

# CENTRAL ITALY

# LAZIO | TUSCANY | UMBRIA | LE MARCHE | ABRUZZO | EMILIA ROMAGNA

The heartland of Italy has some of the world's most renowned cities and picture-postcard countryside that people only dream of visiting.

**Tuscany** and neighbouring **Umbria** are the *green heart of Italy*, with rolling hills, vineyards and olive groves dotted with medieval towns and farmhouses, and surely on most people's bucket lists.

But there are lesser known towns and regions waiting to be discovered. Surrounding **Rome** is the often overlooked region of **Lazio** with its own treasures; a myriad of ancient hill towns, beautiful gardens and easy day trips to **Tivoli**, **Ostia Antica** and **Civitavecchia**, on a thousand roads less travelled.

**Abruzzo** and **Le Marche** are rugged lands that lie between the Apennine mountains and the Adriatic coast. Located

off the beaten tourist track on Italy's east coast, they are full of food, medieval villages, bustling seaside ports and undiscovered cultural riches. Discover real Italian people and unique traditions still used today.

And of course, **Emilia Romagna** is a food lovers' paradise – think cheese and ham, balsamic vinegar and world famous bolognese sauce. Eat your way through **Parma, Ravenna** and **Modena** and soak in **Bologna's** culinary delights, beautiful colonades and medieval architectural style.

Also found in the central region of Italy, between **Le Marche** and **Emilia Romagna**, is one of the world's oldest sovereign states, the hilltop republic of **San Marino**. Situated high on the slopes of **Monte Titano** is the capital, also called **San Marino**, known for its medieval, walled old town and narrow cobblestone streets.

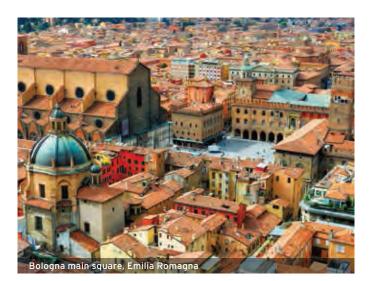






#### THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- **Go wine tasting in Frascati,** one of the Castelli Romani (Roman villages) in the hills around Rome.
- **Stay in a villa in Tuscany** and explore many ancient hilltop towns and villages.
- See a *trabucco* in Abruzzo, a traditional fishing structure still used today.
- **Cook Italian cuisine with locals** using only the freshest produce in Rome, Abruzzo, Tuscany and Umbria.
- Eat your way around Emilia Romagna bolognese sauce in Bologna, balsamic vinegar in Modena and cheese and ham in Parma.
- Visit the incredible Orvieto Duomo in Umbria, an easy 90 minute drive from Rome.
- **Stay in 'a room with a view'** in Florence, visit *David* and the masterpieces of Uffizi Gallery.
- Wander the cobbled laneways of Siena, Tuscany and have a gelato in the Campo, home of the famous *Palio* horse race.
- Visit Tivoli and the beautiful gardens of Villa Adriana and Villa d'Este in Lazio.
- Walk the ancient Appian Way (Via Appia Antica) or explore Ostia Antica, the ruins of Rome's main seaport.





Bridges over River Arno, Florence, Tuscany



# ROME

An ancient saying "A thousand roads lead men forever to Rome" has over time, become the proverb "all roads lead to Rome".

**The Eternal City**, considered the centre of the world for centuries, is an open-air museum over 2000 years old. Still bringing travelers from around the world to its timeless charm, **Rome** is a city of a thousand stories and sights.

From the **Colosseum** to the magnificent **Sistine Chapel** and **Vatican City**. And from the much loved classic movies 'Roman Holiday' to Fellini's 'La Dolce Vita' set in Rome, there is nowhere on earth as majestic, or quite as unique, as Roma.

**The story of Rome**. Founded in 753BC by Romulus, Roman legend says that he had a twin brother called Remus. As babies they were abandoned and a she-wolf found and raised the twins. When they grew up, Romulus fought and killed Remus and became the first ruler of Rome.

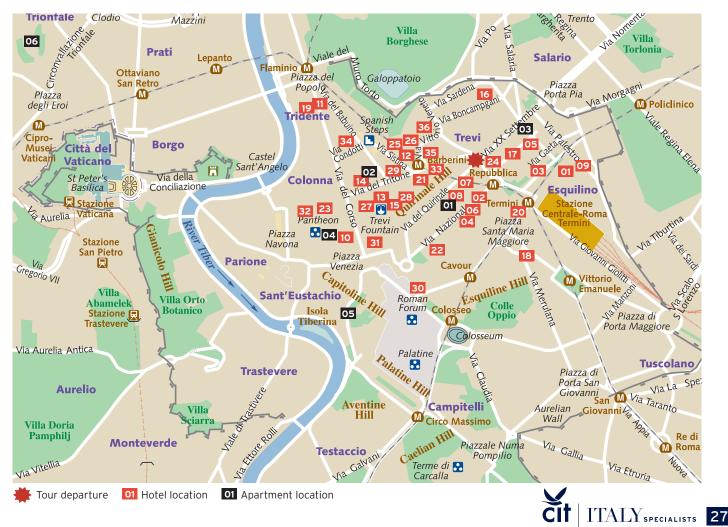
By the early 4th century, the Romans had built a road network of 53,000 miles throughout the empire. Each Roman mile was about 1000 paces and was marked with a milestone, hence the proverb "All roads lead to Rome..."

*Rome wasn't built in a day* and to see the best of the Eternal City, you will need at least three!

#### THINGS TO DO 'WHEN IN ROME'

- Throw a coin in Trevi Fountain (meaning you will return), marvel at the **Pantheon** and sip a cappuccino in **Piazza Navona** next to Bernini's famous *Fountain of the Four Rivers.*
- **Book a walking tour** of the Colosseum, Rome Forum and Palatine Hill.
- Have a gelato on the Spanish Steps (Piazza di Spagna).
- Relax in Villa Borghese Gardens and Gallery, at the top of the Spanish Steps.
- View the Vatican Museums including Michelangelo's *Sistine Chapel* fresco.
- Climb to the top of St. Peter's Basilica majestic dome.
- **Put your hand in the Bocca della Verita** (the Mouth of Truth), it will eat your hand if you lie!
- Drink from fresh water fountains scattered across Rome.
- Visit Campo de' Fiori, Rome's lively outdoor flower and food market, in the morning.
- Shop on Via del Corso and the exclusive Via Condotti, home to Prada and Gucci.
- Have an *aperitivo* on a Rome hotel roof top or catch the view from **Gianicolo** or **Buco di Roma** gardens.
- Visit the Castel Sant'Angelo (Castle of Angels) and have a drink at the roof top café overlooking the city.
- Visit Trastevere neighbourhood across the Tiber River and dine in a charming *trattorie*. Catch the bus or metro or cross the picturesque Garibaldi Bridge.
- Sit in beautiful Piazza del Popolo and watch the world go by.





# ROME CITY PACKAGES

# **Essential Rome**

# 3 days / 2 nights

Rome wasn't built in a day, but if you're short on time then this package is perfect for an introductory tour to explore the highlights of this ancient city.

Day 1 Rome Arrive and transfer to your hotel

**Day 2 Rome** Enjoy a panoramic tour discovering Rome's beautiful art, architecture and attractions with the freedom to hop on and off the open top bus at your leisure. See the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Roman Forum, the Vatican and the Trevi Fountain to name a few. **(B)** 

Day 3 Rome (B) DEPARTS Daily

LOW SEASON from \$185\* HIGH SEASON from \$277\*

# Ancient Rome

# 4 days / 3 nights

Explore Rome's important landmarks and visit the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, skipping long entrance lines.

Day 1 Rome Arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Rome Morning tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica, followed by lunch in a typical Italian restaurant. Continue to the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. (B,L) Days 3-4 Rome Days at leisure or enjoy an optional sightseeing tour. (B)

DEPARTS Daily

LOW SEASON from \$470\* HIGH SEASON from \$612\*

# **Buon Appetito Rome**

# 4 days / 3 nights

Savour the secrets of Italian cuisine by participating in a hands-on pasta making cooking class and a walking and tasting tour of Rome's enchanting squares and neighbourhoods.

Day 1 Rome Arrival transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2 Rome** Morning cooking lesson including a visit to a local market. Learn how to hand make pasta and enjoy a typical Italian lunch. Rest of the day is at leisure. **(B,L)** 

Day 3 Rome Enjoy a mid morning or late afternoon walking tour and taste Italian specialties along the way. (B)

Day 4 Rome (B)

DEPARTS Daily

LOW SEASON from \$534\* HIGH SEASON from \$674\*

# Secret Rome

# 4 days / 3 nights

See the Colosseum by night visiting the arena and underground areas, and discover two of the most important Basilicas in the world, followed by the Catacombs, the ancient underground cemeteries and hiding places of the Christians.

Day 1 Rome Arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Rome Day at leisure. Evening visit to the Colosseum with access to the arena and underground areas. (B)

Day 3 Rome Afternoon journey through the Basilica of St. John in Lateran and St. Mary Major Basilica, the Catacombs and ancient streets of Rome. (B) Day 4 Rome (B)

DEPARTS May - Oct: Wed & Sun

From **\$577\*** 

#### INCLUDES

FROM

FROM

\$470

\$185

- Arrival transfer from Rome Fiumicino airport
- 2 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 2 breakfasts
- 24 hour hop-on hop-off panoramic tour with English speaking audio commentary



#### INCLUDES

- Arrival transfer from Rome Fiumicino airport
- 3 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Sightseeing as specified with central hotel pick-up
- English speaking guide and entrance tickets
- Skip the line access



#### INCLUDES

- Arrival transfer from Rome Fiumicino airport
- 3 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch
- Small group cooking class and food tasting experiences

NOTE: the order of this itinerary may vary depending on arrival day.



#### INCLUDES

FROM

\$577

- Arrival transfer from Rome Fiumicino airport
- 3 nights 3-star
- accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 3 breakfasts
- Sightseeing as specified with bilingual, English speaking guide and entrance tickets
- Skip the line access

NOTE: the order of this itinerary may vary depending on arrival day.





# ROME DAY TOURS

# Hop-on Hop-off Panoramic Tour



**DURATION** 24 hours DEPARTS Daily FEATURES

• Open top double decker bus • English speaking, audio guide

Discover Rome's beautiful art, architecture and attractions at your own pace on board an open top, double-decker, hop-on hop-off bus. Choose between 24, 48 or 72 hours of sightseeing and listen to the informative on board commentary as you travel. See the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Roman Forum, the Vatican and the Trevi Fountain to name a few.

# In the Heart of Rome

Spanish Steps

**DURATION** 2.5 hours

- **FEATURES**
- Central hotel pick-up
- English speaking guide
- Entrance ticket

Be amazed by Rome's Baroque Gems. Visit the world-famous Spanish Steps and Navona Square with the splendid Fountain of the Four Rivers. Continue to the Pantheon, a temple once dedicated to all the Gods and later converted to a Catholic church and then the Church of San Louis of the French, home to the beautiful paintings of Caravaggio.

# Vatican Museums & Gardens





#### **DURATION** 5 hours DEPARTS

Apr - Oct: Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat, am

- **FEATURES** Skip the line entrance
- **Exclusive Partners Entrance** to the Bramante Staircase
- English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide
- Entrance ticket

Explore and admire the tranquil Vatican Gardens including a visit to the Bramante Staircase. The Gardens were established during the Renaissance and Baroque era and are decorated with fountains and sculptures. Continue with a tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and the monumental St. Peter's Basilica. It's an interesting combination of Vatican sightseeing experiences.

# Ancient Rome Walking Tour





#### **DURATION 2.5 hours**

# DEPARTS Daily, pm

- FEATURES Skip the line entrance to
- the Colosseum
- Central hotel pick-up • English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide
- Entrance ticket
- NOTE: ^Nov Mar visit Capitoline Hill instead

Enjoy a fascinating walking tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatino Hill^, led by an expert guide. Gain special access to the Colosseum and, once inside, breathe the bloody past of the amphitheatre. Admire the arch of Constantine, climb the Palatino hill and stomp on the legendary Via Sacra or Sacred Way.

## Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica



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# **DURATION 3.5 hours**

DEPARTS Daily except Sun, am **FEATURES** 

- Skip the line entrance to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica
- Central hotel pick-up
- English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide
- Entrance ticket

Explore the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, jumping the lines, and see one of the most important art collections in the world. Admire the Gallery of Tapestries and the Geographical Maps before arriving at the famous Sistine Chapel. After the Sistine Chapel enjoy exclusive access to St. Peter's Basilica.

# **Priority Early Entrance:** Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica



**DURATION** 2 hours DEPARTS Apr - Oct: daily except Sun, am

#### **FEATURES**

- Exclusive Early Entrance with skip the line access
- Entrance tickets

• English speaking guide

With an early start, don't miss the chance to enter the Sistine Chapel as a VIP and be part of the first group in the museum! With privileged access, you'll have the chance to admire Michelangelo's masterpiece before other tour groups arrive. Accompanied by your expert guide continue to St. Peter's Basilica via a privileged path and see the most important church of the Catholic world.

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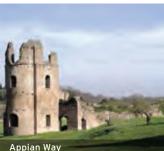
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DEPARTS Fri & Sat, am

- Transport
- Headset to hear the guide
- Vatican museum steps

# ROME DAY TOURS

# **Basilicas & Secret Underground Catacombs**



# **DURATION** 3 hours

DEPARTS Nov - Mar: Fri & Sat, pm

Apr - Oct: Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat, pm FEATURES

FROM

\$73\*

FROM

<u>\$53</u>\*

- Skip the line entrance
- Central hotel pick-up
- Entrance tickets to Catacombs
- English speaking bilingual guide
- Headset to hear the guide

Enjoy a journey through the Basilicas, Catacombs and ancient streets of Rome! See the Holy Staircase and visit inside the Basilica of St. John in Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and St. Mary Major. Then proceed along the ancient Appian Way, passing the Chapel of Domine Quo Vadis, before arriving at the Catacombs, the ancient underground cemeteries and hiding places of the Christians.

# Sunday Tour & Pope's Blessing



**DURATION** 4 hours DEPARTS Sundays, am

- **FEATURES** Central hotel pick-up · English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide
- Be amazed by Rome's baroque gems. Visit the world-famous Spanish Steps and Navona Square with the splendid Fountain of the Four Rivers. Continue to the Pantheon, a temple once dedicated to all the Gods and later converted to a Catholic church. The tour ends at St. Peter's Square where you will take part in the Pope's blessing.

# Tivoli & its Villas

Villa Adriana



Apr - Oct: Tue, Thu & Sat, am

- **FEATURES** Skip the line entrance
- · Central hotel pick-up
- Entrance tickets
- Lunch
- English speaking, bilingual guide
- Headset to hear the guide

Visit Tivoli, an ancient resort area famed for its beauty and good water, and explore its two UNESCO World Heritage sites. The most famous one, of which the ruins remain, is Villa Adriana (Hadrian's Villa). Discover the Renaissance-style Villa d'Este, a gorgeous palatial setting surrounded by a spectacular terraced garden with water jets and fountains.

# Papal Audience with Pope Francis





FROM

\$132

#### **DURATION** 5 hours

**DEPARTS** Wed according to the Holy Father's schedule, am

#### FEATURES

- Central hotel pick-up • Tickets to access to the
- Papal Audience
- Multilingual, English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide

Participate in the emotional Papal Audience and enjoy a once in a lifetime experience. At the Pontificial State's discretion, the audience might be celebrated in St. Peter's Square or in the Nervi Hall. This is an intense spiritual experience with people from all over the world. Feel free to pray or just be part of one of the most popular and expressive traditions in the world.

# Rome by Night with Dinner



**DURATION** 4 hours **DEPARTS** Daily

#### **FEATURES** Central hotel pick-up

- Traditional Italian dinner in the Trevi area
- Walking tour in Trastevere
- English speaking guide

Delight in a traditional Italian dinner in an authentic local restaurant in the Trevi area, a few steps from the Trevi Fountain, where you can throw a coin in to make a wish to come back to Rome! Enjoy a relaxing panoramic tour of Rome and discover the magical charm of the most famous monuments by night.

# Jewish Ghetto, Tiberian Island & Trastevere Walking Tour



Trastevere ceili

**DURATION 2.5 hours** DEPARTS Apr - Oct: Sun, am FEATURES Small group tour

· English speaking, bilingual guide

Escape Rome's crowds to explore the historic areas that most tourists don't get to visit. Starting in Trastevere, one of the city's oldest districts, walk through its cobbled streets and admire the splendid Basilica of St. Mary. Continue to the Jewish Ghetto, home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in Rome. Learn about the area's impoverished past.

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\$227

# **Cooking Lesson & Grocery Tour**



#### **DURATION** 5 hours

DEPARTS Daily except Sun, am FFATURES

- Small group tour
- Cooking lesson and grocery tour • English speaking, bilingual chef

FROM

\$193\*

Lunch with beverages

Savour the secrets of Italian cuisine by participating in a hands-on, pasta making cooking class, including a visit to a local market and small grocery stores. At the end of the lesson, you'll taste what you prepared and cheers your success with Italian wine.

# Pompeii & its Ruins

# **DURATION** Full day

- DEPARTS Daily, am **FEATURES**
- Entrance tickets with
- skip the line Central hotel pick-up
- Lunch
- English speaking guide
- Headset to hear the guide

Discover Pompeii, the famous Roman city, destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mt Vesuvius and now one of the most important archaeological sites of the world. Enjoy a panoramic overview of Naples and lunch in the Pompeii area.

# Florence by Train

orence Cathedral

Pompeii

#### **DURATION** Full day DEPARTS

Nov - Mar: Tue, Thu & Sat, am Apr - Oct: Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat, am

- **FEATURES**
- Lunch High-speed return train tickets Rome/Florence
- Assistance during the trip
- Entrance tickets to Uffizi Gallery
- with skip the line access
- English speaking bilingual guide
- Headset to hear the guide

Visit Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance and well known for its treasures of art and architecture, by high speed train. Explore the squares and streets and the artistic masterpieces including skip the line access to the splendid Uffizi Gallery. Enjoy lunch in an authentic Florentine restaurant.

# Cooking Lesson in Roman Countryside



**DURATION** Full day

#### DEPARTS Daily except Sun, am FEATURES

- Central hotel pick-up
- Small group tour
- Transport
- Cooking lesson. Learn how
- to make homemade pasta • Preparation of a traditional
- Italian meal
- Lunch with beverages

Enjoy a gourmet cooking experience off the beaten track. Travel to an ancient village, meet your chef and pick all the ingredients necessary for today's menu in the lavish farm garden. The expert chef will guide you step by step on how to prepare a four course meal. Enjoy your efforts for lunch before returning to Rome.

# **Capri Island Tour**



**DURATION** Full day

DEPARTS Apr - Oct: daily, am **FEATURES** 

- Central hotel pick-up
- Roundtrip ferry tickets Lunch
- English speaking guide

Capri Island

If you love the sun, sea, nature and outdoor lifestyle, you will adore Capri, one of the world's most beautiful islands. This little treasure of the Mediterranean will delight you with its typical colours, artisans shops and luxury boutiques. Enjoy a guided tour of the city. An optional upgrade to visit the Blue Grotto, weather permitting, can be added locally.

# Venice by Train



- Assistance during the trip • High-speed return train tickets
- Rome/Venice • Vaporetto Pass valid 12 hours
- Small group tour

Travel by high speed train to Venice and soak up the romantic atmosphere in this enchanting lagoon city. Take a relaxing stroll through the picturesque alleys and canals to the marvelous St. Mark's Square. Enjoy a skip the line entrance to St. Mark's Basilica and take a ride by ferry boat along the famous Gran Canal to admire its splendid architecture.

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FROM

\$164\*







FROM \$221\*

Venice

# Hotel Rimini \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Lift Parking

\$62\*

FROM

\$78\*

FROM

\$67\*

This hotel is conveniently located in the centre of Rome for sightseeing and transport services. The hotel's sunny, large breakfast room provides a panoramic view of the city. All rooms are double glazed and have private facilities. Garage nearby (extra charge).

Via Marghera, 17 💠 map ref 01

LOW SEASON from	\$62* HIGH SEASON from \$108*	

Includes American buffet breakfast

# Hotel Windrose \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Situated in the heart of Rome, near the main railway station and Rome's main tourist attractions. A very comfortable hotel with all modern conveniences. A wide staircase leads from the living room up to the first floor terrace, available for guests. Free internet access. Garage available 30 metres from the hotel, supplement payable.

#### Via Gaeta, 39 💠 map ref 🛛 03

LOW SEASON from \$78* H	IGH SEASON from \$133*
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Camelia \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

The Camelia is within a 19th century mansion located in the centre of Rome. The hotel has 40 rooms, some with hydro-massage bath tub. Free open bar from 5pm with tea and biscuits for all guests. Guests are assured of a warm welcome and attentive service. A supplement is payable for parking.

#### Via Goio, 36 💠 map ref 05

LOW SEASON from \$67* HIGH SEASON from \$142*
Includes buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Augustea \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

The hotel is located on the 1st floor of the building. It's a simple, yet comfortable hotel situated only 200 metres from the Via Veneto. The hotel enjoys an excellent location with many historical landmarks nearby. Facilities include a television room and bar service. Quad rooms are available.

Via Nazionale, 251 💠 map ref 02

LOW SEASON from \$84\* HIGH SEASON from \$138\* Includes continental breakfast

# Hotel Centro \*\*\*



FROM

\$84°



FEATURES Air conditioning

Safe Bar Lift Parking

Wifi

The Centro has been completely refurbished and offers its guests every modern comfort. All rooms are sound proofed and are provided with private facilities. There is a TV lounge, bar and a garage nearby. The hotel is situated in a very quiet but central position, opposite the Opera House and close to the railway station.

#### Via Firenze, 12 ↔ map ref 04

LOW SEASON from \$75\* HIGH SEASON from \$133\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Cortina \*\*\*





Situated in the heart of the city centre in Via Nazionale, close to Termini railway station. The hotel is located on the 1st floor. Stylish, comfortably, furnished rooms take on a country feel with polished floorboards and wood furniture. All rooms have en suite facilities. Breakfast served in a garden or room, no extra charge.

Via Nazionale, 18 💠 map ref 06

LOW SEASON from \$85* HIGH SEASON from \$151*	
Includes huffet breakfast	

FROM

\$94

FEATURES

ΤV

Wifi

Safe

Mini bar

Air conditioning

# Hotel Patria \*\*\*



**FEATURES** Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$93\*

FROM

\$124\*

FROM

\$96\*

Recently refurbished, and set in the heart of Rome, 200 metres from the Via Veneto, the Patria features a summery breakfast room and lounge bar. The bedrooms are tastefully decorated in a variety of colour schemes; all featuring bathrooms which have been renovated in marble. Garage nearby.

Via Torino, 36/37 💠 map ref 07

LOW SEASON from \$93* HIGH SEASON from \$154*	
Includes continental breakfast	

# Hotel Canada \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning τv Wifi Safe Bar Lift Parking

Stay in one of Rome's historical buildings, built in 1874. It's interior offers an elegant and tranguil setting within the centre of Rome. All rooms are exquisitely decorated, with private facilities. The breakfast room is sunny, spacious and elegant. A garage is nearby (300m), extra charge. Double deluxe rooms are available, a supplement is payable.

#### Via Vicenza, 58 💠 map ref 09

LOW SEASON from \$124\* HIGH SEASON from \$158\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Centrale \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning ΤV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

The hotel is located in the historic centre of Rome, next to Piazza del Popolo and only a short walk from the Spanish Steps. This charming hotel offers fully renovated rooms in a classical style reminiscent of the end of the 19th century. There are 21 rooms with modern comforts and facilities.

#### Via Laurina, 34 💠 map ref 🛛 11

LOW SEASON from \$96\* HIGH SEASON from \$174\*

Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Aberdeen \*\*\*



The hotel is located in the centre, just off Via Nazionale, a short walk to Via Veneto and very close to the central railway station. The front door access to the hotel is through a courtyard. Hotel has a TV room, an elegant breakfast room and an internet point.

#### Via Firenze, 48 💠 map ref 08

LOW SEASON from \$94\* HIGH SEASON from \$149\* Includes buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Regno \*\*\*



#### FROM \$117\*

FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Located in the former library of the Kingdom of Italy (circa 1900) the hotel is within walking distance of the Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum and the Spanish Steps. It is also conveniently located for shopping and sightseeing. Quad rooms available. Parking nearby at extra charge.

#### Via Del Corso, 330 + map ref 10

LOW SEASON from \$117\* HIGH SEASON from \$161\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Alexandra \*\*\*





#### Air conditioning ΤV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

FEATURES

The hotel is in a uniquely elegant location, facing the famous Via Veneto between the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, close to the magnificent Villa Borghese Park. Antique decorations and designs blend with modern comforts. The view on the historic downtown is priceless. The hotel has an outdoor gazebo restaurant directly on Via Veneto.

Via Vittorio Veneto, 18 ↔ map ref 12

LOW SEASON from \$80* HIGH SEASON f	from <b>\$182*</b>
Includes American breakfast	



# Hotel Accademia \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

FROM

\$129\*

FROM

FROM

\$110\*

\$149

Situated in the heart of the city, Hotel Accademia is only 50 metres from the Trevi Fountain and a short walk from the most prestigious shopping. In the area of the Spanish Steps, Via Condotti and Via Veneto. Hotel has pay TV. Superior rooms available, higher rates apply.

#### Piazza Accademia Di S. Luca, 75 💠 map ref 13

LOW SEASON from \$129* HIGH SEASON from \$197*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Fontana \*\*\*



Located in the square containing the magnificent Trevi Fountain. The breakfast lounge is situated on the top floor of this 14th century building giving a bird's-eye view over the square and fountain from two enormous picture windows. The cosy bedrooms are all individually decorated with handsome, understated furnishings. Supplement payable for parking.

Piazza Di Trevi, 96 ↔ map ref 15

LOW SEASON from \$149\* HIGH SEASON from \$230\*

Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Domus Australia \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant Bar Lift

An authentic Italian, 32 room guest house, this superbly restored building is located within walking distance to major attractions and shopping. Its contemporary, light filled guest rooms are spacious and well equipped with all the modern conveniences. Guests may enjoy excellent Roman cuisine on the magnificent roof top terrace or in the restaurant overlooking the tranquil courtyard.

Via Cernaia 14/B ↔ map ref 17

LOW SEASON from \$110\* HIGH SEASON from \$148\*

Includes American buffet breakfast

# Hotel Tritone \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$129

The hotel is centrally situated on one of Rome's most well-known streets - the Via Tritone. A bar is available on the roof garden where continental breakfast can be served on request. A lock-up garage nearby is available at an extra charge. Superior rooms available, higher rates apply.

#### Via Del Tritone, 210 ↔ map ref 14

LOW SEASON from \$129\* HIGH SEASON from \$197\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Oxford \*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

Located in the historic centre, a short distance from the Via Veneto and the Spanish Steps. The Oxford is a comfortable family-run hotel with a traditional restaurant serving regional specialties in the evening. Guest rooms feature elegant furnishings and wood or carpeted floors. Garage parking nearby for a supplement.

#### Via Boncompagni, 89 💠 map ref 16

LOW SEASON from \$106\* HIGH SEASON from \$145\* Includes buffet breakfast

Antico Palazzo Rospigliosi \*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

This historical mansion faces the magnificent Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and has 39 quiet and comfortable rooms. Many enjoy views of the Basilica while others have views of the internal courtyard or garden. The hotel has spacious common areas, a full service restaurant and a private parking area (supplement payable).

Via Liberiana, 21 💠 map ref 18

LOW SEASON from \$149* HIGH SEASON from \$179*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

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34

FROM

\$115\*

#### Residenza Di Ripetta \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$166\*

FROM

\$122\*

FROM

\$138\*

The former 17th century convent is just around the corner from Piazza del Popolo. This charming secret hideaway is an oasis of peace and tranquillity with its views of the inner garden and the roof tops. All rooms or suites with kitchenette including refrigerator, cookware/dishware and a coffee/tea maker. Supplement payable for parking.

Via di Ripetta, 231 💠 map ref 19

LOW SEASON from \$166\* HIGH SEASON from \$212\*

Includes buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Memphis \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning Mini bar Safe Parking

This hotel is in the heart of Renaissance Rome and just minutes from its most valuable treasures, such as the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Barberini, Via Veneto and the Spanish Steps, Hotel Memphis has been completely refurbished and is a modern, top quality hotel. With a modest 20 rooms, guests are given the utmost in personal attention.

#### Via Degli Avignonesi, 36 💠 map ref 21

LOW SEASON from \$122\* HIGH SEASON from \$239\*

Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Colonna Palace \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning ΤV Wifi Mini bar Bar Lift Parking

This hotel is located in the heart of Rome amongst 16th century monuments, houses and shops. Nearby are the Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Roman Forum and Piazza Navona. The hotel has a roof garden (breakfast on the roof in summer), American bar and elegant breakfast room. Supplement payable for nearby parking.

Piazza Di Montecitorio, 12 💠 map ref 23

LOW SEASON from \$138\* HIGH SEASON from \$188\*

Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Genova \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Located close to St. Mary Major's Basilica and just up from Piazza Esquilino, the Genova is ideally located and has been completely renovated and refurbished. Guest rooms have been decorated in warm colours with parquet floors and sound proof windows. Supplement payable for parking.

#### Via Cavour, 25 💠 map ref 20

LOW SEASON from \$115\* HIGH SEASON from \$219\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Rome Times \*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning тν Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Fitness centre Parking

Set on the elegant Via Nazionale, a 10 minute walk from Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Colosseum. Repubblica Metro Station is 500 metres away. The rooms and suites feature wooden floors, double sound proofed windows, and large beds. Some rooms are in the annex building. The hotel has a roof top garden overlooking the city.

#### Via Milano, 42 💠 map ref 22

LOW SEASON from \$185\* HIGH SEASON from \$232\* Includes buffet breakfast





#### \$157 FEATURES Air conditioning Wifi Mini bar Safe

FROM

Within the historical centre and shopping district of Rome, close to the Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia and only 10 minutes from the Termini railway station. The hotel has luxurious public areas and beautifully decorated rooms. Parking available 200 metres from the hotel (extra charge).

#### Via Vittorio Emanuele Orlando, 90 ↔ map ref 24

LOW SEASON from \$157* HIGH SEASON from \$247*	
Includes buffet breakfast	



# Trevi Collection ★★★★



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

FROM

**\$138**\*

FROM

\$161\*

FROM

\$138\*

Next to ancient monuments and palaces of the past, rises this magnificent structure at only 200 meters from Piazza di Spagna and Piazza Barberini. The modern and refined style gives character to the living environments, the play of lights and colours are its personality. The room's design, furniture and latest amenities will make your stay unforgettable.

#### Via Capo Le Case, 60 💠 map ref 25

LOW SEASON from \$138\* HIGH SEASON from \$230\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel White \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Gym/spa Parking

Located 100 metres from the Trevi Fountain, an excellent location with a choice of small restaurants a few steps from the hotel. The 40 rooms have marble bathrooms and air conditioning. Available also for guests is the fully equipped meeting room and the Trevi bar which is open until late. Garage nearby, with a supplement payable for parking.

#### Via In Arcione, 77 💠 map ref 27

LOW SEASON from \$161\* HIGH SEASON from \$239\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Stendhal \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

A traditional 18th century Italian Palazzo which has been completely renovated. This exclusive, charming hotel is in the city centre, near the Spanish Steps, a superb location for sightseeing and shopping. Garage 150 metres from hotel, supplement payable.

#### Via Del Tritone, 113 💠 map ref 29

LOW SEASON from \$138* HIGH SEASON from \$258*	
ncludes buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Savoy \*\*\*\*



#### FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$148<sup>;</sup>

Located in the heart of Rome, only a few minutes walk from the Via Veneto and the Villa Borghese. Traditionally decorated with fine furnishings, this hotel has a large reception area, a piano bar and restaurant. All 135 stylishly appointed rooms have private facilities.

#### Via Ludovisi, 15 💠 map ref 26

LOW SEASON from \$148\* HIGH SEASON from \$234\* Includes American breakfast

#### Hotel Delle Nazioni \*\*\*\*



FROM

\$166



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift

Hotel Delle Nazioni is located in the central area of downtown Rome, just a short walk from the landmarks of the city including the Trevi Fountain. Via Condotti is only a few minutes walk. Guest rooms are elegantly furnished with parquet floors and marble bathrooms. The hotel has its own outdoor restaurant (closed Sundays).

#### Via Poli, 6 ↔ map ref 28

LOW SEASON from \$145\* HIGH SEASON from \$294\* Includes buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Forum **\*\*\*\***



Just 10 minutes walk from the Trevi Fountain, this charming hotel is located in the heart of the Ancient City. The roof garden panoramic restaurant overlooking the Colosseum is rich in charm and intimacy. Completely refurbished. All 80 rooms have private facilities. Conference facilities available. Garage is nearby (extra charge).

Via Tor De Conti, 25 ↔ map ref 30

LOW SEASON from \$166\* HIGH SEASON from \$275\* Includes buffet breakfast

FROM

\$220

#### Boutique Hotel Trevi \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

FROM

\$195<sup>\*</sup>

FROM

FROM

\$350\*

264\*

Located in the heart of Rome, just a stone's throw away from the Trevi Fountain, a base for visitors wishing to explore on foot. Once a magnificent historical building, the hotel has been completely restored and is now a distinctively chic hotel of 7 floors. The rooms are furnished in a period style. Suites available.

#### Via Delle Muratte, 90/92 💠 map ref 31

LOW SEASON from \$195* HIGH SEASON from \$321*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

#### Hotel Bernini Bristol \*\*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning тν Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

This renovated hotel welcomes guests with traditional grace in its 125 rooms and suites, all equipped with the most modern amenities. The L'Olimpo roof top restaurant, the highest spot in the city centre. offers guests a breathtaking 360 degree panoramic view of Rome from the indoor and outdoor terrace. Supplement payable for parking.

#### Piazza Barberini, 23 💠 map ref 33

LOW SEASON from \$264\* HIGH SEASON from \$397\* Includes American buffet breakfast

# Hotel Regina Baglioni \*\*\*\*\*



#### FEATURES Air conditioning ΤV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

This superior first class hotel is located in an excellent position on the Via Veneto close to the park and famous cafés of the Villa Borghese and Pincio Gardens. A classic style hotel, with beautiful furnishings, all 130 rooms have private facilities. Supplement payable for parking.

#### Via Vittorio Veneto, 72 ↔ map ref 35

LOW SEASON from \$350\* HIGH SEASON from \$448\*

Includes American buffet breakfast

# Albergo Del Sole Al Pantheon $\star \star \star \star$



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

The hotel stands just in front of the Pantheon in the charming Piazza della Rotonda close to Navona Square, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. One of the oldest hotels in the world, this is a precious piece of antiquity that expert restoration has brought back to its original splendour. The bedrooms are individual in décor.

#### Piazza della Rotonda, 63 💠 map ref 32

LOW SEASON from \$220\* HIGH SEASON from \$351\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel d'Inghilterra \*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning тν Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar l ift Parking

Located in the heart of Rome, just a stone's throw from the Spanish Steps, the hotel has recently been refurbished. Antique period furniture and a private collection of valuable paintings form the décor of this beautiful hotel. The hotel has a total of 89 rooms including suites. Supplement payable for parking.

#### Via Bocca di Leone, 14 💠 map ref 34

LOW SEASON from \$287\* HIGH SEASON from \$442\* Includes American breakfast

#### Hotel Majestic Roma \*\*\*\*\*





#### Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift

FEATURES

Designed in the shape of a piano, the Hotel Majestic has been a symbol of elegance and style since its opening in 1889. The hotel is a veritable jewel of neoclassic elegance, within walking distance of the Borghese Art Gallery and the heart of the city's shopping district. The stylish restaurant makes Sicilian food special.

Via Vittorio Veneto, 50 ↔ map ref 36

LOW SEASON from \$321\* HIGH SEASON from \$459\* Includes buffet breakfast





# ROME APARTMENTS

#### **Cortina Apartments**



## Spanish Steps Apartments

Situated in Via Napoli which is a side street off Via Nazionale. Apartment Type A: the apartment has been recently restored and elegantly refurbished and is an excellent location for visiting Rome. The main train station is 10 minutes walk from the apartment, buses and metro a 2 minute walk.

The apartment is approximately 90sqm with a dining/lounge room with sofa table, and four chairs, two double bedrooms each with en suite, fully equipped kitchen with stove, microwave and fridge/ freezer, sound proofed windows, air conditioning, independent central heating, safe deposit box, hairdryer, satellite TV, iron and ironing board, lift. Apartment Type B has one double bedroom.

Via Piave, 15 💠 map ref 01

LOW SEASON from \$138\* HIGH SEASON from \$201\*

#### FROM \$138\*

FEATURES

Air conditioning Kitchen Laundry service TV Wifi Safe Lift

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 4 persons





FEATURES Air conditioning Kitchen/kitchenette Wifi Lift

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 6 persons



# **Flavia Apartments**

The apartments are located in a building just up from the Spanish Steps, on Via della Vite which is parallel to Via Frattina and Via Condotti (street famous for shopping). Recently renovated, the apartments are bright, clean and spacious. First floor of the building with lift.

Apartment no. 1 (4 persons) one double bedroom, one living room with a double sofa bed, one bathroom, closed kitchen corner in the entrance space, small balcony with view of the square.

Apartment no. 2 (6 persons) two bedrooms, one double and one twin. Double sofa bed in the living area. The apartment has a large full equipped kitchen and bathroom.

Via della Vite, 90 ↔ map ref 02

LOW SEASON from \$207\* HIGH SEASON from \$333\*

FROM \$126\*

These two renovated apartments are ideally located in Via Flavia, in a bohemian area of Rome, minutes from Via Veneto and the very popular shopping district of Piazza Fiume. Each apartment has been furnished with top quality furniture to facilitate your stay away from home. Both are centrally heated/air conditioned and have satellite TV and phone. 2nd floor, with lift.

Apartment Ugo: 3 persons (35sqm) includes one double bedroom, a lounge with sofa bed, a kitchen and fully equipped bathroom with shower.

Apartment Augusto: 6 persons (50sqm) has two double bedrooms, a large living room which can sleep two, a kitchen and two fully equipped bathrooms.

Via Flavia, 77 💠 map ref 03

LOW SEASON from \$126\* HIGH SEASON from \$172\*

FEATURES Air conditioning Kitchen Laundry service TV Wifi Safe Lift

MINIMUM STAY 3 - 4 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 6 persons

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# **Pantheon Apartment**



Situated 10 metres from Piazza della Rotonda (Pantheon) this apartment is between the 3rd & 4th floor of an 18th century palace and is elegantly furnished. The apartment has independent central heating and air conditioning in the main bedroom. Final cleaning is included in the price. No telephone. Rates include electricity and linen. Lift available.

The apartment comprises one double bedroom, one twin bedroom, two living rooms (one with sofa bed), satellite TV, kitchen with a washing machine, dishwasher and one bathroom with a large bath and a hairdryer. The apartment has a balcony overlooking the internal courtyard off the kitchen.

Via Dei Pastini, 133 💠 map ref 04

LOW SEASON from \$252\* HIGH SEASON from \$275\*

#### FROM \$252

FEATURES Air conditioning

Kitchen Washing machine TV Safe Lift

MINIMUM STAY 2 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 5 persons

# Palatine Garden Apartments

A private oasis in *Ancient Rome*, situated in a unique residential area about 200 metres from the Roman Forum.

There are two apartments to choose from: Apartment 1 for a maximum of 4 people is approx. 60sqm and located on the ground floor. It includes one double room, bathroom with shower, a fully equipped kitchen with electric oven and washing machine, a living room with double sofa bed and a private garden. Apartment 2 for a maximum of 3 people is approx. 40sqm. A cosy apartment on two floors. The living room with single sofa bed and kitchen corner on the ground floor opens up onto a small private garden. Upstairs a double bedroom and bathroom with shower.

Via San Giovanni Decollato, 10 ↔ map ref 05 From \$132\*



FEATURES Central heating Kitchen/kitchenette TV

MINIMUM STAY 2 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 4 persons

# Aurelia Vatican Apartments

Conveniently located just 2km from the Vatican City and only minutes by bus or Metro (Line A Valle Aurelia) to famous landmarks such as St. Peter's Basilica, Spanish Steps and Trevi fountain. The apartments are owned and managed by an Italian Australian family. Situated in one of Rome's central neighbourhoods, close to cafés, restaurants, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks, parks and churches. Parking facilities are also available to guests. The apartments boast a classic Roman architectural façade, stylishly contrasted by modern and sleek interiors. Choose from studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments.

Via Dei Laterizi, 20 + map ref 06

LOW SEASON from \$96\* HIGH SEASON from \$119\*



#### FEATURES

Air conditioning Kitchen Washing machine Laundry service TV Wifi Lift Parking

MINIMUM STAY 2 nights

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 6 persons

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Capital of the Tuscan region, birth place and centre of the Italian Renaissance, home to Michelangelo's David, the renowned Uffizi Gallery and shopping, and art experiences to fill a lifetime of visits.

The Florence skyline, dominated by the magnificent Duomo, with its beautiful Gothic façade of red, green and white marble, is one of the most spectacular in all of Italy.

Florence, or Firenze, is romantic, charming and busy, full of narrow streets and endless corridors of art galleries, museums and Renaissance architecture. According to UNESCO, nearly a third of the world's art treasures reside in Florence and interestingly, in 1339 Florence became the first city in Europe with paved streets. Florence is a city to completely immerse yourself in. Stay a while, preferably in 'a room with a view' and take time to visit the beautiful countryside. Easily book day trips to San Gimignano, Siena, **Pisa** or **Lucca** and see lots of little medieval and Etruscan villages. Ensure there's time to experience the best Tuscan food and wine along the way.

#### THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- Visit Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral, its baptistery and Giotto's Bell Tower in Piazza del Duomo.
- Visit the famous Uffizi Gallery boasting Botticelli's The Birth of Venus and an unparalleled collection of Renaissance art treasures.
- Don't miss Michelangelo's Statue of David at the Galleria dell'Accademia.
- Marvel at Palazzo Pitti, a 15th century palace of Florence's rulers plus the Boboli Gardens created by the Medici family.
- People watch in street side cafes, restaurants and piazzas.
- Join a cooking class using the region's best food and famous wines.
- Take in the Florence skyline from Piazza Michelangelo.
- Stroll alongside the Arno River and walk across the Ponte Vecchio.
- Shop til you drop in the pedestrian friendly, historic centre around Piazza della Repubblica and Mercato Nuovo.
- Visit the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce with the tombs of Italian masters - Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo and Rossini.
- Drive yourself or take a day trip to nearby Chianti and Montepulciano wine regions, the beautiful Val d'Orcia or catch a train to Siena or Pisa in under an hour.



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# FLORENCE CITY PACKAGES

# **Essential Florence**

# 3 days / 2 nights

Discover Florence's must see sights at your own pace on a self-guided walking tour accompanied by the innovative *audiopen*, an audio guide providing interesting commentary at each highlight.

#### Day 1 Florence Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Florence Spend the day exploring Florence at your leisure accompanied by your audio guide. Sights include the Church of San Lorenzo, Basilica of Santa Maria Novella, Baptistery of San Giovanni, Cathedral of Santa Croce and Ponte Vecchio to name a few. (B) Day 3 Florence (B)

DEPARTS Daily

LOW SEASON from \$179\* HIGH SEASON from \$286\*

# **Buon Appetito Florence**

# 4 days / 3 nights

Relish in a culinary exploration of Florence and learn how to cook a classic Tuscan four course meal for dinner and enjoy a special lunch in a Florentine home with a tiramisu cooking demonstration.

Day 1 Florence Arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Florence Morning at leisure. Enjoy a special lunch in a Florentine home with a tiramisu cooking show. (**B,L**)

**Day 3 Florence** Day at leisure to explore Florence or enjoy an optional sightseeing tour. This evening learn how to cook a traditional Tuscan meal, followed by dinner with the dishes you prepared. **(B,D)** 

Day 4 Florence (B)

DEPARTS Apr - Oct: Sunday - Wednesday

LOW SEASON from \$391\* HIGH SEASON from \$543\*

# Treasures of Florence & Tuscany

# 4 days / 3 nights

Florence is the epicentre of the Italian Renaissance and home to a magnificent array of artistic treasures. Enjoy the historic streets of Florence, including the famous Accademia and Uffizi galleries and then venture further into Tuscany to discover famous medieval towns, spellbinding countryside and the stunning Chianti vineyards.

#### Day 1 Florence Arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 Florence Tour of Florence including must see sights plus the renowned Accademia Gallery to admire David by Michelangelo and the Uffizi Gallery to see the superb paintings by Botticelli, Michelangelo and Giotto. (B,L) Day 3 Tuscany Explore the Tuscan countryside and visit Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa. Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch served with typical wines from the region at a family-run wine farm. (B,L)

Day 4 Florence (B)

DEPARTS Nov - Mar: daily except Monday | Apr - Oct: daily

LOW SEASON from \$542\* HIGH SEASON from \$696\*

#### INCLUDES

- Arrival transfer from Florence airport
- 2 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 2 breakfasts
- Best of Florence self-guided walking tour with an English speaking audio guide



FROM \$391\*

FROM

\$179<sup>;</sup>

• Arrival transfer from Florence airport

INCLUDES

- 3 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades
- available on request)3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Small group cooking class
- Lunch in a Florentine home and food tasting experiences

NOTE: the order of this itinerary may vary depending on arrival day





#### INCLUDES

- Arrival transfer from Florence airport
- 3 nights 3-star accommodation (upgrades available on request)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- Sightseeing as specified with an English speaking guide
- Entrance tickets to Accademia and Uffizi galleries and Siena Cathedral

• Tuscan lunch and wine tasting NOTE: the order of this itinerary may vary depending on arrival day



David by Michelangelo





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# FLORENCE DAY TOURS

# Heart of Florence Walking Tour



#### **DURATION** 1.5 hours

- DEPARTS Apr - Oct: daily except Mon, pm
- FEATURES Enjoy Florence's must see sights
- English speaking guide
- Small group tour

Discover the cathedral with its incredible Brunelleschi Dome, the Baptistery of San Giovanni, the elegant Giotto Bell Tower and the bustling straw market. Admire the picturesque Ponte Vecchio, the Piazza Signoria, and the sculptural masterpieces of the Loggia dei Lanzi. Dominating all this is the majestic Palazzo Vecchio.

# Florence Afternoon with Uffizi Gallery



FROM

**\$**79\*

FROM

\$33\*



#### **DURATION** 3.5 hours DEPARTS Daily, pm

- FEATURES
- Skip the line entrance to the Uffizi Gallery
- Top sights of the City's political heart
- English speaking guide
- Earphones

Enjoy panoramic views of beautiful Florence, taking in Fiesole, a delightful town of Etruscan origin. Continue to the old city centre to the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce. Walk through the historic streets to the famous Piazza Signoria and admire the Palazzo Vecchio and Loggia del Lanzi. Continue to the Uffizi Gallery^ for the superb paintings of Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raffaello, Giotto, Cimabue, Masaccio.

^Uffizi Gallery is closed on Monday, replaced with Museum of Palazzo Vecchio.

# Pisa & the Tuscan Countryside



#### **DURATION** 5.5 hours

DEPARTS Nov - Mar: Tue, Thu, Sat & Sun, pm Apr - Oct: daily, pm

- **FEATURES** Guided walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli
- The Leaning Tower, one of the wonders of the world
- English speaking guide
- Earphones for the guided tour in Pisa

A splendid excursion through the fertile and picturesque Tuscan countryside to the historic university city of Pisa, famous for its architectural beauty. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli and its monuments, followed by the enthralling history of the Leaning Tower, one of the wonders of the world.

# Welcome to Florence with Accademia Gallery



Iorence Cathedral Façade

FROM \$91<sup>;</sup>

**DURATION** 3 hours

#### DEPARTS Daily, am

#### FFATURES

- Skip the line entrance to the Accademia Gallery
- Top sights of the City's
- religious heart
- English speaking guide
- Earphones

Drive along the romantic Viale dei Colli up to Piazzale Michelangelo and admire the wonderful panorama of the city. Take a guided visit of the renowned Accademia Gallery^ to admire the famous David by Michelangelo. Enjoy a walking tour to see San Lorenzo Church and the Duomo complex, the Baptistery, the Cathedral and Giotto's Bell Tower.

Accademia Gallery is closed on Monday, replaced with San Marco Museum or Medici Chapels.

# Siena & San Gimignano





#### DURATION Full day DEPARTS

Nov - Mar: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat, am Apr - Oct: daily, am

#### FEATURES Visit two UNESCO World

- Heritage sites
- · English speaking guide
- Siena: exclusive opening of intimate and secret sights Chianti wine tasting

A unique and authentic experience of Siena and its traditions, thanks to the fully guided tour of the old town and exclusive admission to the heart of a contrada (district). Discover San Gimignano, the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, followed by a stop at a winery in the Chianti area. Finally, be captivated by the colours and charm of one of the most picturesque Chianti villages.

# Chianti Authentic Experience



#### **DURATION** 6 hours

DEPARTS Nov - Mar: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat, pm Apr - Oct: daily, pm

#### FEATURES 2 unforgettable Chianti Villages

- The famous Via Chiantigiana crossing the heart of the Chianti Classico area
- Breathtaking and relaxing landscapes
- English speaking guide

Discover the ancient traditions of the Tuscan countryside. Enjoy breathtaking landscapes of vineyards and olive groves. Visit two ancient cellars, taste the famous wines and typical Tuscan products and be captivated by the unparalleled charm of the picturesque medieval villages of Greve and Castellina in Chianti, a fortified hilltop village of Etruscan origin.

Transfers: We can organise a range of transfer options from the airports, train stations and ports to and from your Florence accommodation and beyond. Extra tours: We also offer many more scheduled and private tour options. Contact us for details.





# **Highlights of Tuscany Tour**

#### FROM \$140\*

FROM

\$119\*

FROM

\$140\*



## DURATION Full day

DEPARTS Nov - Mar: Mon, Thu & Sat, am Apr - Oct: daily, am

FEATURES

- Discover the most renowned Tuscan towns in one day
- English speaking guide
- Delicious Tuscan lunch
- and wine tasting
- Siena cathedral entrance fee

Discover the rich art and history and the most spellbinding sights in Tuscany in a single memorable day with a scrumptious lunch including wine tasting! Drive through the lovely Chianti vineyards to Siena, a beautiful hilltop town drenched in history, for a guided walking tour. Continue to San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and then Pisa, famous for its iconic Leaning Tower.

# **Tuscan Cooking Course & Dinner**



# **DURATION** 4.5 hours

DEPARTS Nov - Apr: Mon, Wed, Fri, pm May - Oct: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, pm

#### **FEATURES**

- Small group tour • English speaking, multilingual chef
- Prepare a four course Tuscan dinner
- Dinner and Tuscan wine

Held in an old palazzo in the city centre, this small group course is ideal for food lovers. Learn to cook a classic, four course Tuscan meal under the expert guidance of a chef, followed by dinner with the dishes you have prepared, accompanied by a good Tuscan wine and a fun and friendly atmosphere.

# Florence & Chianti Hills by Fiat 500



#### **DURATION** 2.5 hours DEPARTS Mar - Oct: daily, am

- FEATURES
- Small group tour
- · Experience driving like a local
- Drive off the beaten track
- Fun and friendly English speaking guide

A Dolce Vita style tour in a vintage iconic Fiat 500 car. Begin your unique driving experience with an introduction to the cars and drive the hills on a private road through vineyards and olive groves on the grounds of a 15th century Renaissance villa. Your guide communicates via radio leading you through the amazing Tuscan countryside. DRIVING RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

# **Cinque Terre**





#### 16 Mar - 15 Nov: daily, am FEATURES

## Spectacular coastline

- of the Cinque Terre
- English speaking guide
- Train tickets & boat ride • Typical lunch in a
- characteristic restaurant

The Cinque Terre is a beautiful stretch of rugged coast and the only unspoilt part of the stunning Italian Riviera. It takes its name from the five picturesque fishing villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso. Walking through the villages admiring the cultivated terraces and the pastel coloured roofs hovering between the sky and the sea is the best way to experience the unique magic of the Cinque Terre.

# Cooking Course, Market & Lunch



#### **DURATION** 5 hours

DEPARTS Apr - Nov: Thu am

#### FEATURES Small group tour

- English speaking, multilingual Chef
- Lunch with drinks
- Shopping at San Lorenzo market
- Cooking a Tuscan meal

Under the expert guidance of a chef, visit the historic San Lorenzo central market, where you will select your ingredients to use to prepare a four course meal in a top class cookery school. Thecourse will be followed by lunch with the dishes you have prepared, accompanied by a good Tuscan wine and a fun and friendly atmosphere.

#### Hills of Florence by **Electric Bike**



**DURATION** 2 hours DEPARTS

Nov - Mar: daily, am May - Oct: daily, am & pm

#### **FEATURES**

- Small group tour
- English / Italian speaking guide • A wonderful experience
- with little effort
- Spectacular vistas of the city from the hills

Join this spectacular tour of the Tuscan rolling hills, led along typical country roads with a stop at Michelangelo Square and San Miniato al Monte Abbey. See cypresses, olive groves, Renaissance villas, Romanesque churches, breathtaking views of Florence, and sip a good glass of Chianti wine accompanied by a delicious Tuscan snack.

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# FLORENCE DAY TOURS

FROM

\$158<sup>\*</sup>





# FLORENCE HOTELS

# Hotel San Giorgio Olimpic **\*\*\***



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Lift

FROM

\$57\*

FROM

\$69\*

Situated only a few minutes walk from all of Florence's major attractions. Santa Maria Novella railway station is 100 metres from the hotel making it very accessible for those arriving by train. This family-run hotel is in very good condition and is renovated periodically to maintain its high standard.

Via San Antonino, 3 💠 map ref 01

LOW SEASON from \$57* HIGH SEASON from \$108*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Galileo \*\*\*



In the heart of Florence near Cappelle Medicee and Santa Maria Novella railway station. Rooms are in the traditional Florentine style. The breakfast room is on the ground floor. There is a garage 300 metres from the hotel with a supplement per day, free pick-up from the Galileo.

#### Via Nazionale, 22a 💠 map ref 03

LOW SEASON from \$69* HIGH SEASON from \$120*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Torre Guelfa \*\*\*



\$112\* FEATURES Air conditioning TV

FROM

Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Located close to Ponte Vecchio bridge, a nice location 5 minutes walk to the Duomo. The hotel is part of one of Florence's most antique palaces, Palazzo Acciaiuoli (13th century). Rooms are furnished in a traditional style, all different from each other. Free wifi is available throughout the hotel. Garage nearby (extra charge).

Borgo S.S. Apostoli, 8 ↔ map ref 05

LOW SEASON from \$112\* HIGH SEASON from \$172\* Includes American buffet breakfast

# Hotel Delle Nazioni ★★★



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Safe Bar Lift Parking

Located near Santa Maria Novella railway station this hotel has 80 rooms which are simply furnished. All public areas are air conditioned. There is a TV lounge and breakfast room. Garage underground, supplement payable.

#### Via L. Alamanni, 15 💠 map ref 02

LOW SEASON from \$73\* HIGH SEASON from \$106\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Botticelli \*\*\*



FROM **\$92**\*

#### FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Originally built in the 16th century, the Renaissance architecture and the refined furnishings reflect the Florentine character of this hotel. Well located in the heart of the city, only metres from Piazza Duomo and close to the main railway station. The garage is within the building, supplement payable.

Via Taddea, 8 💠 map ref 04

LOW SEASON from \$92\* HIGH SEASON from \$168\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Domus Florentiae \*\*\*\*



FROM \$109\*

FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

Renovated with precious marbles, the palazzo has been restored to its original appearance. Garage nearby (extra charge). Elegant breakfast room opening on to a terrace with panoramic views.

Via Degli Avelli, 2 💠 map ref 06

LOW SEASON from \$109\* HIGH SEASON from \$172\*

Includes buffet breakfast

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#### FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$94\*

FROM

\$94\*

Converted from a 15th century Medici Palace and preserved as an historic monument. The breakfast room with alfresco ceiling overlooks the garden. The hotel is 5 minutes from the Campanile of Santa Maria Novella. Breakfast in room at no extra charge. Garage nearby (200 metres), extra charge.

Via Delle Scala, 6 ↔ map ref 07

LOW SEASON from \$94* HIGH SEASON from \$156*	
Includes American buffet breakfast	

# Pitti Palace Al Ponte Vecchio \*\*\*\*



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Surrounded by splendid architecture, this hotel is located in the historical centre of Florence. Ideally located, just beyond the end of the Ponte Vecchio, 100 metres from Pitti Palace, Boboli Garden and the Uffizi Gallery. Parking available at additional cost.

#### Borgo S. Jacopo, 3 💠 map ref 09

LOW SEASON from \$94* HIGH SEASON from \$172*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Grand Hotel Baglioni \*\*\*\*



\$154\* FEATURES Air conditioning

FROM

Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

There is a fabulous panoramic restaurant and the Terrazza Brunelleschi roof garden. The public rooms are large, with cosy alcoves adorned with carved wood. Located near Central railway station and 5 minutes walk from the cathedral. Hotel garage space on request (supplement payable).

Piazza Unita D'italia, 6 ↔ map ref

LOW SEASON from \$154* HIGH SEASON from \$224*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Grand Hotel Cavour \*\*\*\*



Located in the historical heart of Florence, this hotel is very close to the Duomo. Beautifully restored, there is a roof garden, with views. All 91 rooms are sound proofed. Rooms with wheelchair

#### Via Del Proconsolo, 3 + map ref 08

LOW SEASON from \$115\* HIGH SEASON from \$156\* Includes buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Rivoli \*\*\*\*

access available on request.



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar I ift Parking

An excellent location in the historic centre of town, a few steps away from the most exclusive shops. Originally a 15th century Franciscan monastery the hotel has been carefully restored. It has elegant bedrooms, most of which circle the patio and tree lined garden.

#### Via Della Scala, 25 ↔ map ref 10

LOW SEASON from \$106\* HIGH SEASON from \$189\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Laurus Al Duomo \*\*\*\*





Situated in the centre of Florence, close to the main shopping area, the hotel is within a few minutes walk of the Duomo and all other attractions of Florence can also be easily reached on foot. There is a pleasant breakfast room and the hotel also features a roof terrace offering bar service, with panoramic views.

#### Via Cerretani, 54 ↔ map ref 12

LOW SEASON from \$106* HIGH SEASON from \$197*	
Includes American breakfast	

FROM

\$115\*

FROM

\$106<sup>:</sup>

FEATURES

TV

Wifi

Safe

Bar

Lift

Mini bar

Air conditioning





# FLORENCE HOTELS

# Hotel De La Ville \*\*\*\*



<sup>FROM</sup> \$137\*

FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift Parking

This elegant hotel is conveniently located in the heart of the ancient city, just a few steps from the Via Tornabuoni, close to the Ponte Vecchio and the Duomo Cathedral. The hotel has a snack bar restaurant serving Italian specialties. Supplement payable for parking.

Piazza Antinori, 1 via Tornabuoni 💠 map ref 🛛 13

LOW SEASON from \$137* HIGH SEASON from \$240*	
Includes American buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Brunelleschi \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift

FROM

\$189\*

Just minutes from the Piazza Duomo, a unique hotel built around a 6th century Byzantine tower. Once owned by a family of Florentine nobles, it combines fine antique style with modern facilities. This hotel has one of Florence's finest restaurants.

#### Piazza S. Elizabetta ↔ map ref 15

LOW SEASON from \$189\* HIGH SEASON from \$413\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Helvetia & Bristol \*\*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

This very elegant hotel is located in the historical city centre of Florence, in front of Palazzo Strozzi. The 67 rooms and suites are all different, each with its own history, colours and character, combining old-world charm with modern convenience. The hotel restaurant Hostaria Bibendum offers Italian cuisine with emphasis on local recipes.

Via dei Pescioni, 2 💠 map ref 17

LOW SEASON from \$275\* HIGH SEASON from \$419\* Includes American buffet breakfast

#### Hotel Pierre **\*\*\*\***



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$131<sup>,</sup>

An imposing 13th century building, this hotel enjoys a quiet location in the historical centre of Florence. It is close to the banks of the Arno River, other sightseeing attractions and shopping areas. Offers a modern and comfortable interior, with a cosy bar, TV and reading rooms.

Via Lamberti, 5 ↔ map ref 14

LOW SEASON from \$131\* HIGH SEASON from \$239\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Bernini Palace \*\*\*\*\*



FROM

\$448

FEATURES Air conditioning

TV

Wifi

Safe Restaurant/bar

Mini bar

Lift, Parking Swimming pool Fitness Centre



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Bar Lift

The Bernini Palace is an elegant, comfortable hotel set in the magical atmosphere of the old Florence of Medici Dynasty. It is conveniently located to visit the most important museums, highlights and exclusive shops in Florence. The Bernini is built in typical Florentine style offering all modern comforts whilst maintaining a renaissance atmosphere.

#### Piazza S. Firenze, 29 ↔ map ref 16

LOW SEASON from \$195\* HIGH SEASON from \$448\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Villa La Massa ★★★★★



This 16th century villa stands on the banks of the river Arno, only five miles from Florence. The 37 rooms are decorated in the Renaissance style and feature modern facilities. The Verrocchio Restaurant, with its terrace overlooking the Arno, offers Italian and traditional Tuscan dishes. Daily courtesy shuttle to/from Florence and private parking free of charge.

Loc. Candeli 💠 map ref 18

LOW SEASON from \$448* HIGH SEASON from \$507*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# FLORENCE APARTMENTS

# **Dante Apartment**



The Dante apartment is in a restored 13th century tower building in the very heart of medieval Florence. The apartment offers every modern comfort with a large and elegant sitting room with a timber panelled ceiling, a comfortable dining area, kitchen with gas stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, double sink, marble bench tops and high quality kitchen crockery, etc. There is a large master bedroom with a king bed which can convert to two singles, a study with a sofa bed and a sitting room with a double sofa bed.

Via De' Cerchi 7 💠 map ref 01

From **\$230\*** 



FEATURES Air conditioning Heating Kitchen Washing machine тν

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 5 persons

# **Piccolo Residence Apartment Hotel**



Situated within a 1600's baroque style building in the centre of Florence, between the Duomo and Museo dell'Accademia. The building has a quiet garden in the middle of the property that is an ideal place to relax. There are 8 apartments (4 classic, 4 modern style). All have satellite TV, phone, internet access, radio, safe, air conditioning, bathroom with bath/shower and a hairdryer. A corner kitchen with microwave, fridge, espresso machine, cooking utensils and table/silverware. Self service laundry available. A relaxation/ mini fitness room available at extra charge.

Via Ricasoli, 23 💠 map ref 02

LOW SEASON from \$115\* HIGH SEASON from \$129\*

# \$115\* FEATURES

FROM

Air conditioning Kitchenette Laundry facilities Wifi

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 4 persons



#### FEATURES Air conditioning Kitchenette Laundry facilities Wifi

Safe Lift Parking

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights **GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 5 persons



San Niccolo' Apartments

Residence San Niccolo' Apartments are located in a glamorous 14th century mansion along the Arno riverside in the Santa Croce quarter, in the historical centre of Florence, in front of the hill of the Piazzale Michelangelo with a panoramic terrace overlooking the city. The Residence has been recently refurbished combining the 14th century architecture with all modern comforts. Choose from one and two bedroom apartments with one bathroom.

Services include reception office, parking on request (extra charge), laundry room with washing machine and dryer (free), weekly cleaning with linen change and bike rental.

Piazza Piave 1A-2 ↔ map ref 03

LOW SEASON from \$86\* HIGH SEASON from \$111\*



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# FLORENCE HOTELS & APARTMENTS

# TUSCANY

Toscana is a patchwork of sun-kissed olive groves, vineyards and sunflower fields, across rolling green countryside, dotted with hill towns and farmhouses.

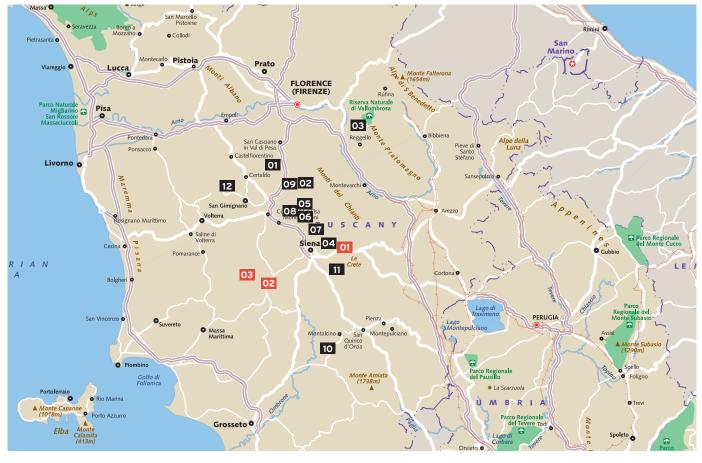
The beauty of Tuscany, her landscapes and rustic tranquility, fill the dreams of travelers. Experience the heart of this region: base yourself in a villa or apartment for a week and explore medieval hilltop towns time forgot, remains of ancient Etruscan civilisation, cobbled laneways and art and architectural treasures around every corner.

Ride a bike around **Lucca**, climb the famous Tower of Pisa or kick back in your very own Tuscan villa and live the Italian life... even for a short time.

And don't forget the food and wine! Tuscan cuisine is known and loved for its simple flavours and best enjoyed *al fresco* with a prized Chianti wine.

#### THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- Marvel at UNESCO World Heritage sites the natural beauty of Val d'Orcia, Pienza and the historic centre of Siena.
- Enjoy a grape escape eat in country *trattorie* and drink world famous **Chianti** and **Montepulciano** wine regions.
- Explore medieval towns hilltop San Gimignano, iconic Pisa (both UNESCO listed) Volterra, Cortona and fortified Lucca.
- Take a room with a view and discover Renaissance Florence and surrounding Tuscany by car or on easy day trips.
- Wander off the beaten track; explore, walk and taste **Tuscany** on a small escorted or self drive tour through this amazing region.
- Visit Maremma, the south west corner of **Tuscany** with its sandy beaches, rocky coastline and spectacular hilltop towns of **Grosseto and Pitigliano**.
- Venture off the Tuscan coast to Elba, Italy's third largest island with clear blue waters and wide sandy beach and sheltered coves.



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# TUSCANY TOURS

# The Tuscany Tour

4 days / 3 nights FULLY ESCORTED GROUP TOUR SHORTER SECTORS AVAILABLE 3 days/2 nights Rome - Florence



#### **HIGHLIGHTS 4 DAY TOUR**

- Scenic landscapes
- Tuscan medieval towns
- The artistic splendour of Florence
- Wine tasting and lunch with
- gastronomic specialties
- **INCLUDES 4 DAY TOUR** · 3 nights 4-star accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary
- Transport by deluxe coach
- English speaking tour escort

#### **DEPARTURES - GUARANTEED**

2016: 23 May | 20 Jun | 11, 25 Jul 22 Aug 5, 19 Sep | 3, 17 Oct

#### 4 days / 3 nights

From \$1926\*

3 days / 2 nights

From \$1456\*



#### Travel through the extraordinary countryside of Umbria and Tuscany.

Visit the charming medieval town of Montepulciano known for its nobile wine, Pienza, the gem of the Val d'Orcia region, and Montalcino for Brunello di Montalcino wine and pecorino cheese tastings.

Admire the splendid Piazza Del Campo in Siena and the superb scenery of the Chianti hills in Greve. Visit Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and the sanctuary of many famous Italian artists, and Pisa to view the famous Leaning Tower.

Spend three nights at the Villa Casalecchi, a historical hotel located in the heart of Tuscany. A shorter two night version of this tour is available ending on day three in Florence.

#### ITINERARY

Day 1 Rome - Montepulciano - Pienza -Montalcino - Castellina Depart for Castellina in the Chianti hills via Montepulciano, Pienza and Montalcino. Enjoy wine and pecorino cheese tastings en route. (D)

Day 2 Siena - Greve - San Gimignano -Castellina Spend the day exploring Tuscany, visiting the medieval towns of Siena, Greve and San Gimignano. Enjoy a guided visit of the gardens and ancient cellars of the Castello di Verrazzano, followed by wine tasting and local specialties for lunch. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Florence - Castellina After breakfast drive to Florence for some free time to explore the Cradle of Renaissance. (D)

**3 NIGHTS** 

Day 4 Castellina - Volterra - Pisa - Rome Visit Volterra, a fascinating Tuscan city renowned for its alabaster, and Pisa to explore the Piazza dei Miracoli and see the Leaning Tower and the Baptistery. Time at leisure before returning to Rome. (B)





# TUSCANY TOURS

# Walks & Tastes of Tuscany

8 days / 7 nights

FULLY ESCORTED BOUTIQUE TOUR



#### Starts SIENA Ends CORTONA

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Walking through spectacular landscapes
- Tuscan medieval towns
- Wine tastings in Bagno Vignoni and Montalcino
- Cooking lesson in a 16th century farmhouse

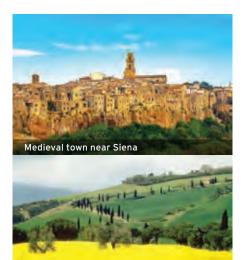
#### INCLUDES

- 7 nights charming hotels/pensions accommodation
- · Meals with wine as per itinerary
- Transport by air conditioned vehicle
- Fully guided each day by Ugo or
- Barbara Mariotti · Cooking lesson at local farmhouse
- Aperitif in San Gimignano
- Wine tastings in Bagno Vignoni and Montalcino
- Afternoon teas in Siena and Café Poliziano in Montepulciano

#### DEPARTURES

2016: 10 Apr | 15 May | 12 Jun 11 Sep | 16 Oct

From \$3594\*



Val d'Orcia near Siena



#### Discover the medieval towns of Siena, Pienza and the ancient Etruscan heritage of the Tuscan area on this walking tour escorted by local hosts Ugo and Barbara Mariotti.

Wander along the forest paths and through the lush meadows, vineyards and olive groves and experience the fine food and wine of the region. The highlight being a cooking lesson in a 16th century Tuscan farmhouse.

#### ITINERARY

Day 1 Siena Arrive in Siena, this ancient Gothic town is World Heritage listed. Enjoy a leisurely evening walk through the winding streets down to the Campo, the beautiful rose-gold square where, twice each year, they run the Palio, a medieval bareback horse race. (D)

Day 2 Siena - San Gimignano - Monteriggioni Visit San Gimignano, whose famous medieval towers still dominate the skyline. Stroll through the town, perhaps enjoy a gelato and explore the old fortress. Later visit the 13th century fortress borgo of Monteriggioni and taste a glass of Vernaccia, the delicious San Gimignano white wine. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of Siena and stop by a bakery to try the cakes and biscuits. (B)

Day 3 Monte Oliveto Maggiore - Pienza Take the back roads to the monastery of Monte Oliveto Maggiore. Visit Buonconvento, a delightful walled town. Home for the next four days will be in the tiny early Renaissance town of Pienza, famous for its pecorino cheeses. This evening's special dinner will feature dishes based on pecorino and other local specialties. (B,D)

Day 4 Bagno Vignoni Thermal Pool Visit Bagno Vignoni and the ancient spa pool used by the Etruscans, the Romans, Santa Caterina and Lorenzo il Magnifico. Enjoy a four hour circuit walk, including a stop at Poggio al Vento, where the owner will introduce his Orcia wines and own olive oil. Taste these during a delicious picnic lunch at the farm. Relax in the spa waters before returning to Pienza. (B,L)

Day 5 Montepulciano - Montefollonico From Montefollonico, a hilltop village of Etruscan origin, take a picturesque walk through the valley to Montepulciano to join the locals at their colourful market as they buy pecorino cheese, porcini mushrooms, clothing and tractors. Explore this famous hilltop town offering handcrafted goods and cantinas that offer wine tastings. (B)

Day 6 Abbey of Sant'Antimo - Montalcino - Cortona Transfer to Montalcino and walk to the ancient monastery of Sant'Antimo. Pass by an ancient Etruscan fort that has been recently excavated. From Sant'Antimo return by local bus to Montalcino and explore the town with its impressive fortress La Rocca and have a traditional tasting of the famous Brunello wine. (B)

Day 7 Farmhouse Cooking Lesson Travel from Pienza to a local farmhouse and visit the ancient church of La Pieve di Corsignano and then Sant'Anna di Camprena where the English Patient was filmed. Learn to make the local pasta pici and enjoy the results at a traditional farm lunch. Continue to Cortona. This evening share a light farewell meal at one of Cortona's cafes. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Cortona Transfer to Terontola Station (Cortona) where the tour ends. (B)

NOTE: expect to walk up to 3-5 hours per day on forest tracks and dirt roads. Hiking boots recommended.



FROM

FROM

\$1790\*

# Tuscany Walk - San Gimignano to Siena

# 5 days / 4 nights

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuscan medieval towns
- Walking through spectacular landscapes
- The walled city of Siena

#### INCLUDES

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Maps and detailed walking instructions
- Daily transfers of baggage between hotels
- Transfer from Florence station or airport to San Gimignano on day 1
- 24 hour back up from local manager

#### DEPARTURES

Daily on request

From <b>\$1550*</b>	With breakfast
From <b>\$1870*</b>	With breakfast & dinner



This walk passes through the heart of medieval Tuscany, starting in the marvelous towered town of San Gimignano and finishing at the dynamic regional capital, Siena.

On the way visit a well preserved medieval town, which grew rich during the Middle Ages on its wool and glass industries, and an eerie fortress-village.

#### ITINERARY

Day 1 Florence - San Gimignano Transfer from Florence to San Gimignano. In the afternoon there is a short loop walk through vineyards with wonderful views over San Gimignano (2 hrs). Day 2 San Gimignano Today's walk takes you to another well-preserved medieval town via vineyards and olive groves and a forested valley, through a landscape that has changed little since the Middle Ages. (3 hrs). (B)

Day 3 Elsa Valley Today's walk crosses undulating farmlands, passing hamlets, castles and a fine Romanesque abbey before arriving at a tiny walled gem - a restored castle (4 hrs). (B) Day 4 Siena This walk takes you to Siena, through the forests of a sparsely populated range of hills that once protected Siena's northern frontier from Florence (5 hrs). (B) Day 5 Siena Tour ends. Siena is connected by rail and bus to Florence. (B)

# Tuscany Walk - Florence to Siena via the Chianti Hills

7 days / 6 nights

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Magnificent food and wine from the Chianti district
- Picture perfect landscapes
- Charming medieval towns
- Overnight stay in a beautiful agriturismo
- INCLUDES
- 6 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- · Maps and detailed walking instructions
- Daily transfers of baggage between hotels
- Transfer from Florence to Impruneta on day 1 and to Siena on day 6
- 24 hour back up from local manager

#### DEPARTURES

Daily on request

From <b>\$1790*</b>	With breakfast
From <b>\$2070*</b>	With breakfast & dinner



This magnificent walk starts and finishes in two of the most beautiful cities in Italy -**Renaissance Florence and medieval Siena** 

Pass through some of the most celebrated countryside in Europe, a unique landscape of rolling hills, vineyards, olive groves, isolated farmhouses and ancient villages. The Chianti region is not only a place of extraordinary natural beauty, it is also very rich in history and well known for its wine.

#### ITINERARY

Ends SIENA

Day 1 Florence - Impruneta Transfer from Florence to Impruneta, a pleasant agricultural town. Day 2 Impruneta - Chianti Hills Start your Chianti visit with a short walk over undulating hills, through forests, vineyards and wheat fields to a small quiet farming town (2.5 hrs). (B) Day 3 Chianti Hills Enter the heart of the Chianti district, walking through vineyards and past one of the oldest abbeys in Tuscany, before finishing for the day in a busy market town (3.5 hrs). (B) Day 4 Chianti Hills Climb to the ridge of the Monti Chianti, passing through hamlets and forests. Continue to a lovely agriturismo, originally a 10th century abbey (3.5 hrs). (B) Day 5 Chianti Hills Continue to a magnificent wine estate in a converted medieval abbey (3.5 hrs). (B) Day 6 Chianti Hills - Siena Walk through classic Chianti countryside finishing at a splendid castle, where Chianti wine was first developed. Transfer to Siena (3 hrs). (B) Day 7 Siena Tour ends after breakfast. (B)

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SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR - GRADE 2



7 days / 6 nights

SELF DRIVE TOUR





#### Ends FLORENCE

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sampling of Slow Food Presidia products - delicious and authentic traditional foods
- Tastings of prestigious wines of the Chianti area
- Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance
- Siena and San Gimignano
- Pienza, famous for its pecorino cheese

#### INCLUDES

- 7 days category A car hire
- 6 nights 4-star charming hotels and/or historical residences
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 4 meals based on traditional regional dishes
- 3 guided tastings of foods and/or wines from the Tuscany region
- 1 cooking lesson
- Half day sightseeing tour of Florence

#### DEPARTURES

25 Mar - 31 Oct 2016: daily

LOW SEASON	from <b>\$1595*</b>
SHOULDER SEASON	from <b>\$1774*</b>
HIGH SEASON	from <b>\$1905*</b>



Explore this region of sprawling vineyards, rolling hills, charming old cities, masterpieces of art and gourmandise.

Visit the magnificent Florence, thecradle of the Renaissance, Siena, famous for the Palio horse race, the Chianti area, Montepulciano and Montalcino, known all over the world for their prestigious wines, San Gimignano with its tall towers.

Visit wineries and cellars, sample excellent wines, rare cold cuts, pecorino cheese and olive oil, shop for delicacies in the many food shops.

#### ITINERARY

**Day 1 Florence** Collect your car and drive to the Villa II Palagio, near Florence. Enjoy a welcome dinner. **(D)** 

Day 2 Florence Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Florence and lunch at Osteria Tripperia Il Magazzino. This afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps visit one of Florence's oldest ice cream parlours. **(B,L)** 

**Day 3 Siena - San Gimignano** Visit Siena and sample some traditional desserts in one of the famous pastry shops. On the way to San Gimignano enjoy lunch at a familyrun farmhouse. In the afternoon, visit the famous towers and the San Gimignano 1300 Museum. **(B,L)** 

Day 4 Chianti Today is dedicated to discovering the Chianti hills. Visit to the Tenuta Fontodi for a wine tasting. Proceed to the historic town of Greve. In the afternoon visit Azienda Frantoio Pruneti in San Polo for a food culture lesson and an oil tasting. **(B)**  Day 5 Montepulciano - Pienza Depart for the medieval city of Montepulciano and visit a winery for a tasting. In the afternoon, head for Pienza. Visit a pecorino cheese producer, learn something about the cheese making process and sample the fare. **(B)** 

Day 6 Montalcino Morning departure for Montalcino, famous for its Brunello, one of the best red wines in the world. Return to Florence area and join a cooking class dedicated to the Tuscany tradition, followed by dinner. (B,D) Day 7 Florence Departure. (B)



# **Tuscany Flavours Cooking Week**

8 days / 7 nights

**BOUTIQUE GROUP TOUR** 



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Staying in a villa surrounded by rolling hills and olive groves
- Learning how to cook delicious, authentic Tuscan dishes
- · Day trips exploring some of Italy's most historic and beautiful towns
- · Exploring the famous markets of Florence and indulge in a private wine tasting

#### INCLUDES

- 7 nights villa accommodation
- All meals and wine including 2 at local restaurants
- · 5 cookery lessons with an Italian chef
- Wine tasting at a local winery
- Visits to local towns such as Siena
- and Arezzo • Transport by minibus
- Transfers from/to Pisa airport at
- specific times^.
- ^NOTE: the transfer from Pisa airport generally leaves between 12pm and 3pm on day 1 and back to Pisa airport after breakfast on day 8.

#### DEPARTURES

2016: 30 Apr | 7, 14, 21 May | 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun 20, 27 Aug | 3, 10, 17, 24 Sep | 1, 8 Oct







Tuscany is guintessential Italy: a dreamscape of rolling hills topped with willowy cypress trees, shimmering olive groves and rows of tangled vines, peppered with picture-perfect medieval hilltop towns.

This rich, rural landscape provides all the ingredients for the chefs to show you how to rustle up mouth watering local dishes.

Tuscan fare is simple but hearty and bursting with flavour: from ribollita, a hearty vegetable stew, to chunky Tuscan bread soup and rustic pasta dishes such as pici, a thick spaghetti with wild boar or rabbit sauce.

For a break from the kitchen, explore the charming alleys of medieval Siena, one of Italy's best preserved medieval towns. Built on three hills and surrounded by medieval walls, take in the stunning Duomo, preserved Gothic architecture and, of course, the famous Piazza del Campo - one of the world's most unique piazzas. For a change of pace there is also the charming town of Arezzo, boasting its Piazza Grande, perhaps a good opportunity to tuck into a classic bistecca alla fiorentina, a char grilled T-bone steak washed down with a good Chianti.

Accommodation is in a selection of lovely villas: imagine honey-coloured farmhouses with beamed ceilings, shuttered windows opening onto sweeping views, stone-flagged floors and huge welcoming kitchens. They all have private pools, en suite rooms and that essential soporific hum of cicadas as you relax with a bottle of wine under the trees.

#### ITINERARY

Day 1 Pisa - Tuscany countryside Transfer from Pisa airport or make your own way to the villa for welcome drinks on the terrace followed by dinner prepared by the resident chef. (D) Day 2 Tuscany countryside After breakfast, first cookery lesson with the chef, enjoying the results for lunch. Afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is prepared at the villa. (B,L,D) Day 3 Tuscany countryside Morning cookery lesson, lunch and then visit a local winerv for a wine tasting. Return to the villa for dinner prepared by the chef. (B,L,D) Day 4 Siena After breakfast, a day to enjoy

sight seeing or shopping in Siena at leisure. Lunch will be at a trattoria. Return to the villa for dinner. (B)

Day 5 Tuscany countryside Another cookery lesson this morning. The afternoon is at leisure to relax by the pool or walk through the olive groves. Dinner tonight is at the villa. (B,L,D) Day 6 Arezzo This morning is your fourth cookery lesson, followed by lunch. Afternoon visit to Arezzo with a chance to explore before dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D) Day 7 Tuscany countryside Final cookery

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lesson and lunch. Enjoy your afternoon relaxing at the villa and in the evening a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Tuscany countryside - Pisa Tour ends after breakfast with a transfer to Pisa airport. (B)

NOTE: the itinerary is subject to change depending on the weather and allowing for the Italian ways!





# TUSCANY VILLAS

# Fattoria La Loggia

20km from Florence and 1km from Montefiridolfi



# Castello Vicchiomaggio

25km from Florence and 6km from Greve in Chianti

Situated on the top of a hill, in the heart of Chianti Classico, La Loggia is made up of the Hamlet and the Convent. The Hamlet is located on the summit of a hill in an extraordinarily scenic area and the Convent is about 300 metres away.

All rooms and apartments have been completely restored and furnished with antique furniture and original paintings. Each apartment is equipped with thermostatcontrolled heating, telephone, safe, satellite TV, radio, kitchenette or kitchen, bedroom linen and blankets. Air conditioning is available on request (extra) and there is free wifi. The salt water swimming pool is heated and open from May to September.

There are a range of apartments from one bedroom, one bathroom up to three bedrooms, three bathrooms.

#### San Casciano Val Di Pesa 💠 map ref 01

LOW SEASON from \$80\* HIGH SEASON from \$108\* Includes continental breakfast



## FEATURES

Air conditioning Heating Kitchen/kitchenette Laundry service TV Wifi Safe Restaurant Swimming pool

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 6 persons



#### FEATURES

Air conditioning (some apartments) Kitchen/kitchenette Wifi Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 4 persons



Near the historic village of Greve in Chianti, high on a hill, stands Castello Vicchiomaggio. Considered one of Italy's finest vineyards and members of the Grandi Crus d'Italia association, wine tastings, cellar tours and themed dinners are regularly available in the splendid ballrooms. An ideal base for a holiday in Tuscany, only 25km from Florence and 43km from Siena. The castle's gardens and hillside infinity swimming pool (mid June to September) enjoy impressive views over the valley. The self-catering apartments are within the historical building. Although all have modern amenities, the original architecture has been maintained ensuring character and uniqueness.

There is a range of apartments from one bedroom up to two bedrooms, one bathroom. A suite in the Canonica building is also available for 2 adults. NOTE: open 19 Mar - 1 Nov

Greve In Chianti ↔ map ref 02 From \$108\*





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# Villa Pitiana

30km from Florence and 1km from Donnini



# Collelungo

30km from Siena and 4km from Castellina in Chianti



# Antico Pastificio

cleaning may apply and are payable locally.

30km from Florence and 400m from Greve in Chianti

This villa is situated 430 metres above sea level and its imposing structure divides the last olive groves of Valdarno from the centuries old trees of the Vallombrosa, near Florence. The oldest part of Villa Pitiana dates back to the 14th century and is characterised by the presence of a high tower, not unlike the tower houses of San Gimignano.

The property has a cloister, Rococo chapel, for special evenings and events, a park of over 500 hectares, a nature trail, table tennis and mountain bikes. Cookery courses are also available: a 3 hour basic course; 3 days of Tuscan cooking or one full week.

Accommodation consists of one or two bedroom apartments with one or two sofa beds and bathroom.

NOTE: open 26 Mar - 31 Oct

Via Provinciale Per Tosi, 7 Donnini Reggello, Florence 💠 map ref 03 LOW SEASON from \$70\* HIGH SEASON from \$119\*

FROM \$70\* FUSCANY VILLAS

FEATURES Kitchenette TV Wifi Restaurant/bar Library Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 2 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 6 persons

Collelungo lies in its own private estate, covering 200 acres of Tuscan countryside, midway between Florence and Siena in the heart of the Chianti Classico. With all the major cultural centres on its doorstep, Collelungo is the ideal base for exploring the Chianti hills and Tuscany attractions. Siena can be reached in 30 minutes, Florence and San Gimignano in 45 minutes.

Accommodation includes a range of one to two bedroom apartments, all offering views over the vineyards and their own outdoor area. Most have an open fireplace or stove. There is also a lounge with library, satellite TV and wine bar, a swimming pool, a barbecue and pergola with picnic table.

#### Castellina In Chianti 💠 map ref 04

LOW SEASON from \$109\* HIGH SEASON from \$120\*





Situated near the historical square of Greve, close to restaurants, cafes and shops, Antico Pastificio (old pasta factory) is surrounded by a peaceful garden with a swimming pool. The building's frescoed walls, wooden beamed ceilings and terracotta floors have all been restored. Guests staying at Antico Pastificio can enjoy organised dinners in the vineyard (on request), which take place every week from July to September.

The property is divided into two parts, the yellow Pasta Factory and the orange Pasta Factory.

One bedroom, two bedroom and three bedroom apartments are available plus sofa bed.

Via Dell'arco, 9 Greve In Chianti 💠 map ref 05 LOW SEASON from \$63\* HIGH SEASON from \$80\*

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FEATURES

Air conditioning (some apartments) Heating Kitchenette Laundry facilities TV Wifi Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 3 - 7 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 9 persons

FROM \$109

#### FEATURES Heating Kitchen Laundry facilities

TV Library Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 3 niahts

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 4 persons

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# TUSCANY VILLAS

# Residenza Le Grillaie

30km from Florence and 650m from Greve in Chianti



This property has three independent villas, Casa Verdiana, Casa Turchesa and Casa Amaranta, each with private swimming pool and gorgeous view of the surrounding hills, vineyards and olive groves. Wake up in the Tuscan countryside and take an easy 10 minute walk to the historic piazza of Greve in Chianti for your morning cappuccino and fresh pastry. There you will also find all facilities - restaurants, shopping, grocery, banks, church, bus stop etc.

The houses offer three and five bedroom/ bathroom accommodation on two to three levels with panoramic views.

Baby crib, high-chair, additional bed: available on request at no additional cost.

Via delle Grillaie, Greve in Chianti + map ref 06 LOW SEASON from \$115\* HIGH SEASON from \$234\*

#### <sup>FROM</sup> \$115\*

FEATURES

Air conditioning Full kitchen Washing machine TV Wifi Swimming pool Parking

MINIMUM STAY Weekly Sat - Sat

GUEST CAPACITY 2 - 10 persons

# Borgo Di Pietrafitta

30km from Siena and 4km from Castellina in Chianti



Imagine the unique feeling of staying in a small medieval village in Tuscany where everything is authentic yet perfectly renovated. There are 15 apartments including two that are independent houses, all situated atop a hill from which you have a bird's eye, all-embracing view of the historic Chianti landscape and its famous vineyards. Swim in the infinity pool, enjoy a steak cooked on the barbecue with your friends and admire the view of the Gallo Nero vineyards. The staff at Borgo di Pietrafitta will take care of you and make your holiday peaceful and relaxing but at the same time full of small activities to fill in your days.

There are a range of one and two bedroom apartments to choose from, plus a medium sized independent house with one double and one single bedroom and a larger house with two double and two single bedrooms.

NOTE: open 26 Mar - 5 Nov and 23 Dec - 7 Jan

Castellina in Chianti ↔ map ref 07

LOW SEASON from \$131\* HIGH SEASON from \$217\*



#### FEATURES

Kitchen Washing machine TV Wifi

Swimming pool
MINIMUM STAY

3 - 7 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 4 persons

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# La Vecchia Greve

29km from Florence and 650m from Greve in Chianti



# Villa San Andrea

25km from Florence and 3km from Montefiridolfi

The buildings of La Vecchia Greve formed the original nucleus of the village of Greve in Chianti. La Vecchia sprung up around a fortified castle dating back to the 12th century. In the restoration of the castle, care was taken to recreate, wherever possible, the original style using only the original stonework. Apartments of different sizes have thus been created.

The one bedroom, one bathroom or two bedroom with one or two bathrooms apartments are each equipped with a small kitchen area, a balcony boasting magnificent, panoramic views or an attractive garden veranda with tables and chairs. There is also a cottage with private garden and pool. NOTE: open 26 Mar - 4 Nov

Greve In Chianti 💠 map ref 08

LOW SEASON from \$57\* HIGH SEASON from \$75\*

Villa San Andrea is situated in an ancient

village in the heart of Tuscany, where the

estate dominates the magnificent vineyards

of the Chianti Classico area. The villa itself

sits on the ruins of a castle, built in the 11th

century by the Florentine Buondelmonti

FROM \$57<sup>\*</sup>

FEATURES Kitchenette Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 3 - 7 nights Weekly for Cottage

**GUEST CAPACITY** - 7 persons

> FROM \$104<sup>;</sup>

> > ROM

\$96<sup>:</sup>

FEATURES

Washing machine

Swimming pool

2 - 9 persons

(in large apartment)

**GUEST CAPACITY** 

Kitchen

#### **FEATURES**

Kitchen Laundry facilities Wifi Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 3 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 12 persons



family. Throughout the estate several villas have been restored: Zobi, Perticato and Montelodoli. These large villas are beautifully renovated with all the modern comforts and surrounded by nature with large garden and a pool. They are divided into elegant apartments, which have the characteristic large wooden beams, terracotta floors and stone fireplaces with views of olive groves, vineyards and fields of sunflowers. Guests have access to the swimming pool, the children's playground, barbecue and patio, equipped for outdoor dining.

Via Di Fabbrica, 63 Montefiridolfi, San Casciano 💠 map ref 09

LOW SEASON from \$104\* HIGH SEASON from \$133\*

#### La Ripolina

27km from Siena and 2.5km from Buonconvento



The Ripolina farm, next to the small town of Buonconvento, is run by the Cresti family who all work on the property. The apartments are on a hilltop with a fine view of the surrounding meadows and two rivers. The largest apartments are inside an ancient abbey, Pieve Di Piana, and another apartment is in the same building on the first floor. The others are in front of the abbey, situated in country houses which are completely renewed and furnished with pieces from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For the guests there are mountain bikes, a children's park, laundry and barbecue, also a swimming pool in a very panoramic position. The property makes a very good base for excursions to the art cities and the nearby thermal areas.

#### Localita Pieve Di Piana 💠 map ref 10

LOW SEASON from \$96\* HIGH SEASON from \$101\*

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# TUSCANY VILLAS & HOTELS

# I Borghi

41km from Siena and 3.5km from San Gimignano



I Borghi is located on the top of the hill, housing the hamlet of Pancole, once part of the estate belonging to the noble family of the Carolingian counts. The surrounding countryside is a typical Tuscan landscape with olive groves, vineyards, meadows and corn fields.

There are a range of carefully furnished one and two bedroom apartments with kitchen and either patio or balcony.

Facilities include a swimming pool with shady gardens open from May to October. There is also a restaurant 100 metres from the property.

The restaurant is closed for dinner.

Via Pancole 23 - San Gimignano + map ref 12 LOW SEASON from \$99\* HIGH SEASON from \$132\*

#### FROM **\$99**\*

#### FEATURES

Air conditioning Heating Kitchen Washing machine TV Wifi Swimming pool

MINIMUM STAY 2 nights

**GUEST CAPACITY** 2 - 4 adults

Palazzo Leopoldo 26km from Siena and 2km from Villa

> Situated in Radda in Chianti, a hill town that has remained unaltered in its medieval charm, Palazzo Leopoldo is a patrician villa where history, art and modern comforts combine providing an old-world touch.

The hotel provides excellent service and warm welcoming rooms and suites offer sophisticated elegance with original frescos, *cotto* floors and fireplaces.

Breakfast is served on a terrace overlooking Chianti's vineyards and castles or in the magnificent original 18th century kitchen where cooking classes are held.

#### Via Roma, 33 Radda in Chianti 💠 map ref 🛛 11

LOW SEASON from \$119\* HIGH SEASON from \$161\*

Includes buffet breakfast

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#### FEATURES Air conditioning

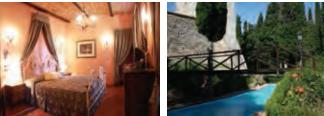
TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Swimming pool Parking Gym Fitness centre

# TUSCANY HOTELS

# Castello Di Tornano

20km from Siena and 3km from San Sano





# Relais La Suvera \*\*\*\*\*

40km from Siena and 850m from Pievescola





# Hotel Castello Di Casole \*\*\*\*\*

Castello di Tornano is a historic property surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Chianti Classico hills. Located within the castle and the tower, the rooms and suites retain a deep-rooted historic and charming elegance, complimented by modern comforts.

This property offers a selection of room types: Classic, Superior or Deluxe double rooms, the Castle Suite and Tower Suite. There are also one and two bedroom apartments (fans, no air conditioning) in the neighbouring former farm buildings, tastefully redecorated in a rustic style, giving them a fresh twist and providing a relaxed, welcoming setting.

There is a swimming pool built into the castle moat, plus a terrace. Activities on offer include walks, horse riding, tennis and cycling.

Dimora Medievale In Gaiole In Chianti ↔ map ref 01

LOW SEASON from \$120\* HIGH SEASON from \$189\*

Includes continental breakfast



FEATURES

TV

Wifi Safe

Mini bar

Parking

Air conditioning

Restaurant/bar

Swimming pool

Spa & fitness centre

#### Nestled among the rolling hills of Tuscany, Relais La Suvera offers award winning service and a historic luxury experience.

The 36 rooms and suites are decorated with antique furniture from the collections of the families of the owners, which blend harmoniously with all modern amenities.

Every room in the hotel is different. The Papal Villa suites are dedicated to historical characters related to the owners' families and are the ideal setting for those who want to celebrate an anniversary or honeymoon. The rooms and suites in the farmhouse and the stables buildings, many of which overlook the gardens and/or have private terraces, are perfect for a romantic getaway or a family holiday.

NOTE: open 22 Apr - 2 Nov 2016

Via della Suvera, 70 ↔ map ref 02

LOW SEASON from \$301\* HIGH SEASON from \$339\*

Includes buffet breakfast





Hotel Castello di Casole is a luxurious five star hotel in Tuscany and the centerpiece of a remarkable and historic 4,200 acre estate. Commanding the highest point on the property, parts of this restored castle have graced the estate for centuries dating back to the 10th century. Timbers Resorts has lovingly transformed these ruins into a boutique hotel in the grand European tradition, with impeccable suites, world class services and amenities, experiences of home and magical views of the Tuscan countryside.

Accommodation is limited to just 41 luxury Tuscan suites, available in a range of styles. Most suites have stunning views and all have complete access to the estate's services and amenities.

#### Localita Querceto, Casole d'Elsa 💠 map ref 03

LOW SEASON from \$313\* HIGH SEASON from \$603\* Includes buffet breakfast

# FROM \$120\*

FEATURES Air conditioning TV Mini bar Restaurant/bar Swimming pool Parking

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# $TUSCANY\ HOTELS\$ Lucca | pisa | san gimignano | siena

# LUCCA

# Residenza D'Epoca Palazzo Alexander ★★★



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Swimming pool Parking

FROM

\$96\*

FROM

\$87\*

Located in the centre of Lucca's historic district Palazzo Alexander, this hotel is easily reached from the main highway and from train and bus stations. There is private parking available beside the hotel (extra charge). Free wifi throughout.

# Via S. Giustina, 48

LOW SEASON from \$96* HIGH SEASON from \$165*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# PISA Grand Hotel Bonanno \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Swimming pool Garden Parking

An ideal solution for business or pleasure trips to Pisa, the hotel offers a full range of facilities and essential services for a truly comfortable stay. Conveniently located near the main access road into Pisa, 10 minutes walk to the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the old town centre. Only 3km from the airport and motorway exit and 400 metres from Pisa San Rossore train station.

# Via Carlo Francesco Gabba, 17

LOW SEASON from \$87\* HIGH SEASON from \$114\* Includes buffet breakfast

# SAN GIMIGNANO Hotel Leon Bianco \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift

The hotel is located in the heart of San Gimignano, in an ancient nobleman's palace of the 11th century, which has now been tastefully restored. The central position of the hotel allows visitors to enjoy the atmosphere of the medieval small town. During spring and summer breakfast is served on the roof top. Superior twin rooms are available on request, supplement payable.

#### Piazza Della Cisterna

LOW SEASON from \$102\* HIGH SEASON from \$120\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Grand Hotel Guinigi ★★★★



#### FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$92

This luxury hotel is little more than a kilometre away from Lucca's historical city centre. The hotel has 167 guest rooms fitted out with the most modern communications equipment including high speed internet connection and wireless. Free wifi throughout. Free parking available.

#### Via Romana 1247

LOW SEASON from \$92\* HIGH SEASON from \$103\* Includes buffet breakfast

# NH Cavalieri Pisa \*\*\*\*





**FEATURES** Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Restaurant/bar

Offering all the comfort you would expect from the Jolly chain of hotels - Italy's largest - the Cavalieri is situated right in the heart of Pisa. All the rooms are beautifully decorated in contemporary style, as is the popular *II Cavaliere* restaurant which serves the best of international and Italian cuisine.

# Piazza Della Stazione

LOW SEASON from \$96\* HIGH SEASON from \$133\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Relais Santa Chiara \*\*\*\*



#### FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Swimming pool Garden Parking

FROM

\$142

Located on a hillside, 10 minutes easy walk to San Gimignano centre, overlooking the serene Tuscan countryside. Decorated in taste and style, the hotel offers guest lounge with fireplace, large gardens and swimming pool with hydro massage.

# Via Matteotti 15

LOW SEASON from \$142\* HIGH SEASON from \$193\* Includes buffet breakfast

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FROM

\$102\*

# **SIENA** Residenza D'Epoca II Casato \*\*\*



FEATURES TV Mini bar Safe Garden Parking

FROM

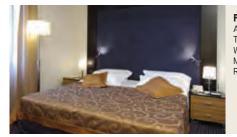
\$72\*

In the heart of Siena, this Residence is within a 14th century building known for its beautiful frescoes. It has a panoramic view of the city. All rooms are stylishly furnished and have private facilities. Garage available (sup. payable).

#### Via Dupre 126 & Via Casato Di Sopra 33

LOW SEASON from \$72* HIGH SEASON from \$92*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# NH Excelsior Siena \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Restaurant/bar

FROM

\$101\*

Right in the medieval heart of the city, the hotel is just a few steps from Piazza del Campo. The Gothic Cathedral and the Town Hall with its splendid frescoes, are also close by. The 126 rooms combine comfortable furnishings with a full range of amenities and guests can enjoy regional cuisine in the modern, bright and welcoming restaurant.

#### Piazza La Lizza

LOW SEASON from \$101\* HIGH SEASON from \$145\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Athena \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

The hotel is located in the historic centre of Siena, near the Piazza del Campo, famous for the well known Palio. The hotel bar has a large terrace with wonderful views where guests can enjoy the countryside all around. Rooms are large with plenty of light, decorated in either a classic or modern style.

#### Via P. Mascagni, 55

LOW SEASON from \$79\* HIGH SEASON from \$230\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Grand Hotel Continental \*\*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning TV Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

The Grand Hotel Continental is located in the heart of Siena, at the center of the pedestrian shopping area, within walking distance of the Piazza del Campo, the Duomo and all major sites and attractions. This 17th century palace treasures many magnificent frescoes in public areas and in several rooms. The 51 rooms and suites are unique and all offer the services and comforts of a top level hotel.

#### Via Banchi di Sopra

LOW SEASON from \$270\* HIGH SEASON from \$390\*

Includes American buffet breakfast



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FROM

\$79<sup>\*</sup>

# UMBRIA

Off the beaten track and often over-shadowed by its famous neighbour, Umbria is less discovered and the green heart of Italy. Like Tuscany, this is a land of ancient churches, hamlets and vineyards with hidden treasures and beautiful landscapes. Take a pilgrimage to Assisi (UNESCO World Heritage site). Discover spectacular medieval hiltop towns including Spoleto, Todi, Spello and Orvieto and visit the university town and capital Perugia, also home of *perugina chocolate* and the famous annual *Umbrian Jazz Festival*. Witness the 'bloom of Norcia' wildflowers in June each year - a sight to behold.

# Agriturismo Fiordaliso

1km from Trevi

Perugia





This holiday farmhouse is composed of 4 independent apartments which are immersed in a beautiful landscape amongst a cultivation of 700 olive trees, and located only 1km from Trevi. The main part of the farmhouse dates back to the end of the 15th century, however in recent years it has been restored but maintains its original style. The central position of Fiordaliso makes an ideal base for day trips to Umbria's cities, rich in artistic and architectural sights, of Perugia, Assisi, Spoleto, Todi or Orvieto.

Apartments are one bedroom, with either a double bedroom or one double and a single.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Mr Ferrante, the owner, has a truffle field on his property and will offer to anyone interested a lesson on how to search and pick up truffles (with special dogs). There is no extra cost for this lesson and you will have the opportunity to buy the truffles found.

Via La Croce, 12 Bovara Di Trevi, Perugia 💠 map ref 01

LOW SEASON from \$59\* HIGH SEASON from \$69\*

# Montecorneo Country House

5km from Perugia

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Immersed in a mature ilex grove, located close to the historic centre of Perugia, the Montecorneo Country House is perfectly situated for making day trips to Umbria's cities of Assisi, Spoleto, Todi or Orvieto. Built originally in the late 19th century, the main house annexes have been restored to provide several small apartments equipped with all the comforts. The interiors are furnished with simple, traditional Umbrian furniture, a style ideally suited to cosy country living. The property has a lovely outdoor pool in use May to September.

Apartments are one bedroomed and consist of a dining room with double sofa bed and a double bedroom.

Strada Dei Loggi 136, Balanzano, Perugia + map ref 02 LOW SEASON from \$69\* HIGH SEASON from \$86\*

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# FEATURES

Air conditioning (some apartments) Heating Kitchen TV

Swimming pool
MINIMUM STAY

Weekly Sat - Sat GUEST CAPACITY

2 - 3 persons

FEATURES

Heating

Wifi

3 nights

Kitchenette

Air conditioning

Laundry service

Swimming pool

2 - 4 persons

MINIMUM STAY

**GUEST CAPACITY** 

# UMBRIA HOTELS ASSISI | SPOLETO | ORVIETO | PERUGIA

# ASSISI Hotel San Francesco \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Roof garden Parking

FROM

\$92\*

FROM

\$104\*

Situated in a unique position in front of the Basilica of Saint Francis. The hotel has a roof garden offering views of the Basilica and over the plains and also has a bar and restaurant strictly reserved for hotel guests. The hotel is isolated from outside noise. Free parking for hotel auests.

#### Via San Francesco 48

LOW SEASON from \$92* HIGH SEASON from \$135*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# **ORVIETO** Grand Hotel Italia \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Swimming pool

Comprising an old building, constructed in the 19th century, this hotel is located near the centre of the town. All 43 rooms have private facilities. Hotel was refurbished in 2004 maintaining the old elegance and offering modern comfort with spacious and sunny rooms. Sup. payable for garage.

# Piazza Del Popolo 13

LOW SEASON from \$104\* HIGH SEASON from \$126\* Includes buffet breakfast

# PERUGIA Albergo Fortuna \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning тν Wifi Mini bar Safe

Located in the heart of Perugia, completely restructured, all rooms have well-appointed bathrooms. There is a roof garden terrace with magnificent views of the city. Garage nearby, sup. payable. All CIT clients will receive rooms with air conditioning. The buffet breakfast offers an excellent selection of food.

#### Via Bonazzi 19

LOW SEASON from \$95* HIGH SEASON from \$108*
Includes buffet breakfast

# SPOLETO Hotel Dei Duchi \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Restaurant/bar Lift Garden Parking

Right in the centre of Spoleto, this hotel is surrounded by works of art that the city has maintained and enhanced over three centuries. The hotel restaurant serves local regional dishes and national specialties. Half board rates available on request.

#### Viale Giacomo Matteotti, 4

LOW SEASON from \$90\* HIGH SEASON from \$122\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Villa Ciconia \*\*\*\*





Air conditioning TV Mini bar Restaurant/bar Swimming pool Garden

Parking

FEATURES

Situated on the outskirts of Orvieto. An elegant 16th century villa surrounded by an age-old park. The building has recently been renovated but retains the characteristic walls, beams and paving. The restaurant provides genuine Umbrian culinary cuisine and the wine cellar is stocked with high quality wines. The old style rooms are located in the oldest part of the Villa.

#### Via Dei Tigli 69

LOW SEASON from \$103\* HIGH SEASON from \$138\* Includes buffet breakfast

# Hotel Brufani Palace \*\*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning тν Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

Situated on top of the highest hill of Perugia this hotel boasts sumptuous lounges with antique furnishings and fire places, 94 elegant rooms and suites equipped with modern amenities. The Collins restaurant with outdoor terrace (in Summer) serves typical Umbrian cuisine. New health and fitness club with swimming pool. Private garage to be paid locally.

#### Piazza Italia, 12

LOW SEASON from \$140\* HIGH SEASON from \$195\* Includes American breakfast

UMBRIA VILLAS & HOTELS FROM \$90\*



# UMBRIA TOURS

# Living Umbria

7 days / 6 nights

FULLY ESCORTED BOUTIQUE TOUR



### Discover the best of Umbria with its countless hill towns, monasteries and isolated castles dotted throughout the ever-changing, untouched landscapes.

Umbria comprises mainly hills, mountains, hollows and plains. At the heart of the boot, it is the only region with no coastline. Dine on fresh local produce and wine whilst staying on a family estate, located in the town of Montefalco, surrounded by beautiful olive trees and vinevards.

### ITINERARY

Day 1 Montefalco Morning transfer from Foligno station. After lunch visit Montefalco for a wine tasting. A four course dinner including wine is at the accommodation every evening. (L,D)

Day 2 Perugia – Deruta Visit Perugia and enjoy a guided walk through the medieval ghost town under Rocca Paolina. Travel to Deruta to browse through the ceramics in this famous artisan town. (B,D)

Day 3 Assisi - Spoleto Travel to Assisi, the home of St. Francis. A guided tour includes the Basilica of San Francesco. Spend the afternoon in Spoleto, a town rich in Roman and medieval history, with a guided tour. (B,D) Day 4 Todi Enjoy a guided tour of Todi, poised

on a tall hill overlooking the Tiber river. There is free time for lunch in town, followed by a wine tasting. (B,D)

Day 5 Spello - Bevagna Guided tour of Spello covering the town's history including Porta Venere and Baglioni Chapel. Walk around the floral decorated streets and visit traditional art and artisans shops. Continue to Bevagna. See a medieval house and Roman mosaics. (B,D) Day 6 Orvieto Travel to Orvieto to explore its fascinating array of shops, cafes and an awardwinning gelateria. Enjoy a guided visit to the Duomo. Cocktails and farewell dinner. (B,D) Day 7 Foligno Transfer to Foligno station. (B)

NOTE: itinerary may vary due to seasonal changes and activities, including local festivals.



#### Starts MONTEFALCO Ends FOLIGNO

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Small group experience of up to 12 guests
- Guided visits to Umbria's most beautiful hill towns
- Wonderful dinners with local produce and wine
- · Wine tasting of Montefalco's award winning wines

# INCLUDES

- · 6 nights accommodation in a family-run country estate
- Meals as per itinerary
- Return transfers from Foligno station
- Transport by air conditioned coach
- English speaking tour leader
- Admission to all galleries, museums and historical sites included in the itinerary

# DEPARTURES

2016: 9 Jan | 13 Feb | 27 Mar | 3, 17 Apr 15, 29 May | 19 Jun | 3, 17 Jul | 7 Aug 4, 25 Sep | 9, 23 Oct | 6, 20 Nov | 11 Dec

From \$2949\*



# **Umbrian Appetites**

7 days / 6 nights

FULLY ESCORTED BOUTIQUE TOUR



UMBR Deruta. •MONTEFALCO Bevagna• •FOLIGNO Orvieto Spoleto

Starts MONTEFALCO Ends FOLIGNO

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Small group experience of up to 12 guests
- Umbrian medieval towns
- Visits to private homes, villas and farms to cook and eat
- · Wonderful local meals and wine
- Cooking classes of characteristic regional recipes
- Truffle hunting with lunch in a mountain village
- Wine tasting of Montefalco's award-winning wines

#### INCLUDES

- 6 nights accommodation in a family-run country estate
- Meals as per itinerary
- 4 cooking classes
- Return transfers from Foligno station
- Transport by air conditioned coach
- English speaking tour leader

# DEPARTURES

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family-run country estate.

Enjoy cooking classes in private homes, villas and farms, exploring a local network of families, restaurants and chefs. Visit towns with a food focus, including Norcia, famous for its salamis and cheeses, as well as prize winning Sagrantino wine cellars in and around Montefalco.

# ITINERARY

Day 1 Montefalco Morning transfer from Foligno station. After lunch visit Montefalco for a wine tasting. A four course dinner including wine is at the accommodation every evening. (L.D)

Day 2 Deruta Enjoy a hands on cooking class at Villa Pambufetti, followed by lunch. Afternoon visit to Deruta, a major ceramics centre since medieval times. (B,L,D)

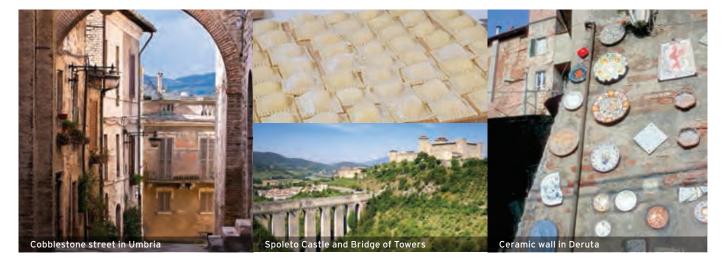
Day 3 Spoleto Travel to a mountain forest to see cheese being made (in season) and then accompany a professional truffle hunter in his quest for truffles or 'black gold'. Enjoy a simple meal of wine, bruschetta, pasta and truffles in the hunter's home and then visit the town of Spoleto. (B,L,D)

Dav 4 Montefalco This morning make ravioli and other traditional pastas with Anna Maria, a renowned local cook. In the afternoon visit a range of local wine cellars for tastings of Montefalco's full bodied red. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Bevagna Travel to a small local restaurant in Bevagna to prepare a modern version of traditional Umbrian fare with the owner and chef, Fillipo, then dine on the delightful terrace. Afternoon guided visit of the town. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Orvieto Cooking class and lunch at a well-known local restaurant with chef Lorenzo, where you will work through the full four courses of a regional menu. (B,L,D) Day 7 Foligno Transfer to Foligno station. (B)

NOTE: itinerary may vary due to seasonal changes and activities, including local festivals.







#### Emilia Romagna is a food lover's paradise in the north of central Italy, extending from the Apennine mountains to the fertile Po River Valley (UNESCO World Heritage listed) and Adriatic Coast.

It is known for its elegant cities, unique architecture, history as a trading centre and rich gastronomic delights. The capital, **Bologna**, is a vibrant university town with arched porticos lining the streets and squares of its medieval centre. **Ravenna**, near the Adriatic coast, is famed for its brightly coloured, UNESCO World Heritage listed, Byzantine mosaics.

Follow a food trail across this region from **Bologna** to **Parma**, taking in **Ferrara, Modena** and **Ravenna**. Taste parmigiano cheese and ham in **Parma**, balsamic vinegar in **Modena**, bolognese sauce or ragu in **Bologna** and perhaps even drive a Ferrari. One of Italy's hidden gems, this region is less discovered than some of its neighbouring regions but no less rich in its travel experience. Come and discover this surprising treasure of central Italy. CIT has hotels, walking and self drive tours to help you experience the best of this region.

# Also found in the central region of Italy, is the unique mountainous microstate of San Marino.

Situated on the slopes of *Monte Titano* is the capital, also called **San Marino**, and known for its medieval walled old town and narrow cobblestone streets, retaining much of its historic architecture. The Three Towers, castle-like citadels, dating to the 11th century, sit atop three of Titano's neighbouring peaks.

# SAN MARINO Grand Hotel Marino \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Wellness centre & gym Parking

FROM

\$80\*

From the comfortable and elegant lobby of this hotel witness magnificent views of the Montefeltro Valley below. The superior rooms have a private balcony with spectacular views of the Valley and of the Apennines in the distance. Enjoy homemade bread and pasta from breakfast to evening dining.

# Viale Antonio Onofri, 31

LOW SEASON from \$80* HIGH SEASON from \$98*	
Includes American buffet breakfast	

#### THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- Ravenna Byzantine mosaics (UNESCO World Heritage listed).
- Ferrara and the Po River Delta (UNESCO World Heritage listed).
- Modena home of balsamic vinegar and Italian sports car makers, Ferrari, Maserati, Lamborghini.
- Bologna famous for bolognese ragu and food and wine.
- Parma home of parmigiana reggiano cheese and prosciutto di Parma ham.
- Rimini and Pesaro seaside towns on the Adriatic coast.



ROM

\$80°

# Hotel Titano \*\*\*\*



The hotel building dates back to the 1800s. It has several eateries including a lovely snack bar on the street level and La Terrazza is a cosy space with splendid views of the Apennines. Rooms (standard, superior and junior suites) have views, some with balconies. Each has its own unique design, looking out to the Valley or Piazza della Liberta.

Contrada del Collegio, 31

LOW SEASON from \$80\* HIGH SEASON from \$98\* Includes American buffet breakfast

# EMILIA ROMAGNA & SAN MARINO HOTELS | DAY TOURS

FROM

\$73\*

FROM

\$189\*

# **BOLOGNA** Hotel Astoria \*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Garden Parking

Centrally located hotel. Consists of a main block and an inner annexe which overlooks the garden. There are 38 rooms with every convenience including independently controlled air conditioning. Non smoking rooms available on request. Internal guarded car park, supplement payable.

Via Fratelli Rosselli, 14

LOW SEASON from \$73* HIGH SEASON from \$92*	
Includes buffet breakfast	

# Hotel Corona D'Oro \*\*\*\*



FEATURES Air conditioning Т٧ Wifi Mini bar Safe Lift Parking

Located in the heart of medieval Bologna, within the popular tourist centre, with a variety of restaurants, bars and sightseeing. The hotel was built in 1890 and has been renovated in keeping with its original architecture. There is a sunny tea, lounge and breakfast room serving a wide range of very tasteful food. All 35 rooms are elegantly furnished.

#### Via Oberdan 12

LOW SEASON from \$189\* HIGH SEASON from \$218\* Includes buffet breakfast

# BOLOGNA DAY TOUR

# Ferrari, Ducati, Lamborghini, Maserati, Pagani Tours



# Starhotels Excelsior $\star \star \star \star$



FEATURES Air conditioning TV Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar Lift Parking

FROM

\$99

The Starhotels Excelsior is situated across the street from Bologna Central railway station and less than 1 km from Parco Montagnola. The hotel features the Avorio restaurant, serving traditional Bolognese dishes, and all the elegant guestrooms include feather beds, pillow menus, and air conditioning.

#### Via Pietramellara, 51

LOW SEASON from \$99\* HIGH SEASON from \$110\* Includes American buffet breakfast

# NH Bologna De La Gare \*\*\*\*





FEATURES Air conditioning тν Wifi Mini bar Safe Restaurant/bar I ift Parking

This modern hotel is situated close to Central Railway Station and Air Terminal. Spacious hall and guest lounge with restaurant, offering the best in international cuisine and local dishes from the Emilia region. Garage parking available nearby (extra charge).

#### Piazza XX Settembre

LOW SEASON from \$94\* HIGH SEASON from \$135\* Includes buffet breakfast

We offer a variety of tours to Motorvalley

which take you on a journey through the production facilities and the fascinating

museums, full of history and technology

and Ducati. Visit the Ducati museum

and factory and/or the Ferrari gallery

museum and factory. There are even

options (extra cost) for you to drive a

Ferrari/Lamborghini on public roads.

Ferrari view from external perimeter.

Lamborghini factory guided tour and

different options.

Lamborghini Excellence Centre guided tour. Select your favourite tour from nine

of Ferrari, Lamborghini, Pagani, Maserati



# DURATION Full day DEPARTS Mon - Fri

# FFATURES

- Transfers from/to Bologna or Modena
- English speaking guide • Museums/factories entrance depending
- on the tour combination selected
- A light lunch

\*All from prices shown are per person based on twin/double share occupancy in lead-in rooms. Seasonal surcharges, event supplements and minimum stays may apply. A city tax is payable direct to all properties at time of check out.



EMILIA ROMAGNA & SAN MARINO HOTELS | DAY TOURS

# ABRUZZO

# Looking for roads less travelled? Abruzzo is the real Italy.

Mountainous and rugged, situated between the Apennines and the Adriatic Coast, it is a remote region with a wealth of castles, monasteries and medieval towns, as well as seaside towns, ports and beaches. Off the beaten tourist track, on Italy's east coast, Abruzzo is full of simple food, traditional Abruzzese cooking, undiscovered cultural riches and artisan crafts... and a slower pace of life. Abruzzo is an unspoilt, hidden gem in the heart of central Italy.

# THINGS TO SEE AND DO

- Arezzo once an important Etruscan trading post.
- Chieti. See *trabocchi*, ancient wooden fishing structures only found in Abruzzo.
- Pescara capital port city and 16km of sandy beaches.
- L'Aquila mountainous inland province with picturesque villages perched on mountains.
- Visit the ancient Roman city of **Sulmona**, the old village of **Scanno** and many more remote medieval villages off the tourist trail.

- Explore Italy's most beautiful and pristine National Parks; Gran Sasso NP, with the highest peak in the Apennines, abundant nature, even wolves, deer and brown bears still roam free; wild Maiella NP with mountains and canyons dotted with remote medieval monasteries and beautifully preserved and undiscovered frescoes; and Abruzzo NP, one of Italy's oldest protected landscapes.
- Marvel at the majestic Apennines Mountains.
- Visit La Rocca Scalengna in Chieti Province, a medieval castle perched high on a cliff, overlooking Abruzzo tablelands.
- See the exquisite frescoes of Abruzzo's hidden medieval hermitages and churches.
- **Savour the delicious wines** of Abruzzo: rich (D.O.C.) Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, crisp Trebbiano and melting Cerasuolo.
- Learn traditional Abruzzese recipes with local women and taste regional specialties: saffron, truffles, pecorino and olive oil.
- Watch local artisans make traditional gold filigree jewellery, intricate lacework and Maiolica-ware ceramics.

Abruzzo is ideal to explore on a small escorted tour or independently by car. CIT offers exclusive tailored and guaranteed small group tour departures with a specialised local guide. Walk, taste and experience the best of regional Italy... in Abruzzo.

# Tastes Of Abruzzo

# 4 days / 3 nights FULLY ESCORTED BOUTIQUE TOUR

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Small group tour maximum 12 guests
- Scenic Adriatic coastline driveExperience a private truffle hunt
- (if in season) • Cooking lesson with local
- Abruzzese cooks
- Picturesque towns and medieval hilltop villages

# INCLUDES

- 3 nights accommodation in boutique hotels
- Meals as per itinerary
- English speaking guide, Luciana
- Transport from/to Pescara

# DEPARTURES

2016: 29 May | 9 Oct

From **\$2250\*** 



# Experience the undiscovered gem of central Italy and the Teramo province in northern Abruzzo.

Painted with picturesque towns and medieval hilltop villages, this province is well known for its truffles. Enjoy private tastings of fine local extra virgin olive oils, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wines and local seasonal produce, and take a cooking class with local Abruzzes ladies.

#### ITINERARY

Starts PESCARA

Ends PESCARA

Day 1 Pescara - Adriatic coastline - civitella del Tronto Meet Luciana, your Abruzzo specialist guide at your hotel in Pescara. Enjoy a scenic drive along the Adriatic coastline, followed by lunch. Explore the nearby fortified hilltop village of Civitella del Tronto. Indulge in traditional dishes. (L,D) Day 2 Sant'Omero - Grotta Sant'Angelo Visit a private olive oil producer and local winery and taste heritage grape varieties. Later enjoy a short walk to a hidden grotto. Dinner is at a charming local osteria. (B,L,D) Day 3 Ascoli Piceno Meet and learn from a local truffle hunter about his passion for truffle hunting and truffle dog training. Sample seasonal truffle products. Next enjoy a cooking class and prepare a four course lunch using local ingredients as well as truffles! Explore Ascoli Piceno in Le Marche region. (B,L,D) Day 4 Gran Sasso National Park - Pescara Travel through the Gran Sasso National Park to the small medieval village of Castelli, famous for Maiolica-ware ceramics. Continue to the bustling port city of Pescara where the tour ends. (B)

# **Backroads Of Abruzzo**

8 days / 7 nights

FULLY ESCORTED BOUTIQUE TOUR



FROM



# HIGHLIGHTS

- Small group tour maximum 12 guests
- Travel Abruzzo at a quiet and leisurely pace
- Experience a private truffle hunt
- (if in season)
- Cooking class with local Abruzzese cooks
- Picturesque towns and medieval hilltop villages
- Experience true and authentic village life in Abruzzo

### INCLUDES

- 7 nights accommodation in boutique hotels and restored farmhouses
- Meals as per itinerary
- · English speaking guide, Luciana
- Transport from/to Rome

# DEPARTURES

2016: 24 Jul | 4 Sep

From \$4840\*

# EXTRA TOUR

#### Grand Tour of Abruzzo FROM 10 days / 9 nights \$6050\*

Luciana specialises in the Abruzzo region and also offers an extensive 10 day Grand Tour of the region. This tour journeys through northern, central and southern Abruzzo. Explore the art of living the dolce vita as you immerse yourself in traditional Italian village life and embrace the warmth of the Abruzzese people. Indulae in exquisite food and wines and dine in amazing restaurants with traditional specialties. Enjoy a private truffle hunt amongst hazeInut and oak woods,

followed by a truffle degustation menu.

# DEPARTURE

2016: 18 Sen

# Contact us for details.



#### This tour will delight all your senses. Discover the Teramo, Pescara and l'Aquila provinces and experience the best of Abruzzo.

Indulge in the delights of Slow Food with private tastings of fine local extra virgin olive oils, pecorino sheep's milk cheeses, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wines and enjoy your own cooking class with local ladies. Explore ancient castles, fortresses and medieval monasteries and see exquisite medieval art from the 1400s.

# ITINERARY

Day 1 Rome - Cocullo - Civitella Del Tronto Meet Luciana, your Abruzzo specialist guide, at Rome Termini station. Visit the tiny hilltop village of Cocullo. After lunch, explore the fortress in Civitella del Tronto. Welcome dinner. (L,D) Day 2 Sant'Omero - Grotta Sant'Angelo -Gran Sasso National Park Visit a private olive oil producer followed by a wine tasting at a local winery in Controguerra. Enjoy a short walk to a hidden grotto. Dinner tonight is at a charming local osteria. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Ascoli Piceno Learn all about Abruzzo's prized truffles from a local truffle hunter. Hear his passion for truffle hunting and truffle dog training and sample delicious seasonal truffle products. Next enjoy a cooking class and prepare a four course lunch, using local ingredients, as well as truffles! Explore Ascoli Piceno in Le Marche region. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Pescara - Loreto Aprutino - Pianella Leave the Teramo province for the nearby Pescara province. Visit the Museum of the Abruzzo People. Stroll through the lively covered farmers market and enjoy a wonderful local specialty porchetta - roast pork with rosemary and garlic. Lunch is in a nearby trattoria. Transfer to your accommodation in an exquisitely restored 17th century farmhouse. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Loreto Aprutino Today is market day in Loreto Aprutino. Visit an olive oil museum and a private ceramic museum. Enjoy an exquisite degustation lunch in a restored stone cellar. This afternoon, prepare a four course dinner in a cooking class with local Abruzzese women, (B.L.D)

Day 6 Farindola - Campo Imperatore -Gran Sasso National Park Explore one of the highest alpine pastures of Europe, the majestic Campo Imperatore. Enjoy an alfresco picnic lunch sampling local produce. Afternoon private olive oil tasting, followed by dinner at the farmhouse. (B,L,D)

Dav 7 Loreto Aprutino - Sulmona - Pettorano Sul Gizio - Medieval Castle Today experience one of Abruzzo's hidden gems of the art world, outside the town walls of Loreto Aprutino. Continue to Sulmona and delight in the colourful market stalls and sample the local specialty of sugared almonds. Enjoy a lunch of delicious Slow Food of Abruzzo and explore the pretty village of Pettorano sul Gizio. (B,L,D) Dav 8 Celano - Rome Return to Rome via the hilltop village of Celano. (B)





# THE STORY OF CIT

A long time ago in a boot-shaped country far away in Europe, CIT stood for 'Compagnia Italiana Turismo' – or the 'Italian travel company'.

Today in Australia, CIT are the original **Italy Travel Specialists**, now with the best of Europe too. Still family owned and operated, still known for quality and a passion for Italy.

And so the story continues...





# The CIT Travel Experience

# ITALIAN DESTINATION SPECIALISTS

CIT know **Italy** because we go... again and again. We draw on our personal **Italy travel experiences**, our travel teams' Italian (and European) heritage and ongoing destination training. We share our love of Italy with you and recommend the best way to discover and experience the *Bel Paese* (beautiful country)... plus the **best of Europe**.

# FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED BUSINESS FOR 45 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

That's good for you because **CIT understand** the value of people and long term relationships. We have stood the test of time by giving personal service, building trust and strong supplier and client partnerships. You can rest easy knowing that we get what's important when planning **your dream Italian holiday**.

#### **BOOK BEFORE YOU GO**

Plan and secure your **Italian travel experience** before you leave home. With easy CIT online quotes and bookings with guaranteed hotels and tour departures across Italy, even in high season. That means **no waiting** in queues for rail tickets or must-see sights, day tours and taxis. Now, all you need to do is sit back and **enjoy the journey**.

# ONE STOP SHOP FOR ITALY

Of course, being **Italian experts**, CIT has the **best available air, hotel, tour, car and Europe rail rates** and the **most extensive product range on Italy**. Feel like cycling or walking... or even cooking in Italy? We can do all that... and more. And that's good news because you don't need to go anywhere else when planning and booking your next **Italian travel experience**.

# SPECIALISTS







# CIT'S ITALY

Introducing our new style 'Italy' brochure, designed to help you plan your dream Italian holiday experience. Here's a few tips on how it works.

# **Choose Your Own Adventure**

Mix and match your accommodation style with your preferred mode of transport, then add extras like transfers, day trips and tours. There's a **travel experience for everyone** – from independent travellers to groups and families.

# **CIT Recommends**

We can tailor the perfect holiday just for you - from budget to luxury to family-friendly, from activity-packed adventure to 'stay a while' relaxation.

If you need a recommendation, talk to one of our Italy specialists today.

# **CIT Experiences**

Italy has so much to offer whether it is art, history and culture, a walking adventure, a foodie encounter or a combination. Our travel experts are committed to **tailoring your perfect holiday**. Use the helpful icons to work out what style of travel suits you.

# **Tours Italian Style**

**Discover Italy on an escorted tour** with frequent departures from Rome and Milan, showcasing the highlights of the Italian islands (Capri and Ischia), Tuscany, Amalfi Coast, north and south Italy, Italian Lakes, Dolomites, Liguria and Sicily.

If you seek more authentic local experiences, culinary treats and characteristic accommodation, **boutique regional Italian tours** might be for you. Check out our range of smaller, more intimate and personalised tours of Umbria, Tuscany, Abruzzo and Puglia with **food, wine, walking and cooking** options included.

And if do-it-yourself is more your travel style, look no further than our range of **self drive and walking tours** that take you to the heart of Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Lazio, Emilia Romagna, Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera.

Remember, if you have a small amount of time (or a lot) there are plenty of exciting and **affordable city and day tours** to add to your travel itinerary. These include: food, cooking, history, walking, shopping and key highlights of major Italian cities and their surrounds.



# **Getting There**

OUR AIRLINE PARTNERS

Fly to Italy (and Europe) with our preferred premium airline partners including: Emirates, Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Etihad and Cathay Pacific. Ask for our best available air and land deals and save.

#### **STOPOVERS**

With our best available airfares to Europe, we can also book your stopover holiday along the way. Hotels, transfers, tours and packages in all major European stopover cities including: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Hong Kong and Bangkok. Ask for details.

# TRANSFERS

In all major Italian cities we can arrange transfers from the airport or main train station to your hotel and vice versa. Booking your transfers before you travel not only saves time and effort when you arrive after a long international flight, it also gets you straight to your hotel door, with all your luggage in one piece. So you can begin your holiday straight away - without navigating public transport with heavy luggage, negotiating taxi fares in a foreign language or getting lost before your adventure even begins!

# **Beyond Italy**

We understand that you may be combining your Italy experience with other European destinations. Whether you want to explore Paris, London, Switzerland or more we can assist with all your arrangements.



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# Accommodation

CIT hotels, apartments and villas across Italy are small to medium sized, sometimes family-run, often centrally located and in historic buildings. They are chosen for their charm and style, Italian hospitality and the relationship built with them over time.

This means we can personally recommend the accommodation that best suits you. Fear not. You won't find yourself in a large, impersonal, modern hotel that caters for large coach groups and conferences.

As a rough guide, the following hotel star ratings are a good indication to the facilities and standard you can expect.

# All CIT hotel rates include breakfast.

- ★★ A moderate property with private facilities, centrally located or close to public transport.
- ★★★ A standard property offering clean and comfortable rooms. Affordable and suitable for a family.
- ★★★★ A superior hotel offering above average to very good facilities.
- ★★★★★ A luxury hotel offering a full range of facilities and exceptional service.

**NOTE:** an Italy City Tax applies on hotels depending on star ratings and is payable direct per person per night.

# **APARTMENTS AND VILLAS**

Apartments and villas usually have self-contained cooking and laundry facilities and are ideal for families and groups. Live like a local in a city apartment. Stay one night or base yourself in a villa in the Tuscan countryside for a week. And for freedom to explore the local area we recommend renting a car. Look for our villa deals inclusive of car hire or ask for our best available car rates.

# CHILDREN

We understand that travelling with children can be difficult and often means "hidden" costs. To assist, we have negotiated special family discounts in various hotels throughout Italy; children stay free or at 50% of adult rates. Ask us for details.





Italy is a dream destination that travellers return to again and again.

People travel to this beautifully diverse country to:

- discover the Italian way of living
- explore its rich cultural treasures and ancient civilisations
- gaze upon timeless picture-perfect landscapes and
- savour world-loved Italian food and wine.

**Italy is...** the past and present juxtaposed in one incredibly diverse 'boot shaped' country with its timeless beauty, remains of ancient civilisations and wonderous art and architecture around every corner.

**Discover Italy** from north to south... region by amazing region (there are 20!). Immerse yourself in the **local traditions**, converse with the **Italian people** and learn the **Italian way** – with a touch of *la lingua Italiana* (Italian language) and a whole lot of *cucina Italiana* (Italian cuisine)!

There are so many things to love about Italy... and your Italian journey starts here.

# WHEN IN ITALY

Have you ever pictured yourself in Italy? Pizza, pasta and piazze... Aperitivo, cheese and vino... Narrow winding alleyways, rolling green hills with olive groves and vineyards, ancient ruins and cultural masterpieces... and the sparkling waters of the sun-kissed Mediterranean.

# Do:

• **BE YOURSELF AND BE AWARE** There are pickpockets targeting tourists everywhere across Italy and particularly around tourist hot spots. So, it's a good idea to blend in.

• TRY OUT A FEW ITALIAN WORDS Buongiorno, per favore, grazie, buonasera and arrivederci are all helpful greetings. 'ciao' is used willy-nilly in Italy especially by younger folk but, it is a casual greeting, so only use it when it has been used by a local first.

• STAY COOL IN SUMMER Book a hotel with A/C (or a fan) or even a villa with pool and plan to visit outdoor tourist attractions in the cooler parts of the day. Rest indoors or in a gallery, church, museum or shady park during the heat of the day.

• EAT GELATO every day, especially in summer.

• LEAVE A TIP WITH YOUR MEAL OR APERITIF Being a waiter is a respected career choice in Italy and not a casual job. 15% is usually added to your bill in restaurants, cafes and hotels to cover service charges.

• **RESPECT A DIFFERENT CULTURE** Wear comfortable and appropriate clothes. Italy is a Roman Catholic country and, despite what you believe, it is respectful to cover your shoulders and knees when in a church or sacred place.

• **KEEP AN OPEN MIND** There are lots of Italians living in a very old country with lots of visitors, every day, in their backyards so to speak. There are often crowds - people trying to enjoy their holidays and locals going about their daily lives. It's good to stay calm and be flexible. And respectful. After all, you are on holiday.

• LIVE LA DOLCE VITA Ah the sweet life. Relax and savour your Italian experience. As they say, when in Rome...

# Don't:

• LOOK LIKE A TOURIST No visible bum-bags, passport neck wallets or a camera slung over your shoulder. There are far better and more stylish options available these days.

• **BUY WATER BOTTLES IN ROME** Buy one then use the many natural spring water fountains around the city, and other Italian cities too. You won't get sick and you will help the environment.

• DRIVE LIKE A TOURIST Italians drive assertively and don't follow the same road rules as in Australia. Be confident, stay on the right (overtake on the left) and keep calm. If there are no signs, go straight ahead until otherwise indicated. And don't forget to take out insurance on your rental car!

#### • EXPECT THE SAME AS HOME

Pasta is an entrée not a main meal. It's not drowned in sauce or liberally seasoned. Pizzas (thin crust) are often eaten whole. That's one per person not a share experience for the whole family. Café the Italian way. Milky lattes and cappucinos are enjoyed before 11am. Espressos are taken after meals and throughout the day, usually standing at the bar (it's cheaper too!). There is no skinny, soy, flat white, so save your special order for home. Wine (vino) is generally enjoyed with food, not on its own. *Aperitivo* is a pre-dinner drink, from 5pm and usually a *biere* or spirit mix enjoyed seated with a little (complimentary salty) snack. A liqueur like *grappa* or *limoncello* (or sambucca or Frangelico!) is taken after the meal as a digestive.

Italians observe lunch as their main daily meal, take a siesta (nap) in summer during the heat of the day and eat dinner late... often walking, chatting and eating gelato in the cool of the evening. What a great idea!

• **TRAVEL WITH TOO MUCH LUGGAGE** There are many old cobbled streets, lots of stairs to climb and small lifts. Car boots are small, train compartments are crowded so if you want to save your back and energy, pack smart and light.



# AN ITALIAN ROAD TRIP EXPLORE BY CAR

Staying in a villa in the Italian countryside? Looking for authentic local food and long lunches as you go? Want to linger longer in a beautiful village or hill town? No problem. Self drive holidays give you the freedom to explore your own way in your own time. No early starts, no crowds or being herded around. And many roads to discover off the beaten tourist track with only you in charge of your dream Italy travel experience.

# The Best Car For You

Remember to consider your travel needs before choosing the best car for you. How much luggage will you have? Are you more comfortable driving manual or automatic? If you are driving for more than 21 days, car leasing a brand new vehicle might be a better, more affordable option. The choice is yours.

# ITALIAN EXPERIENCES

- The best way to discover Tuscany, Umbria and other, less-travelled regions is by car. The good news is many CIT villa stays include car rental in the price. Ask for details.
- Our Slow Food self drive itineraries include Italian regional highlights, seasonal food and wine and charming pre-booked hotels. All you need to do is drive and follow the map!
- CIT can tailor a self drive itinerary to suit your needs and book your accommodation in various locations along the way.

**NOTE:** driving in Italy and Europe is on the right hand side, overtaking on the left. Carrying an international driving licence is recommended.

We offer competitive car hire rates and can let you know about the latest early bird deals or special offers. Contact us for more information.

# **Car Rental**

For total freedom and independent travel, why not hire a car and experience the picture postcard countryside first hand, and at your leisure. In some Italian (and European) cities, vehicular access is limited. We can advise the best hotel choice and car parking options available across Italy.

We offer the best Avis and Maggiore Italy (and Europe) car rental prices available.



# Car Leasing

If you are travelling to Europe for over 3 weeks, car leasing is an affordable (tax free) transport option, allowing you the freedom to travel all over Europe, hassle free from 21 to 170 days. The longer you lease, the lower the daily rate. We have great car leasing deals/rates with Renault Eurodrive.

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TAX FREE EUROPEAN CAR LEASING







# EXPLORE EUROPE BY RAIL

Book all your Italy and Europe travel in the one place with CIT. Combine your rail travel with hotels and city tours, day trips and something uniquely Italian. From Rome to Venice to Sorrento... and everything in between, rail travel in Italy (and across Europe) really is the easiest way to travel.

# Rail Passes & Tickets Across Europe

- Point to point rail tickets
- Italian train travel Trenitalia and Italo NTV
- High speed European trains Eurostar, TGV, Thalys
- European passes Eurail, BritRail, German Rail, France Rail
- Multi country passes and Open tickets
- Swiss Travel System
- Venice Simplon-Orient-Express

Don't forget, some of the world's great rail journeys are in Italy and Europe.

# **CIT Recommends**

- France and Italy Paris to Rome via the Swiss Alps
- **Two Rivieras** Nice (France) to Liguria (Italy) via Cinque Terre
- Italian Art Cities Milan/Rome Florence Venice (via Italian Lakes and Alps)
- South of Rome to Naples to Amalfi Coast to Sicily
- Scenic Rail Journeys of Switzerland

# Highlights of Italy by Rail

9 days / 8 nights

# INCLUDES

- 8 nights 3-star accommodation
- Breakfast dailyStandard class rail tickets
- Rome/Florence/Venice
- Ancient Rome walking tour
- Welcome to Florence tour
- Gondola tour



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Explore the magnificent art cities of Italy - Rome, Florence and Venice, staying in centrally located 3-star hotels and travelling between cities by rail.

Discover ancient Rome on foot and enjoy priority entrance to the archeological area. Immerse yourself in the Renaissance architecture and impressive artwork in Florence and soak up the romantic atmosphere of Venice on board a gondola.

**NOTE:** upgrades to 4-star and 5-star hotels and 1st class rail travel are available at a supplement.

For more information and prices on these products, and other rail packages please refer to our Europe Rail brochure and/or www.cit.com.au or contact us for details.





# 5 reasons to travel by train

- 1 The most affordable, efficient (and green!) way to travel. Rome to Milan in only 2 hours 55 minutes.
- 2 Arrive in city centres ready to explore. No waiting at airports or in taxi queues.
- 3 Flexible and stress free all you have to worry about is making your next train connection!
- 4 Rail networks link Italy with neighbouring European countries - Switzerland, France and Spain are just across the border (and mountains). Why drive when you can go by rail and enjoy the view?
- 5 Quick and easy to plan ahead. Book online at cit.com.au



Welcome aboard the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, undeniably the world's most famous train. Journey to and from Italy in classic style on board this magnificent train. Travel through the changing landscapes of Europe, surrounded by the lavish décor of each vintage carriage and your cabin accommodation. Sample stunning cuisine and experience the romance and glamour of the Golden Age of Travel on board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

# **RETURN TRIPS**

Return/multi-sector combinations with any other overnight sectors: 15% saving.

# INFORMATION

With a Bellini in hand, depart London Victoria aboard the cream and umber carriages of Belmond British Pullman. Enjoy a delicious brunch as the train wends its way to Folkstone. Join your fellow passengers on the luxury coach transfer to take you across the Channel on the Eurotunnel. Arrive in Calais to relish your first glimpse of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Once settled in to your plush cabin, toast your arrival in the Bar Car before your first magnificent dinner.

# WHAT TO WEAR

In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, you can never be overdressed on board. Many gentlemen choose to wear black tie for dinner, with ladies opting for stylish cocktail or evening dresses, which enhances the atmosphere for all passengers. At the very least, we ask gentlemen to wear a jacket and tie for dinner. During the day, smart casual clothing is the norm, excluding jeans and trainers.

# ADJOINING SECOND CABIN

For additional comfort, you may choose to book an adjoining cabin. The supplement shown is for two people sharing. Waiting list for an adjoining cabin is available within 7 weeks of departure date only. Please ask to be added to the waiting list at the time of booking. Special booking conditions and cancellation fees apply as per the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express policy.



# LONDON/PARIS TO VENICE (OR V.V.) 2 days / 1 night

**Departing London or Paris** on Thursday or Sunday.

**Departing Venice** on Wednesday or Saturday.

A journey through southern England to France, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

# Price per person one-way

Departing London From \$3440\*

Departing Paris From \$2880\*

# OTHER JOURNEYS AVAILABLE

**Budapest - London** 2 days / 1 night

Budapest - Paris 2 days / 1 night

Istanbul - Bucharest -Budapest - Venice 6 days / 5 nights

Paris - Budapest -Bucharest - Istanbul 6 days / 5 nights Venice - Budapest - London 5 days / 4 nights

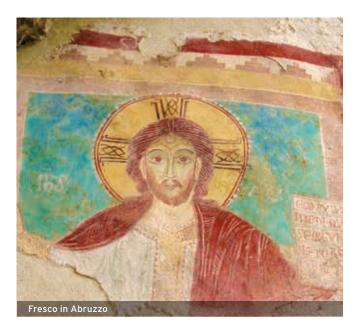


# ITALY'S TREASURES ART, HISTORY & CULTURE

Age old traditions, awe-inspiring art and architectural masterpieces that have influenced western civilisation and the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage sites in the world. Italy is full of cultural riches, ancient ruins and the famous names of Michelangelo, da Vinci and the Renaissance.

From pre-Roman times to the present, Italy holds the key to ancient times and civilisations, its history preserved in town centres (*centro storico*) and unique landscapes across the country. From Greek temples and Roman cities, Etruscan walls and Norman cathedrals, Italy is full to the brim of world famous art, architectural and historic masterpieces.

The major art cities of **Rome**, **Venice** and **Florence**, and many smaller towns, are open air museums full of cultural treasures and recognised heritage sites themselves.



# Italian Treasures Not To Miss

- When in Rome Visit the ancient Roman Colosseum, Forum and the Pantheon, Bernini's magnificent fountains in Piazza Navona, artist Rachael's paintings and sculptures in Borghese Gallery and of course, the iconic baroque-style Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. And don't miss the Capitoline Wolf, a world famous bronze sculpture inspired by the founding of Rome legend and located at the Musei Capitolini.
- Vatican City Take in the smallest city state in the world, surrounded by Rome. See St. Peter's Basilica and Square, the Vatican Museums full of ancient archives, Roman sculptures and Renaissance frescos, baroque gardens and of course, the Sistine Chapel, famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings including *The Creation of Adam*.
- **Renaissance Florence** is set alongside the River Arno spanned by picturesque Ponte Vecchio. It is home to Michelangelo's much loved sculpture of *David* at Galleria dell'Academia, Botticelli's Renaissance masterpiece *Birth of Venus* and other masterpieces in the Uffizi Gallery. Visit Brunelleschi's iconic Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral with its magnificent green and red marble façade and the largest brick dome in the world. Don't miss the fascinating Vasari Corridor, Giotto's Florentine-Gothic style Campanile Tower and St. John's octagonal Baptistry, with its *Gates of Paradise* by Michelangelo, an example of Florentine Romanesque architecture and one of the oldest buildings in the city.



- **Cultural wonders of Milan** See Leonardo da Vinci's world famous mural, *The Last Supper* in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria della Grazie and marvel at the Duomo Cathedral, one of Italy's only examples of late Gothic architecture. And the world famous Teatro alla Scala, Milan's must visit opera house.
- Ancient Greek temples and theatres scattered across Sicily, Puglia and Calabria regions in the south.
- Norman cathedrals in Monreale, Cefalu and Palermo in Sicily.
- Etruscan architecture Walls, city gates and arches some of the best remaining examples of this pre-Roman civilisation found in Volterra and the Maremma in Tuscany and Perugia in Umbria.
- **Mosaic and fresco masterpieces** found in churches, caves and ancient Roman ruins and cities across Italy, from Pompeii in Campania to the early Christian mosaics in Rome's catacombs.
- **Baroque city of Lecce in Puglia** in Italy's south, largely influenced by ancient Greek, Arab and Norman civilisations and a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Venice and its Carnevale Art city extraordinaire with its Byzantine inspired St. Mark's Basilica, Doges Palace and ornately decorated buildings and bridges. Visit the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice Biennale and the famous La Fenice Theatre - an entire city full of art masterpieces including the stunning 16 foot high Renaissance painting Madonna di Ca' Pesaro by Titian.

# Language Classes

To really embrace the culture and customs of Italy, why not learn a little *lingua Italiana*? We can arrange your study and stay at various language courses across Italy - choose from **Florence**, **Rome**, **Siena**, **Milan** and **Verona**.

# **Painting Holidays**

What could be more idyllic than sitting in front of an easel, paintbrush in hand, as you attempt to capture the landscape before you? The classic cityscapes, and natural beauty of Italy's diverse landscapes, with the almost translucent light of **Tuscany**, **Venice** and **Sicily**, provide inspiration for budding and accomplished artists alike. Add a variety of sightseeing excursions into the mix and some delicious Italian food and wine, and you've got the recipe for a relaxing and enriching holiday.

# Guided Tours with Art, Culture & History

Experience iconic Italian landmarks and hidden gems on **escorted or boutique regional tours** through the diverse regions of Italy. Or do-it-yourself, walking or self drive, following a travel plan designed just for you.

Ask for details.



And much, much more ...

Sicilian cannelloni



# BUON APPETITO TASTES OF ITALY

Eat and drink your way around Italy - savour Italian flavours and experience some of the world's best food and wine.

Italian food is made and eaten with love. Traditional recipes are passed on from generation to generation, eaten and enjoyed *al fresco* with family and friends. A celebration of seasonal produce, which pays homage to the traditional ways of eating and drinking - simple and authentic flavours, a feast for the five senses!

From north to south, the flavours of Italy are as diverse as they are famous. In **Northern Italy** rice, polenta, butter and game feature heavily due to availability of local produce and proximity to neighbouring countries with their rich mountaininspired cuisines.

The popular digestive *grappa* is from the northern Alps and has traditionally been used for all types of ailments... and perhaps also for warmth!

**Turin** and the **Piedmont** region is known for chocolate, including much loved Nutella, truffles and *agnoletti* pasta and home of the famous aperitifs, *Campari* and *Martini* and *Rossi* vermouth. It's also the birthplace of the now worldwide Slow Food movement.

From **Veneto** comes the magnificent Italian sparkling wine, prosecco, enjoyed on its own or in popular cocktail, the *Bellini*. A classic Venetian dish is *risi e bisi* (rice and peas) and arguably the world's favourite Italian dessert, *tiramisu*, is also Venetian.

In **Lombardy**, the specialties are *minestrone risotto alla Milanese* and hearty *Osso Buco*, best enjoyed with an aged local red wine like *Valtellina Superiore*.

The **Ligurian** region's food is all about the sea and quite distinct from the other northern regions. *Pesto di Genovese*, basil pesto sauce, is the region's claim to fame.

The **central and southern regions of Italy** have their own flavours and specialties. The food of **Abruzzo** and **Puglia** is *cucina povera*, peasant food, with simple seasonal ingredients cooked into hearty dishes that embody the produce of the land.

**Emilia Romagna** is a food lover's paradise with world famous bolognese sauce, aged balsamic vinegar, and *parmigiano reggiano*, real parmesan cheese found throughout the region.

When in **Tuscany**, try a famous *Florentina steak* and go wine tasting in the classic wine regions of *Chianti* and *Montepulciano*. In **Umbria**, try local delicacy, *tartufo nero*, black truffles, with their distinctive earthy flavour used in many dishes.

The food of the south is the soul of Italy with rustic Mediterranean flavours, rich spicy tomato sauces and almost exclusive use of olive oil in cooking. A must try dish from **Campania** is *spaghetti puttanesca*, made from olives, tomatoes, anchovies and capers, and the most loved Italian cheese of all, *mozzarella di bufala*, made from the milk of local water buffaloes. **Sorrento** is home of delicious *limoncello* liqueur made from abundant lemons grown along the **Amalfi Coast**.

**Sicilian food** has been influenced by diverse cultures over many centuries and is rich in the fruits of the land and sea. Best known dishes are *vitello al Marsala* and *arancini*, deep fried rice balls and sweet fortified **Marsala** wine from the west coast town of the same name. Sicilian sweets based on almonds include sweet pastry *cannoli* and *cassata*. Don't miss Sicilian ice cream, or *granita*, enjoyed at any time of the day.

The **Island of Sardinia** has its own flavours and even a liqueur of its own. *Mirto*, made from local berries is best enjoyed after a full Sardinian feast.



# **Italy Cooking Holidays**

The recipe for an Italian cooking holiday is a combination of amazing private villas in Italy's most beautiful regions, learning and perfecting Italian dishes from some of the best local chefs, while having fun and experiencing Italy.

Relaxed and hands-on, the cooking lessons take place in the villa kitchen. Work in small groups with local chefs who are passionate about cooking and sharing their knowledge. Learn new skills and create traditional regional recipes using fresh, seasonal ingredients. Italian food is simple and tasty and you will take home recipes to create and enjoy in your own kitchen.

Join a small group cooking week in **Tuscany**, **Venice**, **Puglia** and **Sicily**.

# See pages 53 and 127 or ask us for details.

If you prefer a more independent style of travel, consider one of our food and wine self drive tours.

# Food & Wine Self Drive Tours

With Slow Food Italy, these carefully crafted self drive itineraries combine charming accommodation with regionally grown ingredients and locally made dishes. Discover ancient traditions together with local hosts to create a unique regional food and wine experience. Choose from **Lazio**, **Umbria**, **Tuscany, Emilia Romagna, Puglia** and **Sicily** self drive tours.

See pages 52, 118 and 126 or ask us for details.

# **Foodie Tours**

Want to cook *la cucina Italiana* with locals in a country farmhouse or join a regional cooking school, experiencing the passion and tastes of Italy? For more cooking and tasting experiences, check out these tours scattered throughout the brochure:

Buon Appetito Rome (page 28), Buon Appetito Florence (page 41), Walks and Tastes of Tuscany (page 50), Umbrian Appetites (page 65), Tastes of Abruzzo (page 68), Back Roads of Abruzzo (page 69) and Buon Appetito Amalfi Coast (page 109).

And as they say in Italy, **buon appetito** (good appetite) and **salute** (cheers).



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# **General Information** & Booking Conditions

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A non-refundable deposit of \$150 per person is required within 7 days of booking confirmation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure from Australia unless otherwise specified on your invoice. All rates shown are per person, in \$A, unless otherwise specified.

Late bookings: Full payment must be made at time of booking for bookings made 21 days prior to check in.

#### CANCELLATION

#### Cancelling your accommodation or other services (including transfers, tours, car hire, rail etc.)

All cancellations or amendments for accommodation or other services must be made via your travel agent or through CIT Holidays. No responsibility can be taken for any cancellations for accommodation or other services which are cancelled direct by the client or direct by the client's travel consultant, regardless of whether written proof is given.

#### Accommodation or other services

- · Cancellations made 15 days or more prior to arrival will incur \$150 per person, in addition to any fees charged to us by our Supplier.
- · 100% cancellation fee applies for cancellations made within 14 days prior to arrival.
- · No shows if you fail to check in at the designated hotel or service on the day booked with CIT Holidays, 100% 'no show' fee will be charged.
- · Early departure after check in incurs a 100% penalty of remaining unused davs.

Cancellation fees for villas/apartments and CIT Holidays experiences (including tours and packages) differ - please refer to the special policies for each in this section.

# **Booking Conditions** for Villas & Apartments

The following conditions apply for all villa and apartment properties unless otherwise specified at time of booking.

#### BOOKINGS

Check in/Check out times will be advised in documentation and may differ between properties.

#### CANCELLATION/AMENDMENT FEES

Villas: 100% cancellation applies within 30 days prior to rental commencement period.

City Apartments: 100% cancellation applies within 14 days prior to rental commencement period.

#### CLEANING

All villas and apartments are not cleaned daily during rental and final cleaning charges apply locally.

#### SECURITY DEPOSIT

A deposit as listed, must be paid in local currency to the key holder on arrival. This amount will be refunded, less extra charges as indicated.

#### ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Additional charges for linen, power and heating for each villa are payable in local currency.

As a guide:

• Security deposits are payable from Euro 160 per apartment/villa.

- Power cost charges are levied from Euro 60 per apartment, per week.
- Bed and bathroom linen charges are levied from Euro 10 per person.
- Final cleaning charges are levied from Euro 30 per apartment, per week. **KEY COLLECTION**

Full details of key collection will be confirmed with vouchers once documentation has been issued.

# CIT Experiences

# DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure a reservation and full balance is payable 8 weeks prior to departure from Australia.

#### **CANCELLATION/AMENDMENT FEES**

- 25% 63-49 days prior to commencement.
- 55% 48-23 days prior to commencement.
- 100% within 24 days prior to commencement.

Tour Operator reserves the right to cancel any departure date due to lack of numbers.

#### CAR RENTAL IN EUROPE

Once a vehicle is collected, no refunds will be given for any unused car rental days. Car rental prices do not include fuel, oil, extra charges for additional drivers or young driver surcharges, airport and/or railway station pick up surcharges or one way fees, unless specified.

Specific car types cannot be guaranteed; all vehicles are reserved by group only. If a specific group is not available from the depot upon pick up, then the next available group will be provided, at no additional charge.

Additional items such as GPS, roof racks or baby seats must be reserved at the time of booking and paid direct. By law, in certain countries children up to the age of 12 years must have a baby/child seat.

Upon collection, a refundable security deposit by credit card to cover unauthorised rental extension and petrol deposit. You are liable for petrol charges if you do not return your vehicle with a full tank - petrol rates from the car rental company may be higher than those available outside their depot. Car rental companies will hold a deposit for all rentals to be paid locally.

#### DRIVING IN EUROPE

Vehicles rented cannot be taken into Eastern Europe and Croatia (additional conditions apply to car rental in Austria). Cars collected on mainland Britain, but delivery is in Northern Ireland - a one way drop off fee will apply. A one way from Britain to Europe is not allowed. A one way from Britain to the Republic of Ireland is not allowed. In Ireland one way drop off fees apply to certain locations. In Europe no one way fees apply when collection and delivery of the vehicle is within the same country. One way rentals are allowed between countries but are subject to additional fees.

# Important Information

# AMENDMENTS

CIT Holidays recommend that you plan your requirements carefully, and avoid changes to your itinerary once lodged with your travel agent, airline provider or CIT Holidays. Such amendments would involve additional charges, namely cancellation and handling fees wherever applicable. For each amendment or cancellation a fee of \$30 will be charged. These rates are the minimum charges as they may also be affected by cancellation fees. See "Cancellation" clause.

#### CLAIMS OR REFUNDS

We endeavor to ensure that all your arrangements proceed smoothly. However, should a problem occur during your travels it is essential to try and resolve the matter locally with the service provider. If this is not possible, please inform us immediately. No claims or refunds will be considered unless submitted in writing with supporting documentation, via your travel agent, within 30 days of the date of service. In order to facilitate the investigation of claims it is advisable to bring the matter to the attention of CIT Holidays prior to departing Europe including the efforts that were made with the local operator to resolve the issue. No refund will be made for any unused service (or portion thereof) for any reason once the client has departed from Australia, unless otherwise specified i.e. rail tickets.

#### RAIL PASSES

Completely unused non-validated passes may be eligible for a refund less a cancellation administration fees. Lost, stolen or partially used passes may not be refunded. Passes submitted for refund after first day of validity or after 6 months from date of issue cannot be refunded. Any booking conditions set by Rail Europe also apply.

#### NOT INCLUDED IN COSTS OF TOURS OR SERVICES

Cost of passports, and visas where required, items not specified as being included, airport taxes where applicable, laundry, telephone calls, food not included on regular menus and any other item of a personal nature, transportation to and from Australia are not included in the cost of tours or services.

#### PRICES

Prices in this brochure are based on costs and exchange rates as at 31 August 2015 and are subject to change without notice. Should these costs change it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the price of your holiday which will be advised to you at the time you book. However no surcharge in respect to cost or currency fluctuations will be made to your arrangements of your holiday once full payment has been received by CIT Holidays, unless any changes are made to your booking in accordance with these terms and conditions. This price guarantee does not apply to: (i) fares, charges or levies imposed by airlines up until ticketing; or (ii) any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or their agencies.

A city tax is payable direct to all properties at time of check out.

#### **BROCHURE ERROR AND OMISSIONS**

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy and currency of the information in the brochure, errors or omissions may occur. CIT Holidays disclaims all liability to any party for loss or damage resulting from such errors and omissions.

#### INVOICE ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

The right is reserved to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated for any service notwithstanding that the invoice may have been paid in full. It is the responsibility of the travel agent that all services booked are correct.

# VALIDITY

Prices in this brochure are valid for travel from 01 November 2015 to 31 December 2016, unless superseded or otherwise indicated.

#### AIRFARES

Airfares to and from Australia are not included in the cost of any holiday package shown.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKINGS

Bookings are accepted subject to the services or accommodation applied for being available. CIT Holidays and/or its agents reserve the right, without notice, to modify, cancel or withdraw any of the arrangements and, in this event, the full amounts paid will be returned to the customer, and upon rendering the same, all liability of CIT Holidays and/or its agents in respect thereof shall cease. CIT Holidays and/or its agents reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of any party at any time. Bookings with Carriers are also subject to the Carriers' terms and conditions, as printed or referred to in their tickets, and/or timetables, and/or regulations.

#### **OPTIONAL TRANSFERS**

These services include transportation by standard car, minibus or by taxi from arrival point to the hotel or vice versa. Porterage and the service of a representative/assistant are also available at an extra cost. In some cities a supplement will apply for transfer provided between 8.00pm and 8.00am and on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

In some cases, particularly in the main Italian cities, due to traffic restrictions and one way systems, it may not be possible for transport to draw up at the front entrance of hotels and some distance may therefore have to be covered on foot. It is also possible, especially in the cases of smaller or family-run hotels, that porters may not be able to carry luggage. If you so choose, you may make your own way by catching a taxi to and from your hotel, when arriving or departing from each city.

#### TOURS/EXCURSIONS

These are provided by motor coach (regular services) and include the services of a tour escort when indicated and/or local tourist guides whenever necessary. Both the tour escort and the local guides may conduct the tours in more than one language. The tour company reserves the right to make changes to the itineraries in this brochure without notice, if any of the places to be visited should not be open or owing to rules or prescriptions concerning motorcoach transit. Visitors in shorts and uncovered shoulders are not admitted into churches.

#### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All travel documents will be provided to you by your travel agent or CIT Holidays, prior to departure from Australia. Documents are to be exchanged locally at check in or your service.

#### **PASSPORTS & VISAS**

It is your responsibility to arrange all necessary passports and visas. All travellers must have a valid passport for international travel and many countries require 6 months validity from the date of return, and some countries require a machine readable passport. If you need information regarding visa and other travel document requirements for your holiday, please ask your travel agent.

#### LUGGAGE

Luggage, including personal articles, is at all times and in all circumstances at owners' risk except to the extent of any insurance purchased by the customer.

#### INSURANCE

CIT Holidays strongly advise that travel insurance is taken out on payment of deposit to avoid unnecessary losses. Passengers on some tours may require an international health certificate. If you need information regarding travel insurance for your holiday, please ask your travel agent.

#### HOTELS

Hotel categories indicated as star ratings in this catalogue are according to the classifications approved by the Local Authorities of each country. Therefore, comparisons of hotel standards within different countries should be avoided.

**Hotel locations and descriptions:** Please note that maps in this brochure are not to scale and are provided only as a guide to locations.

**Conditions of hotel 'Special Offers':** All special offers indicated are provided by individual hotels, subject to the manager's discretion.

Free nights: Where 'free nights' are offered, for example – stay 4 nights, pay 3 – only 1 'free' night is applicable per stay. Free nights are not accumulative and must be consecutive nights (unless otherwise stated).

**Special offers:** Where different 'special offers' are stated against an individual hotel, only one of these offers can be applied.

Honeymooners/anniversary offers: Details of honeymooners or anniversary stays must be provided at the time of booking. No special offer benefits will be received should these details not be included in the original booking details from CIT Holidays.

**Hotel check in/check out times:** Check in times are from 2.00pm subject to your room being available upon arrival. If you wish to check in earlier, we suggest that you pre-book your accommodation from the night prior to your arrival. Check out time is usually between 10.00am and 11.00am.

**Fair Dates:** During Fairs higher rates usually apply. Fair dates are also subject to change and if a booking is subsequently affected because of a change in date, higher rates will apply.

#### HOTEL ROOM BEDDING CONFIGURATION

Usually the following bedding configuration applies: a single room can be a single bed in a small room or a double or twin bed arrangement, depending upon the hotel.

A twin room can be either a twin bedded room or a room with 1 double bed – double beds must be requested and are subject to availability. A triple room can be either a double or twin room with an additional bed, which is usually a temporary, roll-away bed. A quad room can be either a twin or double room with two temporary roll-away beds, or a room with two double beds or, in some cases, 4 separate beds. Specific room types and specific bedding arrangements cannot be guaranteed and are subject to the hotel's availability at the time of check in.

Bedding configuration in apartments & villas: Bedding configurations given for apartments or villas may be subject to change and variation, depending upon the apartment.

**MEALS:** Where meals are included, for example breakfast or on a half board basis, menus are available from the hotel's set menu and not from the A la Carte menu. No refunds for unused menu services.

Breakfast is included in the rates as where specified and is of no set monetary value therefore cannot be refunded if not taken. Breakfasts will vary in content between properties.

#### TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN

**Child sharing a room with adults:** Most hotels offer a child policy. It is important that all details of children travelling and their ages are given to CIT Holidays at the time of booking. Where hotels featured state that a child to a certain age stays free when sharing with 2 adults, in most cases, the hotel will not provide an additional bed and the child is expected to share the same bed as parents.

**Child discounts:** Where a discount price is featured, the child will receive an additional bed, which in most cases will be a roll-away bed. Hotels cannot make any allowances for larger rooms, should you be travelling with children. To ensure an additional bed for your child or children, a triple room rate should be used for 2 adults and 1 child or a quad room (where applicable) for 2 adults and 2 children.

**Child meals:** Where meals are included in the adult prices featured in this brochure, additional charges may be levied for meals for children staying with adults in the same room. This is particularly the case where a child is free in the room. All charges are payable direct to the hotel by you upon departure.

**Car rental:** Please see car rental conditions when travelling with children, as certain countries require that all child/baby seats must be reserved at the time of booking.

#### **BEACH CHARGES & FACILITIES**

Where it is indicated that the hotel arrangements include free beach facilities, this signifies that a deckchair is provided for each person, together with a place under the beach umbrella/shade shared by up to 4 persons. During peak season separate parties may be asked to share the same umbrella/shade. Charges are to be made locally for any additional facilities.

#### NOISE

In early and late summer season resorts are less busy and consequently less noisy. It is not that Italy is an excessively noisy country, but traffic and other sounds (e.g. marble floors without carpets which tend to exaggerate noise) can present problems in most places in the world today. Make sure you read the resort and hotel descriptions carefully to help you identify those which are stated to be in quiet locations and those which may not be (e.g. hotels in or close to town centres, or near to main roads or railway lines).

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