



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Italy In A Nutshell

9-Day, 8-Night Journey

Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan

Embark on a captivating journey through Italy's cultural treasures on a tour that takes you from the historic splendors of Rome, where ancient ruins and Renaissance art collide, to the artistic wonders of Florence, the romantic canals of Venice, and the cosmopolitan charm of Milan. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of history, art, and modern sophistication of Italy.

Our semi-guided tour seamlessly blends must-see attractions with the option to also explore Murano, Lake Como and/or Murano Island (artisan Venetian glass).



Colosseum, Rome



St Peter's Square, Vatican City



Florence Duomo in Tuscany



Leaning Tower of Pisa and Cathedral



Gondolas Passing by Rialto Bridge, Venice



Duomo of Milan

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

Rome – Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino International Airport (FCO)

Milan – Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)

Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE ROME, ITALY

Arrive at Fiumicino Airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[2 nights in Rome. Meals: None]

DAY 2: ROME, VATICAN MUSEUMS, SISTINE CHAPEL & ST. PETER'S BASILICA

Visit the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica** on a guided tour (group, 2.5 hours @10am). 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 St. Peter's Basilica.

[Meals: Breakfast]



DAY 3: ROME – FLORENCE, FLORENCE WALKING TOUR

Check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Rome to Florence (standard class 10am - 11:30am), then transfer to the hotel.

Explore Florence (Firenze) on a **guided walking tour** (group, 1.5 hour @5pm). Visit landmark attractions such as Medici Chapel, San Lorenzo Market, Medici Riccardi Palace, San Lorenzo Church, Duomo Cathedral, Baptistery, Repubblica Square, Orsanmichele Church, Porcellino, Signoria Square, Uffizi (external only), Ponte Vecchio & Santa Croce Square.

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

DAY 4: FLORENCE

After breakfast, proceed to one of the two options included in this tour.

OPTION 1: DAY TRIP TO PISA, SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO WITH LUNCH & WINE TASTING (group, 12 hours @8am)

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. Visit a local winery for a traditional Tuscan lunch with wine pairing.

Wander around the charming hilltop village of San Gimignano. It is known for its historic tall towers, frescoes, and many other works of art.

Continue to Pisa, your guide will lead you to see the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa (UNESCO-listed, Admission not included) and Cathedral. Afterward, free time to explore the town of Pisa independently.

OPTION 2: Wine Tasting Experience in the Tuscan Countryside (small group, 5 hours @9am)

Set out along hillside roads through Tuscany, passing among olive groves and vineyards. Enjoy the personalized attention of a small-group size. Guided visit of 2 different Chianti wineries. Tasting of different wines and olive oil at the first winery.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 5: FLORENCE – VENICE, VENICE WALKING TOUR

Breakfast then check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Florence to Venice (standard class 9:20am - 11:35am), then transfer to the hotel via water taxi.

Explore Venice on a guided **walking tour** and on a **Gondola ride** (group, 2 hours). Explore the history of Venice in and around St. Mark's Square. Go beyond the popular landmarks to explore quieter squares and streets. See Campo Santa Maria Formosa, Marco Polo's House, the Malibran Theatre, and more.

Venice is famous for its canals and bridges which create a romantic and charming atmosphere.

[2 nights in Venice. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 6: MURANO, BURANO & TORCELLO ISLANDS TOUR

After breakfast, explore **Murano, Burano & Torcello Islands** (group, 6 hours @11am)

Learn about Murano's glass-making heritage. Stroll by the colorful houses of Burano. Soak up the scene on Torcello, the most ancient settlement on the Venetian Lagoon.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: VENICE - MILAN, MILAN CITY TOUR

Breakfast then check out and transfer to the train station. Take the train from Venice to Milan (standard class 11am - 1:15pm) and transfer to the hotel.

Explore Milan on a **guided tour**. See the Duomo di Milano, Piazza della Scala, Castello Sforzesco & Brera District.

Milan offers a harmonious blend of historic grandeur and contemporary elegance, where iconic landmarks like the Duomo coexist with high-end fashions, cutting-edge designs, and a vibrant culinary scene.

[2 nights in Milan. Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 8: MILAN

After breakfast, proceed to one of the two options included in this tour.

OPTION 1: FASHION HIGHLIGHTS GUIDE TOUR (group, 1.5 hours @10:30am/3pm)

Discover Italy's fashion capital, Milan, on a guided walking tour. Visit local boutiques, outlets, and designer stores. Learn about the fashion industry and the meaning of 'Made in Italy'.

OPTION 2: PIZZA AND GELATO-MAKING CLASS (group, 3 hours @6:30pm)

Master the techniques behind two of Italy's most beloved dishes in a single lesson with this hands-on gelato and pizza workshop. Join your chef instructor in a downtown cooking studio for a relaxed lesson on how to make authentic pizza from scratch and mix up a batch of creamy gelato like a pro. Cap off your experience by sampling your handiwork over a final tasting.

OPTION 3: LAKE COMO, LUGANO AND BELLAGIO EXCLUSIVE BOAT CRUISE (group, 11 hours @8:30am)

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Como's historic center with free time to discover Lugano on your own. Stop at Bellagio on your lakeside cruise. Sail past villas with their beautiful gardens amongst untouched nature.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: DEPART MILAN – END OF TOUR

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to **Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)** 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.

*The duration and start time of excursions are subject to change without prior notice.

Hotels

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.

