

TRAVEL STYLE

At Leisure



ROME EXPLORER

8 days - 2 countries

Code: ROMK

FROM **A\$2495** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



7 nights
Hotel accommodation



11 meals
7 hot buffet breakfasts
1 lunch
3 dinners



On-trip transport
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum. Learn how to make traditional Italian pasta with a professional Italian chef who will take you through a food market to buy local ingredients. Join a local family for dinner in their apartment which was once the home of acclaimed Italian film director, Michelangelo Antonioni

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, the Vatican Museums and Tivoli

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome

Visit the Roman Catacombs ▶ the Pantheon ▶ Piazza Navona ▶ St. Peter's Basilica ▶ Sistine Chapel ▶ the Colosseum ▶ Tivoli Gardens at Villa d'Este

View the Spanish Steps ▶ Bernini's Fountain of Four Rivers ▶ the ancient sites of Rome including Circus Maximus

WHY ARE WE THE BEST?

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Enjoy a taste of 'la dolce vita' and explore the larger-than-life verve of an ancient city that has influenced the world's heritage, art, culture and religion. Sit on the Spanish Steps with a gelato, admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling at the Sistine Chapel and enjoy dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican Museums.

ITALY



Pompeii Optional Experience
available on Day 4

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (7 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, capital of Italy. Relax after check-in at your centrally located hotel, or take a leisurely stroll through the city's ancient streets. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a traditional pizzeria Welcome Reception. **(WR)** **Hotel: Cicerone**

2 Rome City Highlights Walking tour and Catacombs Visit **O**

After a leisurely start enjoy a walking tour with a **Local Specialist** through some of the oldest streets in Rome. Visit the famous Spanish Steps, immortalised in many Italian movies, and the Trevi Fountain where you will stop to toss a coin over your shoulder and make a wish to return to Rome. Visit inside the breathtaking Pantheon and marvel at the most preserved and influential building of ancient Rome. See some of the impressive squares and admire the many monuments including Bernini's Fountain of Four Rivers. Enjoy free time in Piazza Navona for lunch and a gelato. This afternoon leave the city centre and visit the ancient catacombs with a **Local Specialist** for a fascinating insight into Christian history in the city. **(BB)**

3 Rome Market Visit **►** Cooking Experience **O**

Today experience life like a local in this bustling and vibrant capital city. Visit a local food market for a **Cultural Insight** with your insider host and select delicious local ingredients. Take a walk through the Jewish quarter and try focaccias and other delicious specialities in the neighbourhood bakeries. Arrive at Focoxia for a cooking course with a professional chef and learn how to make proper Italian pasta. Enjoy a delicious lunch with typical Italian hospitality. **(BB, L)**

4 Rome At Leisure or Optional Experience to Pompeii

A completely free day to explore the city. Your Travel Director will give you some ideas and suggestions on how to spend your day. Alternatively you may wish to take an Optional Experience to visit the renowned excavations at Pompeii. **(BB)**

5 Rome **►** Vatican Experience **O**

Enjoy your morning at leisure, exploring the magnificent historic sites of Rome, indulging in its café culture and perhaps even a shopping experience to Via Condotti. This afternoon, gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where a **Local Specialist** will take you on a guided tour. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and meet an official representative of the Vatican Museums during your private guided tour of the Missionary Ethnological Museum, founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, with its remarkable collection of artworks and historical relics from missions all over the world. You'll also enjoy an exclusive after hour's dinner at the museum amidst three centuries of Vatican art, history and antiquities. **(BB, RM)**

6 Ancient Rome Sightseeing and Tivoli Villa d'Este Gardens Visit **O**

This morning after a leisurely start visit ancient Rome with a **Local Specialist**. Visit inside the impressive Colosseum and see the Circus

Maximus where chariot races were once held. Later travel to Tivoli for a guided visit with a **Local Specialist** of the UNESCO World Heritage Italian gardens of Villa d'Este. The architectural elements and water features here had an enormous influence on European landscape design. **(BB)**

7 Rome At Leisure and Roman Farewell Dinner **O**

Your last day in the city is completely yours to explore further or do last minute shopping for souvenirs. Your Travel Director will be able to suggest activities such as museums, shopping or sightseeing in the city. In the early evening meet for a unique **Cultural Insight**. Enjoy a Roman Farewell Dinner with a local family in their Isola Tiberina apartment. This apartment formerly belonged to film director Michelangelo Antonioni amongst other famous inhabitants. Today it is the home of Fabio and either he or other members of his family will host you for a delicious meal with your fellow travel companions. **(BB, FD)**

8 Depart Rome

After breakfast, say farewell to Rome and your newfound friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable week in one of the world's greatest cities. Transfers to Rome Fiumicino Airport are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

VATICAN EXPERIENCE PRIVATE TOUR AND EXCLUSIVE DINNER

In the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum, enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner.

PERFECT COMBINATIONS

Why not extend your holiday by adding another City Explorer to this trip? For itinerary and departure details see pages 72 - 73 for the 'London Explorer', pages 118 - 119 for the 'Paris Explorer' or pages 148 - 149 for the 'Amsterdam Explorer'.

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
SU 02 APR	SU 09 APR	2775	SU 01 OCT	SU 08 OCT	2775
SU 09 APR	SU 16 APR	2775	SU 08 OCT	SU 15 OCT	2775
SU 16 APR	SU 23 APR	2775	SU 15 OCT	SU 22 OCT	2775
SU 23 APR	SU 30 APR	2775	SU 22 OCT	SU 29 OCT	2775
SU 30 APR	SU 07 MAY	2850	SU 29 OCT	SU 05 NOV	2650
SU 07 MAY	SU 14 MAY	2850	SU 05 NOV	SU 12 NOV	2495
SU 14 MAY	SU 21 MAY	2850	SU 12 NOV	SU 19 NOV	2495
SU 21 MAY	SU 28 MAY	2850	SU 19 NOV	SU 26 NOV	2495
SU 28 MAY	SU 04 JUN	2850	SU 26 NOV	SU 03 DEC	2495
SU 04 JUN	SU 11 JUN	2850	SU 03 DEC	SU 10 DEC	2495
SU 11 JUN	SU 18 JUN	2850	SU 10 DEC	SU 17 DEC	2495
SU 18 JUN	SU 25 JUN	2850	SU 17 DEC	SU 24 DEC	2495
SU 25 JUN	SU 02 JUL	2775	SU 24 DEC	SU 31 DEC	2695
SU 02 JUL	SU 09 JUL	2775	SU 31 DEC	SU 07 JAN	2750
SU 09 JUL	SU 16 JUL	2775		2018	
SU 16 JUL	SU 23 JUL	2550	SU 07 JAN	SU 14 JAN	2495
SU 23 JUL	SU 30 JUL	2550	SU 14 JAN	SU 21 JAN	2495
SU 30 JUL	SU 06 AUG	2550	SU 21 JAN	SU 28 JAN	2495
SU 06 AUG	SU 13 AUG	2550	SU 28 JAN	SU 04 FEB	2495
SU 13 AUG	SU 20 AUG	2550	SU 04 FEB	SU 11 FEB	2495
SU 20 AUG	SU 27 AUG	2550	SU 11 FEB	SU 18 FEB	2495
SU 27 AUG	SU 03 SEP	2625	SU 18 FEB	SU 25 FEB	2495
SU 03 SEP	SU 10 SEP	2850	SU 25 FEB	SU 04 MAR	2495
SU 10 SEP	SU 17 SEP	2850	SU 04 MAR	SU 11 MAR	2495
SU 17 SEP	SU 24 SEP	2850	SU 11 MAR	SU 18 MAR	2495
SU 24 SEP	SU 01 OCT	2850	SU 18 MAR	SU 25 MAR	2495
			SU 25 MAR	SU 01 APR	2625

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$920 p.p.**

Exceptions from **16-Jul to 20-Aug:** **A\$690 p.p.**
from **05-Nov to 25-Mar-18:** **A\$520 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$100 p.p.**

Exceptions from **05-Nov to 18-Mar-18:** **A\$70 p.p.**

■ Autumn, Winter, Spring (WROM):

Departures marked in the price panel are subject to change in price, discount and hotel. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2017. An alternative Vatican Experience will be offered for these departures.

★ **Festive Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for this departure. Join us in Europe to celebrate the Festive Season.

➕ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport Transfers: On arrival to Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

Cruise Connection: This trip starts and ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$79 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra nights' accommodation page 250.

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EARLY BIRD SAVINGS
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O Insider Experience
WR Welcome Reception
F Free time

BB Buffet Breakfast
FB Full Breakfast
L Lunch

RM Regional Meal
BG Be My Guest Dining
D Dinner

DW Dinner with Wine
FD Farewell Dinner

TRAVEL STYLE

Hidden Journey



PIEDMONT AND THE ITALIAN LAKES

7 days - 1 country

Code: ISML

FROM **A\$2350** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



6 nights
Hotel accommodation



9 meals
6 hot buffet breakfasts
1 lunch (Be My Guest)
2 dinners



On-trip transport
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Enjoy traditional Piedmont hospitality and delicious Asti Spumante with the Nicola family at their vineyard with views of the rolling green countryside that stretch for miles

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Set in the lush Piedmont countryside, Relais Villa Matilde reflects its 18th roots in its period furnishings and marble features

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Milan and Turin

HIDDEN TREASURE

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Milan ▶ Turin

Orientation of Aosta Valley ▶ Cherasco
▶ La Morra ▶ Asti ▶ Barolo

Visit Bard Fortress ▶ Cherasco ▶ a winery for a wine tasting ▶ the food markets of Turin ▶ spectacular Lake Orta

View the Cathedral and La Scala in Milan ▶ the stunning scenery of the Aosta Valley ▶ Piazza San Carlo and Piazza Castello in Turin

See the Gothic Duomo and La Galleria in Milan ▶ the Salmatoris Palace in Cherasco ▶ Romanesque Gothic Cathedral in Asti ▶ Antonelliana building and the Piazza San Carlo in Turin

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The distinctive flavours of white truffle and fruity red wine will infuse your gastronomic adventure through Piedmont's dramatic Alpine landscape, historical walled cities and pristinely beautiful northern lakes. This one's a feast for all senses – indulge in Baci de Cherasco, nougat from La Morra and a bite or two of biscotti washed down with Turin's decadent Bicerin hot chocolate.



ITALY

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Milan

Welcome to Italy's fashion, financial and commercial capital, Milan. On arrival meet your Travel Director and fellow companions for an enjoyable Welcome Reception followed by an orientation drive where you will see some of the main sights. **(WR) Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace**

2 Milan Sightseeing ▶ Aosta Valley Scenic Drive ▶ Romano Canavese (Piedmont) (4 Nights)

This morning enjoy a city sightseeing tour of Milan with a **Local Specialist**. See the Gothic Duomo, one of the world's most impressive Gothic cathedrals, and La Galleria, an ancient arcade shopping gallery before free time to explore on your own. Perhaps stop by the Pirelli Tower to admire 1950s Modernist style, or see the medieval Castello Sforzesco and the UNESCO World Heritage Site Santa Maria alle Grazie Basilica containing Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'. Later travel to the Aosta Valley, a dramatic mountainous region that borders France and Switzerland. Visit Fort Bard, built by the House of Savoy in the 19th century. The fortress replaced an even earlier castle which controlled the trade routes between France and Italy. It is now the Museum of the Alps and gives a fascinating insight into the region and its history. This evening check in to your stately hotel located in an 18th century villa for a relaxing four-night stay. **(BB) Hotel: Relais Villa Matilde Authentic Accommodation**

3 Cherasco and Wine Tasting ▶ La Morra Excursion

After a leisurely morning visit Cherasco, a town with medieval and baroque buildings. See the Salmatoris Palace and the impressive colonnades. The town is also famous for Baci de Cherasco, a traditional sweet made from chocolate and hazelnuts. Visit a local winery for an insight into the wine making process and taste the delicious wines of the region including Barolo. Later visit La Morra, a hilltop village with great views across the Piedmont region which is famous for its local chocolate and nougat. **(BB)**

4 Asti Excursion

Visit Asti, a town dating back to pre-Roman times, synonymous with sparkling wine and historic palaces and towers. Enjoy an orientation where you will see the magnificent Romanesque Gothic Cathedrale di Santa Maria Assunta. Explore the Piazza San Secondo located in an old market piazza and the narrow cobbled streets and old wall of the medieval city. You'll also see the imposing remnants of what was once called 'The City of 100 Towers', of which only 12 actually still survive, including Torre Troyana, which is open to visitors. Experience a delicious **Be My Guest** lunch with a local family on their wine estate. **(BB, BG)**

5 Turin Excursion

Your **Local Specialist** will take you on a sightseeing tour of the aristocratic and sophisticated city of Turin. Enjoy views of Italy's largest and most famous river, the Po. In Turin see the Antonelliana building and the Piazza San Carlo during your orientation tour. Visit Piazza

San Carlo with its 17th century façades and the Church of San Lorenzo where a full scale picture of the famous Shroud of Turin is on display. Try the local Biscotti and Bicerin, a typical hot drink from Turin. Visit Europe's largest open air food market and sample local produce. During your free time why not visit the fascinating Cinema Museum or the newly refurbished Egyptian Museum, one of the most important ones outside of Cairo. Alternatively stroll along the elegant shopping streets of Via Roma and Via Garibaldi. **(BB)**

6 Romano Canavese (Piedmont) ▶ Lake Orta ▶ Baveno (Lake Maggiore)

Today travel to picturesque and misty Lake Orta, known locally as La Cenerentola (Cinderella). Locals consider the lake to be more scenic and far superior than other lakes in the region. Later at Lake Maggiore enjoy a Farewell Dinner to toast the end of a memorable trip. **(BB, FD) Hotel: Simplan**

7 Baveno (Lake Maggiore) ▶ transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy as your fascinating holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available to Milan Malpensa Airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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People don't take trips – trips take people.

John Steinbeck
(20th-century American author and recipient of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature)

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SA 29 APR	FR 05 MAY	2425	SA 05 AUG	FR 11 AUG	2375
SA 13 MAY	FR 19 MAY	2425	SA 19 AUG	FR 25 AUG	2375
SA 27 MAY	FR 02 JUN	2425	SA 02 SEP	FR 08 SEP	2425
SA 10 JUN	FR 16 JUN	2425	SA 16 SEP	FR 22 SEP	2425
SA 24 JUN	FR 30 JUN	2425			

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$420 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$100 p.p.**

➕ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Group Size: Itineraries have a maximum of 26 guests

Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport transfer: On arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will operate from Baveno and arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport at 7.30am and 10.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$70 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

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AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Relais Villa Matilde, Turin, Italy

When entering Relais Villa Matilde you will find yourself transported to the opulent 18th century with the charming decor and furniture inside this **Authentic Accommodation**. Enjoy a four night stay at the villa surrounded by the picturesque alpine scenery of the Piedmont region.

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MAX 26
GUESTS
On this trip

AUTHENTIC
ACCOMMODATION
on this trip

Insider Experience **BB** Buffet Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine
WR Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner
 Free time **L** Lunch **D** Dinner



ITALIAN HOLIDAY

7 days - 2 countries

Code: ITIH

FROM **A\$2095** pp*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

The perfect 'antipasti' of Italy's glamorous capitals, from the elegance of Florence to Rome's open-air museum. Explore the Vatican Museums without the crowds, journey through striking Tuscan landscapes and cruise along the canals of Venice, visiting its famous Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Square. You'll also encounter the Renaissance highlights of Florence and Leaning Tower of Pisa.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

**6 nights**
Hotel accommodation**10 meals**
6 hot buffet breakfasts
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Eight generations and plenty of stories to tell. Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Landi family at their home near Siena, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome and Florence

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ► Florence

Orientation of Venice

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ► the Vatican Museums ► Sistine Chapel ► the Roman Colosseum

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome ► the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica ► the Leaning Tower of Pisa ► Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence

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ITALY

VENICE

VERONA

Pisa

FLORENCE

ROME

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or take a leisurely stroll through the ancient streets. This evening join your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica. This is the perfect introduction to the sights which await you. **(WR) Hotel: Cicerone**

2 Rome Sightseeing

Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums which display works from the immense collection built up by Popes through the centuries. Trafalgar has priority early access as an official partner of the Vatican Museums allowing entry before other Tour Operators and the general public. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and more peaceful. Later visit St. Peter's Basilica, the greatest church in Christendom, to see the famous Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. Visit inside the impressive Colosseum. View the ancient sites of Rome and see the Circus Maximus, where chariot races were once held. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own. People-watch on the Spanish steps with a 'gelato', stroll down the Via Condotti for some retail therapy, or throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain to secure your return to Rome. **(BB)**

3 Rome ▶ Venice

This morning follow the valley of the River Tiber north into Umbria and pass the picturesque hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto. Travel through Tuscan landscapes with terraced olive groves and over the Apennine Mountains. Cross the Veneto plains before arriving at your hotel for dinner. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana**

4 Venice Orientation ▶ Verona

Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice, with its 117 islands separated by canals and linked by bridges, as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the centuries-old Venetian tradition of glass making on Giudecca Island before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace, the former residence of the Doge of Venice, the supreme authority of the Republic of Venice. Later travel to Verona, home of Shakespeare's ill-fated Romeo and Juliet, before checking into your hotel. **(BB) Hotel: Leopardi**

5 Verona ▶ Pisa ▶ Florence

Leave Verona this morning and travel to Pisa. View the extraordinary Leaning Tower and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Piazza del Duomo before arriving in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to the famous Medici dynasty who ruled the city during its golden age. Tonight enjoy a **Be My Guest** dinner in the Chianti countryside. **(BB, BG) Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**

6 Florence ▶ Rome

In Florence the city's rich medieval and Renaissance history is brought to life by your **Local Specialist**. Visit Piazza della Signoria with

its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the multi-coloured marble Duomo and the famous Baptistery with its bronze doors. View the Ponte Vecchio, a spectacular feat of engineering dating from the Middle Ages and today lined with jewellers, art dealers and souvenir shops. Later travel through Umbria, with its olive and cypress trees until you reach the valley of the Tiber River, which leads you back to Rome. Tonight celebrate the end of your holiday with your companions at a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

7 Depart Rome

After breakfast say 'arrivederci' to Rome and your travelling companions as you return home with wonderful memories of Italy. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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FR 21 APR	TH 27 APR	2175	FR 28 JUL	TH 03 AUG	2095
FR 28 APR	TH 04 MAY	2225			
FR 05 MAY	TH 11 MAY	2225	FR 04 AUG	TH 10 AUG	2095
FR 12 MAY	TH 18 MAY	2225	FR 11 AUG	TH 17 AUG	2095
FR 19 MAY	TH 25 MAY	2225	FR 18 AUG	TH 24 AUG	2095
FR 26 MAY	TH 01 JUN	2225	FR 25 AUG	TH 31 AUG	2095
			FR 01 SEP	TH 07 SEP	2225
FR 02 JUN	TH 08 JUN	2225	FR 08 SEP	TH 14 SEP	2225
FR 09 JUN	TH 15 JUN	2225	FR 15 SEP	TH 21 SEP	2225
FR 16 JUN	TH 22 JUN	2225	FR 22 SEP	TH 28 SEP	2225
FR 23 JUN	TH 29 JUN	2225	FR 29 SEP	TH 05 OCT	2175
FR 30 JUN	TH 06 JUL	2175			
			FR 06 OCT	TH 12 OCT	2175
FR 07 JUL	TH 13 JUL	2175	FR 13 OCT	TH 19 OCT	2175
FR 14 JUL	TH 20 JUL	2175	FR 20 OCT	TH 26 OCT	2175

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$520 p.p.**

Exceptions from **30-Jun** to **25-Aug**: **A\$420 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$60 p.p.**

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$70 per person.

WiFi: See pages 254 for details.

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Dream trip, hard to put into words how incredible the experience was.

Donna, from USA, 2016, Italian Holiday

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EARLY BIRD SAVINGS
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OR Insider Experience
WR Welcome Reception
FT Free time

BB Buffet Breakfast
FB Full Breakfast
L Lunch

RM Regional Meal
BG Be My Guest Dining
D Dinner

DW Dinner with Wine
FD Farewell Dinner

At Leisure



ROME AND TUSCAN HIGHLIGHTS

9 days - 2 countries

Code: ITRO

FROM **A\$2725** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



8 nights
Hotel accommodation



13 meals
8 hot buffet breakfasts
1 lunch
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)



On-trip transport
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Join the Callistri family at their 'borgo' in the Hamlet of Limonaia for a delicious Italian meal, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum. Visit the museum dedicated to the life of Leonard da Vinci in his Tuscan birthplace

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Pisa and Florence

HIDDEN TREASURE

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Pisa ▶ Florence

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Tuscan city of Siena ▶ the medieval town of San Gimignano ▶ the Leonardiano Museum in the town of Vinci ▶ the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

Views of the ancient sites of Rome including the Colosseum ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ Santa Croce Basilica ▶ the Duomo in Florence

WHY ARE WE THE BEST?

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Weave your way from Rome past golden olive groves and lush green vineyards to medieval bastions that have preserved Tuscany's unforgettable charm for centuries. Stay in the popular thermal spa resort of Montecatini, admire the exquisite marble cathedral in Siena and visit the scenic Tuscan towns of Vinci and Pisa to learn about the lives of celebrated Italian luminaries.

Cinque Terre Optional Experience
available on Day 4

ITALY

MONTECATINI

Pisa
Vinci
San Gimignano
Siena
Florence

1 ROME

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. This capital city stands on the Tiber River and enjoys a long and celebrated history. Relax after your journey and later meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Then an orientation drive will give you a perfect introduction to the sights which await you. **(WR)**
Hotel: Villafranca

2 Rome Sightseeing ▶ Montecatini

(6 Nights) **O**→
This morning your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent Pietà. St. Peter's is a place of pilgrimage and is regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines. Your tour continues across the Tiber River with views of ancient Roman ruins including the enormous Colosseum. Later enjoy a scenic drive through the Tuscan Hills to the thermal spa resort of Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy, your home for the next six nights. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Columbia**

3 Siena and San Gimignano Excursion

In the well-preserved medieval city of Siena see the Piazza del Campo, scene of the celebrated biannual Palio horse race and the stunning marble Cathedral which dominates the town. Later explore San Gimignano known as the 'medieval Manhattan', famed for its ring of towers which can be seen several kilometres from town. Shop for locally-produced delicacies and hand-painted Tuscan pottery. **(BB)**

4 Montecatini At Leisure or Optional Experience to the Cinque Terre

Enjoy a relaxing day or you might consider an Optional Experience to the famous Cinque Terre, with its quaint coastal pastel-coloured villages clinging to rugged cliffs. **(BB)**

5 Pisa and Vinci Excursion **O**→

This morning meet your **Local Specialist** in Pisa and view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble cathedral and the ornate baptistery. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious Regional Meal in the Tuscan countryside for lunch. Then travel to the scenic Tuscan town of Vinci where you'll enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the life of Leonardo da Vinci including a visit to the Museo Leonardiano showcasing his machines and models accompanied by specific references to his sketches and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits. **(BB, RM)**

6 Florence Excursion **O**→

Your **Local Specialist** gives you a fascinating account on the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. Perhaps in your free time visit the Ponte Vecchio bridge, one of the city's most famous landmarks and lined with goldsmiths and jewellers, a legacy of the 16th century decree which mandated that only jewellers and goldsmiths be allowed to ply their trade on the bridge. Visitors will however now also find the odd souvenir shop. Tonight join your fellow travellers for a memorable **Be My Guest** dinner experience with beautiful views over the Tuscan hills. **(BB, BG)**

7 Montecatini At Leisure

Montecatini Terme is one of Italy's most popular thermal spa destinations and you have the entire day to do exactly as you please. Why not take the historic funicular railway from Montecatini Terme to the picturesque town of Montecatini Alto which has a small castle and large square with charming restaurants and outdoor cafes, not to mention magnificent views of the countryside as far as the eye can see. Your Travel Director will be available for suggestions on how to spend your day. **(BB)**

8 Montecatini ▶ Rome ▶ Vatican Experience **O**→

Travel from Montecatini to Rome and have time at leisure on arrival. Explore the city's magnificent historic sites, indulge in its café culture or perhaps even indulge in a shopping experience to Via Condotti. This afternoon, gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where you will meet an official representative during your private guided tour of the Missionary Ethnological Museum. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this museum has a remarkable collection of artworks and historical relics from missions all over the world. Enjoy an exclusive Farewell Dinner at the museum amidst three centuries of Vatican art, history and antiques. Join a **Local Specialist** for a guided evening tour of the Vatican Museums including a visit to Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

9 Depart Rome

Say 'arrivederci Roma' at the end of a relaxing and memorable Italian holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.

Robert Louis Stevenson
(19th-century Scottish novelist, poet, essayist and travel writer)

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FR 19 MAY	SA 27 MAY	2825 +	FR 18 AUG	SA 26 AUG	2725
FR 26 MAY	SA 03 JUN	2825	FR 25 AUG	SA 02 SEP	2775
FR 02 JUN	SA 10 JUN	2825	FR 01 SEP	SA 09 SEP	2825
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FR 23 JUN	SA 01 JUL	2825	FR 22 SEP	SA 30 SEP	2825
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FR 07 JUL	SA 15 JUL	2725	FR 06 OCT	SA 14 OCT	2750
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Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$600 p.p.**
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Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

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D Dinner

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NORTHERN ITALY INCLUDING CINQUE TERRE

9 days - 1 country

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Hotel accommodation**13 meals**
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All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

Join Signor Telli for an exclusive dinner and 'bei tempi' at his family run restaurant on the secluded Isola Madre island on Lake Maggiore

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Amble through the beautiful gardens of Villa Taranto with its vertical gardens, water lilies and dahlia maze. Visit a working prosciutto factory and parmigiano reggiano cheese 'caseificio' near Parma

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Milan ▶ Genoa ▶ the Cinque Terre ▶ Parma

Orientation of Stresa on Lake Maggiore ▶ Santa Margherita

Visit the botanical gardens at Villa Taranto

View the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Genoa ▶ the Renaissance Palaces in Genoa ▶ the colourful coastal towns in the Cinque Terre

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Scents of magnolia and lemons linger along the quaint cobblestone roads and promenades of Italy's northern lake villages on this jaunt from Milan to Genoa, and the foodie city of Parma. See the layers of pastel pinks, yellows and blues that cling to the dramatic sea cliffs of Cinque Terre, enjoying the flavours of prosciutto and parmigiano along the way.



ITINERARY

- Arrive Milan** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Milan, Italy's commercial and financial hub. Relax after check-in and meet your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. **(WR) Hotel: Holiday Inn Garibaldi**
- Milan Sightseeing**  **0**
Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour of the city. View the sights of the city including the Gothic cathedral, the glass-domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House. Enjoy free time this afternoon to experience the stylish lifestyle of Italy's fashion capital, perhaps visit one of the city's fascinating museums including the Pinacoteca di Brera, a world-class museum as extensive as Paris' Louvre, or consider an Optional Experience to Sforzesco Castle, which houses several of the city's museums and art gallery collections, including Michelangelo's statue of the Pietà Rondanini. **(BB)**
- Milan > Baveno** (2 Nights)  **0**
Drive north-west to the Italian Lake District. Found on the southern side of the Alps, Lake Maggiore is one of the most famous sights in Northern Italy and is known for its beautiful waters and picturesque views. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the flora of the local area when you visit the beautiful botanical gardens of Villa Taranto. Depending on the time of the year you can see azalea, maple, rhododendron and camellia avenues, rare lilies and gardens containing over 300 varieties of dahlias in bloom. Later stop to view the sights of Stresa, gateway to the three Borromean islands, on the shores of the lake before checking in to your hotel for a two-night stay. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Simplon**
- Baveno**  **0**
A full day to relax and enjoy your Italian lakeside experience. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of your hotel or consider taking an Optional Experience to one of the Borromean Islands – Isola Bella, which includes a visit inside the Borromeo Palace. A further option is to take the cable car ride up to the summit of Mount Mottarone for magnificent views of both Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta with a stop at Alpino where the terrace at Alpinia botanical garden offers similarly beautiful views of Lake Maggiore. This evening take a private boat to one of the Borromean islands on Lake Maggiore for a special **Be My Guest** dining experience. **(BB, BG)**
- Baveno > Genoa > Santa Margherita** (2 Nights)  **0**
Stop in Genoa, birthplace of Columbus, for an included guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. View some of the majestic Renaissance and Baroque palaces of the noble families of Genoa and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Via Garibaldi. Arrive in the seaside town of Santa Margherita, check in to your hotel and enjoy free time to explore. **(BB) Hotel: Lido Palace**
- Santa Margherita > Full-Day Porto Venere and Cinque Terre Excursion**  **0**
Enjoy an included full-day excursion to see the Cinque Terre (Five Lands) – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Five coastal villages with extraordinary old-world charm clad the rugged

cliffs in this beautiful area. This magnificent coastline can only be reached by boat or train from La Spezia. Visit two of the five picturesque fishing villages with your **Local Specialist**. **(BB, DW)**

- Santa Margherita > Langhirano > Parma**  **0**
Today drive across the scenic Apennine mountains towards Parma - Italy's cured meat and parmigiano capital. Near the town of Langhirano visit a working prosciutto factory where you'll sample the best the region has to offer. After a brief photo stop at Torrechiara learn the process of making real parmigiano reggiano cheese at a family-run 'caseificio' near Parma, as you gain a **Cultural Insight** into local cuisine. This evening consider an Optional Experience featuring local specialties with wine in a historic setting. **(BB) Hotel: Parma and Congressi**
- Parma > Milan**  **0**
This morning enjoy a guided tour of Parma with your **Local Specialist**. This gastronomic city in the Italian region of Emilia-Romagna is famous for its architecture, prosciutto and cheese. See the 12th century Piazza Duomo with its cathedral and baptistry, and Garibaldi Square where the original Roman colony founded in 183BC had a forum. Enjoy a scenic drive back to Milan where tonight you enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your companions and Travel Director. **(BB, FD) Hotel: Starhotels Tourist**
- Depart Milan**
This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy as your fascinating holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**



Experience, travel – these are an education in themselves.

Euripides
(Greek playwright and actor in tragedies, born c. 480 BC)



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SA 22 APR	SU 30 APR	2450	SA 22 JUL	SU 30 JUL	2425
SA 29 APR	SU 07 MAY	2495	SA 29 JUL	SU 06 AUG	2425
SA 06 MAY	SU 14 MAY	2495	SA 05 AUG	SU 13 AUG	2425
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YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Meet Giovanna and her family for a traditional dinner and tales of Lake Garda life in the quaint town of lakeside town of Lazise

CULTURAL INSIGHT

A celebration of all things Ferrari – present and future – the Ferrari Museum in Maranello includes a permanent exhibition dedicated to Formula 1 complete with cars and a pit stop wall

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Verona and Modena

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Verona ▶ Modena

Orientation of Bergamo ▶ Milan

Visit beautiful Lake Maggiore ▶ Lake Como and Lake Garda ▶ the towns of Bassano del Grappa ▶ Marostica ▶ the Ferrari Museum in Maranello

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See the Roman Arena in Verona

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ITINERARY

- Arrive Milan ▶ Lake Maggiore (Baveno)** (2 Nights)
 Welcome to the Italian Lakes region. Airport transfers will be provided at set times from Milan Malpensa Airport to your hotel in the picturesque thermal resort of Baveno on the shore of Lake Maggiore. This evening meet and get to know your companions and Travel Director at a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** **Hotel: Simplon**
- Lake Maggiore (Baveno) At Leisure and Como Excursion**
 After a leisurely start enjoy free time this morning to explore Baveno with its Romanesque bell and octagonal baptistery. Later travel to scenic Lake Como, a popular retreat for aristocrats and celebrities since Roman times, and visit Como town. Walk along its beautiful waterfront with a gelato in hand, or relax with a cappuccino in this picturesque lakeside setting before returning to your hotel later in the afternoon. **(BB)**
- Lake Maggiore (Baveno) ▶ Bergamo ▶ Lake Garda** (5 Nights)
 Visit the ancient town of Bergamo near the foothills of the Alps. Explore the streets of the medieval old town with its Renaissance architecture reflected in the exquisite Piazza Vecchia at the heart of the city and the 12th century Santa Maria Maggiore basilica. Continue your journey to Lake Garda for a relaxing five-night stay. Dine at your hotel this evening. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Villa Maria**
- Marostica and Bassano del Grappa Excursion**
 Your full day excursion starts by visiting Marostica, a beautiful 14th century town renowned for its annual living chess event held in September, although the acclaimed festival's chessboard is visible in the Piazza Castello all year round. See the town's old city walls, two castles and take in the beautiful city views. Finish this leisurely day by visiting Bassano del Grappa, renowned for its white brandy and magnificent scenery. Return later to Lake Garda. **(BB)**
- Verona Excursion**
 In Shakespeare's romantic city of Verona, view the Roman arena and Juliet's Balcony during your walking tour of the town with a **Local Specialist**. Spend time exploring this city at your own pace, with suggested visits to the 1st century Arena, Castelvecchio's city art museum with its rich collection of medieval sculpture and Renaissance paintings, and Lamberti's Tower offering spectacular views of the city. Join your companions this evening for delicious **Be My Guest** dining experience with a local family. **(BB, BG)**
- Lake Garda At Leisure**
 You have a whole day to do as you please - explore the largest lake in Italy or spend the day relaxing. Visit one of the quaint lakeside towns and their markets to shop for local produce such as olive oil and cheese, take a leisurely walk along the Lakeside Path or venture further afield and see some of the lake's sights including the 13th century Scalinger Castle, Catullo's Grotto or the 5th century wooden statue of St. Peter near Bogliaco. Perhaps take an Optional Experience to visit the magnificent Dolomite mountain range, a World Heritage Site comprising 18 peaks at an altitude of over 3,000 metres. **(BB)**

- Modena Excursion**
 Enjoy today's excursion to the interesting gastronomic city of Modena. A **Local Specialist** will walk you through the Old Town and show you the Piazza Grande including views of the Ghirlandina Tower. You will also see the magnificent 12th century Romanesque cathedral. Sample some of the local speciality balsamic vinegars. After a short drive visit the Ferrari Museum for a **Cultural Insight** into the history of this luxurious Italian icon founded by Enzo Ferrari. **(BB)**
- Lake Garda ▶ Milan**
 This morning leave the lakes behind and travel towards the major world fashion and design capital of Milan. On arrival, see the sights during an orientation of the city centre including the Gothic Duomo, 19th century Galleria and La Scala Opera House. Enjoy free time to do some last-minute shopping on Milan's famous boulevards, Via Montenapoleano, Via della Spiga and Via Sant'Andrea. This evening join your fellow travellers to celebrate the end of your holiday at a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace**
- Depart Milan**
 Say 'arrivederci' this morning to Italy and your companions at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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BE MY GUEST

Enjoy local Tuscan cuisine with Count Miari Fulcis on his 15th century organic olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills, used as a location for many famous films like 'Room with a View' and 'Tea with Mussolini'

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Experience life as a gladiator with an included visit to a Gladiator School in Rome. Learn how to make authentic pizza in Rome and then savour the taste of your creation. Indulge in an Italian gelato at a local 'gelateria' in Florence. Learn about the Venetian tradition of carnival masks and paint your own to take home and visit a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING

A guided walking tour of 'Secret Venice' to the Rialto food market with a group size of no more than 25 guests

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Orientation of Pisa

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the amazing Vatican Museums ▶ the Sistine Chapel ▶ the Colosseum in Rome ▶ the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa on Piazza del Duomo ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

LET THE GAMES BEGIN



Imagine the thundering applause of a crowded amphitheatre as you learn about life as a Roman gladiator and the basics of sword fighting.

Hold on to your helmet for this family expedition marching through the Eternal City of Rome, illustrious Florence and the historic lagoon of Venice. Experience life as a Roman gladiator and learn the basics of sword-fighting, toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain and create your own Venetian Carnival mask before devouring the pizza you've just learnt to make.



ITINERARY

- 1 Arrive Rome** (3 Nights)
Welcome to Italy. After check-in take a wander through the city's ancient streets and soak up the amazing atmosphere. This afternoon meet with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Kick-off Party. **(KP) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's**
- 2 Rome Sightseeing**  
Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a sightseeing tour starting with a guided visit of the Vatican Museums featuring Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Explore St. Peter's Basilica, one of the holiest sites in the world. Cross the Tiber in ancient Rome, visit the Colosseum, former site of gladiatorial combat, and see the other ancient sites of Rome. **(BB)**
- 3 Rome ▶ Visit a Gladiator School**  
Today experience life as a Roman gladiator. After a short introduction to Roman history from your **Local Specialist**, you will learn the basics of gladiatorial sword fighting - an experience to remember forever. This afternoon explore the city on your own. Rome's rich history is apparent everywhere you look and there is so much to see and do. Perhaps take a trip to the Castel Sant'Angelo, relax in the Villa Borghese or throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain. This evening gain a **Cultural Insight** during an authentic Italian pizza cooking demonstration and enjoy a slice or two. **(BB, RM)**
- 4 Rome ▶ Florence** (3 Nights)
After a leisurely start this morning drive north through picturesque scenery to the Renaissance city of Florence for a three-night stay. **(BB) Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**
- 5 Florence Sightseeing**  
See the sights of Florence during your walking tour with a **Local Specialist** including the magnificent Duomo and the famous Baptistery. Marvel at Michelangelo's statue of David at the Academy of Fine Arts. Afterwards your Travel Director will take you to indulge in a refreshing gelato in the city where it was invented. This evening join your companions for a special **Be My Guest** dinner at a magnificent Tuscan villa with beautiful views across olive groves and vineyards. The villa has featured as a film location in numerous films including 'A Room with a View' by James Ivory. You will be hosted by the family and enjoy local specialities. **(BB, BG)**
- 6 Florence ▶ Excursion to Pisa**
Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa. In the UNESCO World Heritage Site Piazza del Duomo see the famous Leaning Tower as well as the beautiful sculpted marble cathedral. See the Baptistery and the cemetery built on soil from Calvary in the Holy Land. Later arrive back to Florence to enjoy free time exploring the city. **(BB)**
- 7 Florence ▶ Bologna ▶ Venice** (3 Nights) 
Cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains and stop in Bologna - the home of 'Bolognese Sauce' - for a wonderful sightseeing tour with your **Local Specialist**. Arrive later this afternoon in the magical island city of Venice - Queen of the Adriatic. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana**

8 Venice ▶ Canal Cruise and Orientation

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square and view the Bridge of Sighs where condemned prisoners caught their last glimpse of the city. View the exquisite Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica and the Campanile. Experience a **Cultural Insight** first hand during a glassblowing demonstration and learn about the Venetian tradition of Carnival masks with the chance to paint and decorate your own. Later perhaps take a ride on a gondola - it's a great way to see the city in all its glory. **(BB)**

9 Secret Venice Walking Tour and Visit to the Rialto Food Market

Glide along the canals to the Rialto Bridge. Gain a **Cultural Insight** on your visit to an ancient food market and see the hidden parts of Venice during your **Small Group Sightseeing** walking tour. Later join your fellow travellers for a delicious Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant in Mestre. **(BB, FD)**

10 Depart Venice

Say 'ciao Italia' at the end of your successful Italian adventure as you prepare to return home with fantastic memories of your family holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
(20th-century American legal scholar and judge from 1902 to 1932)

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FR 23 JUN	SU 02 JUL	3275	FR 25 AUG	SU 03 SEP	3125
FR 30 JUN	SU 09 JUL	3195			
FR 07 JUL	SU 16 JUL	3195	FR 01 SEP	SU 10 SEP	3275
FR 14 JUL	SU 23 JUL	3195	FR 08 SEP	SU 17 SEP	3275
FR 21 JUL	SU 30 JUL	3195	FR 15 SEP	SU 24 SEP	3275
FR 28 JUL	SU 06 AUG	3150	FR 22 SEP	SU 01 OCT	3275

Young Traveller Discount **A\$320**

(deduct from price above)

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$600 p.p.**

Exceptions from **04-Aug to 18-Aug**: **A\$550 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$290 p.p.**

Quad Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$440 p.p.**

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Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip. Single rooms are not available unless travelling as part of a family group.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Venice's Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$99 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

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See where Gladiators fought



Gelato Tasting



Paint Venetian Carnival Masks

 Insider Experience

BB Buffet Breakfast

RM Regional Meal

DW Dinner with Wine

KP Kick-off Party

FB Full Breakfast

BG Be My Guest Dining

FD Farewell Dinner

 Free time

L Lunch

D Dinner

TRAVEL STYLE

Special Interest



FLAVOURS OF ITALY

10 days - 2 countries

Code: ITIE

FROM **A\$3350** PP*

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Let Italy feed your senses – savour the aromas of oregano, garlic and parmesan, journeying from the frenetic avenues of Rome to romantic Venice. Sip a chilled Chianti and sample the buttery flavours of olive oil against the lush golden, green backdrop of Tuscany. You'll learn how to buy fresh local produce in Florence and prepare your own pasta for lunch.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



9 nights

Hotel accommodation



15 meals

9 hot buffet breakfasts

1 lunch

5 dinners (including Be My Guest)



On-trip transport

All transport shown

All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

The Lenzi family invites you to join them for dinner and a Chianti and olive oil tasting on their Tuscan wine farm which is located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Built on the site of a Capuchin Monastery, Relais La Cappuccina in Tuscany's San Gimignano was built in an Art Nouveau-style by a local nobleman

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Venice

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Bologna ▶ Venice

Orientation of Parma

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Chianti wine region ▶ the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence ▶ the famous food markets in Venice

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome and the Colosseum ▶ Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ the Kissing Towers in Bologna ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica ▶ the Rialto Bridge in Venice

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ITALY

PARMA

VENICE

Bologna

Pisa

Florence

Chianti Wine Region

SAN GIMIGNANO

ROME

ITINERARY

- 1 Arrive Rome** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome, the capital of Italy. Relax after your journey and meet your Travel Director and companions this evening for a Welcome Reception. Discover the beauty of this city during an evening orientation drive. Pause to enjoy the atmosphere at the buzzing Piazza Navona where you will indulge in a delicious gelato. **(WR)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's
- 2 Rome Sightseeing** 
View the impressive Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus where the chariot races were held during your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. Visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City and view Michelangelo's Pietà. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- 3 Rome** **► Chianti Wine Region (Greve) ► San Gimignano** (3 Nights) 
This morning consider an Optional Experience inside the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel to see the breathtaking ceiling. Later drive through Lazio and the provinces of Umbria and Tuscany. Visit a wine tasting and olive oil outlet and taste excellent Chiantis and extra virgin olive oils just outside the small town of Greve. Travel through picturesque scenery and stop in San Gimignano for a walk in the UNESCO World Heritage walled medieval town. Perhaps try a delicious gelato from the famous Gelateria Dondoli. A short drive brings you to your beautiful historic hotel near San Gimignano. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Relais La Cappuccina Authentic Accommodation**
- 4 Florence Sightseeing** 
Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour to the Accademia to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Visit Piazza della Signoria and later view the coloured marble Duomo. Tonight enjoy a special **Be My Guest** dinner with wine in a family-owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills. **(BB, BG)**
- 5 Tuscan Lifestyle Experience** 
Begin your day at a fruit and vegetable market in Florence, meet our **Local Specialist** and gain an insight into Italian cuisine from a professional chef. Here you will participate in purchases of the fresh produce for your cooking lesson. Take your fresh produce to the restaurant and spend time together preparing your delicious luncheon with a glass of wine. After enjoying a relaxing and memorable Regional Meal return to your hotel in the Tuscan hills for the night. Your evening is free to do as you please. **(BB, RM)**
- 6 San Gimignano ► Pisa ► Parma** 
This morning meet your **Local Specialist** in Pisa to view the amazing Leaning Tower and the majestic cathedral and baptistery set in the Square of Miracles. Travel to Parma where a memorable Regional Meal of local specialities awaits you. **(BB, RM)** **Hotel: Parma and Congressi**
- 7 Parma ► Bologna ► Venice** (3 Nights) 
A short drive will bring you to Bologna. This city is renowned for its culinary tradition and cured meats such as prosciutto, mortadella and salami. It has also given its name to the well-

known meat-based pasta sauce called ragù alla bolognese. Here you will enjoy a walking tour with a **Local Specialist** who will enlighten you further on local delicacies. Stop to take in views of the famous Kissing Towers. This afternoon cross the Veneto plains and arrive in Venice. **(BB)**
Hotel: Principe/Amadeus

- 8 Venice Canal Cruise and Sightseeing** 
Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Spend time exploring the labyrinth of streets and canals on your own or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Burano for a delicious meal. **(BB)**
- 9 Secret Venice Walking Tour and visit to the Rialto Food Market** 
A short walk along the canals leads you to the famous Rialto Bridge. Join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour which will reveal a centuries-old food market and narrow 'calle' or streets. Discover how the locals shop for food and learn more about the regional cuisine here including the delicious seafood. Admire the beautiful architecture including Marco Polo's house. The rest of the day is free to visit the sights of your choice. Celebrate this evening with your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. **(BB, FD)**
- 10 Depart Venice**
This morning, say 'arrivederci' to your fellow travellers at the end of your wonderful Flavours of Italy holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

COOK THE ITALIAN WAY WITH CHEF LIBERO

Discover the secrets of 'la cucina Italiana' with Chef Libero who will take you shopping at a local food market for the freshest ingredients and teach you to prepare traditional Italian pasta and a veritable buffet of other local favourites. 'Buon appetito'!



TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Venice	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Venice	Twin Share
SA 22 APR	MO 01 MAY	3495	SA 22 JUL	MO 31 JUL	3350
SA 29 APR	MO 08 MAY	3625	SA 29 JUL	MO 07 AUG	3350
SA 06 MAY	MO 15 MAY	3825	SA 05 AUG	MO 14 AUG	3350
SA 13 MAY	MO 22 MAY	3625	SA 12 AUG	MO 21 AUG	3350
SA 20 MAY	MO 29 MAY	3625	SA 19 AUG	MO 28 AUG	3350
SA 27 MAY	MO 05 JUN	3625	SA 26 AUG	MO 04 SEP	3525
SA 03 JUN	MO 12 JUN	3625	SA 02 SEP	MO 11 SEP	3625
SA 10 JUN	MO 19 JUN	3625	SA 09 SEP	MO 18 SEP	3625
SA 17 JUN	MO 26 JUN	3625	SA 16 SEP	MO 25 SEP	3625
SA 24 JUN	MO 03 JUL	3495	SA 23 SEP	MO 02 OCT	3625
			SA 30 SEP	MO 09 OCT	3550
SA 01 JUL	MO 10 JUL	3350	SA 07 OCT	MO 16 OCT	3550
SA 08 JUL	MO 17 JUL	3350	SA 14 OCT	MO 23 OCT	3550
SA 15 JUL	MO 24 JUL	3350			

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$930 p.p.**
Exceptions from **01-Jul** to **19-Aug**: **A\$760 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$140 p.p.**

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Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$88 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

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-  Insider Experience
-  Welcome Reception
-  Free time
- BB** Buffet Breakfast
- FB** Full Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- RM** Regional Meal
- BG** Be My Guest Dining
- D** Dinner
- DW** Dinner with Wine
- FD** Farewell Dinner



ITALIAN DISCOVERY

10 days - 2 countries

Code: ITDI

FROM **A\$3075** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Landmarks of Italy – the Vatican, marble Duomo and Doge’s Palace – are the highlights of this journey through the birthplace of culture. Admire Michelangelo’s frescoed ceiling, the idyllic beauty of Lake Como and stop in Verona to see Shakespeare’s Juliet balcony and the 2 000-year-old Roman arena. You’ll also savour the tastes of Bologna and wander through St. Francis’ hometown, Assisi.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE**9 nights**

Hotel accommodation

**14 meals**9 hot buffet breakfasts
5 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**All transport shown
All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

The Pazzi and de Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12th century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet, explore the castle dungeons, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Gain early access to the Vatican Museums to marvel at the magnificent work of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Milan, Bologna and Assisi

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Milan
▶ Bologna ▶ Assisi

Orientation of Turin ▶ Venice

Visit St. Peter’s Basilica ▶ the Vatican Museums ▶ the Sistine Chapel ▶ the Roman Colosseum ▶ the medieval city of Ferrara ▶ St. Francis Basilica in Assisi

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ beautiful Lake Maggiore ▶ the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan ▶ the Roman Arena and Juliet’s Balcony in Verona ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice ▶ the Kissing Towers in Bologna

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ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or perhaps take a stroll through this historic city. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers later for a Welcome Reception. An evening orientation drive will take you to admire the view of the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica - a perfect start to your Italian Discovery. **(WR)**
Hotel: Cicerone

2 Rome Sightseeing

Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Trafalgar has priority early access as an official partner of the Vatican Museums allowing entry before other Tour Operators and the general public. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and more peaceful. Visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your tour continues with views of ancient Roman sites and see Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**

3 Rome ► Florence

Drive north through picturesque scenery to the Renaissance city of Florence in Tuscany. Your **Local Specialist** reveals Florence's rich cultural heritage during your walking tour. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the marble Duomo and the famous Baptistery renowned for its bronze doors with relief sculptures. View the ancient Ponte Vecchio, one of the most famous landmarks in Florence. Afterwards explore on your own or shop for high-quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery. This evening enjoy a memorable **Be My Guest** dining experience in a castle on a wine and olive oil estate. **(BB, BG)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

4 Florence ► Pisa ► Turin

A short journey brings you to Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower in Piazza del Duomo - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There's time for photos before you continue past the marble quarries of Carrara and the resorts of Portofino, Rapallo and Genoa. In Turin see the Antonelliana building and the Piazza San Carlo during your orientation tour. **(BB)** **Hotel: Concord**

5 Turin ► Lake Como ► Milan

From Turin via Lake Como you arrive in Milan. Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour of the city's spectacular sights including the Galleria, the Gothic Duomo and the renowned La Scala opera house. This evening join your companions for a Regional Meal at a local restaurant. **(BB, RM)** **Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace**

6 Milan ► Verona ► Venice (2 Nights)

Stop in Verona where Shakespeare based his most famous play, to view Juliet's Balcony and the 2,000 year old Roman arena still in use today. Continue across the Veneto plains to the magical city of Venice. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Viktoria Palace**

7 Venice Orientation

View the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica on your cruise by private launch to St. Mark's

Square. Stop at Giudecca Island to visit a traditional glassblowing workshop for a **Cultural Insight** into this ancient art form. Spend free time afterwards as you wish. Relax in a café, shop for souvenirs or take an Optional Experience to one of the islands in the lagoon. **(BB)**

8 Venice ► Ferrara ► Bologna

Visit Ferrara, a city of artistic importance during the Renaissance. Arrive in Bologna - famous for its university, architecture, fine sausages and hams. Your **Local Specialist** shows you the sights including Neptune's fountain, the Kissing Towers and Piazza Maggiore. Don't forget to sample the excellent local cuisine. **(BB)**
Hotel: AC by Marriott

9 Bologna ► Assisi ► Rome

Cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Enjoy a walking tour of St. Francis' hometown with a **Local Specialist**. Visit the magnificent Basilica and see the tomb of St. Francis who founded the Franciscan Order in Assisi in 1208. Later travel south towards Rome passing the scenic hilltop town of Orte. Tonight join your companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner with wine. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

10 Depart Rome

Say 'arrivederci' to your newfound friends at the end of your memorable Italian holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
FR 14 APR	SU 23 APR	3175	FR 21 JUL	SU 30 JUL	3095
FR 21 APR	SU 30 APR	3175	FR 28 JUL	SU 06 AUG	3095
FR 28 APR	SU 07 MAY	3175			
FR 05 MAY	SU 14 MAY	3225	FR 04 AUG	SU 13 AUG	3075
FR 12 MAY	SU 21 MAY	3225	FR 11 AUG	SU 20 AUG	3075
FR 19 MAY	SU 28 MAY	3225	FR 18 AUG	SU 27 AUG	3075
FR 26 MAY	SU 04 JUN	3225	FR 25 AUG	SU 03 SEP	3125
			FR 01 SEP	SU 10 SEP	3250
FR 02 JUN	SU 11 JUN	3225	FR 08 SEP	SU 17 SEP	3250
FR 09 JUN	SU 18 JUN	3225	FR 15 SEP	SU 24 SEP	3250
FR 16 JUN	SU 25 JUN	3225	FR 22 SEP	SU 01 OCT	3250
FR 23 JUN	SU 02 JUL	3150	FR 29 SEP	SU 08 OCT	3175
FR 30 JUN	SU 09 JUL	3150			
			FR 06 OCT	SU 15 OCT	3175
FR 07 JUL	SU 16 JUL	3150	FR 13 OCT	SU 22 OCT	3175
FR 14 JUL	SU 23 JUL	3150	FR 20 OCT	SU 29 OCT	3175

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$820 p.p.**

Exceptions from **23-Jun** to **25-Aug**: **A\$700 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$120 p.p.**

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We absolutely loved the Be My Guest dinner in Florence – one of our favourite experiences on the trip.

Stephen, from Canada, 2016, Italian Discovery

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OR Insider Experience
WR Welcome Reception
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FB Full Breakfast
L Lunch

RM Regional Meal
BG Be My Guest Dining
D Dinner

DW Dinner with Wine
FD Farewell Dinner

At Leisure



GREAT ITALIAN CITIES

10 days - 2 countries

Code: IGICB

FROM **A\$2725** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Tread up the stone steps and down the grand boulevards of Italy's capitals – the pavement café culture, enchanting Renaissance frescoes and incredible feats of classic architecture all must-see highlights of this leisurely jaunt through the cities of Rome, Florence and Venice. Explore the centuries-old Rialto food market, admire the embrace of Bologna's Kissing Towers and say 'ciao' to Marco Polo.

ITALY

Pompeii Optional Experience
available on Day 3

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

**9 nights**
Hotel accommodation**13 meals**
9 hot buffet breakfasts
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Eight generations and plenty of stories to tell. Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Landi family at their home near Siena, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo and da Vinci at the Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING

A guided walking tour of 'Secret Venice' to the Rialto food market with a group size of no more than 25 guests

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Assisi, Pisa, Florence, Bologna and Venice



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Assisi ▶ Florence
▶ Bologna ▶ Venice

Orientation of Pisa

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the amazing Vatican Museums ▶ the Sistine Chapel ▶ the Colosseum in Rome ▶ St. Francis' Basilica in Assisi

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

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See the ancient sites of Rome

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ITINERARY

- 1 Arrive Rome** (3 Nights)
Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or explore this fascinating city on your own. Later, meet your companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. It's the perfect opportunity to get to know everyone. An orientation drive will take you to view St. Peter's Basilica - a great start to your Italian holiday. **(WR)** **Hotel: Grand Palatino**
- 2 Rome Sightseeing and At Leisure**
Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a **Cultural Insight** in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Later visit the impressive Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire. See the Circus Maximus where Ben Hur-style chariot racing took place. Spend free time discovering more of the city or relax at a pavement café and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- 3 Rome At Leisure**
Spend today as you please. Your Travel Director will be able to help you get the most from your day at leisure. Alternatively consider joining an Optional Experience to the renowned excavations at Pompeii, in the Bay of Naples. **(BB)**
- 4 Rome ► Assisi ► Florence** (3 Nights)
Drive north to the mystical town of Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Visit St. Francis' Basilica and see Giotto's enchanting frescoes, with your **Local Specialist**. Arrive later in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. **(BB)** **Hotel: Ambasciatori**
- 5 Florence Sightseeing and At Leisure**
Learn about Florence's rich cultural history during your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistry, famous for its bronze gilded doors. Enjoy scenic views of the Ponte Vecchio, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Afterwards, explore on your own or shop for souvenirs in Florence, renowned for high-quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery. **(BB)**
- 6 Florence ► Excursion to Pisa**
Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa, a former maritime city on the Ligurian Sea. In the Square of Miracles, home to some of the city's most famous sights, see the incredible Leaning Tower and the beautifully sculpted marble cathedral with a **Local Specialist**. See the Baptistry and the cemetery, built on soil brought from Calvary in the Holy Land. This evening travel to a Tuscan villa for a special **Be My Guest** dinner. **(BB, BG)**
- 7 Florence ► Bologna ► Venice** (3 Nights)
Travel through the Apennines to Bologna, home to one of the oldest universities in Europe and famous for sausages and salami. Your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Later

cross the Veneto plains to Venice. This sublime island city, constructed in a lagoon, has an incredibly rich cultural and artistic heritage. This evening you might like to take a gondola ride along enchanting canals - it's the perfect introduction to this magical city. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Boscolo Bellini**

- 8 Venice ► Canal Cruise and Orientation**
Savour the unique sights of Venice as you cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square. See the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making on Giudecca Island. This afternoon you have free time to visit the Fine Arts Academy, relax at a café on St. Mark's Square or consider a boat trip to the Island of Burano for a delicious meal. **(BB)**
- 9 Secret Venice Walking Tour and visit to the Rialto Food Market**
Enjoy a leisurely stroll from your hotel along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge to join your guided **Small Group Sightseeing** walking tour, which will reveal a centuries-old food market and narrow 'calle' or streets. Admire the beautiful architecture including Marco Polo's house. The rest of the day is free to visit the sights of your choice. Celebrate this evening with your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. **(BB, FD)**
- 10 Depart Venice**
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Hotels were all top-class. The trip exceeded all expectations.

Teresa, from Australia, 2016, Great Italian Cities ”

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Venice	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Venice	Twin Share
FR 14 APR	SU 23 APR	3595	FR 06 OCT	SU 15 OCT	3595
FR 21 APR	SU 30 APR	3595	FR 13 OCT	SU 22 OCT	3595
FR 28 APR	SU 07 MAY	3675	FR 20 OCT	SU 29 OCT	3595
			FR 27 OCT	SU 05 NOV	2875
FR 05 MAY	SU 14 MAY	3675	FR 03 NOV	SU 12 NOV	2725
FR 12 MAY	SU 21 MAY	3675	FR 10 NOV	SU 19 NOV	2725
FR 19 MAY	SU 28 MAY	3675	FR 17 NOV	SU 26 NOV	2725
FR 26 MAY	SU 04 JUN	3675	FR 24 NOV	SU 03 DEC	2725
FR 02 JUN	SU 11 JUN	3675	FR 01 DEC	SU 10 DEC	2725
FR 09 JUN	SU 18 JUN	3675	FR 08 DEC	SU 17 DEC	2725
FR 16 JUN	SU 25 JUN	3675	FR 15 DEC	MO 01 JAN	3475
FR 23 JUN	SU 02 JUL	3675	FR 22 DEC	FR 05 JAN	3125
FR 30 JUN	SU 09 JUL	3550	WE 27 DEC	2018	
FR 07 JUL	SU 16 JUL	3475	FR 05 JAN	SU 14 JAN	2950
FR 14 JUL	SU 23 JUL	3475	FR 12 JAN	SU 21 JAN	2950
FR 21 JUL	SU 30 JUL	3395	FR 19 JAN	SU 28 JAN	2950
FR 28 JUL	SU 06 AUG	3325	FR 26 JAN	SU 04 FEB	2950
FR 04 AUG	SU 13 AUG	3295	FR 02 FEB	SU 11 FEB	2950
FR 11 AUG	SU 20 AUG	3295	FR 09 FEB	SU 18 FEB	2725
FR 18 AUG	SU 27 AUG	3295	FR 23 FEB	SU 04 MAR	2725
FR 25 AUG	SU 03 SEP	3295	FR 02 MAR	SU 11 MAR	2725
FR 01 SEP	SU 10 SEP	3675	FR 09 MAR	SU 18 MAR	2725
FR 08 SEP	SU 17 SEP	3675	FR 16 MAR	SU 25 MAR	2725
FR 15 SEP	SU 24 SEP	3675	FR 23 MAR	SU 01 APR	2725
FR 22 SEP	SU 01 OCT	3675	FR 30 MAR	SU 08 APR	3050
FR 29 SEP	SU 08 OCT	3675	FR 06 APR	SU 15 APR	3295

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$1380 p.p.**
Exceptions from **07-Jul to 25-Aug: A\$1300 p.p.**
from **27-Oct to 06-Apr-18: A\$760 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$140 p.p.**
Exceptions from **27-Oct to 06-Apr-18: A\$90 p.p.**

■ **Autumn, Winter, Spring (WGIC):** Departures marked in the price panel are subject to change in price, discount and hotel. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2017.

★ **Festive Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the Festive Season.

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Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$88 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

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- Insider Experience
- Welcome Reception
- Free time
- BB** Buffet Breakfast
- FB** Full Breakfast
- L** Lunch
- RM** Regional Meal
- BG** Be My Guest Dining
- D** Dinner
- DW** Dinner with Wine
- FD** Farewell Dinner

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise
Rail and
Combos

CONTRASTS OF ITALY

10 days - 2 countries

Code: ITGVB

FROM **A\$3475** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



9 nights
Hotel accommodation



12 meals
9 hot buffet breakfasts
3 dinners



On-trip transport
All transport shown
(including 2 high speed trains)
All transfers shown

Rolling hills of lush green and gold hues flash by as you travel by high-speed train from the ancient capital of Rome north to Venice, stopping in Florence to admire its historical treasures. Cross the Rialto Bridge in search of Marco Polo, cruise to St. Mark's Square and dine amidst three centuries of art and antiquities in the Vatican.

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Pisa and Venice

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Venice

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Vatican Museums ▶ Sistine Chapel ▶ and the Roman Colosseum in Rome ▶ the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites in Rome ▶ the Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

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ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (3 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or take a stroll through the city's ancient streets. Join your companions and Travel Director this evening for a Welcome Reception and an orientation drive, which will be the perfect introduction to this magical city. **(WR)**

Hotel: Grand Palatino

2 Rome Sightseeing > Vatican Experience

This morning your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome with a visit to Circus Maximus, where chariot races were once held, and the impressive Colosseum. This afternoon, gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where a **Local Specialist** will take you on a guided tour. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and join an official representative of the Vatican Museums for a private guided tour of the Missionary Ethnological Museum, founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, with its remarkable collection of artworks and historical relics from missions all over the world. You'll also enjoy an exclusive dinner at the museum in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities. **(BB, RM)**

3 Rome

Your day is free to see the sights of your choice. Consider taking an Optional Experience to Tivoli to see the house and gardens of the Villa d'Este - a marvellous example of Renaissance landscape architecture. This evening why not make a wish and throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain? **(BB)**

4 Rome > High Speed Train > Florence Sightseeing (3 Nights)

Take the high-speed train on a comfortable journey (1 hour 35 minutes) through scenic countryside to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Your **Local Specialist** shows you a wealth of historical treasures during your walking tour including the Ponte Vecchio. Visit the Fine Arts Academy to see one of the most famous works of the Renaissance - Michelangelo's statue of David. Finish at Piazza della Signoria, featuring wonderful sculptures and palazzi. **(BB)** **Hotel: Ambasciatori**

5 Florence > Excursion to Pisa

Enjoy views of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo. A short drive along the Arno Valley brings you to Pisa, a former maritime city. Meet your **Local Specialist** and explore the Square of Miracles and see the famous Leaning Tower and the marble cathedral. See the Baptistery - the largest in Italy - and the cemetery, which is reputedly built on soil brought from the Holy Land. Relax this evening in Florence. **(BB)**

6 Florence

Spend the day on your own exploring the delights of this historic and picturesque city. As well as museums and galleries there are beautiful gardens and wonderful palaces to discover such as the Boboli gardens and the Pitti Palace. There are many villages just outside the city where you can buy all manner of local specialities. Or shop for the latest fashions in

Florence's elegant and sophisticated boutiques. This evening consider an Optional Experience in Chianti for dinner. **(BB)**

7 Florence > High Speed Train > Venice (3 Nights)

All aboard the express train for Venice. Marvel at the scenery as you pass through the Apennine Mountains and across the Veneto plain. It takes just over two hours to reach Venice, its ornate Gothic and Renaissance palaces beautifully reflected in the Venetian lagoon. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making on Giudecca Island. Later consider a gondola ride along enchanting canals. **(BB)**

Hotel: Boscolo Bellini

8 Venice Orientation

Savour the sights and sounds of this sublime island city as you cruise to St. Mark's Square by private launch. See the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and Campanile as well as the Doge's Palace on your orientation of the city. Spend free time afterwards exploring on your own. Relax and experience 'la dolce vita' at a pavement cafe. You might like to cruise to an island in the lagoon for a delicious meal. **(BB)**

9 Secret Venice Walking Tour and visit to the Rialto Food Market

Your **Local Specialist** brings the city's rich heritage to life. Cross the Rialto Bridge and visit the ancient food market. Wander through the narrow streets and see the house of Marco Polo and other interesting and beautiful works of art. See the sights of your choice afterwards, then celebrate in the evening with your companions at a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)**

10 Depart Venice

Say 'arrivederci' to Italy and your fellow travellers as this fascinating holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

VATICAN EXPERIENCE PRIVATE TOUR AND EXCLUSIVE DINNER

In the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum, enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner.

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The itinerary was perfect for our family, being guided through the highlights of each city, with time to explore on our own.

Brian, from Canada, 2016, Contrasts of Italy”

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
MO 24 APR	WE 03 MAY	3775	MO 24 JUL	WE 02 AUG	3575
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MO 01 MAY	WE 10 MAY	3775	MO 07 AUG	WE 16 AUG	3475
MO 08 MAY	WE 17 MAY	3850	MO 14 AUG	WE 23 AUG	3475
MO 15 MAY	WE 24 MAY	3850	MO 21 AUG	WE 30 AUG	3475
MO 22 MAY	WE 31 MAY	3850	MO 28 AUG	WE 06 SEP	3650
MO 29 MAY	WE 07 JUN	3850			
MO 05 JUN	WE 14 JUN	3850	MO 04 SEP	WE 13 SEP	3850
MO 12 JUN	WE 21 JUN	3850	MO 11 SEP	WE 20 SEP	3850
MO 19 JUN	WE 28 JUN	3850	MO 18 SEP	WE 27 SEP	3850
MO 26 JUN	WE 05 JUL	3825	MO 25 SEP	WE 04 OCT	3850
MO 03 JUL	WE 12 JUL	3650	MO 02 OCT	WE 11 OCT	3775
MO 10 JUL	WE 19 JUL	3650	MO 09 OCT	WE 18 OCT	3775
MO 17 JUL	WE 26 JUL	3575	MO 16 OCT	WE 25 OCT	3775

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$1120 p.p.**
Exceptions from **03-Jul** to **28-Aug**: **A\$1000 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$130 p.p.**

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Shared Rooming: Guaranteed Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am.

Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$76 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

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OR Insider Experience
WR Welcome Reception
FT Free time

BB Buffet Breakfast
FB Full Breakfast
L Lunch

RM Regional Meal
BG Be My Guest Dining
D Dinner

DW Dinner with Wine
FD Farewell Dinner



ITALY BELLISSIMO

11 days - 2 countries

Code: ITBE

FROM **A\$3525** pp*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

The beauty and grace of Italy is a kaleidoscope of colours, fragrances and tastes, explored on a trip that ventures from the interior to the coast, and the sultry, sun-soaked island of Capri. Stay in an old Franciscan convent in the birthplace of St Francis, Assisi. The convent was originally built for pilgrims to this peaceful hillside town, but its stone walls now hold slick modern décor.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE**10 nights**
Hotel accommodation**15 meals**
10 hot buffet breakfasts
5 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
(including return Capri cruise)
All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

Join the Callistri family at their 'borgo' in the Hamlet of Limonaia for a delicious Italian meal, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan convent in nearby Santa Maria degli Angeli. Enjoy a stay at the romantic Grande Albergo Ausonia & Hungaria which opened in 1907 on the exclusive Lido di Venezia

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite crafts of inlaid wood in Sorrento glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Pompeii ▶ Capri ▶ Assisi
▶ Florence

Orientation of Venice ▶ Siena

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the amazing Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and the Roman Colosseum in Rome ▶ the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino ▶ the excavations at Pompeii ▶ St. Francis Basilica in Assisi

Cruise to the beautiful Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ Benedictine Abbey in Monte Cassino ▶ the Faraglioni Rocks on the Isle of Capri ▶ the Byzantine St Mark's Basilica ▶ Santa Croce Basilica ▶ Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ the Duomo

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ITALY**VENICE****MONTECATINI**

Pisa

Florence

Perugia

Siena

ASSISI**ROME**

Cassino

Naples

Pompeii

Sorrento

ISLE OF CAPRI

ITINERARY

- Arrive Rome** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome, capital of Italy. Relax after check-in, or take a leisurely stroll through the city's ancient streets. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. Enjoy an evening orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica - the perfect introduction to your holiday. **(WR) Hotel: Grand Tiberio**
- Rome Sightseeing** 
Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later visit St. Peter's Basilica to see the famous Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. Visit inside the impressive Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus, where chariot races were once held. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- Rome ▶ Cassino ▶ Pompeii ▶ Sorrento ▶ Isle of Capri** (2 Nights) 
Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Cassino in the valley below the Abbey. Visit the excavations at Pompeii - buried for centuries beneath volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD - with commentary from your **Local Specialist**. In Sorrento enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into fine local craftsmanship at an inlaid wood demonstration. Cruise across the Bay of Naples to the beautiful Isle of Capri, your home for the next two nights. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Regina Cristina**
- Capri Orientation** 
Your walking orientation of Capri town includes views of the Marina Piccola with a **Local Specialist**. Admire the legendary Piazzetta, the centre of local life. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps explore the coast of this pretty island by private motor launch. **(BB)**
- Isle of Capri ▶ Naples ▶ Perugia ▶ Assisi** 
Sail back across the Mediterranean to 'Bella Napoli'. Drive through Naples and north via Latium to Perugia, the capital of the Umbria region. Here experience a **Cultural Insight** involving Italian weaving history at TreadRight and Join Trafalgar Heritage Initiative project Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti. This is one of the few remaining traditional wooden frame hand-weaving workshops in Italy. Later arrive in Assisi and dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Cenacolo Authentic Accommodation**
- Assisi Sightseeing ▶ Venice** (2 Nights) 
This morning after breakfast your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, famous for its frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. Travel through scenic countryside towards Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Tonight you might want to join an Optional Experience to start discovering this unique place. **(BB) Hotel: Grande Albergo Ausonia and Hungaria Authentic Accommodation**

7 Venice Orientation 
Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. This afternoon explore on your own, shop for souvenirs or perhaps take a cruise across the lagoon for a delicious meal. **(BB)**

8 Venice ▶ Pisa ▶ Montecatini (Tuscan Hills) (2 Nights)
This morning travel to Pisa to view the famous Leaning Tower. Later arrive in the spa-resort of Montecatini in Tuscany, your home for the next two nights. **(BB) Hotel: Minerva Palace**

9 Florence Excursion 
Your day excursion to the Renaissance city of Florence is incredible. Your **Local Specialist** shows you all the sights including views of the marble Duomo and magnificent Baptistery and visit Piazza della Signoria, with its statues and stunning palazzi. Free time afterwards is an opportunity to explore museums and art galleries. Shop for high-quality leather goods and 18-carat gold jewellery in Florentine boutiques. Join your companions later for an authentic Tuscan **Be My Guest** dining experience at a farmhouse set amid beautiful olive groves in the countryside. **(BB, BG)**

10 Montecatini (Tuscan Hills) ▶ Siena ▶ Rome
Discover Siena, a picturesque medieval town in the heart of Tuscany, famous for the biannual Palio horse race. Admire the architecture on Piazza del Campo as you sip a cool drink at a pavement café. Shop for unique local pottery before returning to Rome. Join your companions this evening and celebrate the end of your holiday with a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

11 Depart Rome
After breakfast say farewell to Italy and your newfound friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery. Airport transfers are available to Fiumicino airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

JOIN TRAFALGAR TRAVEL TODAY, SUSTAIN TOMORROW

Alliance for Artisan Enterprise, Perugia
You'll discover the history of Italian hand-weaving during a private demonstration, and see how your visit helps preserve this traditional art form.

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PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
SA 01 APR	TU 11 APR	3595	TH 13 JUL	SU 23 JUL	3525
TH 06 APR	TU 16 APR	3595	SA 15 JUL	TU 25 JUL	3525
SA 08 APR	TU 18 APR	3595	TH 20 JUL	SU 30 JUL	3525
TH 13 APR	SU 23 APR	3595	SA 22 JUL	TU 01 AUG	3525
SA 15 APR	TU 25 APR	3595	TH 27 JUL	SU 06 AUG	3525
TH 20 APR	SU 30 APR	3595	SA 29 JUL	TU 08 AUG	3525
SA 22 APR	TU 02 MAY	3595	TH 03 AUG	SU 13 AUG	3525
TH 27 APR	SU 07 MAY	3595	SA 05 AUG	TU 15 AUG	3525
SA 29 APR	TU 09 MAY	3650	TH 10 AUG	SU 20 AUG	3525
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SA 08 JUL	TU 18 JUL	3575	TH 19 OCT	SU 29 OCT	3595

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$720 p.p.**
Exceptions from **22-Jun to 26-Aug**: **A\$620 p.p.**

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): **A\$130 p.p.**

+ Special Rate Solo Rooming: These departures include 25-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see website for pricing.

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Cruise Connection: this trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Treadright: See pages 30-31 for details.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$109 per person.

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TRAVEL STYLE

At Leisure



ITALIAN CONCERTO

11 days - 2 countries

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10 nights
Hotel accommodation



14 meals
10 hot buffet breakfasts
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)



On-trip transport
All transport shown
(including return Capri cruise)
All transfers shown

The tragic story of Pompeii takes centre stage on this journey from Rome, past the trendy Amalfi Coast and north to Venice via Florence. Take a walking tour past the ruins of the Amphitheatre, Temple of Apollo and Basilica, and hear how the 79AD eruption of Mount Vesuvius destroyed the city, killing its inhabitants and burying it under tons of ash.

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

The Pazzi and de Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12th century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet, explore the castle dungeons, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING

A guided walking tour of Pompeii with a group size of no more than 25 guests

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Pompeii, Capri and Florence



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Pompeii ▶ Capri ▶ Florence

Orientation of Amalfi Town ▶ Venice

Visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome ▶ the ruins of Pompeii ▶ the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino

Cruise to the beautiful Isle of Capri ▶ private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites in Rome ▶ the Benedictine Abbey in Cassino ▶ the Duomo in Florence ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica

See the home of the d'Este family in Ferrara

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ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (3 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey, then meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later for a Welcome Reception. This evening, enjoy an orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica and the Tiber, a great introduction to this magical city. **(WR)**
Hotel: Villafranca

2 Rome Sightseeing and At Leisure

This morning join your **Local Specialist** to visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City and view Michelangelo's Pietà. Your sightseeing tour continues in ancient Rome. See the Circus Maximus where chariot races were once held. Visit inside the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own and see such sights in the ancient city as the Roman Forum and Trajan's Forum and Market. Walk up the Palatine Hill to the ruins of the Flavian Palace and see the House of Nero and the ruins of Trajan's baths. Perhaps also visit the imposing Castel Sant'Angelo built as a mausoleum for Emperor Hadrian. **(BB)**

3 Rome At Leisure

The day is yours to explore this wonderful city. Consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, site of the magnificent Villa d'Este. Visit museums, churches and gardens or simply experience 'la dolce vita' at a pavement café in one of the city's many piazzas. From the Vatican's arts and antiquities spanning centuries to the palaces down via Giulia, explore the city sights, your return visit to Rome secured by tossing a coin in the magnificent Trevi Fountain and making a wish. **(BB)**

4 Rome > Cassino > Pompeii > Amalfi Coast (Maiori) At Leisure (3 Nights)

Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Cassino in the valley below 6th century the Abbey. In Pompeii - buried for centuries when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD - enjoy a fascinating visit of the excavations during your **Small Group Sightseeing** tour exploring such sites as the Amphitheatre, Forum and Temple of Apollo. Arrive later at your hotel on the iconic Mediterranean Amalfi Coast where you dine tonight. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: San Pietro**

5 Amalfi Coast At Leisure

Your day is free to do as you please. Smell the scents of lemon and admire the coloured terrace houses and stunning sea views along this beautiful coast. Perhaps visit the splendid Villa Rufolo at Ravello or shop for souvenirs in the quaint cliffside towns of Positano and Atrani. After a day of sightseeing, spend the evening sipping limoncello while overlooking the glorious Bay of Salerno. **(BB)**

6 Amalfi Town and Isle of Capri Excursion

This morning your Travel Director takes you on an orientation tour of medieval Amalfi, featuring the spectacular 11th century Romanesque Cathedral of Sant'Andrea, the campanile and convent of Cappuccini. Later sail to the magical Island of Capri. Ascend to Capri Town by funicular railway for a guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist** including views of Marina Piccola and the famous Piazzetta. **(BB)**

7 Amalfi Coast (Maiori) > Florence

(2 Nights)

Travel north through Umbria and into scenic Tuscany before arriving in Florence. Tonight why not dine at one of the city's many trattorias. **(BB)**
Hotel: Ambasciatori

8 Florence Sightseeing and At Leisure

Florence is a beautiful city with a wealth of Renaissance treasures to discover. Your **Local Specialist** shows you all the main sights including views of the marble Duomo and Baptistery. Visit Piazza della Signoria, the centre of Florentine political life since the 14th century with its amazing sculptures and prominent Palazzo Vecchio overlooking the square. Join your companions this evening for an authentic **Be My Guest** dinner in a castle on a wine and olive oil estate. **(BB, BG)**

9 Florence > Ferrara > Venice (2 Nights)

Marvel at the breathtaking scenery on your journey across the Apennines via Bologna. In Ferrara see the family home of the notorious d'Este family. Arrive later in the sublime island city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic, where you stay for the next two nights. **(BB)**
Hotel: Principe/Amadeus

10 Venice Orientation and At Leisure

Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends. **(BB, FD)**

11 Depart Venice

Say 'arrivederci' to your companions as your memorable Italian holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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MO 12 JUN	TH 22 JUN	3675	MO 18 SEP	TH 28 SEP	3675
MO 19 JUN	TH 29 JUN	3675	MO 25 SEP	TH 05 OCT	3675
MO 26 JUN	TH 06 JUL	3695	MO 02 OCT	TH 12 OCT	3595
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MO 10 JUL	TH 20 JUL	3450	MO 16 OCT	TH 26 OCT	3595

Single Supplement (add to price above): **A\$1000 p.p.**

Exceptions from **26-Jun** to **14-Aug**: **A\$900 p.p.**

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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver A\$102 per person.

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We saw so much in a short amount of time, but did not feel rushed.




Mary, from USA, 2016,
Italian Concerto

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CRUISE CONNECTION

 Insider Experience
 Welcome Reception
 Free time

BB Buffet Breakfast
FB Full Breakfast
L Lunch

RM Regional Meal
BG Be My Guest Dining
D Dinner

DW Dinner with Wine
FD Farewell Dinner

ITINERARY

- Arrive Rome** (2 Nights) Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Spend the rest of your day relaxing or take a leisurely stroll around the city. Join your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception. Enjoy an orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica and other sights - a great introduction to this beautiful city. **(WR) Hotel: Una/Il Cantico Authentic Accommodation**
- Rome Sightseeing** Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a **Cultural Insight** in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. See the Circus Maximus where chariot races were held and visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- Rome > Cassino > Pompeii > Sorrento** (2 Nights) Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino and view the Benedictine Abbey. Your **Local Specialist** tells you all about the devastation caused by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79 during your walking tour of Pompeii. Arrive later at your hotel in Sorrento where you dine tonight. **(BB, DW) Hotel: La Residenza/Johanna Park**
- Isle of Capri Excursion** Witness the intricate art of inlaid woodwork, a **Cultural Insight** for which Sorrento is famous. Later embark on an included excursion by ferry to the Isle of Capri. Visit Capri Town and other sights during your tour with a **Local Specialist**. Spend time exploring this lovely island on your own. **(BB)**
- Sorrento > Assisi** Assisi is a mystical town perched on the slopes of Mount Subasio overlooking the peaceful Umbrian landscape. Under the protection of St. Francis this city is still enclosed by medieval ramparts. Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, famous for its frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. Spend time afterwards exploring on your own and shopping for souvenirs. Dine at your hotel this evening. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Cenacolo Authentic Accommodation**
- Assisi > Verona > Venice** (2 Nights) Today enjoy the glorious countryside and historic architecture of the Emilia Romagna region. This area is also renowned for its cuisine such as tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Travel to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, to admire the Roman arena and Juliet's Balcony. Arrive later in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Grande Albergo Ausonia and Hungaria Authentic Accommodation**
- Venice Orientation** Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Spend free time seeing the sights of your choice. You might like to cruise across the lagoon to the Island of Burano and enjoy a delicious meal. **(BB)**

- Venice > Milan > Lake Maggiore** (2 Nights) Cross the plains of Lombardy to Milan, the global capital of design and fashion. View the Duomo, La Scala Opera house and the famous Galleria during your orientation. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Siplon**
- Lake Como Excursion** Travel to the beautiful Lake Como with free time to explore or simply soak up the scenery. This evening take a private boat to an island on Lake Maggiore for a special **Be My Guest** dinner experience. **(BB, BG)**
- Lake Maggiore > Pisa > Florence** (2 Nights) Cross the Plains of Lombardy, the forested Apennine Mountains, and pass by Genoa to Pisa. View the extraordinary Leaning Tower before arriving in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Tonight you might like to sample some local Tuscan cuisine. **(BB) Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo/Adler Cavalieri**
- Florence Sightseeing** Your **Local Specialist** brings the city's rich history to life during your walking tour. View the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio and visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo. Spend free time exploring or shop for high-quality leather and gold. **(BB)**
- Florence > San Gimignano > Rome** This morning stop at the Tuscan hill town of San Gimignano which is famed for its medieval architecture and towers. The historic centre of the town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then return to the capital city. This evening in Rome join your Travel Director and new friends for a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**
- Depart Rome** Say 'arrivederci Roma' at the end of your memorable holiday in Italy. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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- Autumn, Winter, Spring (WTBO):** Departures marked in the price panel are subject to change in price, discount and hotel. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2017.
- Festive Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the Festive Season.
- Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 25-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see website for pricing

TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
TU 11 APR	SU 23 APR	4225	FR 18 AUG	WE 30 AUG	4095
FR 14 APR	WE 26 APR	4225	SU 20 AUG	FR 01 SEP	4095
SU 16 APR	FR 28 APR	4225	TU 22 AUG	SU 03 SEP	4125
TU 18 APR	SU 30 APR	4225	WE 23 AUG	MO 04 SEP	4125
FR 21 APR	WE 03 MAY	4225	FR 25 AUG	WE 06 SEP	4150
SU 23 APR	FR 05 MAY	4225	SU 27 AUG	FR 08 SEP	4150
TU 25 APR	SU 07 MAY	4275	TU 29 AUG	SU 10 SEP	4250
FR 28 APR	WE 10 MAY	4275	WE 30 AUG	MO 11 SEP	4250
SU 30 APR	FR 12 MAY	4295			
			FR 01 SEP	WE 13 SEP	4375
TU 02 MAY	SU 14 MAY	4295	SU 03 SEP	FR 15 SEP	4375
WE 03 MAY	MO 15 MAY	4295	TU 05 SEP	SU 17 SEP	4325
FR 05 MAY	WE 17 MAY	4295	WE 06 SEP	MO 18 SEP	4325
SU 07 MAY	FR 19 MAY	4295	FR 08 SEP	WE 20 SEP	4325
TU 09 MAY	SU 21 MAY	4295	SU 10 SEP	FR 22 SEP	4325
WE 10 MAY	MO 22 MAY	4295	TU 12 SEP	SU 24 SEP	4325
FR 12 MAY	WE 24 MAY	4295	WE 13 SEP	MO 25 SEP	4325
SU 14 MAY	FR 26 MAY	4295	FR 15 SEP	WE 27 SEP	4325
TU 16 MAY	SU 28 MAY	4295	SU 17 SEP	FR 29 SEP	4325
WE 17 MAY	MO 29 MAY	4295	TU 19 SEP	SU 01 OCT	4325
FR 19 MAY	WE 31 MAY	4295	WE 20 SEP	MO 02 OCT	4325
SU 21 MAY	FR 02 JUN	4295	FR 22 SEP	WE 04 OCT	4325
TU 23 MAY	SU 04 JUN	4295	SU 24 SEP	FR 06 OCT	4325
WE 24 MAY	MO 05 JUN	4295	TU 26 SEP	SU 08 OCT	4275
FR 26 MAY	WE 07 JUN	4295	FR 29 SEP	WE 11 OCT	4250
SU 28 MAY	FR 09 JUN	4295			
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FR 09 JUN	WE 21 JUN	4295	TU 17 OCT	SU 29 OCT	4225
SU 11 JUN	FR 23 JUN	4295	FR 20 OCT	WE 01 NOV	4225
TU 13 JUN	SU 25 JUN	4295	SU 22 OCT	FR 03 NOV	4150
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FR 16 JUN	WE 28 JUN	4295	FR 27 OCT	WE 08 NOV	4150
SU 18 JUN	FR 30 JUN	4295	SA 28 OCT	TH 09 NOV	3495
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SU 25 JUN	FR 07 JUL	4295	SA 18 NOV	TH 30 NOV	3395
TU 27 JUN	SU 09 JUL	4225	SA 25 NOV	TH 07 DEC	3395
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TU 04 JUL	SU 16 JUL	4175	TH 21 DEC	TU 02 JAN	3550
WE 05 JUL	MO 17 JUL	4175	SA 23 DEC	TH 04 JAN	3950
FR 07 JUL	WE 19 JUL	4150	TH 28 DEC	TU 09 JAN	3925
SU 09 JUL	FR 21 JUL	4150	SA 30 DEC	TH 11 JAN	3795
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SU 16 JUL	FR 28 JUL	4150	SA 20 JAN	TH 01 FEB	3395
TU 18 JUL	SU 30 JUL	4150	SA 27 JAN	TH 08 FEB	3395
WE 19 JUL	MO 31 JUL	4150			
FR 21 JUL	WE 02 AUG	4095	SA 03 FEB	TH 15 FEB	3395
SU 23 JUL	FR 04 AUG	4095	SA 10 FEB	TH 22 FEB	3425
TU 25 JUL	SU 06 AUG	4095	SA 17 FEB	TH 01 MAR	3425
WE 26 JUL	MO 07 AUG	4095	SA 24 FEB	TH 08 MAR	3425
FR 28 JUL	WE 09 AUG	4095			
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TU 01 AUG	SU 13 AUG	4095	SA 17 MAR	TH 29 MAR	3425
WE 02 AUG	MO 14 AUG	4095	SA 24 MAR	TH 05 APR	3875
FR 04 AUG	WE 16 AUG	4095	FR 30 MAR	WE 11 APR	3875
SU 06 AUG	FR 18 AUG	4095			
TU 08 AUG	SU 20 AUG	4095	SU 01 APR	FR 13 APR	3875
WE 09 AUG	MO 21 AUG	4095	TU 03 APR	SU 15 APR	4175
FR 11 AUG	WE 23 AUG	4095	WE 04 APR	MO 16 APR	4175
SU 13 AUG	FR 25 AUG	4095	FR 06 APR	WE 18 APR	3925
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WE 16 AUG	MO 28 AUG	4095			

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WINTER FESTIVE
Departures

CRUISE CONNECTION

AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION
on this trip

TRAVEL STYLE

At Leisure



ITALIAN GLORY

13 days - 2 countries

Code: ITGL

FROM **A\$4250** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



12 nights
Hotel accommodation



16 meals
12 hot buffet breakfasts
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)



On-trip transport
All transport shown
(including return Capri cruise)
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Enjoy local Tuscan cuisine with Count Miari Fulcis on his 15th century organic olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills, used as a location for many famous films like 'Room with a View' and 'Tea with Mussolini'

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING

A guided visit with a Local Specialist to the excavations in Pompeii in a group size of no more than 25 guests

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Milan, Venice, Florence, Capri, Pompeii and Rome

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Milan ▶ Venice ▶ Florence ▶ Capri ▶ Pompeii ▶ Rome

Visit the excavations at Pompeii ▶ St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Roman Colosseum

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice ▶ and to the Isle of Capri

View the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan ▶ scenic Lake Como ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice ▶ Juliet's Balcony in Verona ▶ the Duomo in Florence ▶ the ancient sites of Rome

See the Roman Arena in Verona ▶ the Abbey at Cassino

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From north to south, trace the Renaissance cities, lush countryside and ancient heritage of Italy's historic centres of Milan, Venice, Florence and Rome. Enjoy a leisurely break on the Amalfi Coast, exploring its medieval cliff-side fishing villages, café culture on the seaside promenade of Amalfi and a cruise to the elegant Isle of Capri to see the famous Piazzetta.



ITINERARY

- 1 Arrive Milan ▶ Como** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Milan - capital of the Lombardy region. Transfer to your hotel in Como. Unwind or take a leisurely stroll to see the exquisite villas and gardens. Meet your travel companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** **Hotel: Barchetta Excelsior**
- 2 Milan Excursion**
Today head to fashionable Milan, your **Local Specialist** shows you the impressive sights. View the Gothic cathedral, La Scala and the Galleria. **(BB)**
- 3 Como ▶ Verona ▶ Venice** (3 Nights)
See the Roman arena and Juliet's balcony in Verona, the setting of Shakespeare's most famous play. There's time to relax or shop on the Via Mazzini. Arrive later in the Renaissance city of Venice, your home for the next three nights. Consider a gondola ride this evening - the perfect introduction to this romantic city. **(BB)** **Hotel: Best Western Biasutti**
- 4 Venice Orientation and At Leisure**
Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore, or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Burano for some delicious local food. **(BB)**
- 5 Secret Venice Walking Tour and visit to the Rialto Food Market**
Cruise to Rialto Bridge where your **Local Specialist** brings the city to life during a walking tour. See how the locals shop for food and learn about some of the regional cuisine including the delicious seafood. Cross the Rialto Bridge and see the beautiful architecture including Marco Polo's house. **(BB)**
- 6 Venice ▶ Florence** (2 Nights)
Travel over the picturesque Apennine Mountains to the Renaissance city of Florence, nestled on the banks of the River Arno. **(BB)** **Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany**
- 7 Florence Sightseeing and At Leisure**
Learn about Florence's artistic heritage during a walking tour with your **Local Specialist**. View the multi-coloured Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio bridge, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Enjoy panoramic views of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. Spend free time shopping for high-quality leather and gold or consider an Optional Experience to the Fine Arts Academy to see Michelangelo's 'David'. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an authentic **Be My Guest** dinner at a family owned medieval villa with stunning views over the rolling Chianti hills. **(BB, BG)**
- 8 Florence ▶ Amalfi Coast (Maiori)** (3 Nights)
Drive south from Florence through the Arno Valley and past the Bay of Naples to your hotel in Maiori on the Amalfi coast. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: San Pietro**

9 Amalfi Coast At Leisure
Spend the day relaxing on this magnificent coastline. Sip a cappuccino, browse in the shops or perhaps take a dip in the Mediterranean - the choice is yours. **(BB)**

10 Amalfi Town and Isle of Capri Excursion
This morning visit the charming town of Amalfi to see the Romanesque church and other interesting sights. Later cruise to the Isle of Capri and continue to Capri Town by funicular railway. See the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Spend time exploring on your own. Perhaps visit the house of Dr. Axel Munthe or shop for souvenirs. **(BB)**

11 Amalfi Coast (Maiori) ▶ Pompeii ▶ Rome (2 Nights)
Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, leaving Pompeii covered for centuries by a layer of volcanic ash. Immerse yourself in the history of this partially buried ancient town during a **Small Group Sightseeing** guided walking tour. Later, enjoy views of the Benedictine Abbey in Cassino on the way to Rome. Tonight, consider an evening excursion in the city. **(BB)** **Hotel: Grand Tiberio**

12 Rome Sightseeing and At Leisure
This morning join your **Local Specialist** to visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City and view Michelangelo's Pietà. Your sightseeing tour continues in ancient Rome. See Circus Maximus where chariot races were held and visit inside the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(BB, FD)**

13 Depart Rome
Say 'arrivederci Roma' at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Milan	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Milan	End Rome	Twin Share
MO 10 APR SA	22 APR	4325	MO 17 JUL SA	29 JUL	4250
MO 17 APR SA	29 APR	4325	MO 24 JUL SA	05 AUG	4250
MO 24 APR SA	06 MAY	4325	MO 31 JUL SA	12 AUG	4250
MO 01 MAY SA	13 MAY	4395	MO 07 AUG SA	19 AUG	4250
MO 08 MAY SA	20 MAY	4395	MO 14 AUG SA	26 AUG	4250
MO 15 MAY SA	27 MAY	4395	MO 21 AUG SA	02 SEP	4295
MO 22 MAY SA	03 JUN	4395	MO 28 AUG SA	09 SEP	4395
MO 29 MAY SA	10 JUN	4395	MO 04 SEP SA	16 SEP	4395
MO 05 JUN SA	17 JUN	4395	MO 11 SEP SA	23 SEP	4395
MO 12 JUN SA	24 JUN	4395	MO 18 SEP SA	30 SEP	4395
MO 19 JUN SA	01 JUL	4395	MO 25 SEP SA	07 OCT	4295
MO 26 JUN SA	08 JUL	4395	MO 02 OCT SA	14 OCT	4295
MO 03 JUL SA	15 JUL	4395	MO 09 OCT SA	21 OCT	4295
MO 10 JUL SA	22 JUL	4395			

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David, from USA, 2016, Italian Glory



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CRUISE CONNECTION

Insider Experience **BB** Buffet Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine
WR Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner
 Free time **L** Lunch **D** Dinner



GRAND ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

17 days - 2 countries

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FROM **A\$4950** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

A leisurely 'viaggio' sees you traversing the length and breadth of Italy from the Italian Lakes in the north to the Amalfi Coast and 'trulli' limestone houses of Alberobello in the south. Travel to the Italian Riviera and explore the yachting lifestyle of Portofino, relax in Sorrento with a refreshing 'Limoncello' and see the sights in Venice, Florence and Rome.



YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

**16 nights**
Hotel accommodation**24 meals**
16 hot buffet breakfasts
8 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
(including return Capri cruise)
All transfers shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Meet Signor Luciano on his Alberobello farm where you can taste seasonal produce, including fresh almonds, cherries, tomatoes and olive oil, as well as enjoy a local stone masonry demonstration

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum. Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo and da Vinci at the Vatican Museums. Witness the exquisite crafts of inlaid wood in Sorrento and glassblowing on Murano Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

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City tour in Rome ▶ Alberobello ▶ Capri
▶ Pompeii ▶ Assisi ▶ Florence

Orientation of Siena ▶ Venice ▶ Alberobello

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Vatican Museums ▶ Sistine Chapel ▶ the Roman Colosseum ▶ the excavations at Pompeii ▶ St. Francis Basilica in Assisi

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice ▶ the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan ▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ Santa Croce Basilica ▶ the Duomo in Florence

Cruise to the Isle of Capri ▶ private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice ▶ cruise to the exclusive resort of Portofino

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ITINERARY

- Arrive Rome** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Unwind after your journey. Later enjoy a Welcome Reception with your companions and Travel Director. Then an orientation drive will give you a perfect introduction to the sights which await you. **(WR)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's
- Rome Sightseeing and Free Time**
This morning your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent Pietà. St. Peter's is a place of pilgrimage and is regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. See Circus Maximus where chariot races were once held and visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- Rome > Alberobello** (2 Nights)
Drive eastwards through the spectacular Campania Mountains to the Puglia region near the Adriatic coast. Enjoy dinner this evening at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Sierra Silvana**
- Alberobello Sightseeing**
See the UNESCO World Heritage listed conical limestone houses called 'trulli', during your guided tour with a **Local Specialist** in the town of Alberobello. This afternoon consider an Optional Experience to one of the geographical wonders that Puglia has to offer or relax at your hotel. This evening enjoy a special **Be My Guest** dinner in a traditional 'masseria' (farmhouse) in Alberobello. **(BB, BG)**
- Alberobello > Sorrento** (2 Nights)
This morning travel to the gorgeous coastal town of Sorrento famous for its delicious limoncello drink. Your orientation includes views of Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia. You will then have free time to explore the town. **(BB)** **Hotel: La Residenza**
- Isle of Capri Excursion**
Gain a **Cultural Insight** at an inlaid-wood workshop, followed by a cruise to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Your guided tour of Capri Town will show you the Piazzetta where the rich and famous sip their cappuccinos, and the many attractive streets around there. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)**
- Sorrento > Pompeii > Assisi**
Visit the excavations of the city of Pompeii, which lay buried for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Your **Local Specialist** provides insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue your journey through Umbria to arrive at Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Meet your **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of Assisi, including a visit to St. Francis' Basilica, featuring frescoes by Giotto. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Grand Dei Congressi**
- Assisi > Verona > Venice** (2 Nights)
This morning visit the fair city of Verona for views of Juliet's balcony and the Roman arena. Arrive later in the magical island city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. **(BB)** **Hotel: La Gare**
- Venice Orientation**
Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making this morning. View the Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica during your cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square. Spend free time shopping, or perhaps enjoy a local meal on the Island of Burano. **(BB)**

10 Venice > Trento

After a relaxed start, traverse the Veneto plains to Trento nestled in the Adige River valley surrounded by the Dolomites. The architecture of this city has a unique feel with both Italian Renaissance and Germanic influences. Enjoy free time to explore around Piazza Duomo before checking in to your hotel. **(BB)** **Hotel: Grand**

11 Trento > Milan > Italian Lakes

Enjoy a scenic drive through northern Italy and the Lake District. Arrive in Milan and enjoy free time after an orientation. See the Duomo, the Galleria and the famous La Scala Opera House. Later arrive on the shores of Lake Maggiore where you have free time to explore the town of Baveno. Stroll along the lake front or enjoy a drink at an outdoor café. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Simplon**

12 Italian Lakes > Santa Margherita

(2 Nights)
Today travel to the Italian Riviera. Cruise to the port of Portofino (weather permitting) before returning to your hotel in Santa Margherita. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Lido Palace**

13 Santa Margherita

Relax or explore this famous Ligurian resort. Or, consider joining an Optional Experience to the beautiful Cinque Terre. **(BB)**

14 Santa Margherita > Pisa > Florence

(2 Nights)
Travel south into Tuscany and stop to view the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then travel to the Renaissance city of Florence. When you arrive you might like to visit the Academy of Fine Arts and see Michelangelo's statue of David. **(BB)** **Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**

15 Florence Sightseeing

Your walking tour with a **Local Specialist** includes views of the magnificent Duomo, Santa Croce Basilica, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery. You might like to shop for high-quality leather and 18-carat gold, or simply relax and enjoy the atmosphere. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore this fascinating city. **(BB)**

16 Florence > Siena > Rome > Vatican Experience

Past the sprawling vineyards of Chianti you arrive at the medieval city of Siena. See the Piazza del Campo, scene of the bi-annual Palio horse races, and the Cathedral. This afternoon return to Rome. Gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where you will meet an official representative during your private guided tour of the Missionary Ethnological Museum. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this museum has a remarkable collection of artworks and historical relics from missions all over the world. Enjoy an exclusive Farewell Dinner at the museum amidst three centuries of Vatican art, history and antiquities. This will be followed by a guided evening tour of the Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**, including a visit to view Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded. **(BB, FD)**
Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici

17 Depart Rome

After breakfast, say 'arrivederci' to Rome and your new found friends at the end of your Grand Italian Experience. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
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				TH 14 SEP SA 30 SEP	5175
				TH 21 SEP SA 07 OCT	5175
				TH 28 SEP SA 14 OCT	5075
				TH 05 OCT SA 21 OCT	5075
				TH 12 OCT SA 28 OCT	5075

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- Insider Experience
- BB** Buffet Breakfast
- RM** Regional Meal
- DW** Dinner with Wine
- WR** Welcome Reception
- FB** Full Breakfast
- BG** Be My Guest Dining
- FD** Farewell Dinner
- Free time
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner



SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

10 days - 2 countries

Code: ITSCA

FROM **A\$2795** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE****9 nights**
Hotel accommodation**13 meals**
9 hot buffet breakfasts
4 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**
All transport shown
(including Capri cruise and ferry)
All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

Visit Maria Marano's wine farm at the foot of Mount Etna for a walking tour through the estate and cellars, and enjoy home-made appetisers accompanied by local wine

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Witness the exquisite craft of inlaid wood at a workshop in Sorrento

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Pompeii, Capri, Taormina, Agrigento, Palermo

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Pompeii ▶ Capri ▶ Taormina
▶ Agrigento ▶ Palermo

Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino ▶ the excavations at Pompeii ▶ the impressive ruins of the ancient Greek Theatre at Taormina ▶ the Temples of Concord and Juno at Agrigento ▶ the medieval town of Erice ▶ the Norman Cathedral at Monreale ▶ the fishing village of Mondello

View St Peter's Basilica in Rome ▶ the Benedictine Abbey at Monte Cassino ▶ the fortress town of Enna ▶ Palermo Cathedral

Cruise to the Isle of Capri

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Slow down to the languid pace of the south – hot winds, and even hotter locals both signs that you've arrived in a part of Italy that marches to its own tune. See the fiery splendours of Sicily revealed beneath the shadow of Italy's largest volcano, Mount Etna, where you will enjoy local wine tasting under the warm Sicilian sun.

1 ROME

Cassino

ITALY

Pompeii

2 SORRENTO

Isle of Capri

Mondello

2 PALERMO

Erice

Monreale

TAORMINA
(Giardini Naxos)

Enna

1 AGRIGENTO

ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or explore on your own. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. Enjoy an orientation drive through the city to see St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City, an independent state with some of the world's most extraordinary art and antiquities, and other sights – a perfect introduction to this beautiful city, the centre of which has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its ruins, imposing monuments, statues and fountains. **(WR) Hotel: Executive Style**

2 Rome ► Cassino ► Pompeii ► Sorrento (2 Nights)

From Rome, visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery to commemorate those who died in the huge battle here at the end of WWII, and view the Benedictine Abbey at Cassino, which was originally founded by Saint Benedict in the 6th century, making it one of Europe's oldest monasteries and a recognised centre of arts and culture. Next stop at the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. See such sites as the Amphitheatre, dating back to 80BC, and the Gymnasium which used to have a pool in the middle. You'll also see the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica. Arrive later at your hotel in Sorrento. **(BB) Hotel: Johanna Park**

3 Sorrento ► Isle Of Capri Excursion

Gain a **Cultural Insight** during a demonstration of the art of inlaid wood at a workshop in Sorrento. Take a ferry to the Isle of Capri, the isle of Sirens according to Greek mythology, and continue to Capri town by funicular railway. See the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist** and spend some time people watching at one of the local cafés. **(BB)**

4 Sorrento ► Taormina (Giardini Naxos) (3 Nights)

Drive south via Salerno and through Calabria. Take the ferry across the straits of Messina to the rugged and historic island of Sicily and to the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos near Taormina. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(BB, DW) Hotel: Sant Alphio Garden**

5 Taormina Sightseeing

Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Monte Tauro overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and the sub-tropical terraced gardens. Stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto with a 'gelsi' or 'gelato' and on to the Piazza for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Spend free time shopping for souvenirs and handmade lace on the Corso. **(BB)**

6 Taormina

Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax or see the sights of your choice. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. Tonight savour a delicious **Be My Guest** dinner at a beautiful Sicilian winery and restaurant overlooking Mount Etna. **(BB, BG)**

7 Taormina ► Enna ► Agrigento

Enjoy views of Enna on the way to Agrigento, where your **Local Specialist** takes you to visit the Valley of the Temples - the finest Greek sanctuary in Sicily. See the splendid Temple of Concord and the Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. **(BB) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace**

8 Agrigento ► Erice ► Mondello ► Palermo (2 Nights)

Travel to Erice and explore this famous hilltop medieval town in western Sicily with its cobbled streets, Norman Castles and stunning views of the sea, salt pans and wooded hillsides. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of the famed Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. Before arriving in Palermo, the Sicilian capital, visit the chic seaside resort of Mondello, a small seaside resort with a beautiful beach, popular with the elite Palermitans. **(BB) Hotel: Grand Hotel Garibaldi**

9 Palermo Sightseeing and Excursion to Monreale

Meet your **Local Specialist** this morning for a sightseeing tour of Palermo. See The Opera House of Palermo and the Cathedral. Travel to the town of Monreale for views of La Conca d'Oro and explore the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Later join your companions and celebrate with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. **(BB, FD)**

10 Depart Palermo

Say 'arrivederci' to Sicily and your newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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FB Full Breakfast
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D Dinner

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15 days - 2 countries

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FROM **A\$4575** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE****14 nights**

Hotel accommodation

**20 meals**14 hot buffet breakfasts
6 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**All transport shown
(including overnight cruise, ferry
and return Capri cruise)
All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

Visit Maria Marano's wine farm at the foot of Mount Etna for a walking tour through the estate and cellars, and enjoy home-made appetisers accompanied by the local wine

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Enjoy a private guided tour and exclusive dinner in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities at the Vatican's Missionary Ethnological Museum. Witness the exquisite crafts of inlaid wood in Sorrento and glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

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Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Roman Colosseum ▶ St. Francis Basilica ▶ the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino ▶ the excavations at Pompeii ▶ the Norman Cathedral at Monreale ▶ the fishing village of Mondello ▶ the Valley of the Temples ▶ the Isle of Capri ▶ the amazing Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

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ITALY

VENICE

2

Pisa

1

FLORENCE

1

ASSISI

ROME

2

1

Cassino

Naples

Pompeii

2

SORRENTO

Isle of Capri



Mondello

1

Monreale

PALERMO

1

SICILY

TAORMINA

2

(Giardini Naxos)

ITINERARY

- Arrive Rome** (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Spend the day relaxing. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for a Welcome Reception. Then an orientation drive will give you a perfect introduction to the sights which await you. **(WR)**
Hotel: Villafranca
- Rome Sightseeing** 
This morning your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent Pietà. St. Peter's is a place of pilgrimage and is regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. See Circus Maximus where chariot races were once held and visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- Rome > Pisa > Florence**
This morning, travel to the town of Pisa and visit the Square of Miracles, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at the incredible Leaning Tower and see the medieval Cathedral and Romanesque Baptistery. You will arrive later in the Renaissance city of Florence. **(BB)** **Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo**
- Florence Sightseeing and Free Time > Venice** (2 Nights) 
Experience the incredible sights on your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. View the magnificent Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, Santa Croce Basilica and visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy some free time before driving to the floating city of Venice. This evening, why not appreciate this elegant city from the comfort of a gondola? **(BB)** **Hotel: Best Western Biasutti**
- Venice Orientation** 
Your cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square is spectacular. View the Bridge of Sighs and the ornate Doge's Palace. Gain a **Cultural Insight** when you watch Venetian craftsmen at work creating masterpieces at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. Spend free time shopping or relaxing. Consider a boat trip to the colourful island of Burano for a delicious meal. **(BB)**
- Venice > Assisi** 
Drive south from Venice to Umbria, the green heart of Italy. Later, in the spiritual city of Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio, visit St. Francis' Basilica on your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Grand Dei Congressi**
- Assisi > Cassino > Pompeii > Naples > At Sea** 
This morning, stop at Cassino to visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery and view the Benedictine Abbey. Arrive later at the ancient city of Pompeii which was buried beneath volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD, and lay undiscovered for centuries. Your **Local Specialist** gives a fascinating account of the excavations during your walking tour. A short journey brings you to Naples for your overnight cruise to Palermo, Sicily's capital. **(BB)**
- At Sea > Palermo** 
Arrive this morning in the Sicilian capital, Palermo. Meet your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour of the city which includes the honey-coloured cathedral and Piazza Bellini. Travel to the town of Monreale and visit the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Admire views

of the Conca d'Oro before continuing your journey to visit the beautiful fishing village of Mondello. Return to Palermo this afternoon. **(BB)**
Hotel: Mercure Centro

- Palermo > Agrigento** 
In Agrigento, your **Local Specialist** takes you on a tour of the Valley of the Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage site is home to five ancient Greek temples dating from the 6th century BC. These are some of the grandest Grecian remains outside Athens. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)**
Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace
- Agrigento > Taormina (Giardini Naxos)** (2 Nights)
Travel through the vineyards of the southern hills towards the seaside resort of Taormina, your home for the next two nights. On arrival enjoy free time to explore the sights. **(BB)**
Hotel: Sant Alipho Garden
- Taormina Free Time** 
Spend the day relaxing in this fun Sicilian resort. Perhaps swim and sunbathe or shop for handmade lace on the Corso. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Savoca, the village made famous by 'The Godfather', and the crater of Sicily's active volcano, Mount Etna, widely regarded as one of the most impressive in the world. This evening, join your companions for a special **Be My Guest** dinner in a vineyard close to Mount Etna. **(BB, BG)**
- Taormina (Giardini Naxos) > Sorrento** (2 Nights)
Cross the Straits of Messina to mainland Italy by ferry, driving north through rustic Calabria via Salerno to your hotel in Sorrento. Tonight, relax at your hotel and take in the scenery. **(BB, DW)**
Hotel: La Residenza
- Isle of Capri Excursion** 
Visit an inlaid-wood workshop for a **Cultural Insight** into a local speciality craft. Take a short cruise to the charming Isle of Capri, and enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri Town with a **Local Specialist**. Appreciate views across the sea and Marina Piccola. Spend free time afterwards exploring this charming island on your own. Later return to Sorrento - famous for the alcoholic digestive Limoncello. Visit Piazza Tasso, with its many cafés, and shop in boutiques on the Corso Italia. **(BB)**
- Sorrento > Rome > Vatican Experience** 
Admire the spectacular coastline as you drive north from Sorrento. This afternoon, gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where a **Local Specialist** will take you on a guided tour. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and join an official representative of the Vatican Museums for a private guided tour of the Missionary Ethnological Museum, founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, with its remarkable collection of artworks and historical relics from missions all over the world. You'll also enjoy an exclusive Farewell Dinner at the museum in the midst of three centuries of art, history and antiquities. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**
- Depart Rome**
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FR 02 JUN	FR 16 JUN	4675	FR 08 SEP	FR 22 SEP	4695
FR 09 JUN	FR 23 JUN	4675	FR 15 SEP	FR 29 SEP	4695
FR 16 JUN	FR 30 JUN	4675	FR 22 SEP	FR 06 OCT	4695
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- BG** Be My Guest Dining
- FD** Farewell Dinner
-  Free time
- L** Lunch
- D** Dinner



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PER PERSON TWIN SHARE**YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE****9 nights**

Hotel accommodation

**14 meals**9 hot buffet breakfasts
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(including ferry)
All transfers shown**YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES****BE MY GUEST**

Eight generations and plenty of stories to tell. Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Landi family at their home near Siena, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public

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YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Venice ▶ Delphi ▶ Athens

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and the Roman Colosseum in Rome ▶ Piazza Michelangelo ▶ Piazza della Signoria in Florence ▶ the monasteries of Meteora ▶ Temple of Apollo in Delphi ▶ Acropolis ▶ Acropolis Museum in Athens

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ the Duomo and Baptistery in Florence ▶ the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica in Venice ▶ the Parthenon ▶ Royal Palace ▶ the Temple of Zeus in Athens

See Hadrian's Arch in Athens

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ITINERARY

1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or perhaps take a stroll through this historic city. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive which will take you to view the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica - a perfect start to your holiday. **(WR)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

2 Rome Sightseeing

With a **Local Specialist** visit St. Peter's Basilica and view Michelangelo's Pietà. See the Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**

3 Rome Sightseeing > Florence

This morning visit the Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**. Experience a **Cultural Insight** when you ascend Bramante's smooth and step-less spiral staircase. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling when you visit the Sistine Chapel. Later, drive north through picturesque scenery to the Renaissance city of Florence in Tuscany. Tonight enjoy a **Be My Guest** dinner in the Chianti countryside. **(BB, BG)**
Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

4 Florence Sightseeing > Venice

(2 Nights) 
Your **Local Specialist** reveals Florence's rich cultural heritage during your walking tour. Visit Piazza della Signoria, with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the marble Duomo and the famous Baptistery, renowned for its bronze doors with relief sculptures and the Ponte Vecchio. Travel through the Apennines and cross the Veneto plains to Venice. This evening, you might like to take a gondola ride along enchanting canals - it's the perfect introduction to this magical city. **(BB)**
Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

5 Venice Orientation

Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. This afternoon consider taking an Optional Experience to one of the islands in the lagoon. **(BB)**


6 Venice > Overnight Ferry

Travel south to the ancient port city of Ancona to board your overnight ferry to mainland Greece. **(BB, D)**

7 Igoumenitsa > Meteora > Kalambaka

Arrive early into the port of Igoumenitsa and travel along the foothills of the Athamanika mountains before arriving at the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora. These are some of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece. Visit two of the six monasteries built on sandstone rocks above the town with your **Local Specialist**. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, D)** **Hotel: Amalia/Grand Meteora**

8 Kalambaka > Delphi > Athens

(2 Nights) 
Drive south towards Mount Parnassos and tour Delphi with your **Local Specialist**. See the site of the most important oracle in the classical world and walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo dating from the 5th century. It was here that every four years athletes competed in the Pythian Games, which were dedicated to Apollo and the Arts. Later arrive in Athens. **(BB)** **Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/Metropolitan**

9 Athens Sightseeing

Classical Athens was a centre for the arts, learning and philosophy, and is widely seen as the cradle of Western Civilisation and the birthplace of democracy. Discover the rich heritage during your morning sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. Marvel at the Agora, the Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus. *Your choice of sightseeing* includes a visit to Acropolis to view the Parthenon or entry to the spectacular Acropolis Museum containing remarkable antiquities. See Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. Spend the rest of the day as you wish. In the evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner to celebrate the end of your trip. **(BB, FD)**

10 Depart Athens

Say goodbye to your fellow travellers and Travel Director after an unforgettable journey or **join a 4-day Aegean Cruise, for more information see below**. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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SA 22 APR	MO01 MAY	3395	SA 22 JUL	MO31 JUL	3625
SA 29 APR	MO08 MAY	3450	SA 29 JUL	MO07 AUG	3625
SA 06 MAY	MO15 MAY	3450	SA 05 AUG	MO14 AUG	3625
SA 13 MAY	MO22 MAY	3450	SA 12 AUG	MO21 AUG	3625
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Airport transfers: On arrival to Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Complimentary departure transfers will be available for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Athens hotel booked by Trafalgar.

Cruise Connection: This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A\$99 per person.

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Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra nights' accommodation page 250.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

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A 4-day Aegean cruise is available to join at the end of the Best of Italy and Greece itinerary. On the morning of Day 10, guests will be transferred from their hotel to the port of Athens to embark the cruise.

10 Embark > Mykonos

Board your ship in Athens. Cruise to the island of Mykonos and spend time discovering the town and sparkling beaches. **(BB, L, D)**

11 Kusadasi > Patmos

Arrive early at the port of Kusadasi in Turkey - there is time to take an Optional Experience to Ephesus. Continue on to Patmos, with an optional experience to the cave where the Book of Revelation was written. **(BB, L, D)**

12 Rhodes

Arrive in Rhodes. Explore the fascinating medieval Old Town or join an optional experience to visit Lindos, featuring the Acropolis with stunning coastal views. **(BB, L, D)**

13 Heraklion > Santorini

Sail to Heraklion on the island of Crete, then cruise to the spectacular volcanic island of Santorini. Maybe explore Fira and Oia, where people flock just to see the sunset! **(BB, L, D)**

14 Disembark > Athens

This morning, disembark from your ship for your transfer to the airport. **(BB)**

Flights: Onward flights from Athens airport should not be scheduled before 11am.

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