

Wonders of Italy

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As rated by Past Guests

11 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Want the full Italian Experience? Cruise Cinque Terre's rugged coastline, get lost in San Gimignano's quaint centre and discover the art of glassblowing in Venice. From Rome to Lucca and Bologna, the Wonders of Italy come alive over a glass of Tuscan Chianti.



DAY 1 Buongiorno Rome Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiquities and hearty flavours crafted by Italian mammas over centuries. Join your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the 'Mouth of Truth' without the crowds. See the church, crypt, and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. **(D) Hotel: Il Cantico**

Transfers: Depart Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Enjoy an included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** at the Vatican Museums. Admire great works like the Sistine Chapel and the sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, you'll see the Circus Maximus and visit the mighty Colosseum before enjoying a free afternoon. **(B)**

DAY 3 Journey to Lucca Travel north to Lucca for a sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** to admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. In your free time, relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views. **(B) Hotel: Best Western Grand Guinigi**

DAY 4 Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa A sea of pastel pink, yellow and blue houses cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a **Local Specialist** and delve into daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Later, visit Pisa and its UNESCO-listed 'Square of Miracles' to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. **(B, D)**

DAY 5 Onwards to San Gimignano and Florence The gentle Tuscan landscape leads us to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. Enjoy a **Be My Guest experience** located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence. Later, arrive in Florence for an evening at your leisure. **(B, L) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

Be My Guest

Meet the Lenzi family at their Tuscan wine farm, overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills, the 'heart of Tuscany', for lunch and a Chianti and olive oil tasting

DAY 6 Uncover the Treasures of Florence Join a **Local Specialist** who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. View the magnificent marble Duomo and a replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. See the Ponte Vecchio, almost

700 years old, and soak in the spectacular panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. **(B)**

DAY 7 Admire Verona and on to Venice Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today in the romantic city of Verona. Here, you'll view Juliet's Balcony and the 1st-century Roman arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. Then, venture to Venice, your home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido**

DAY 8 Discover the Floating City Start your day with an unforgettable **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**, witnessing the beautiful handcrafted glass-making process. You may wish to buy a souvenir to remind you of the talent and skill of the master craftspeople. Next, see St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch to see the city's most iconic attractions before enjoying free time to explore the city at your own pace. **(B)**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 9 Off to Bologna and Assisi Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, known as the 'City of Peace' and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a stop in Bologna to admire the city's Kissing Towers. Continue to your hotel near Santa Maria degli Angeli for your **Stays With Stories** experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo**

Stays with Stories

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery with the original structure maintained, a masterful blend of ancient and modern comforts.

DAY 10 All Roads Lead to Tivoli and Rome Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join your **Local Specialist** for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, with its beautiful frescoes. Then, continue to Tivoli for a guided visit of the Villa d'Este Gardens with another **Local Specialist**. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(B, D) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna**

DAY 11 Farewell Rome It's time to say a fond arrivederci to Italy and your newfound friends after a memorable journey. **(B)**

Transfers: Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists

Rome, Lucca, Cinque Terre, Florence and Assisi

Discover on City Orientations

Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona and Venice

Visit Must-see Landmarks

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a glassblowing factory in Venice, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, and Villa d'Este Gardens in Tivoli

View Must-see Landmarks

The ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica and Duomo in Florence, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the Kissing Towers of Bologna

Travel by Scenic Journeys

To Cinque Terre and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

One-of-a-kind Experiences

See days 5 and 9 for your unique local encounters

Travel Responsibly

See day 8 for how you'll make a positive impact

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*The entire trip was amazing.
The history, the artwork,
and the beauty left us dazed
and amazed.*

Donna

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Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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