01	08	15	22
Jun	02	09	16	23		29			
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Jul	07	14	21*	28					

2024

Apr	26	Aug	02	09	16	23			
May	03	10	17	24		30			
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Jun	07	14	21	28	Oct	04	11		
Jul	05	12	19	26					

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