



Trip Details

Italy | Highlights of Italy

What's Included

- 2 nights in Florence at 4-star, Raffaello Hotel or similar
- 2 night in Venice at 4-star, Delfino (Mestre) or similar
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Entrance to the Mark's Basilica in Venice- "skip the line"
- Visit Padua
- Panoramic guided walking tour of Venice
- Visit Tuscany Wine Region
- Visit Bologna
- Visit Sienna
- English-speaking guide on tours

Not Included

- Any optional excursions
- Any beverages
- Optional tours or visits
- Tips for guides, drivers, and specialist guides

- Personal expenses
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council rules)
- Arrival and departure transfers

Day by Day

Day 1


Departing at 7:15 AM from Massimo D'Azeglio Hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi where you can explore this tiny town, surrounded by walls built in the middle ages at your own leisure. Make time to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Ciambue, and to have lunch (not included). Board the bus for Siena, a medieval town surrounded by ancient walls that is known for the Palio, an annual summertime horse race around Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check into your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

Hotels: Overnight at the hotel

Meals: Dinner

Day 2

After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the “cradle of the 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 by the renaissance. You will be fascinated by its numerous monuments, churches, and buildings, such 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 that Michelangelo dubbed 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 Tuscany restaurant in Santa Croce square. 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 square of miracles, which houses the Duomo, the leaning tower, and the baptistery. Overnight stay. Cross a small piazza to see the campanile tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the baptistery, with its bronze doors that Michelangelo dubbed 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 Tuscany restaurant in Santa Croce square. 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 square of miracles, which houses the Duomo, the leaning tower, and the baptistery.

Hotels: Overnight at the hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch


Day 3

Depart for Bologna after breakfast in Florence. There, you will wander through the city’s 38 kilometers worth of elegant arcades (or porticos), for which Bologna is famous. From Piazza Malpighi, walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, where you will find Neptune fountain; King Renzo Palace; Podestà Palace; and the Basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with its original Sant’Antonio basilica. Later, you will arrive in Venice, world-renowned for its classic gondola boats and its elegant, refined art. Check in your hotel and enjoy your first Venetian dinner.

Hotels: Overnight at the hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4



Hit the water after breakfast as you board a water taxi to enjoy St. Mark's Square, interior visit of the splendid cathedral, the Doge Palace, a symbol of the glory and authority of Venice as it housed the seat of the government and the court of justice. Nearby you will see the legendary bridge of sight. Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel for dinner and relaxation.

Hotels: Overnight at the hotel

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

Once you eat breakfast, depart from Piazzale Roma to Tuscany, known for its romantic churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to val di chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich with history and art. Known for its "nobile" wine, which can be purchased in wine houses in town, Montepulciano is also the host of an annual jazz and wine festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included, spend the afternoon getting to know Montepulciano at your own pace, free wine tasting in many shops and free time for shopping. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome, where the tour will conclude

Hotels: NA

Meals: Breakfast