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BEST OF ITALY



Departure May 29 - June 8, 2019

11
Days

Twin - \$3,795
Single - \$5,365
Per person, land-only

Featuring a look at three of Italy's best-known travel destinations - Rome, Florence and Sorrento - this guided journey offers so much more than just sightseeing. Begin your Italian adventure in the ancient city of Rome, where sites such as the Colosseum, the Vatican, Piazza Navona and the Trevi Fountain wait to be explored. From Rome, a high-speed train takes us to Florence - a place where famed sites meet new experiences.

Here, enjoy tastes of Renaissance art, medieval architecture and, of course, wine. A high-speed train takes us from Florence, this time bound for Sorrento. As if the scenery thus far has not been amazing enough, you will be delighted by a trip down the Amalfi Coast and be astounded by your guided visit to the ancient city of Pompeii. Come, experience Italy in a whole new way.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- Rail travel onboard high-speed trains from Rome to Florence and Florence to Naples
- Hotel accommodations for 9 nights
- 14 meals
- City tour of Rome including Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, Colosseum and Roman Forum
- Walking tour of Florence including the Accademia Gallery
- Wine Tasting and Cooking Class in a Tuscan castle
- Guided tours of San Gimignano and Pompeii
- Full-day Amalfi Coast tour
- Services of a professional tour manager

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Day 1 - International Travel

Today is reserved as a travel day. Flight to Rome, Italy is not included.

Day 2 - Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Italy! Arrive at the airport and transfer to the hotel (normal check-in times apply). Included transfer will accommodate flights arriving into Rome before 10:30 am. The rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring the city independently. This evening, meet back at the hotel for a welcome dinner with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers. Overnight Rome. (D)

Day 3 - Rome

After breakfast we start our exploration of Italy with a guided tour through the center of Rome enjoying some of the famous highlights- the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and the Trevi Fountain. At the Colosseum, you will be treated to a look inside the former home to Gladiators, and at the Roman Forum, the centuries-old ruins will amaze you. This evening you are free to explore the local restaurant scene or sites at leisure. Overnight Rome. (B)

Day 4 - Vatican City

A religious mecca that visitors from all over the world flock to, Vatican City and its sites are on our itinerary for today. We begin at the Vatican Museums, where we will marvel over ancient excavations, detailed marble sculptures, a fantastic array of religious artwork and even the beautiful architecture. From here, enjoy a look at the 15th century Sistine Chapel, which is impressive for a number of reasons, but most notably Michelangelo's work on the ceiling. We will also tour St. Peter's Basilica - another stunning example of Renaissance architecture. Overnight Rome. (B)

Day 5 - Train to Florence

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the train station for a high-speed ride to Florence. A local guide will greet us upon arrival at Florence's Santa

Maria Novella Train Station. From here we will embark on a tour featuring a look at some of the most famed attractions in the city, such as Piazza Santa Croce, Piazza della Signoria and the Duomo, Florence's beautiful cathedral from the 1400s. This walking tour concludes with a visit to the Accademia Gallery where his "David" is on display. Tonight, you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Florence. (B, D)

Day 6 - San Gimignano and Tuscan Cooking Class

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and some free time in Florence. Visit one of the many gardens, check out one of the museums or gaze upon the Renaissance-period buildings that fill the city. This afternoon we will head to the ancient city of San Gimignano, which delights with cobblestone streets, medieval buildings and soaring towers. We'll continue to a castle in the heart of Tuscany where a professional chef awaits to teach us the secrets involved in traditional pasta and sauce making. We will prepare and then feast on a multi-course Italian dinner complete with wine pairings. Overnight Florence. (B, D)

Day 7 - Florence at Leisure

The day is yours to take on Florence and the surrounding region however you see fit. Perhaps you want to visit Piazzale Michelangelo which offers the very best views over the city; take in the Renaissance Art at the Uffizi Galleries; or just meander along the city's winding streets, stopping for an espresso or shopping at the famous leather market. Overnight Florence. (B)

Day 8 - Naples/Pompeii/Sorrento

This morning we will board the high-speed train headed to the waterside city of Naples. From the train station, we will take a short drive to one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world, Pompeii. Our expert guide will transport us back to Roman times as we walk along the stone streets and see what is left of ancient

buildings. We will learn more about their complex water systems, food and everyday life as we move throughout the ruins. After an included lunch we will transfer to the charming seaside resort town of Sorrento. Overnight Sorrento. (B, L)

Day 9 - Amalfi Coast

Turquoise waters and colorful villages lie ahead on today's excursion down one of the most impressive examples of Mediterranean beauty, the Amalfi Coast. We will begin with a short drive from Sorrento to Tordigliano. Take a quick glimpse at the water and the rugged cliffs that dramatically cascade into it before boarding a minivan bound for Positano. From Positano, we will board a boat for an incredibly scenic journey to Amalfi. Overnight Sorrento. (B)

Day 10 - Sorrento at Leisure

The final day of your Italian vacation leaves you to explore Sorrento, the coastline or wherever else you please. Overnight Sorrento. (B, D)

Day 11 - End of Tour

Following breakfast this morning, your time in Italy comes to a close. Transfer to Naples International Airport for your return flight home. Included transfer will accommodate flights that depart Naples after 10:00 am. (B) (Flight not included)

- Hotels include: Hotel Romanico Palace (Rome), Hotel Cellai (Florence), and Hotel Hilton Sorrento Palace (Sorrento)
- Hotel properties are subject to change.
- \$750 deposit due at time of reservations
- Final payment due 90 days prior to departure
- Travel insurance is recommended
- Passport required

