

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
MAR 27	MAR 25
APR 10, 17, 24	APR 08, 15, 22, 29
MAY 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	MAY 06, 13, 20, 27
JUN 05, 12, 19, 26	JUN 03, 10, 17, 24
JUL 03, 10, 17, 24, 31	JUL 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
AUG 07, 14, 21, 28	AUG 05, 12, 19, 26
SEP 04, 11, 18, 25	SEP 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
OCT 02, 09, 16	OCT 07, 14

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REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

11 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES

15 MEALS

13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Florence: Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore • Celebration Dinner on Burano in Venice. Taste wine with a master vintner near Lake Iseo.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri • Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri • travel through the Cinque Terre by boat and train • Cruise to Portofino from Santa Margherita • Ride a gondola in Venice.

Visit Augustus Gardens in Capri.

City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts.

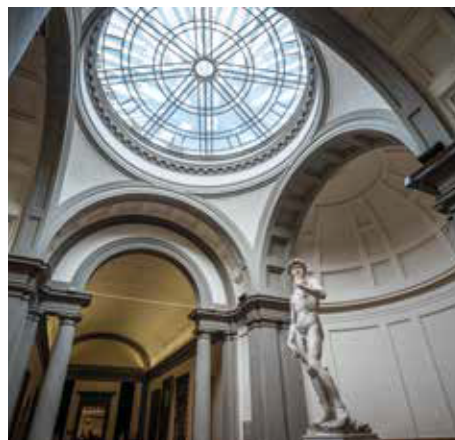
TREASURES OF ITALY

"One of the best aspects of this trip is the stay in Capri. To fully appreciate the beauty of the blue island, I think you need to spend the night and the early morning there."

– Margherita, Travel Director



CAPRI, ITALY



STATUE OF DAVID, FLORENCE



COLOSSEUM, ROME



DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's special priority entry gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a legacy to the courage of gladiators. (B)

DAY 3 ANCIENT POMPEII & SORRENTO

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Continue to your hotel in Sorrento. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Positano? (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 4 THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Board your jetfoil to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks.

As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)

Hotel Regina Cristina, Capri.

DAY 5 THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE

Descend to the port by private open-top taxis and take the jetfoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (DW)

NH Firenze, Florence.

DAY 6 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer. Continue to the multi-coloured marble cathedral to admire Giotto's bell tower and Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria and explore the area around Santa Croce Basilica. After a demonstration of leatherwork, there's free time to shop or explore Florence on your own.

In the evening, why not sample fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and typical Tuscan dishes accompanied by Chianti wine? (B)

DAY 7 CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey.

With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat and spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, to admire the colourful houses. (B) (DW)

Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

DAY 8 LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

Hotel Simpron, Baveno.

DAY 9 TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo.

Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate.

Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B)

Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.

DAY 10 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded facade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills.

Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. (B) (DW)

DAY 11 ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)

KEY

Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

Central Hotels + Nights

Scenic Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Optional Place Visited

Cruise

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT See the picturesque fishing village of Burano (Photo by @skinnylynn, Day 10, Burano)



Use the camera on your smart phone to view the full details of this trip on our website.