






Italy Explorer

Tour Overview

 Start Point Rome	 End Point Rome	 Meals 15 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 6 Dinners	 Transport Air-conditioned coach & ferry	 Tour Type Fully- guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Rome

 Dinner  Warmthotel

Benvenuto in Italia! This morning, meet your tour leader and fellow travellers at the Rome hotel. Afterwards, look forward to a guided city tour. See highlights including the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. Enjoy free time after or join the optional Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local Roman restaurant.

Included:

ITX - Discover Rome on a guided walking tour

ITX - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Rome

Optionals:

Colosseum & Roman Forum Guided Tour

Day 2: Rome - Orvieto - Venice

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Bid Rome farewell and drive through the beautiful Umbria region. Stop in Orvieto, a stunning city sitting on a sheer vertical volcanic rock. Take a funicular to explore its center, cathedral, fortress, and Papal Residence. Continue to Venice for a free evening or join the optional Venice by Night excursion for a dreamy, twilight water taxi cruise!

Included:

ITX - Explore historic Orvieto

Optionals:

Venice by Night

Day 3: Venice: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Venezia

Explore Venice to the fullest today! Don't miss the opportunity to tick a "Venice Gondola Ride" off your bucket list! Another exciting excursion is the lagoon tour through the colourful islands of Murano and Burano. Or, spend the day wandering Venice at your own pace. Tick off top sights such as St Mark's Square, Rialto Market and Doge's Palace!

Included:

ITX - Experience Venice

Optionals:

Venice Gondola Ride

Venice Lagoon Tour

Day 4: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Terme Pellegrini

Travelling through the gorgeous Tuscany region, stop at Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake which has inspired artists for generations! Later, arrive in Florence, the "Jewel of the Renaissance" and set off on a locally-guided tour. Visit a local leather shop before enjoying free time. Look forward to an included dinner in Florence before travelling to tonight's accommodation in Montecatini.

Included:

ITX - Stop at Lake Garda

ITX - Discover Florence with a local guide

ITX - Watch an Italian leather-making demonstration

ITX - Enjoy dinner in Florence

Day 5: Cinque Terre - Pisa - Tuscany

 Breakfast  Hotel Terme Pellegrini

This morning, head to the idyllic Cinque Terre! This collection of fishing villages is famous for its bright, colourful houses and dramatic coastal scenery. After, experience another picture-perfect moment at the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa! Tonight, why not join the Evening in Montecatini excursion for an orientation tour of this spa town and a three-course dinner?

Included:

ITX - Explore Cinque Terre

ITX - See the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Optionals:

An Evening in Montecatini

Day 6: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome

 Breakfast, Dinner  BV Oly Hotel

More Tuscan scenery awaits today as the tour travels through picturesque countryside. Today's first stop is the hilltop town of San Gimignano, where a Tuscan wine tasting awaits! Then, it's on to Siena. Visit the Piazza del Campo, the city's main square. Later this afternoon, travel back to Rome and enjoy an included dinner at the hotel.

Included:

ITX - Visit San Gimignano

ITX - Discover Siena

Day 7: Rome: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  BV Oly Hotel

Welcome back to Rome! The "Eternal City" is yours to explore as you wish. Join today's optional excursion for a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and its most enchanting artistic highlights. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner with some new travellers who will be joining the second half of the tour.

Optionals:

Vatican Museums Guided Tour

Day 8: Rome - Pompeii - Amalfi Coast

 Breakfast, Lunch  Grand Hotel Salerno

Depart Rome for Pompeii this morning. Look forward to a guided tour of the ruins of Pompeii and admire the towering Mount Vesuvius in the distance. Enjoy an included lunch before travelling to Salerno along the awe-inspiring Amalfi Coast! Join this evening's optional excursion to experience Salerno. Explore the majestic Salerno Cathedral and enjoy an authentic Italian dinner.

Included:

ITX - See Mount Vesuvius and the ruins of Pompeii

Optionals:

An Evening in Salerno

Day 9: Amalfi Coast: Free Day


 Breakfast  Grand Hotel Salerno

Immerse yourself in the charm of the Amalfi Coast on this free day. Today's optional Highlights of Amalfi boat tour is highly recommended. Discover the magic of Positano and Amalfi's enchanting alleys and sun-soaked piazzas. Then, indulge in a delicious lunch before enjoying a limoncello tasting and a visit to a paper museum. This day trip is one to remember!

Optionals:

Highlights of the Amalfi Coast

Day 10: Amalfi Coast - Matera - Alberobello

 Breakfast  Hotel Ara Solis

Travel southeast to Apulia - the heel of Italy's boot! Visit the mesmerising city of Matera, home to the UNESCO-listed "Sassi" cave-dwelling districts. Next, head to Alberobello and embark on a walking tour with a passionate local guide. Admire the whitewashed "Trulli" houses that the region is famous for. Enjoy free time in Alberobello before travelling to tonight's accommodation.

Included:

ITX - Visit Matera; an ancient cave city

ITX - Explore Alberobello

Day 11: Alberobello - Taormina

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Kennedy

Today, Sicily awaits! Hop on a ferry and wave arrivederci to the Italian mainland. Arrive, get back on the coach and travel to Taormina, a spectacular hilltop town famously seen in the second season of The White Lotus! Tonight's hotel is located right on the beach! Enjoy a delicious dinner here.

Included:

ITX - Catch a ferry to Sicily

ITX - Discover Taormina

ITX - Enjoy dinner at a beachside hotel in Taormina

Day 12: Taormina: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hotel Kennedy

Enjoy a free day in Taormina or join the Mount Etna Day Trip! Travel to the base of this active volcano on a funicular, walk in the volcanic ash with a local guide and be amazed by the unearthly scenery. Then, indulge in a delectable lunch full of produce and wine grown in volcanic soil at a local Enoteca!

Optionals:

Mount Etna Day Trip

Day 13: Taormina - Syracuse - Agrigento

 Breakfast  Hotel Dioscuri Bay Palace

Visit Syracuse this morning. Founded as a Greek colony in 734 BC, this historic city is home to a UNESCO-listed centre, impressive Baroque buildings and an excellent food market. Later, travel to Agrigento where another highlight of Sicily awaits - the Valley of the Temples! Discover this archaeological site, home to beautifully-preserved Magna Grecia architecture, with a local guide at sunset.

Included:

ITX - Visit Syracuse

ITX - Explore the Valley of the Temples

Day 14: Agrigento - Cefalù - Palermo

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hotel Villa D'Amato en Palermo

Leaving Agrigento, travel to Cefalù. This quaint city is home to some of Italy's dreamiest beaches! Opt to join an optional walking tour followed by lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, arrive in Palermo, Sicily's capital! Embark on a locally-guided tour to see highlights including the Palermo Cathedral and the Piazza Pretoria. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Included:

ITX - Visit Cefalù

ITX - See the sights on a walking tour of Palermo

Optionals:


Scenic Cefalù: Guided tour & lunch

Day 15: Palermo: Free Day

Enjoy a full free day in Palermo. Today's optional excursion deep dives into the city's intriguing hidden gems. Uncover historically significant landmarks, artistic masterpieces and traditional Sicilian sweets. Palermo is also home to bustling local markets which are well worth a visit. In the evening, the tour makes its way to the port to catch an overnight ferry to Naples.

Optionals:

Hidden Palermo

Day 16: End of tour in Rome **Breakfast**

The ferry will arrive in Naples this morning. Continue on the coach with the tour leader and travel back to Rome, where the coach will drop off the group and the tour will conclude after 16 days of unforgettable Italian adventures. Please note that the ferry times may differ throughout the year and take this into account when booking your outbound flight. Alternatively, stay an extra night in Rome and book accommodation with our partner Booking.com. Arrivederci!
