



# TREASURES OF ITALY

Explore Italy's historic cities, villages and scenery, as you meet skilled artisans, musicians and Local Experts along the way.



## INSIGHT EXPERIENCES TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

### FLORENCE:

Gain a fascinating insight into the work of Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a Renaissance art expert during your visit to the Accademia Museum.

### LAKE ISEO:

Visit a local winery passed down through the generations and taste their latest vintages with a master vintner.

### ISLE OF CAPRI:

Get a flavour of the jet-set lifestyle with two nights on this famous isle. Cruise between the island and mainland by hydrofoil and relax as you are driven in an iconic open-top taxi.

### CINQUE TERRE:

Join a Local Expert to travel to these hidden villages on the 19th century railway line through some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on earth.

FROM \$362 PER DAY

SMALLER GROUPS

COACH WITH EXTRA LEGROOM



#### Key:

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights

## TRIP PLANNER - 11 DAYS

### EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT SAVE UP TO \$405pp

TRIP CODE: E980

STARTS	ENDS	TWIN	STARTS	ENDS	TWIN
Mon 02 Apr	Thu 12 Apr	\$3975	Mon 23 Jul	Thu 02 Aug	\$3925
Mon 16 Apr	Thu 26 Apr	\$3995	Mon 30 Jul	Thu 09 Aug	\$3895
Mon 23 Apr	Thu 03 May	\$3995			
Mon 30 Apr	Thu 10 May	\$3995	Mon 06 Aug	Thu 16 Aug	\$3895
			Mon 13 Aug	Thu 23 Aug	\$3895
Mon 07 May	Thu 17 May	\$3995	Mon 20 Aug	Thu 30 Aug	\$3895
Mon 14 May	Thu 24 May	\$3995	Mon 27 Aug	Thu 06 Sep	\$3925
Mon 21 May	Thu 31 May	\$3995			
Mon 28 May	Thu 07 Jun	\$3995	Mon 03 Sep	Thu 13 Sep	\$3995
			Mon 10 Sep	Thu 20 Sep	\$3995
Mon 04 Jun	Thu 14 Jun	\$3995	Mon 17 Sep	Thu 27 Sep	\$3995
Mon 11 Jun	Thu 21 Jun	\$3995	Mon 24 Sep	Thu 04 Oct	\$3995
Mon 18 Jun	Thu 28 Jun	\$3995			
Mon 25 Jun	Thu 05 Jul	\$4050	Mon 01 Oct	Thu 11 Oct	\$3995
			Mon 08 Oct	Thu 18 Oct	\$3995
Mon 02 Jul	Thu 12 Jul	\$4050	Mon 15 Oct	Thu 25 Oct	\$3995
Mon 09 Jul	Thu 19 Jul	\$4050	Mon 22 Oct	Thu 01 Nov	\$3995
Mon 16 Jul	Thu 26 Jul	\$3950			

**NOTES:** Twin prices are per person. Isle of Capri: Open-top taxis are dependent on favourable weather conditions.

**FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO:** Young Traveller \$390 | Triple Room Reduction \$180 | 2nd Trip \$101 | Past Guest \$203

**ROOMING OPTIONS:** Single Supplement from \$770 p.p. up to \$900 p.p.

**EXTRA NIGHT HOTELS PER PERSON - SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS MAY**

**APPLY:** Rome: Hotel Romanico Palace Twin \$197 | Single \$308 | Triple \$169. Venice: Hilton Molino Stucky Venice Hotel Twin \$244 | Single \$410 | Triple \$226.

**ONE-WAY TRANSFER OUTSIDE SCHEDULE TIMES:** Rome: \$45 p.p., Venice (by water taxi): \$110 p.p.

**PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION:** For your Travel Director and Driver \$119 p.p.

**BOOK YOUR AIR EARLY:** To get the best land & air deal possible!

## YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 BREAKFASTS | 5 DINNERS | 13 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. Then there is time to relax and absorb the atmosphere of Piazza Navona. (BB)

### 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 before enjoying 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. (BB)

Hotel La Residenza, 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 the Amalfi Coast and 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 at an al-fresco restaurant. (BB)

### DAY 5

#### THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE.

Descend to the port by open-top taxi and take the hydrofoil across the Bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole, or Motorway of the Sun, and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (BB) (DW)

Hotel Londra, Florence.  
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### DAY 6

#### FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE.

With your Local Expert walk through the historic centre and visit the Accademia Gallery, to see Michelangelo's masterpiece statue, David. 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. (BB)

### DAY 7

#### THE 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. Should weather permit, return along the rugged Ligurian coast by boat to the resort of Santa Margherita. (BB) (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. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure or perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands?

For your dining pleasure, you are invited to choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (BB) (DW)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno, Lake Maggiore.  
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### DAY 9

#### TO VENICE WITH WINE AND VERONA ALONG THE WAY.

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards, close to the shores of Lake Iseo.

Winemaking traditions run deep here and you will get to taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate.

Journey to Verona and walk with your Travel Director to see Juliet's balcony and the Roman Arena before continuing to the unique city of Venice. (BB)

Hilton Molino Stucky Venice Hotel.  
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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 admire 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. (BB) (DW)

### DAY 11

#### ARRIVEDERCI VENICE.

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (BB)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$762

Please see inside front cover for information key on dining, trip styles and itinerary icons.