

TREASURES OF ITALY

"Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto," means "eat well, laugh often and love much." I don't think there is any other expression that more completely describes the Italian way of life. - Annelies, Travel Director

INSIGHT CHOICE

Florence: Choose between a visit to the Accademia Museum with an art historian to see Michelangelo's monumental statue, David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a guided shopping tour and enjoy all the treats and trinkets on show.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Vatican City: Gain VIP access into the Vatican Museums to admire the famous Bramante Staircase, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and venture inside St. Peter's Basilica.

Visit Rome with a Local Expert • a glassblowing workshop and gondola crafting in Venice.

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 Santa Margherita from Portofino
• Ride a gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit Caesar Augustus Gardens in Capri.

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

See the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona in Rome
• Capri • Santa Croce Basilica Florence
• Cinque Terre • St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace in Venice.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore
• Celebration Dinner on Burano in Venice.

Taste wine with a master vintner near Lake Iseo.

Faraglioni, Isle of Capri, Italy



TRIP PLANNER - 11 DAYS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT SAVE UP TO \$583 pp

TRIP CODE: E980

STARTS	ENDS	TWIN	STARTS	ENDS	TWIN
* Mon 30 Mar	Thu 09 Apr	\$5650	Mon 13 Jul	Thu 23 Jul	\$5695
Mon 13 Apr	Thu 23 Apr	\$5695	Mon 20 Jul	Thu 30 Jul	\$5625
Mon 20 Apr	Thu 30 Apr	\$5695	Mon 27 Jul	Thu 06 Aug	\$5595
Mon 27 Apr	Thu 07 May	\$5750	Mon 03 Aug	Thu 13 Aug	\$5775
Mon 04 May	Thu 14 May	\$5750	Mon 10 Aug	Thu 20 Aug	\$5775
Mon 11 May	Thu 21 May	\$5750	Mon 17 Aug	Thu 27 Aug	\$5675
Mon 18 May	Thu 28 May	\$5750	Mon 24 Aug	Thu 03 Sep	\$5825
Mon 25 May	Thu 04 Jun	\$5750	Mon 31 Aug	Thu 10 Sep	\$5725
Mon 01 Jun	Thu 11 Jun	\$5750	Mon 07 Sep	Thu 17 Sep	\$5795
Mon 08 Jun	Thu 18 Jun	\$5750	Mon 14 Sep	Thu 24 Sep	\$5795
Mon 15 Jun	Thu 25 Jun	\$5750	Mon 21 Sep	Thu 01 Oct	\$5795
Mon 22 Jun	Thu 02 Jul	\$5750	Mon 28 Sep	Thu 08 Oct	\$5795
Mon 29 Jun	Thu 09 Jul	\$5825	Mon 05 Oct	Thu 15 Oct	\$5750
Mon 06 Jul	Thu 16 Jul	\$5825	Mon 12 Oct	Thu 22 Oct	\$5750
			Mon 19 Oct	Thu 29 Oct	\$5750

NOTES: Twin prices are per person. * There is a 50% reduction to the Single Supplement on this departure, subject to availability. Isle of Capri: Open-top taxis are dependent on favourable weather conditions. Cinque Terre: Return cruise is dependent on favourable weather conditions.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller \$570 | Triple Room Reduction \$270 | 2nd Trip \$146 | Past Guest \$163

ROOMING OPTIONS: Single Supplement from \$840 p.p. to \$1680 p.p.

PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION: For your Travel Director and Driver \$160 p.p.

*SOLO TRAVELLER SAVINGS

FROM \$509 PER DAY

COACH WITH EXTRA LEGROOM

SMALLER GROUPS

YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 BREAKFASTS | 5 DINNERS | 17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



DAY 1

WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME.

Rome is the former religious, political and commercial heart of a vast empire. You will be met on arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport with transfers departing for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30, before getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

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DAY 2

VIP VATICAN AND ROME WITH A LOCAL.

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your VIP visit includes fast-track entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica before enjoying some free time.

Later, enjoy a leisurely walking exploration to see the Trevi Fountain and Pantheon with a local.

Then there is time to relax and absorb the atmosphere of Piazza Navona. (B)

DAY 3

ANCIENT POMPEII AND THE ISLE OF CAPRI.

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii, walking with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century. Enjoy a refreshing lemon granita.

Continue to the Bay of Naples and board your hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri.

In brilliant sunshine, enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. (B)

La Palma Hotel, Capri.

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DAY 4 • RELAXED START THE ISLE OF DREAMS.

Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the luxuriant Caesar Augustus Gardens for views of the Faraglioni rocks.

The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish or perhaps join an Optional Excursion to Positano? 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)

DAY 5

THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE.

Descend to the port by private open top taxis and take the hydrofoil across the bay to Naples.

Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (DW)

Hotel Londra, Florence.

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DAY 6

FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE.

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to the Accademia Museum with an art historian to see Michelangelo's monumental statue, David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a guided shopping tour and enjoy all the treats and trinkets on show.

View the multi-coloured marble cathedral, Giotto's bell tower and the baptistery, adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria and stroll onto Piazza Santa Croce, famous for its basilica and the quality of its luxury goods. (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.

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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 Simplon/Dino, Baveno, Italian Lakes.

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DAY 9

TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY.

Follow the southern fringes of the European 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 – a complete step back in time to the 16th century. (B)

Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

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DAY 10 • RELAXED START

VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA.

Cruise to a traditional arts centre on Giudecca Island to delight in the skillful art of glassblowing.

Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs.

Take your seat on a gondola and be serenaded through the myriad of beautiful canals, passing water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces.

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

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$1017