

TRAFALGAR

Gems
of
Italy

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GROUP GUIDED HOLIDAYS GEMS OF ITALY

YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

- City tour in Venice, Florence & Rome
- Visit Eataly World in Bologna, Rialto Food Market in Venice, Accademia to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David and visit Piazza della Signoria
- Full Day Excursion to Cinque Terre Excursion
- Orientation of Pisa and view the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Tuscan Lifestyle Experience in Florence
- Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice
- Visit the ancient sites of Rome and the Colosseum
- Visit Vatican Museums in Rome
- Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino & the excavations at Pompeii
- Isle of Capri Excursion

Trip Glossary:

Visit – In-depth sightseeing with a Local Specialist or your Travel Director, includes fast track entry (where applicable).

View – A brief stop to take in the sight and capture photos.

See – See the sight while driving by on the coach

INCLUSIONS

- 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 7 dinners including Welcome, Farewell Dinner and Be My Guest
- Travel by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats
- The services of a professional Travel Director throughout your journey
- Visits and entrance fees, as per your itinerary
- Documentation Trafalgar Travel wallet containing the itinerary, hotel list, baggage labels and Trafalgar Backpack
- Porterage one piece of luggage per person in and out of hotels provided by Trafalgar
- Tips and Gratuities for the Travel Director, Driver and Local Specialist Guides

YOU'LL ENJOY THE BEST MOMENTS LIKE...

'Discover the secrets of 'la cucina Italiana' with Chef Libero who will take you shopping at a local food market for the freshest ingredients and teach you to prepare traditional Italian pasta and a veritable buffet of other local favourites. 'Buon appetito'!

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ITINERARY GEMS OF ITALY

DAY 1

Arrive Venice (2 Nights)

Welcome to Venice, the floating city. Transfer from the airport to your hotel on Venice Island. This morning relax after your journey. This afternoon, breathe in the salty sea air as you board a private launch cruising to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and Campanile as well as the Doge's Palace on your orientation of the city. After, join your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Dinner.

Meal(s): WD

Hotel: Bellini Hotel Venice (Confirmed)

DAY 2

Secret Venice Walking Tour & Visit to the Rialto Food Market

A short walk along the canals leads you to the famous Rialto Bridge. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour which will reveal a centuries old food market and narrow 'calle' or streets. Discover how the locals shop for food and learn more about the regional cuisine here including the delicious seafood. Admire the beautiful architecture including Marco Polo's house. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

Meal(s): B

DAY 3

Venice - Bologna - Lerici (2 Nights)

This morning we visit Bologna - perhaps more famous for its gourmet achievements than being the site of the oldest university in Europe. Visit "Eataly World" the world's largest agri-food park. Covering an area of 100,000 sqm in Bologna, FICO embodies the wonders of Italian biodiversity. Discover Italian agriculture by visiting 2 hectares of open-air fields and stables housing more than 200 animals and 2000 cultivars. Understand food processing by visiting the 40 farming factories and observing

how meat, fish, cheese, pasta, oil, beer, sweets, etc. are processed. You might like to grab some lunch as you taste traditional Italian food at FICO's 40 restaurants. Later arrive in the seaside town of Lerici, where we dine at the hotel.

Meal(s): B, D

Hotel: Europa Grand Hotel Lerici (Confirmed)

DAY 4

Cinque Terre Full Day Excursion

Enjoy an included full-day excursion to see the charming Cinque Terre (Five Lands) UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a Local Specialist and travel by boat and train to experience unforgettable old-world charm in two of the five picturesque fishing villages that have enchanted visitors who have made the winding journey to these hidden treasures over centuries. This magnificent coastline can now only be reached by boat or train from La Spezia.

Meal(s): B

DAY 5

Lerici - Pisa - Poggibonsi (Tuscan Hills) (3 Nights)

This morning meet your Local Specialist in Pisa to view the amazing Leaning Tower and the majestic cathedral and baptistery set in the Square of Miracles. A short drive brings you to the beautiful villa style hotel near Colle Val d'Elsa. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s): B, D

Hotel: Villa San Lucchese Hotel Poggibonsi (Confirmed)

DAY 6

Tuscan Lifestyle Experience

Begin your day at a fruit and vegetable market in Florence, meet our Local Specialist and gain an insight into Italian cuisine from a professional chef. Here you will participate in purchases of the fresh produce for your cooking lesson.

Take your fresh produce to the restaurant and spend time together preparing your delicious luncheon with a glass of wine. After enjoying a relaxing and memorable Regional Meal return to your hotel in the Tuscan hills for the night. Your evening is free to do as you please.

Meal(s): B, RM

DAY 7

Florence Sightseeing

Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour visit the Accademia to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Visit Piazza della Signoria and later view the coloured marble Duomo. Tonight enjoy a special Be My Guest dinner with wine in a family-owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills

Meal(s): B, BMG

DAY 8

Poggibonsi - Rome (2 Nights)

This morning travel to Rome. With a Local Specialist begins at the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your tour continues with views of ancient Roman sites and see Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. Tonight relax at your hotel or enjoy a night exploring on your own.

Meal: B

Hotel: Victoria Hotel Rome (confirmed)

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DAY 9

Rome At Leisure

Spend today at leisure, sauntering past the sights or relaxing with a coffee and cornetti to soak up the authentic atmosphere of Rome. Your Travel Director will be able to suggest activities such as museums, shopping or sightseeing in the city. This evening gain a Cultural Insight during an authentic Italian pizza cooking demonstration and enjoy a slice or two for dinner!

Meal(s): B, D

DAY 10

Rome - Cassino - Pompeii - Sorrento (2 Nights)

From Rome, visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery to commemorate those who died in the huge battle here during WWII, and view the Benedictine Abbey at Cassino, which was originally founded by Saint Benedict in the 6th century, making it one of Europe's oldest monasteries and a recognised centre of arts and culture. Next stop at the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. See such sites as the Amphitheatre, dating back to 80BC, and the Gymnasium which used to have a pool in the middle. You'll also see the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica. Arrive later at your hotel in Sorrento. Tonight we have dinner at the hotel.

Meal(s): B, D

Hotel: La Residenza Hotel Sorrento (confirmed)

DAY 11

Isle of Capri Excursion

Gain a Cultural Insight during a demonstration of the art of inlaid wood at a workshop in Sorrento. Take a ferry to the Isle of Capri, the isle of Sirens according to Greek mythology, and continue to Capri town by funicular railway. See the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a Local Specialist and spend some time people-watching at one of the local cafés. Return back to Sorrento.

Meal(s): B

DAY 12

Sorrento - Rome

Drive back to Rome, where your last day in the city is completely yours to explore further or do last minute shopping for souvenirs. Your Travel Director will be able to suggest activities such as museums, shopping or sightseeing in the city. Tonight join your companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner with wine

Meal(s): B, FD

Hotel: Victoria Hotel Rome (confirmed)

DAY 13

Depart Rome

Say 'arrivederci' to your newfound friends at the end of your memorable Italian holiday hosted by Flight Centre Greensborough. Take the one group transfer to the airport.

Meal(s): B

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