






# Italian Delights

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Rome	 <b>End Point</b> Rome	 <b>Meals</b> 11 Breakfasts   1 Lunch   5 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air- conditioned coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully- guided tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start of tour in Rome

 Dinner  BV Oly Hotel

Welcome to Rome! Arrive in Italy's capital city in the morning and meet up with your tour leader and group. Then, head into the city for a walking tour. Toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain and make a wish! Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Then, embark on a guided walking tour of this captivating city.

#### Included:

ITD - Discover Rome on a guided walking tour

ITD - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Rome

### Day 2: Rome - Pompeii - Amalfi Coast

 Breakfast, Lunch  Grand Hotel Salerno

Today, head to the coast via Pompeii. See legendary Mount Vesuvius in the distance and explore the well-preserved ruins of this ancient Roman city. Enjoy an included lunch. Later, travel to Salerno where the tour will spend the next two nights. Embark on this evening's optional excursion to discover the Salerno Cathedral and Old Town before enjoying a local dinner.

#### Included:

ITD - See Mount Vesuvius and explore the ruins of Pompeii

#### Optionals:

An Evening in Salerno

### Day 3: Amalfi Coast: Free Day

 Breakfast  Grand Hotel Salerno

Salerno is the ideal location from which to explore the famous Amalfi Coast and its many seaside wonders! Join the optional excursion for a scenic ferry journey to three stunning coastal towns. Wander Positano's colourful cliffside streets, explore Amalfi's historic Duomo Square with a limoncello tasting, and savour the region's famous Delizia al Limone lemon pastry!

#### Optionals:

Amalfi Coast Highlights & Tasting

### Day 4: Montecassino - Assisi

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel TH Casa Leonori


Head to Assisi, stopping in Montecassino, famed for the Abbey of Montecassino and stunning scenery. After, continue to the medieval town of Assisi, the birthplace of St Francis and popular pilgrimage site. Admire ancient churches and basilicas - many of which are just as St Francis would have seen them almost one thousand years ago! Dinner is at the hotel tonight.

#### Included:

ITD - Visit Montecassino

ITD - Explore Assisi

## Day 5: **San Marino - Venice**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Venezia

Head to Venice, stopping off in Europe's third-smallest state, San Marino, on the way. Situated on a hilltop, San Marino offers stunning views of the surrounding countryside and Adriatic Sea. Arrive in Venice in the early evening. The evening is free to relax at the hotel or embark on an optional twilight water taxi cruise of the Venetian canals.

### **Included:**


ITD - Visit San Marino

### **Optionals:**

Venice by Night

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## Day 6: **Venice: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Venezia

Enjoy a full free day in Venice! Every visit to Venice should include a traditional gondola ride, which can be organised by your tour leader. An optional trip to Murano and Burano is also highly recommended. These islands are famous for their local crafts and beautiful multi-coloured houses. For the ultimate Venice itinerary, join both optional excursions!

### **Included:**

ITD - Experience Venice

### **Optionals:**

Venice Gondola Ride

Venice Lagoon Tour

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## Day 7: **Verona - Italian Lakes**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Hotel Stazione

Stop off in "fair Verona" to catch a glimpse of Juliet's balcony, where Romeo wooed Juliet in Shakespeare's classic play. Look out for the 2,000 year old arena and Verona's ancient city. Later, head to the Italian Lakes and arrive in Sirmione, a picturesque town on Lake Garda. Take in spectacular scenery this evening!

### **Included:**

ITD - Visit Verona

ITD - Spend a night in the Italian Lake District

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## Day 8: **Cinque Terre - Pisa - Northern Tuscany**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 Hotel Terme Pellegrini

Today, travel to one of Italy's most beautiful destinations; Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre is made up of five picturesque Italian towns: Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore, all connected by hiking routes and trains. Next, visit the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, an iconic Italian landmark! Later, travel to Northern Tuscany and enjoy dinner at the hotel tonight.


### **Included:**

ITD - Explore Cinque Terre

ITD - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

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## Day 9: **Florence - Northern Tuscany**

 Breakfast

 Hotel Terme Pellegrini

Arrive in Florence this morning and enjoy a locally guided tour of this city which is beloved for its Renaissance art and architecture. Then, visit an Italian leather shop before free time. Join the Taste of Tuscany optional excursion to experience local culinary traditions! Later, travel back to the hotel in Tuscany and enjoy a complimentary wine tasting on arrival.

### **Included:**

ITD - Discover Florence with a local guide

ITD - Watch an Italian leather-making demonstration

ITD - Taste Italian wine


### **Optionals:**

Taste of Tuscany

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## Day 10: **San Gimignano - Siena - Rome**

 Breakfast, Dinner

 BV Oly Hotel

Drive through picturesque countryside landscapes, admiring Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves. Stop in the hilltop town of San Gimignano to admire exceptional Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Then, drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning architecture. Finally, head back to Rome and enjoy one last dinner together at the hotel.

### **Included:**


ITD - Visit San Gimignano


ITD - Discover Siena

ITD - Farewell dinner in Rome

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## Day 11: **Rome: Free Day**

 Breakfast

 BV Oly Hotel

Enjoy a full free day in Rome! Join the optional excursion to the fascinating Colosseum and Roman Forum for a locally guided tour of these iconic ancient sights or tour the exquisite Vatican Museums. To see both, join the Eternal Rome excursion! Due to popularity, these optional excursions must be booked prior to the start of the tour. You could also use this free day to revisit some of the spots visited on your first day in Rome, such as the Trevi Fountain or Spanish Steps. Spend time exploring the city's top sights in depth or simply relax at a café or do some shopping. Tonight, opt to indulge in traditional Roman cuisine and explore the historic sights of Trastevere.

### **Optionals:**

Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour


Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Eternal Rome

An Evening in Trastevere

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## Day 12: **End of tour**

 Breakfast

After an unforgettable 12-day Italian tour, it's time to say goodbye to your fellow travel companions and depart for home. The tour concludes after breakfast this morning. Arrivederci, Italia!

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