

# Jewels of Italy

## Trip Map




 Start Location

 End Location

 Over night

 Visited Location

 Cruise

 Ferry

 Plane

 Train

## Day 1 | Arrive Rome



Buongiorno! Rome kicks off your epic Italian trilogy. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day relaxing or pound the pavements to discover why Rome so deserves its title, the 'Eternal City'. Later, you'll meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead. There's even time for a leisurely stroll to one of the city's thronging piazzas to people-watch or to join an Optional Experience dinner in a Roman trattoria. Embrace life lived the Italian way – to the fullest.

**Hotel:** Ergife Palace

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Roman Delights with Dinner** - Make the most of your Roman holiday, living la dolce vita as the locals do with a relaxed dinner in a characteristic trattoria. Soak up the atmosphere of the charming city as you dine, sampling typical Italian cuisine and drinks as you enjoy live music. This is the Italian experience you've been dreaming of!

**Adult: 63.00 EUR**

## Day 2 | Rome sightseeing and free time



With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Specialist at Vatican City, the world's smallest country. Stand in St. Peter's Square, sharing your space with devoted pilgrims. Visit St. Peter's Basilica and view one of Michelangelo's greatest works, the sorrowful Pietà. Cross the Tiber next, to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ergife Palace

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Piazzas and Fountains** - Discover the most charming areas of the city as you explore quintessential Italian piazzas and fountains with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares in Rome's historic centre, stopping to marvel at highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and hidden corners of the Eternal City.

**Adult: 44.00 EUR**

## Day 3 | Rome – Pisa – Florence (Prato)



A mesmerising journey through the rolling vineyards and olive groves of Tuscany awaits. Visit Pisa and its Square of Miracles, one of the most beautiful architectural complexes in the world. Yield to peer pressure and snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. You'll have some time for souvenir shopping before continuing to Florence. This evening, there's an opportunity to head into the Tuscan Hills for dinner on an unforgettable Optional Experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** President

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Traditional Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills** - Make your Florentine travel dreams a reality as we dine at a delightful regional restaurant, set among pine and cypress trees. After a scenic drive through the stunning Tuscan countryside, we'll enjoy a meal of delicious specialties from the area, accompanied by local wines and music.

**Adult: 69.00 EUR**

#### Day 4 | Florence sightseeing and free time



There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy equal to that of Florence. Now's your chance to experience it in all its glory with your Local Specialist at your side. Lace up your walking shoes and view the city's most iconic sights on foot – the Baptistery, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and Ponte Vecchio. You'll visit Piazza della Signoria and witness a demonstration revealing the centuries-old Florentine trade of leatherwork, followed by some time to explore on your own. Later on, why not visit San Gimignano as part of an Optional Experience? If you're in the mood for some shopping, consider buying some of the high-quality leather goods you've just witnessed or shop for 18-carat gold jewellery. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** President

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

**Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia** - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.

**Adult: 54.00 EUR**

\* This optional is subject to availability and involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel this optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

\*\* The Accademia is not available on Monday's 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 our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

**Adult: 46.00 EUR**

**Visit To San Gimignano** - Join us for a panoramic drive to the nearby hilltop town of San Gimignano. Known as 'Medieval Manhattan' this magnificently preserved town from the Middle Ages is one of the most beautiful destinations to visit in Italy – a true gem to add to explore on your holiday. You'll also enjoy a delicious local gelato.

**Adult: 40.00 EUR**

#### Day 5 | Florence – Verona – Venice (Mestre)



Journey across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held several centuries after it was built to entertain the citizens of this fair city. Juliet's Balcony is a further highlight, revealing the tragic story of the Montague and Capulet family feud. Your journey continues to Venice, your home for the next two nights. Time on your own means an opportunity to explore one of the world's most romantic cities, watching the busy traffic on its canals over a crisp glass of Aperol Spritz, or to embark on an Optional Experience gondola ride along Venice's narrow waterways. Salute!

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** LH Sirio Venice

CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:



**Gondolas & the Grand Canal** - Join us for a breath-taking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal, enjoying privileged views of impressive sights such as the Ca' D'Oro, the Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways, discovering the irresistible charm of the worldfamous canals.

**Adult: 85.00 EUR**

#### Day 6 | Venice orientation and free time



Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, in the heart of Venice. All the main attractions are within walking distance of the Piazza so you'll have easy access to view the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend your time wandering the calle of Venice then watch talented master craftsmen at work engaged in the same craft as their ancestors from centuries ago. Witness the beautiful glass creations, that are characteristic of Venice, being made during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Consider an Optional Experience cruise across the lagoon to the colourful island of Burano.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** LH Sirio Venice

#### CHOICE 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: 42.00 EUR**

**A Roof with a View** - This Optional is for those who don't mind a climb. Our guide Fillipo will come pick you up either from St Marks or meet you at The Benedetto Marcello Conservatory. It is among the conservatories with the richest histories in Europe. "It is located in the monumental Palazzo Pisani, the largest patrician palace in Venice, at the heart of the city, a short distance from Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge. Enriched and embellished by frescoes, statues, marble decorations, stuccos, and friezes, the space is divided into two internal courtyards, separated by various levels and floors of loggias and large halls: the spectacular Concert Hall is particularly striking, surrounded by columns and dominated by a high balcony that completely circles its entire perimeter. Walk 15 mins

to the conservatoire, have a guided tour of the palace and then climb the steps to highest point in Venice.

**Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Farewell Dinner** - Join us as we discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You will enjoy a delicious farewell dinner with a selection of drinks on the fishermen's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a real photographer's paradise.

**Adult: 83.00 EUR**

### Day 7 | Depart Venice



Brief and jam-packed, this memorable encounter with Italy's favourite cities has been brimming with culture, history and culinary delights. We hope you tossed a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return to Rome, but if you didn't, you'll have a heart full of fond memories that will stay with you forever. For now, it's arrivederci, but not farewell forever as you say goodbye to your Travel Director and newfound friends.

**Meals:** Breakfast