



## **Renaissance By Train – 8 Days (#18965)**

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **13-10-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### **Overview**

Experience the heart of Italy from Rome to Florence and Venice, with an optional Milan extension. This option highlights the ease and scenic beauty of train travel.

### **Trip Highlights**

Rome - Florence - Venice

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 01: Arrive Rome**

Welcome to Rome! You will reach your hotel with a driver from the airport. The rest of the day is at leisure. We suggest a casual walk in the stunning city centre. You can visit the famous Trevi Fountain: close your eyes, throw a coin over your



right shoulder straight into the water... the legend has it that if you do so, you are guaranteed a return to Rome! Maybe walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the view of the Pantheon, the only ancient Roman temple that remained standing as it was through the centuries. Why not, reach Piazza Navona and take pictures of the Fountain of the Four Rivers by Bernini: the legend says that the famous Baroque sculptor positioned the Rio de la Plata River as if the statue were covering its eyes, so it does not have to look at the facade of the adjacent Sant'Agnese Church designed by his rival Borromini. To know more details about the history of these outstanding sights private guided tours with one of our professional guides are possible. The package includes a dinner in a must-visit neighbourhood in Rome: Trastevere. It is one of the cores of the Roman nightlife, bustling and busy with pubs, restaurants, and clubs for all ages. You will have the opportunity to dine in a typical Roman trattoria and discover culinary traditions dating back in time. No worries: we transfer you to the restaurant and will take care of the reservation! Return to your hotel on your own for your overnight stay.

**Day 02**

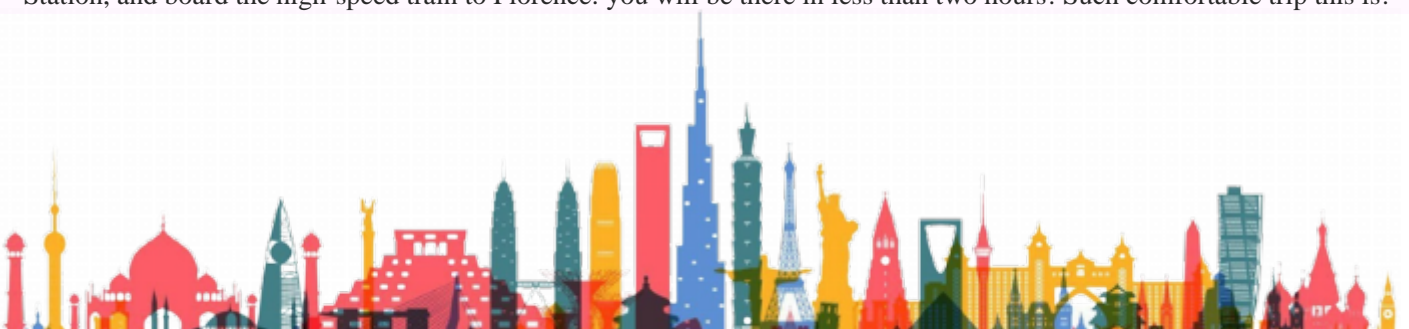
**Day 02: Rome**

You will finally visit the Vatican Museums and the Coliseum. After breakfast at your hotel, wait for our driver to come and pick you up. You'll reach the Vatican City for our exclusive Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica Skip-the-line Guided Tour. No trip to Rome is complete without a visit to the Vatican Museums. These galleries contain some of the most famous works of art in the world, including works by artists including Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Raphael and Giotto. The 54th gallery of the Vatican Museums is the famed Sistine Chapel. Completed around 1483, the Sistine Chapel is arguably the most famous chapel in the world due to its famous frescoes including the ceiling and The Final Judgement by Michelangelo. The chapel is also still used for religious purposes such as the Papal Conclave – the process through which a new Pope is chosen. Free time for lunch (not included). In the afternoon, you will join our professional guide to access the Coliseum. This was once the most famous meeting place in the world holding 50,000-80,000 spectators. Inside, breathe in the Coliseum's bloody past brought to life again by your guide. Leaving the Colosseum, you will see the magnificent Arch of Constantine before arriving at the excavated ruins of the Roman Forum archaeological site, where many structures remain intact to this day. Finally, on Palatine Hill you will learn about the legend of Romulus and Remus. One legend suggests this is how Rome was named for Romulus. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city at your leisure. Overnight stay.

**Day 03**

**Day 03: Rome-Florence**

Wake up in the morning at your centrally located hotel and meet your driver after breakfast. You will easily reach Termini Station, and board the high-speed train to Florence: you will be there in less than two hours! Such comfortable trip this is!



Don't miss out on the spectacular Italian landscape from your train window as the train heads toward the capital city of the amazing Tuscany. Once in Florence you will check in at your hotel and enjoy some free time. In the afternoon you will meet your expert local guide so you will be in good hands exploring the amazing architecture of this city. Florence has an important role in the civilization of the Western world and Italy. It is visited because of its beauty and known for the amazing art and architecture. It was a home to many artists, architecture masters and painters along its history - you will be fascinated by its monuments, churches, and buildings. You will see Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. This tour will also offer you the opportunity to visit the famous Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze or "Gallery of the Academy of Florence", the home of Michelangelo's sculpture David, an absolute textbook masterpiece. Overnight stay.

**Day 04****Day 04: Florence**

After breakfast, get ready to depart for one of the most beautiful and characteristic areas of Tuscany, the Chianti. Green hills strewn with kilometres and kilometres of vineyards and olive groves, small hamlets surrounded by intact medieval walls, winding streets, castles and fortresses. We will arrive to Poggio al Sole, where you'll embark on a guided tour of the cellars. Indulge in a guided tasting session featuring some of the finest wines, complemented by a delectable lunch showcasing gastronomic specialties crafted from locally sourced Tuscan ingredients. Immerse yourself in the winery's history and gain insight into the organic winemaking process. Throughout the tour, you'll follow the captivating journey of these wines from grape to bottle. Return to Florence. Rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight.

**Day 05****Day 05: Florence**

After breakfast, day at leisure: you decide how to spend your last day! You can spend the day strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or choose one of our exclusive optional tours and activities. What about a guided tour to Siena, San Gimignano or Pisa? Or what about some special experience in Tuscany? Overnight stay.

**Day 06****Day 06: Florence-Venice**

After breakfast, depart by train for the city of dreams, Venice. Transfer to your hotel. The morning will be free. In the afternoon, be ready for one of the most dreamed-about experiences: gondola ride along the city canals! That's the best way





to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of this lagoon city. Gliding through Venice’s Grand Canal and minor canals, you will admire the splendid palaces, churches, bridges, gardens and warehouses lining the city’s liquid streets. After the ride, the “Bacaro Tour” will be next, a visit to a couple local wine bars in the less touristic areas of Venice, where you will taste local wines and the so-called “cicchetti”, a kind of Venetian tapas. An exclusivity for our luxury guests! Evening at your leisure. Overnight stay.

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Venice**

After breakfast, you will go ahead and enjoy your walking tour, including a Skip-the-Line ticket to the magnificent St. Mark’s Basilica and, after this, check out the most iconic places of Venice: the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice’s glorious past as well as the legendary Ponte dei Sospiri or “Bridge of Sighs”. Roam along Venice’s canals at your leisure, then return to the hotel and spend the night. However, we do suggest you pay a visit to Harry’s Bar, a Venetian icon that served most of the European royalties and Golden Age Hollywood celebrities since it first opened its doors in 1931. But everyone is welcome now, if you follow the correct dress code. The bar is famous for inventing the Bellini cocktail (white peach juice and Prosecco).

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Venice**

This will be the last day of the tour. Enjoy your last breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the airport... or what about the opportunity to add an escapade to Milan? (Optional).

**Inclusions**

- » 2 nights in Rome Bed and Breakfast Basis.
- » Private transfer from Fiumicino airport to your hotel in Rome.
- » Transport by high-speed train (Business or Premium class).
- » Transfers to and from the hotel to the train station in each city.
- » Porterage service at the train stations.
- » Rome tours:  
Private Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter’s Basilica\*.  
Private Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill (with transport, professional local guide, entrance tickets with no line).



- » Transfer from the hotel to the restaurant in Trastevere area.
  - » Dinner in Trastevere.
  - » 3 nights in Florence Bed and Breakfast Basis.
  - » Firenze tours: Walking tour & Galleria dell'Accademia (with professional local guide, entrance tickets with no line).
  - » Half-day excursion in Chianti with wine tasting & lunch at a local winery (tour leader included).
  - » 2 nights in Venice Bed and Breakfast Basis.
  - » Venice: walking tour and skip-the-line tickets to access St. Mark's Basilica.
  - » Gondola ride.
  - » Bacaro experience.
  - » Transfer to Venice airport.
- \*On Saturday departure, the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica will be replaced with another private tour or rescheduled to the first day based on the client's arrival time in Rome. This is due to the weekly closure of the Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel.

## Exclusions

- Tips
- Porterage service
- Drinks
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council rules). The amount changes according to the city board and it is meant per pax per night, and hotel category.
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph "The Tour includes"

## Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

ROME NH COLLECTION ROMA CENTRO 4\*

FLORENCE NH FIRENZE 4\*

VENICE NH HOTEL AVANI RIO NOVO VENICE 4\*

HIGH SEASON

22/04/2024 - 03/07/2024

23/08/2024 - 31/10/2024

BLACKOUT DATES



30 APRIL | 01 JUNE | 03 - 18 JUNE | 22 - 28 JUNE | 31 OCTOBER

**SHOULDER SEASON**

01/04/2024 - 21/04/2024

04/07/2024 - 25/07/2024

**BLACKOUT DATES**

11 - 15 APRIL | 11 -16 JULY

**LOW SEASON**

26/07/2024 - 22/08/2024

**BLACKOUT DATES**

13 - 15 AUGUST

Supplement for optional tour leader from day 3 to day 7 of the itinerary available on request.

All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase.

During trade shows or public holidays/events, extra fees could apply. In this case, the amount to be paid will be communicated at the time of booking.

For all Packages that include transfers, a night supplement will be applied for services from 8.00 pm to 08.00 am.

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Escorted Experience

## **Periodic Departure**

**23 Aug, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024**

4 Star

AUD 10,970 P P twin share

AUD 20,242 P P single

AVAILABLE

