



## Ultimate Italy Tour - 17 Days (#16748)

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### Overview

#### Trip Highlights

Rome-Assisi-Siena-Florence-Bologna-Padua-Venice-Tuscany-Roma-Naples-Pompeii-Sorrento-Capri-Palermo-Monreale-Erice-Agrigento-Ragusa Ibla-Noto-Siracusa-Taormina

Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano! Visit also Assisi, Siena, Bologna, Padua, Tuscany Wine Region .

Guided tour in Florence, Venice, Pompeii, Capri, Palermo and Agrigento Spritz & "Cicchetti" Experience in Venice (light lunch) 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 (weather permitting) Entrance tickets to all archaeological sites are included!

Visit a historic Cellar in Marsala, Wine tasting and Light Lunch (regional Products) Baroque Sicily! Opportunity to stay in Venice Island by adding a supplement.

### Trip Highlights



All major cities of Italy

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

### Day 01: 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.

Meeting point and time: Fantasia departing from Rome leaves from the hotel St.Martin at 7:15 am.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

### Day 02: 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 at 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 03**

**Day 03: 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, arrive in Venice (Mestre). Check-in at your hotel and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04**

**Day 04: Venice**

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to Piazza San Marco, and visit the most iconic places of the “Floating City”: the Palazzo dei Dogi, a 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 savor 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 05**

**Day 05: Venice · Tuscany Wine Region (Montepulciano) · Rome**

After breakfast, depart 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 is included!!! After lunch, a 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 06**

**Day 06: Rome**

Between 7:45 and 8:00 am, after breakfast, depart 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 to the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections in 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 07**

**Day 07: Rome**

Enjoy an energetic breakfast at your hotel before spending the day exploring Rome on your own or by selecting one of our regular tours in the city or its surroundings. Return to the hotel for your last overnight in Rome.

**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 a short panoramic tour climbing up to Vomero hill to enjoy beautiful views over the Gulf of Naples with the Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, 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 towards 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 was the city 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 overnight in your new hotel.





**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Sorrento · Capri · Sorrento**

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 the 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 the hotel for dinner and your last night in Sorrento.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 10**

**Day 10: Sorrento · Palermo (Overnight on ferry boat)**

Breakfast at your hotel, then spend a leisurely morning exploring Sorrento. In the afternoon, you will reach the port of Naples, where you will board on the Tirrenia/Snav ferry to Palermo. Let the waves rock you to sleep. Dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Palermo**

Arrive in Palermo and transfer to your hotel. That night, have dinner in the hotel and rest up for the adventure that lies ahead.

**Meal:** Dinner

**Day 12**

**Day 12: Palermo**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then head out on a morning excursion to Monreale, recently included on the UNESCO World Heritage List, an ancient royal town famous for its almonds, olive oil and citrus fruits, as well as for its fine Norman architecture. Visit the elaborate Cathedral of Monreale and then enjoy some shopping at the local delicatessen and souvenirs. Back to Palermo and continue with a walking tour of the city. Wander the streets of the Old Town, hearing tales of Palermo's



3,000-year history and discovering attractions like Palermo Cathedral. Walk inside the impressive-looking place of worship and marvel at its arches, cupolas and mosaics - with an incredible mix of influences coming from several dominations on the island. Enjoy free time in the late afternoon and return to your hotel for dinner. Overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

#### Day 13

#### Day 13: Palermo · Erice · Saline della Laguna · Wine tasting and light lunch in a historical winery · Agrigento

Early breakfast and departure to Erice, a medieval village stacked into the side of Monte San Giuliano. Many say that little has changed in the village since the sixth century, and its labyrinth-like twist of lanes is perfect for a cool and pleasant morning amble. Continue to visit the Saline, an extraordinary lagoon, where history, nature, and archeology find a perfect synthesis and allow the visitor to try different, unique and charming experiences. Afterward, we'll set off to Marsala, whose lands are known for its Marsala wine. You'll take part in a sensorial experience, for you will visit a traditional tavern and taste regional products during a light but unforgettable lunch. Return to your coach and travel to Agrigento, your final destination of the day. Visit Ancient Greek monuments and ruins at the Valley of Temples (entrance included) - a UNESCO World Heritage site - and learn about archaeological relics like the Classical Temple of Concord the Temple of Hercules; the Temple of Jupiter, one of the largest Doric-style buildings. Check in to your hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

#### Day 14

#### Day 14: Agrigento · Ragusa Ibla · Ragusa

Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Ragusa and visit the enchanting historical center "Ibla", with its stunning baroque palaces and churches; together with other seven cities in the Val di Noto, Ragusa is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit the old gate of San Giorgio, the Giardini Iblei and then walk to Piazza Pola where we will visit the church of San Giuseppe: a little gem. Be enchanted by the elegant Cathedral of San Giorgio, the Church of the Souls in Purgatory and the magnificent Cosentini palace, one of the most interesting Late Baroque palaces in Sicily! Arrive in hotel, dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

#### Day 15

#### Day 15: Ragusa · Noto · Siracusa · Taormina



Breakfast at the hotel and travel to Noto, a picturesque fishing town popular for its stately Baroque architecture. Visit the Cathedral of San Nicolò, recently restored after an earthquake, and then have a nice walk in the town's center. Continue along the south coast to Syracuse, on Sicily's southeastern tip. Arrived in Syracuse, cross one of the city's bridges for a visit to the island of Ortygia - the most ancient part of Syracuse - home to a wealth of Baroque churches and medieval palaces. In the late afternoon arrive in Taormina, check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 16**

**Day 16: Taormina**

Breakfast at your centrally located hotel and then head off to Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe and the highest mountain in Italy. Learn about volcanic activity and marvel at the old lava fields and black magma rock that comprises Etna's landscape. If weather permits, you have a chance to climb to the summit (1800 m). After, return to Taormina, the beautiful and romantic town located on Mount Tauro. Return to Taormina in the afternoon and spend the rest of your day at leisure. Overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 17**

**Day 17: Taormina**

Enjoy one final breakfast before the tour comes to an end.

**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 a local expert guide as per itinerary.
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites in Sicily.



- Spritz & “Cicchetti” Experience in Venice (Light Lunch)
- Visit of the Blue Grotto in Capri.

## 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 - ST.MARTIN 4\* OR HOTEL DIANA ROOF GARDEN 4\*

SORRENTO - MICHELANGELO / VESUVIO 4\*

PALERMO - MERCURE 4\*

AGRIGENTO - DELLA VALLE 4\*

RAGUSA - POGGIO DEL SOLE 4\*

TAORMINA - HOTEL SPLENDID 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.

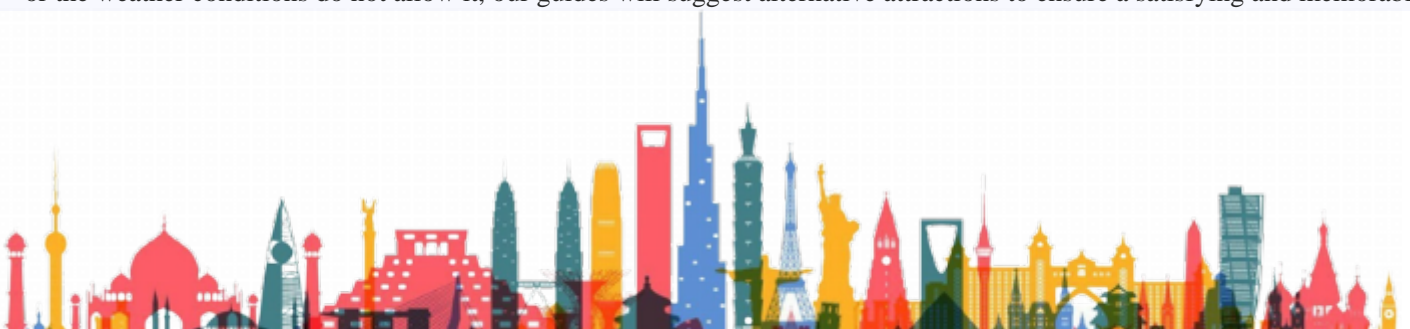
### IMPORTANT NOTES

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

Drinks not included in meals (except in Pompeii included).

\*In case of bad weather conditions, the boat trip will be replaced with the visit inside to the mill “Mulino Ettore e Inferna”.

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).

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

### Fixed Departure

<p><b>02 Sep, 2024</b> 4 Star AUD 7,937 P P twin share AUD 10,254 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>16 Sep, 2024</b> 4 Star AUD 7,937 P P twin share AUD 10,254 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>23 Sep, 2024</b> 4 Star AUD 7,937 P P twin share AUD 10,254 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
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