

# INSIGHT VACATIONS

## *Italian Intermezzo*





## KEY

- ① Central Hotels + Nights
- ① Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- |||| Trip Option
-  Cruise
-  Train
-  Join/Leave Options
-  Included Flights
-  UNESCO Heritage Site

## Day 1 | Welcome to Milan



Greet your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport. Later, head to a traditional restaurant known for its delicious Milanese dishes. Tonight's dinner is a chance to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Duo Milan Porta Nuova

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Milan Uncovered** - Immerse yourself in Milan's rich cultural and artistic heritage through the insights of your Local Expert. Begin by marvelling at the Duomo, Milan's iconic Cathedral, and Italy's largest and most intricate Gothic structure. Stroll through the elegant 19th-century Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, a dazzling arcade lined with sophisticated cafes and high-end boutiques that define Milan's global reputation as a fashion capital. Our exploration continues with a visit to the magnificent Teatro alla Scala, where you'll uncover the fascinating history and hidden stories of the world's most celebrated opera house, a stage that has witnessed unforgettable performances by legends like Maria Callas, Luciano Pavarotti, and Dame Joan Sutherland. **Please note:** In the event of a performance at Teatro alla Scala, this visit will be replaced with a guided tour of the Duomo.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

## Day 2 | Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic



Journey across the Veneto plain, rich in agriculture, known for its peach trees & vineyards, with the Dolomite mountains on the northern horizon. Your hotel, exuding authentic Venetian charm, beautifully reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. As night falls, there's the opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of St. Mark's Square, with its orchestras and delightful alfresco cafes, providing an unforgettable experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Venetian Splendour** - Venice is one of the most unique cities in the world and, after the crowds have left, it's at its most beautiful. Board private water taxis as you are whisked down the most famous canal in Venice - the Grand Canal. You'll witness the beautiful and spectacular palazzi adorning the most famous 'street' in Venice then travel under the remarkable Rialto Bridge to arrive in the centre of it all, Piazza San Marco. There, you have seats reserved outside a famous Venetian cafe, in front of a live orchestra. Enjoy a drink and gaze out at the illuminated sights of St Mark's Square while being serenaded. This is Venice at its most unique and magical, an evening not to be missed, with images and sensations you'll never forget!

Adult: 71.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima



Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, sailing past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassmaking workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish. Or, leave the hustle of St. Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon on an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy-coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialities with wine included.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Hidden Venice** - Experience Venice's big set pieces is to miss out on a hidden world full of surprises! Join a Local Expert for a fascinating walk through some of the lesser known quarters of Venice. The back lanes and 'campi', small squares, where tourists seldom tread are full of history and great places to sample local life.

Adult: 47.00 EUR

**Burano Excursion & Meal** - Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, a photographer's paradise, famous for its candy coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialities with wine included. An excursion not to be missed!

Adult: 89.00 EUR

## Day 4 | Tranquil Tuscany, Pisa and Florence



Stop in Pisa to see the remarkable Leaning Tower, where Galileo is said to have conducted his famous experiments on velocity and gravity. In the evening, consider joining an Optional Experience featuring a traditional Tuscan dinner paired with local wines — including, of course, Chianti from the region's renowned vineyards.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Albani Firenze, Florence

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

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

**Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli** - Through the Chianti hills, you'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

Adult: 80.00 EUR

**Tuscan Dinner & Cooking Demonstration** - Florence and Tuscany are renowned for their rich gastronomic heritage. Tonight we'll travel into the hills near Florence to the northernmost part of the Chianti, where a local chef will introduce you to the dishes that make Tuscan cuisine famous throughout the world. This wonderful cooking demonstration, with superb food and wine, will provide warm and genuine Tuscan hospitality.

Adult: 82.00 EUR

## Day 5 | Free Time in Renaissance Florence



This morning, explore Florence with Insight Choice: choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David, or join a guided walk with a Local Expert through the Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, where you'll admire the cathedral, Giotto's bell tower, baptistery and Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, as well as the statues fronting the Palazzo Vecchio. Afterwards, enjoy a demonstration of Florence's renowned leatherwork and gold craftsmanship. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director and enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. The rest of your day is free to discover more of the Tuscan capital at your own pace. You may choose to join an Optional Experience to San Gimignano, where medieval towers and artisan shops line the cobbled streets of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Albani Firenze, Florence

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**San Gimignano Excursion** - Join your Local Expert in San Gimignano, Tuscany's 'medieval Manhattan', where 14 towers still rise above cobbled lanes. Discover how rival families built these structures in a show of power, and explore Romanesque and Gothic architecture that has remained untouched since the 14th century. As you take in the town's timeless charm and historic wealth in saffron trade, you'll also savour a local treat specially selected for your visit.

Adult: 63.00 EUR

## Day 6 | Chianti Country to Orvieto and on to Rome



Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome on an optional experience taking a "passeggiata" (stroll) with your Local Expert discovering the piazzas and fountains. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-century fountains and beautiful piazzas. Why not throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Villa Pamphili, Rome

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Piazzas and Fountains** - Enjoy a guided *passeggiata* with a Local Expert through Rome's cobblestone streets. Venture into the heart of Ancient Rome, wander through its charming squares, and marvel at the city's iconic landmarks that define its unique character, all while soaking up the vibrant atmosphere that makes the Eternal City so captivating.

Adult: 50.00 EUR

**Roman Dinner Party** - Enjoy an evening of delicious Roman cuisine with drinks and a great Italian ambiance.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Rome Sightseeing and the Vatican



In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and step inside the Sistine Chapel, where you'll marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece on the ceiling. Afterwards, view the magnificent exterior of St Peter's Basilica, followed by free time. In the evening, dine on Lazio's culinary specialities as you celebrate your journey through Italy's heritage and culture with your fellow travellers.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Villa Pamphili, Rome

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Guided Visit to the Colosseum** - With a Local Expert, step back in time to explore the glorious history of the Roman Empire. Admire the Arch of Constantine and tread in the footsteps of gladiators and Roman soldiers. Enjoy priority reserved entrance ahead of the crowds and once inside the mighty Colosseum, hear tales of deadly gladiatorial combat and the mighty Roman Empire.  
Adult: 69.00 EUR

## Day 8 | Arrivederci Roma



Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. Italy's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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