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# BEST OF ITALY

## Day 1 VENICE – ARRIVAL

### GUIDED WALKING TOUR AND GONDOLA RIDE

Arrival on your own at your hotel and check-in. In the afternoon meet the Tour leader in the hotel lobby and head out on a walking tour to discover the beauty of Venice, known as "La Serenissima". Combining must-see sites and hidden corners, your guide will take you to the heart of the city in just two hours; giving you a broad overview of the history, culture and character of the Floating City. At the conclusion of your tour, your local insider will leave you in the expert hands of a professional gondolier for a half-hour excursion through the romantic city's canals. Sit back and enjoy exploring the city as it is meant to be seen – from the water. Overnight at your hotel.

## Day 2 VENICE - FLORENCE

### GUIDED WALKING TOUR & FLORENTINE STYLE STEAK DINNER

After breakfast, visit a Murano glass factory, where you will see a glass master performing with the glass blowing technique and the sculpture technique and learn about this ancient art. Rest of the morning at leisure in the City of Canals. Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. In the afternoon board the high-speed train to Florence, the Cradle of Renaissance. Arriving at your destination, you will take a walking tour of the city, including: Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), with its dazzling jewelers. Portico of the Galleria degli Uffizi to Piazza della Signoria, the magnificent Florence Cathedral, "Santa Maria del Fiore" to admire its dome, a masterpiece by Brunelleschi. In front of the Cathedral, the Baptistery with its golden bronze doors "Gates of Paradise", narrate biblical scenes related to baptism. Transfer to your hotel. Then enjoy an exclusive and traditional dinner in the heart of Florence with the famous Florentine-style T-bone steak, "Bistecca Fiorentina" Overnight at your hotel.

## Day 3 FLORENCE

### SIENA - CHIANTI REGION- SAN GIMIGNANO

After breakfast the adventure in Tuscany begins! Siena, Chianti and San Gimignano, tour with lunch and wine tasting, a fully guided excursion to discover the beauty of Tuscany and visit its enchanting medieval villages. Discover the beautiful art city of Siena, famous for the Palio of Siena, a competition of horses of medieval origin that every year takes place in the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo. The Cathedral of Siena is a masterpiece of the Italian roman-gothic art, along with La Torre del Mangia that dominates the city center. After the tour, enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace, visit "le botteghe", shops of typical products. On the way to the Chianti region, admire the unique Tuscan landscapes. Fall in love with marvelous postcard views of sweet hills, cypresses, olive trees, vineyards and typical stone

houses. Typical lunch at a Tuscan family owned wine estate where you will have time to relax and enjoy a wine tasting.

After lunch you will reach San Gimignano, a Tuscan town famous for its medieval towers, 72 at its time of splendor, today it has only

14. You will have free time to explore the main street full of shops of excellent local products. Overnight at your hotel.

## Day 4 FLORENCE

### DAY AT LEISURE

Or suggested – optional tours to make the most of your visit and explore the treasures of the city: The famous Galleria degli Uffizi, which contains one of the most important art collections in the world and the Galleria dell'Accademia where you can admire the original statue of Michelangelo's David. Alternatively you could choose a tour to visit "Cinque Terre", or a visit to another Tuscan city. Overnight at your hotel.

## Day 5 FLORENCE - NAPLES - SORRENTO

### POMPEII GUIDED TOUR

You'll start your journey early in the morning and board your high-speed train to Naples. After about 3 hours ride, you'll reach Naples. Then you will transfer to the excavations of the Archaeological Park of Pompeii where an expert guide will show you the dramatic history of the Roman city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Once the tour is over, you will head to the Sorrento hotel with a private transfer. Check-in at the hotel. Find your luggage already delivered to your room. Overnight at your hotel.

### CAPRI

## DAY 6 SORRENTO

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day excursion on the enchanting Isle of Capri. Transfer to the Sorrento pier and reach Capri. Upon arrival at the port of Marina Grande begin your trip around the Island by boat. You will be able to admire the welcoming statue of the "Scugnizzo", Tiberius' leap, Coral, Green and White Grotto, natural arches and cliffs that rise in the sapphire waters that surround the island, Siren's rock, Punta Carena Lighthouse, and if sea and weather conditions permit, also the famous Blue Grotto (The visit inside the sea cave by row boat is not included in the price of the trip, and must be purchased separately at the entrance to the Blue Grotto). After returning to Marina Grande a minibus will take you up to reach Ana Capri and the " Piazzetta" for spectacular views. There you will have free time to live the 'très chic' atmosphere of Capri. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 7 SORRENTO

### AMALFI COASTLINE CRUISE

The day begins with a transfer to the Port of Sorrento for a full day cruise and tour down the Amalfi Coast. Enjoy a scenic ride along the coast line from Sorrento to Amalfi passing



through Positano, the Pearl of the Coast. Stop in Positano, and spend some free time exploring and visiting the colorful boutiques and have lunch near the marina. In the early afternoon continue to Amalfi, another jewel of the Costiera with the Cathedral of "Sant' Andrea", which overlooks the small bay and with houses built on the terraces of the hills overlooking the sea. Return to Sorrento at sunset. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 8 SORRENTO – ROME

### HOP-ON-HOP-OFF TICKET. GUIDED WALKING TOUR \*

After breakfast in Sorrento depart by private transfer to Naples train station and board the high-speed train to Rome. Upon your arrival in the Eternal City take advantage of the Hop-on Hop-Off bus ticket to get a panoramic tour of top sights such as the Colosseum and Roman Forums. Continue with the walking tour "Highlights of Rome" to discover the Baroque Rome, and admire Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, an ancient pagan temple transformed into a church. Transfer back to your hotel for check-in. Find your luggage already delivered to your room. Overnight.

## Day 9 ROME

### OPTIONAL GUIDED TOUR OF THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND THE SISTINE CHAPEL\*. FAREWELL DINNER

In the morning OPTIONAL visit of the Vatican Museums that treasures rich collections of art from all periods with masterpieces such as the Last Judgment by Michelangelo Buonarroti in the Sistine Chapel. In the evening transfer and farewell dinner in the famous Trastevere, a bohemian neighborhood on the other side of the river Tiber, home of artists and creatives, a meeting point for both Romans and visitors to live "una serata romana". Transfer back to your hotel and Overnight.

## Day 10 ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. End of services.





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## INCLUSIONS

- Worry-free luggage service (1 piece per passenger)
- Professional English and French speaking Tour Director for the entire duration of the tour
- 9 nights in Centrally located 4\*\*\*\* hotels
- 9 continental buffet breakfasts
- Bistecca dinner in Florence
- High-speed train ticket first class from Venice to Florence, from Florence to Naples and from Naples to Rome
- Transfer from Naples to Sorrento and back

### INCLUDED EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES:

Walking tour with glass factory visit and Gondola ride in Venice; Guided walking tour in Florence; San Gimignano, Siena & Chianti excursion; Guided visit of Pompeii excavations; Capri & Amalfi Coast excursion; Hop on Hop Off Ticket 24h in Rome; Walking tour of Baroque Rome; Farewell dinner

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ **WORRY-FREE LUGGAGE SERVICE (1 PIECE PER PASSENGER)**
- ✓ **GUIDED WALKING TOUR AND GONDOLA RIDE IN VENICE**
- ✓ **GUIDED WALKING TOUR & "BISTECCA" DINNER IN FLORENCE**
- ✓ **SIENA - CHIANTI - SAN GIMIGNANO FULL DAY EXCURSION**
  - ✓ **POMPEII RUINS GUIDED TOUR**
  - ✓ **CAPRI FULL DAY EXCURSION**
- ✓ **AMALFI. COASTLINE CRUISE FULL DAY EXCURSION**
- ✓ **24 HOURS HOP-ON-HOP-OFF TICKET IN ROME**
- ✓ **GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF BAROQUE ROME**
- ✓ **FAREWELL DINNER**

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### 2025 GROUP GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

MAY	01	08	15	22	29
JUNE	05	12	19	26	
JULY	03	10	17	24	31
AUGUST		07	14	21	28
SEPTEMBER	04	11	18	25	
OCTOBER	02	09			

4**** HOTEL OR EQUIVALENT CATEGORY		
VENICE	1 NIGHTS	PRINCIPE OR AMADEUS
FLORENCE	3 NIGHTS	ALLEGRO SANGALLO
SORRENTO	3 NIGHTS	GIOSUE' A MARE
ROMA	2 NIGHTS	THE GUARDIAN

