

# Best of Italy

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As rated by Past Guests

13 Days | 2 Countries | 18 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Discover the Best of Italy, from the ancient treasures of Rome to Renaissance Florence and everything in between. Imagine lapping up the chic lifestyle on Capri, and taking a private guided visit to Pompeii to see a Roman city frozen in time.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Ciao Roma! Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses before joining 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. 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: Una 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** Join a **Local Specialist** for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. Venture to Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum during the city tour. **(B) Hotel: Cicerone/Una**

**DAY 3 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento** Journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Join a **Local Specialist** who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento**

**DAY 4 Cruise to the Isle of Capri** Cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the Isle of Capri and join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walking tour in Capri town, before returning to the mainland. **(B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto/Johanna Park**

**DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi** See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino perched high on the mountain peak, known as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. Continue north, where you'll meet a **Local Specialist** for a visit of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand Assisi**

**DAY 6 Venture to Verona and Venice** Travel through Emilia-Romagna, a region famed for its gastronomy. Later, arrive into Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic', and spend time admiring this unique city. **(B) Hotel: Biasutti Lido**

**DAY 7 St. Mark's and More in Venice** Cruise through Venice by private launch, soaking up the sights and sounds of this historic port. Enjoy a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience** with master craftspeople. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square, where you'll view the impressive square and Basilica. **(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.

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

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

**DAY 8 Stroll Around Milan** Cross the lush green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, Italy's capital of design and fashion is our destination. An orientation tour takes us past the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where we'll enjoy a dinner with your fellow travelling companions. **(B, D) Hotel: Simplon**

**DAY 9 On to Como and Scenic Lake Maggiore** Indulge in a free day at your leisure in the Italian Lake District. Time to explore Como's historical quarter, savour delicious gelato, or consider a serene cruise on the lake. This evening, venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore for your **Be My Guest experience**. **(B, D)**

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Cinque family for dinner and wine at Villa Toscanini, and learn about the intriguing history of their home and Lake Maggiore, the hideaway of conductor Arturo Toscanini, one of the most influential musicians of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



**DAY 10 Admire Pisa and on to Florence** Tuscany lures you past the marble quarries of Carrara to Pisa and its Square of Miracles where you'll view the Leaning Tower. Your next stop is Florence. **(B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

**DAY 11 Experience Art and Architecture in Florence** Your **Local Specialist** unlocks the history of the Medici family as you visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence's beautiful skyline, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. **(B)**

**DAY 12 Treasures of San Gimignano and Return to Rome** This morning, stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before visiting the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano. This evening in Rome, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La**

**DAY 13 Farewell Rome** Bid a fond ciao to your newfound friends as your discovery of the best of Italy comes to an end. **(B)**

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

Trip code: ITBO/WTBO

## Included highlights and must-sees

### Explore with Local Specialists

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

### Discover on City Orientations

Venice, Milan and San Gimignano

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, a glassblowing factory in Venice, Lake Como and the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial

### View Must-see Landmarks

Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence

### Travel by Scenic Journeys

Ferry to the Isle of Capri, private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

### One-of-a-kind Experiences

See day 9 for your unique local encounter

### Travel Responsibly

See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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