



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Italy Explorer

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Venice, Florence, Rome, Sorrento

This trip takes you from timeless St Mark's Square in Venice to Florence (capital of Tuscany) and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling mural in the Vatican Museums, ending with the sheer cliffs and rugged shoreline dotted with small beaches and pastel-colored fishing villages on the Amalfi coast.

You will enjoy the varied regions of Italy, each with their own culture, landscape and food.



Grand Canal, Venice



Ponte Vecchio, Florence



St Peter's Square, Vatican City



Colosseum, Rome



Spanish Step, Rome



Capri Island, Amalfi Coast

Inclusions

- ▶ Private Airport & Train Station Transfers
- ▶ Domestic Train Fare (Standard Class)
- ▶ Hotel Accommodations
- ▶ Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals
(See tour plan for details)
- ▶ English-speaking Local Guide
- ▶ Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

Exclusions

- ▶ International Air Fare
- ▶ Travel Insurance
- ▶ Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (if applicable)
- ▶ Gratuities
- ▶ Personal Expenses

Nearby Airports

Venice – Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE)

Naples – Naples International Airport (NAP)

Premium ★★★★★ Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE VENICE, ITALY

Arrive at **Venice Marco Polo Airport** and transfer to your hotel via water taxi. The rest of the day is free.

Venice is famous for its canals and bridges which create a romantic and charming atmosphere. On this trip you will explore the city by gondola and walking, and admire the architecture and scenery along the way.

[2 nights in Venice. Meals: None]

DAY 2: VENICE WALKING TOUR AND GONDOLA RIDE

Explore Venice on a guided **walking tour** and on a **Gondola ride** (group, 2.5 hours). The walking tour visits famous sites like La Fenice opera theatre and also discovers hidden gems like the spiral staircase of Scala Contarini del Bovolo. A gondola ride through the canals of the city is an enchanting and relaxing way to enjoy the colors, lights, sights, charm and beauty of Venice. Get the chance to admire elegant palazzos, unique bridges and experience the magic atmosphere that only a city like Venice can give you.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 3: VENICE – FLORENCE, WALKING TOUR



Check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Venice to Florence, then transfer to the hotel.

Explore **Florence** (or Firenze) on a guided walking tour (group, about 90 minutes). Visit landmark attractions such as a 15th century palace, Ponte Vecchio covered bridge and the courtyard of the Uffizi Gallery. Marvel at Brunelleschi's stunning Dome at the Cathedral and see the Baptistery's golden "Gates of Paradise".

[2 nights in **Florence**. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 4: FLORENCE

Full day at leisure.

[Meals: Breakfast]

① **Add-on: San Gimignano, Siena and Chianti tour with lunch and wine tasting** (group, 1 day)

Visit San Gimignano, the world-famous walled town located on a hilltop. It is known for its historic tall towers, frescoes, and many other works of art.

Visit the historic walled hamlet of Monteriggioni.

Cross Chianti's rolling hills to a cozy winery where you can relax and enjoy three wines and balsamic vinegar, followed by a Chianti-style three-course lunch.

Enjoy a guided tour of Siena's historic center, starting with the 13th-century Basilica of San Domenico. Stroll along the narrow medieval streets of the city, flanked by splendid palazzos and historic shops.

DAY 5: FLORENCE – ROME, CITY TOUR

Check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Florence to Rome, then transfer to the hotel.

Explore the capital of Italy on a **Rome city tour** (group). Visit the magnificent Colosseum, cinematic Trevi Fountain, and romantic Spanish Steps.

[2 nights in **Rome**. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: ROME, VATICAN MUSEUMS & SISTINE CHAPEL

Visit **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel** on a guided tour (group, 2.5 hours). Use the special skip-the-line entrance and enjoy a tour of the famous contents of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and Raphael Rooms.

Marvel at the artwork of Raphael and Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. The Pinacoteca has pieces by Giotto, Leonardo, and Caravaggio. See art by van Gogh, Matisse, and Moore in the area dedicated to contemporary art.

Visit the Etruscan and Egyptian Museums with collections that span centuries, and see the non-European collections in the Ethnological Museum.

[Meals: Breakfast]

① **Add-on: Food Tour And Wine Tasting** (group, about 4 hours)

DAY 7: ROME – SORRENTO, NAPLES CITY TOUR

Check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Rome to Sorrento and transfer to the hotel.

Naples Panoramic City Tour – explore Castel Nuovo, San Carlo opera house and Piazza del Gesù Nuovo.

[3 nights in Sorrento. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: –CAPRI WITH BLUE GROTTO TOUR

Take the boat excursion to **Capri Island** with **Blue Grotto** (entry ticket to be paid directly). Admire the ancient fishing village of Marina Grande, the ruins of a Roman villa near Bagni della Regina Giovanna, the natural waterfall that flows from the rock in Mitigliano bay, and other interesting attractions along the coast.

Swim and snorkel in the crystal water before enjoying a limoncello tasting.

Enjoy a boat tour of Capri island with stops at Marvelous Grotto, White Grotto, Green Grotto, and Blue Grotto. Enjoy spectacular views of the Natural Arch, Villa Curzio Malaparte, Faraglioni rocks, and the Lighthouse of Punta Carena.

[Meals: Breakfast]

① Add-on: Cooking Experience

Spend time with a local chef and get a hands-on experience preparing fresh pasta using traditional recipes and other typical local dishes using local produce. Enjoy a tasting of local mozzarella and olive oil.

DAY 9: AMALFI COAST TOUR

Enjoy a day tour to the **Amalfi Coast**, visiting Positano, Amalfi and Ravello (group). Soak up the beauty of the Amalfi Coast from Sorrento.

Stroll through the narrow streets in Positano that is full of unique craft shops and boutiques.

Pass through beautiful villages such as Praiano, Furore, and Conca dei Marini.

Visit the medieval Cathedral of St. Andrew or simply relax on the beach.

Visit the town of Ravello to enjoy the fantastic panoramic views of the ocean, or visit Villa Rufolo with its magical gardens suspended over the sea.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 10: DEPART SORRENTO – END OF TOUR

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to **Naples International Airport (NAP)** for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.

