



## **Essentials of Italy - 10 Days (#16778)**

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### **Overview**

#### Trip Highlights

»Traditional Tuscan Lunch in Montepulciano! Visit also Assisi, Siena, Bologna, Padua, Tuscany Wine Region

Guided tour in Florence, Venice, Pompeii and Capri

Spritz & “Cicchetti” experience in Venice (light lunch)

Opportunity to stay in Venice island by adding a supplement

Discovering Rome by night (our regular sightseeing tour 8 C)

Tour of Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Square (with our exclusive “Skip the Line”)

Tour of Pompeii with “Skip the Line” and lunch with an authentic Neapolitan pizza and 1 drink included

Visit the Blue Grotto in Capri

Discover the Jewels of Southern Italy!

### **Trip Highlights**

Rome-Florence-Bologna-Venice-Tuscan-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento-Capri-Rome



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 01: Rome

Benvenuti a Roma! After your arrival at the airport, make your own way to your hotel and then enjoy your first day in the city at your own leisure. At 07:45 pm p/up at the hotel and reach via Del Teatro Marcello. Our local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the Eternal City, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the Jewish Ghetto, one of Rome's most beautiful neighbourhoods, full with history and with a real Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks are its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe) in Piazza Mattei. The Jewish Ghetto of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine! Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the Pantheon, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: this is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away. Next Stop...Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder straight into the Trevi Fountain: it's said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards Piazza di Spagna, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top! After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to end this experience: relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato, it's on us! The tour ends in Spanish Steps area. Enjoy on your own the rest of the night. Return to the hotel on your own and overnight stay.

### Day 02

#### Day 02: Rome · Assisi · Siena · Florence

Departing at 7:15 am from your hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 03

#### Day 03: Florence



After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the “Cradle of Renaissance”, where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free “Comune” and was further refined during the Renaissance. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as Santa Maria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo.

On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi. Cross a small piazza to see the “Campanile” tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the “Gates of Paradise.” In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa’s symbol “the Leaning Tower” and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

#### Day 04

#### Day 04: Florence · Bologna · Padua · Venice

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna. There, you will discover the elegant city centre with its “porticos”, its shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo’s Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it’s a real gourmet’s heaven...don’t miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant’Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 05

#### Day 05: Venice

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice’s glorious past, the legendary “Bridge of Sighs”. After the walking tour, allow us to treat you to a spritz or a Prosecco, as a delightful conclusion to your visit to the highlights of Venice, in the company of your tour leader. While you sit comfortably and savour your drink, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy a taste of the famous “cicchetti,” a Venetian variation of tapas (light lunch). Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice’s canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel and overnight.



**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 06**

**Day 06: Venice · Tuscany Wine Region (Montepulciano) Rome**

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its “Nobile” wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in into your hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 07**

**Day 07: Rome**

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Square with our exclusive “Skip the Line” access! No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you’ll visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael’s Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, the tour ends in St. Peter’s Square where you can admire the incredible masterpiece St. Peter’s Basilica: the biggest church in the world! The tour ends in St. Peter’s Square. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city at your own leisure or get any one of our selected tours for the afternoon or at night! Overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Rome · Naples · Pompeii · Sorrento**

After breakfast, pick up at your hotel at 7:00 am approximately. Departure by coach heading south crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. Arrival in Naples and short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with the Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia and Procida and the city below; time to take some nice pictures. Descending towards the port of Mergellina you will leave the city and travel south toward Mount Vesuvius, and, once you reach the town of Pompeii, you will have lunch with the real Neapolitan pizza! After lunch, you will enter into one of the most important archaeological sites in the world: a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ruins of Pompeii, with Skip the Line



entrance and a guided tour. Visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii, traveling back in time to the tragic days in 79 AD when the silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, covering the prosperous Roman city in deadly volcanic ashes and poisonous gases, leaving this prosperous city crystallized until our days. You'll learn how people lived at that time, visiting houses and “bars” of the time, admiring frescoes and mosaics to imagine how rich and prosperous the city was before the dreadful day. After the visit, you will drive along the Sorrentine Coast, arriving in Sorrento for dinner (dress code: jacket for men) and an overnight in your new hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 09

### Day 09: Sorrento · Capri · Rome

After breakfast, get ready for an exciting excursion to the island of Capri: one of the most exclusive summer destinations of the Mediterranean! Depending on weather and sea conditions, you will admire the dreamy Blue Grotto on a small rowboat. Afterward, free time for lunch (lunch not included) and then roam the island at your own pace. Once back on the mainland, return to Rome in the evening for your last overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 10

### Day 10: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. End of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Monolingual tour-escort in English
- Accommodation in 4 stars
- Meals as per itinerary (please inform us at the moment of the booking, in case of any food allergy or alimentary restriction)
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological site in Pompeii with “Skip the Line” (when included in the itinerary)
- Entrance tickets to Vatican Museums & St. Peter’s Basilica with “Skip the Line” (when included in the itinerary)
- Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary
- Spritz & “Cicchetti” Experience in Venice (Light Lunch)



- Visit of the Blue Grotto in Capri (when included in the itinerary)

## **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)
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph “The Tour includes”

## **Note**

Hotels Used OR Similar

FLORENCE - RAFFAELLO 4\*

VENICE - DELFINO (MESTRE) 4\*

ROME - SAN MARTIN 4\* OR DIANA ROOF GARDEN 4\*

SORRENTO - MICHELANGELO 4\* OR GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO 4\*

We inform all clients that rates do not include city tax when applicable. City tax will have to be paid directly from clients at the hotel upon arrival or at the checkout. We remind you that the city tax may change according to the hotel category.

Rates indicated include Service and the current applicable VAT. All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase, local fees or bus congestion charge.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

City tax not included: it shall be paid directly at the hotel.

Drinks not included in meals.

During peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).

Meeting point and time:

Fantasia departing from Rome leaves from the hotel St.Martin at 7:15 am.

## **Program Touring / Guide**



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## Fixed Departure

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