

TOUR SPOTLIGHT

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Italy

IDEAL CLASSIC TOUR



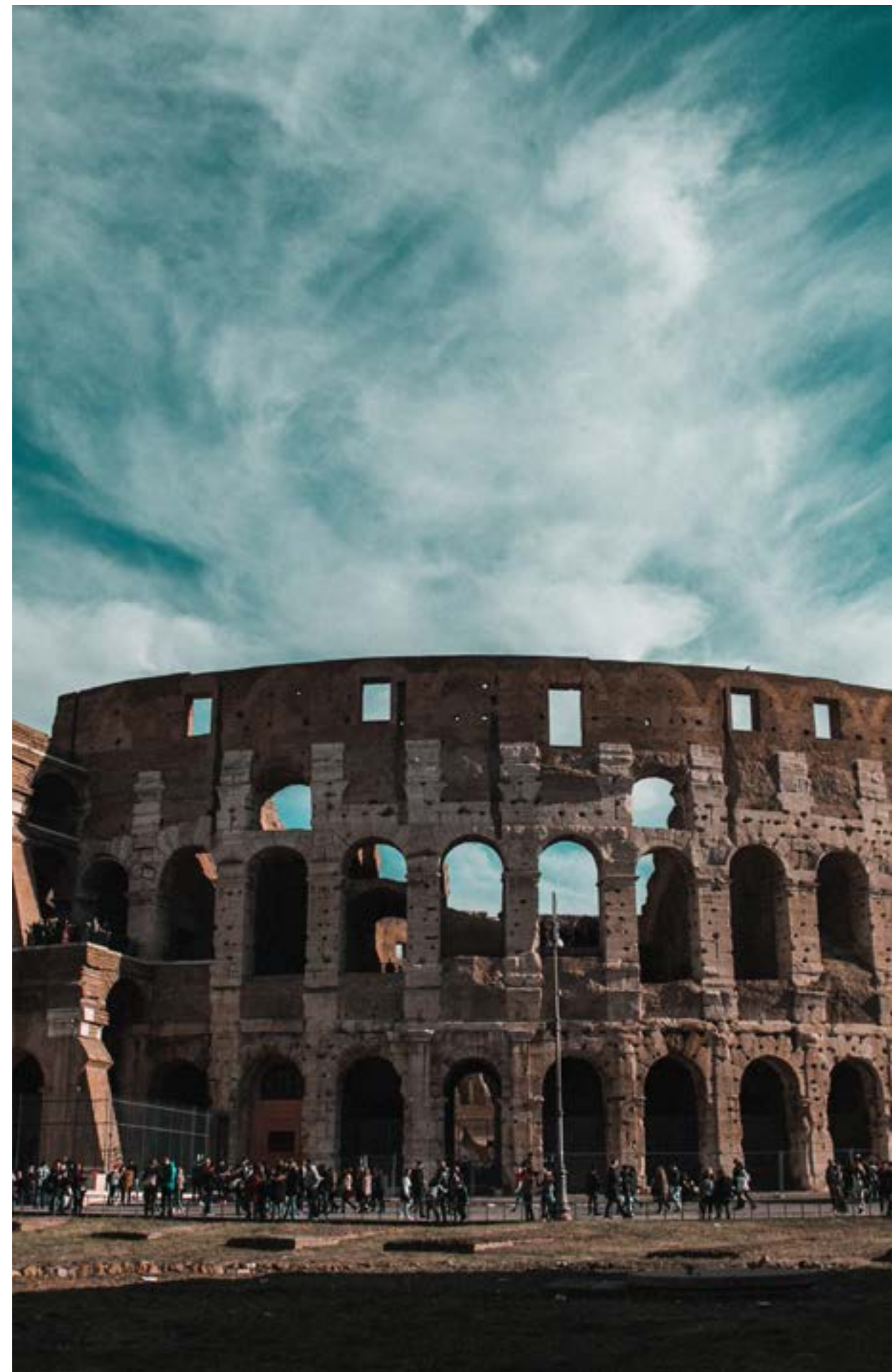
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ITALY

Situated in Mediterranean Europe, Italy has land frontiers with France in the north-west, Switzerland and Austria in the north and Slovenia in the north-east. The peninsula is surrounded by the Ligurian Sea, the Sardinian Sea and the Tyrrhenian Sea in the west, the Sicilian Sea and the Ionian Sea in the south and the Adriatic Sea in the east. Italian is the language of the majority of the population but there are minorities speaking German, French, Slovene and Ladino. There is a great deal of variety in the landscape in Italy, although it is characterized predominantly by two mountain chains: the Alps and the Apennines. The former extends over 600 miles from east to west. It consists of great massifs in the western sector, with peaks rising to over 14,000 feet, including Monte Bianco (Mont Blanc), Monte Rosa and Cervino (the Matterhorn). The chain is lower in the eastern sector, although the mountains, the Dolomites, are still of extraordinary beauty.

THE BEST TIME TO VISIT

Like any destination, there are peak, shoulder, and low tourist seasons in Italy. Summer months (typically May through September) are the peak tourist season, so if you hope to score a deal on flights or hotel rooms, aim for a less popular time of year.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- Arrival and departure transfers
- 2 nights in Florence at 4-star, Raffaello Hotel or similar
- 2 nights in Venice (Mestre) at 4-star, Quality Hotel Delfino Venezia Mestre or similar
- 3 nights in Rome at 4-star, Hotel St. Martin or similar
- 11 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunch, and 2 dinners
- Entrance to the Mark's Basilica in Venice- "skip the line"
- Assisi for a visit to the mystic town of Saint Francis
- Tour Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, and St Peters Basilica
- Panoramic guided walking tour of Venice
- Visit Tuscany Wine Region
- Visit Bologna and Padua
- Visit Assisi, Florence, and Sienna
- English-speaking guide on tours

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Porterage service
- Drinks
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council's rules)

TOUR DETAIL

1999

PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
ADDITIONAL 799 FOR SINGLE TRAVELERS

8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

2 PASSENGER MIN.


DAILY DEPARTURE

DAY-BY-DAY

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Transfer from the airport in Rome to the hotel.


Rest of the day at leisure.

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Overnight at the hotel

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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

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Overnight at the hotel

03


Explore the beautiful city of Florence after breakfast and witness its Renaissance art pinnacle with the help of Michelangelo. Marvel at the Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza Della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria, and the Basilica of Santa Croce before having lunch at a typical Tuscan restaurant and spending the afternoon strolling the streets of Florence or taking an optional trip to Pisa.

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Overnight at the hotel

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here, you will discover the elegant city center with its "porticos", it's 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 's a real gourmet's heaven...do not miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with the Basilica of Saint Anthony; one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the Catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice: the City of Love.

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Overnight at the hotel

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DAY-BY-DAY

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After breakfast , enjoy your private water-taxi transfer to Piazza San Marco, with "Skip the Line" tickets to visit the splendid St.Mark's Basilica and, after this, check out the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel for overnight.



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Overnight at the hotel

06

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, depart from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches, 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. Spend the afternoon discovering Montepulciano at your own pace, enjoying free wine tastings in many wine shops and free time for shopping.



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Overnight at the hotel

07

Between 7:45 – 8:00 am, depart from the hotel for a tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica 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, you will be taken by a privileged door to 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.



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Breakfast at the hotel.

Standard check-out is at 11:00 AM.

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TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As of April 2023, entry requirements for Italy include presenting proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19, or a negative PCR test result taken within 48 hours prior to arrival, as well as completing an online registration form. Travelers may also be subject to quarantine and testing requirements upon arrival depending on their country of origin.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Italy is the Euro. It is widely accepted throughout the country, and visitors can easily exchange their currency at banks, exchange offices, and ATMs.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Italy has a high standard of health and safety, with a well-equipped public healthcare system and strict safety regulations in place. However, travelers should still take normal precautions and follow basic safety measures such as being aware of pickpocketing and keeping an eye on personal belongings.

LANGUAGE

Italian is the official language of Italy and is spoken by the majority of the population. English is also widely spoken in major tourist areas and cities.

CULTURE

Italy has a rich and diverse culture, known for its art, music, literature, architecture, and food. It has been influential in shaping Western culture and has a strong emphasis on family, community, and traditions.

TRAVEL TIPS

PACK SMART

When packing for Italy, it's important to consider the weather and dress appropriately, as well as bringing comfortable walking shoes for exploring the cities. It's also recommended to pack a small daypack for carrying essentials during day trips and excursions.

TRY THE LOCAL CUISINE

Italian cuisine is known for its simplicity, quality ingredients, and regional diversity. Some of the most popular dishes include pasta, pizza, risotto, gelato, and various types of cheese and cured meats.



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