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# Day 1 | Ciao Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a centre of celebration between December 24, 2024, and December 31, 2025. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal City.

Indulge all your senses in the imperial city of Rome, your introduction to a memorable encounter with Italy that will have you returning for more. Spend your afternoon relaxing after your journey, or explore the ancient city streets before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner.

Meals: Dinner Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

## Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Your Roman adventure begins with a Dive into Culture, as you join a Local Specialist for an unforgettable visit to the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of history as you admire the remarkable collection of masterpieces gathered by Popes over centuries. Gaining fast-track admission, you will admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Crossing the Tiber, you'll venture into Ancient Rome and visit the Colosseum. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Rome. Admire the spectacular palaces and piazzas, the Spanish Steps or the Trevi Fountain.

Due to increased demand during the Jubilee year, access to the Vatican Museums may be limited. If tickets are unavailable during your visit, your sightseeing will instead explore the Capitoline Museums, home to the Capitoline Wolf, ancient Roman bronzes and Renaissance art. From its spot on Capitoline Hill, you'll have the chance to take in views of the Roman Forum.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

# **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Piazzas and Fountains -* Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic centre, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City. Adult: 49.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

*Roman Evening with Dinner -* Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

*Roman Delights with Dinner -* Tonight, relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine, soaking up Rome's unique atmosphere in a characteristic trattoria with drinks and music. Adult: 67.00 EUR

# Day 3 | Journey to the Floating City of Venice



This morning, you'll venture north through the valley of the Tiber into the green and golden landscapes of Umbria. Pass the hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto, travelling past Tuscany's terraced olive groves and across the Apennine Mountains, bound for Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Gondolas & the Grand Canal -* Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways. Adult: 93.00 EUR

#### Day 4 | Onwards to Verona



Cruise by private launch into the heart of Venice this morning, where you'll see the city's most celebrated sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the ornate Doge's Palace. Next, witness first-hand the intricate craft of glassblowing – your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER<sup>®</sup> Experience helps to preserve this precious Venetian tradition for generations to come. Beyond their talent and skill, admire the exquisite pieces Venice is famous for, perhaps choosing to take one home as a souvenir to remind you of this special visit. Soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice before continuing to Verona, home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Leopardi

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Venice's Secrets* - Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll discover tucked away squares and back streets local Venetians use to side-step the tourist throng and give you a sense of authentic life on the island of Venice. Adult: 50.00 EUR

*Discover Verona* - During a leisurely walking tour our Local Specialist will bring the elegant streets and piazzas of Verona to life. Highlights include views of the mighty arena, the intricately carved tombs of the powerful Scaligeri family and the medieval market place. Adult: 38.00 EUR

# Day 5 | Admire Pisa and on to Florence



Your first stop today is Pisa's UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles, where you will have the opportunity to view the Leaning Tower before travelling on to Florence. Explore the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Medici dynasty, whose penchant for beautiful art and architecture created one of the world's cultural centres. Tonight, enjoy a Be My Guest experience set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

Day 6 | All Roads Lead to Rome



Join a Local Specialist today to delve into the rich medieval and Renaissance history of Florence. Your sightseeing tour will take us to the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. Wandering through the narrow streets, you will encounter the Multi-coloured marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, a spectacular feat of engineering from the Middle Ages that is today lined with iewellers. Your journey continues through Umbria to the valley of the Tiber River and back to Rome. Toast to a memorable holiday with newfound friends at dinner.

Meals: Breakfast. Dinner Hotel: Grand Tiberio

# **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia - Step inside the Accademia Gallery for a closer look at Michelangelo's David. one of the world's most celebrated sculptures. With guidance from your Local Specialist, discover how this Renaissance masterpiece was brought to life and hear the stories behind Michelangelo's work and legacy in Florence.

Adult: 62.00 EUR

\*The Accademia is not available on Mondays due to weekly closure day.

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With your Local Specialist you'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred" dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello. Adult: 54.00 EUR

# Day 7 | Farewell Rome



After breakfast, it's time to say a fond arrivederci to Rome, Italy and your travel companions as you return home with wonderful memories of this magnificent destination.

Meals: Breakfast