

Trip Style: At Leisure

Great Italian Cities

Merchant Palaces, Papal splendor and Renaissance masters. Italy's greatest cities are in the spotlight on this epic discovery of Rome, Florence and Venice.



Grand Canal, Venice

The Trafalgar difference

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Your included sights

- City tour in **Rome, Assisi, Florence, Bologna** and **Venice**
- Orientation of **Pisa**
- Visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, the amazing **Vatican Museums**, the **Sistine Chapel**, the **Colosseum** in Rome and **St. Francis' Basilica** in Assisi
- Cruise by private launch to **St. Mark's Square** in Venice
- View **Santa Croce Basilica** and the **Duomo** in Florence, the **Leaning Tower of Pisa** and the **Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica** in Venice
- See the **ancient sites** of Rome

Your Insider Experiences

- **Local Specialist** For included sightseeing in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Bologna and Venice. Secret Venice Small Group Sightseeing with a Local Specialist.
- **Cultural Insight** Ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. Visit Giudecca Island for a demonstration in glassblowing.
- **Be My Guest** You will be welcomed by the owners of a magnificent villa in the Tuscan hills.

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You'll enjoy Insider moments like...

meeting the family of Count Fulcis in their 15th century villa, where the love story 'Room with a View' was filmed, learning about olive oil production and sharing warm regional cuisine together.

†Travel to Europe often requires an overnight flight. Please arrange flights to arrive on or before Day 1.

Day 1 Arrive Rome (3 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or explore this fascinating city on your own. Later, meet your companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. It's the perfect opportunity to get to know everyone. An orientation drive will take you to see St. Peter's Basilica - a great start to your Italian vacation. **(WR) Hotel: Grand Palatino**

i Day 2 Rome Sightseeing and At Leisure

Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a **Cultural Insight** in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica and see his famous Pietà. Later visit the impressive Colosseum, the largest amphitheater in the Roman Empire. See the Circus Maximus where Ben Hur-style chariot racing took place. Spend free time discovering more of the city or relax at a sidewalk café and watch the world go by. **(BB)**

Day 3 Rome At Leisure

Spend today as you please. Your Travel Director will be able to help you get the most from your day at leisure. Alternatively consider joining an Optional Experience to the renowned excavations at Pompeii, in the Bay of Naples. **(BB)**

i Day 4 Rome - Assisi - Florence (3 Nights)

Drive north to the mystical town of Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Visit

St. Francis' Basilica and see Giotto's enchanting frescoes, with your **Local Specialist**. Arrive later in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. **(BB) Hotel: Ambasciatori**

i Day 5 Florence Sightseeing and At Leisure

Learn about Florence's rich cultural history during your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistery, famous for its gilded bronze doors. Enjoy scenic views of the Ponte Vecchio, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Afterwards, explore on your own or shop for souvenirs in Florence, renowned for high quality leather and 18 carat gold jewelry. **(BB)**

i Day 6 Florence - Excursion to Pisa

Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa, a former maritime city on the Ligurian Sea. In the Square of Miracles, home to some of the city's most famous sights, see the incredible Leaning Tower and the beautifully sculpted marble cathedral. See the baptistry and the cemetery, built on soil brought from Calvary in the Holy Land. This evening travel to a Tuscan olive oil estate for a special **Be My Guest** dinner. **(BB, BG)**

i Day 7 Florence - Bologna - Venice (3 Nights)

Travel through the Apennines to Bologna, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and famous for sausages and salami. Your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Later cross the Veneto plains to Venice. This sublime island city, constructed in a lagoon, has an incredibly rich cultural and artistic heritage. This evening you might like to take a

