

Grand Tour of Italy

Day 1: Rome Fiumicino or other arrivals.

Welcome to Rome, the eternal city. Try your first Gelato, the best ice-cream in the world. After checking-in, you can explore your hotel's wonderful facilities and beautiful grounds. Meet with your Tour director and enjoy a welcome drink. Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL MARC'AURELIO or similar

Day 2: Rome sightseeing

Breakfast at the hotel.

On our guided tour we will visit the Vatican Museums and will be amazed by Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, before visiting inside the vast St. Peter's Basilica. Later a Sightseeing tour of this ancient city takes you to the Roman Forum, the Triumphal Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Coliseum, the largest amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire, where the gladiators fought to the death! In the evening you will learn the real Italian pizza and get to eat it too!

HOTEL MARC'AURELIO or similar

Day 3: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

Maybe have your picture painted in Piazza Navona, throw coins in the Trevi Fountain, and discover the "Mouth of Truth". In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Dinner will be at hotel.

HOTEL MARC'AURELIO or similar

Day 4: Rome – Florence

Breakfast at the hotel.

Later your coach will take you Florence, the artistic city, where the decoration of leather with gold leaf continues today. In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Dinner will be at hotel.

HOTEL CARAVAGGIO or similar

Day 5: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel.

Our guided walking tour features the magnificent Cathedral, the famous Baptistery and the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's original statue of David. We will continue on to explore the open air art museum of Signoria Square ending at the Ponte Vecchio. In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

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Day 6: Florence, excursion to Pisa

Breakfast at the hotel.

Make sure you have your camera as we get to see the incredible leaning Tower of Pisa in the cleverly named Square of the Miracles! Later, you will enjoy a special dinner in a typical Tuscan restaurant.

HOTEL CARAVAGGIO or similar

Day 7: Florence – Bologna - Venice

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will drive through the forested Apennine hills with a stop in Bologna, home of "Spaghetti alla Bolognese". Later, we cross the wide Po River en route to Venice, the magical city constructed on wooden piles in the middle of the lagoon. In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own. Dinner will be at hotel.

HOTEL CA' DEL MORO or similar

Day 8: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel.

A full day city tour. In the morning a guided tour of Classic Venice: (Piazza San Marco, St. Mark's Basilica, outside the Doge's Palace, then you will proceed to the famous Rialto Bridge Grand Canal). In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own.

Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

HOTEL CA' DEL MORO or similar

Day 9: Venice – San Marino – Assisi/Perugia

Breakfast at the hotel. We Depart for San Marino, A free visit to the Ancient Republic of liberty. A Free lunch will be provided. In the afternoon we continue on to the pink-stoned city of Assisi. Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL FONTEBELLA (Assisi) or HOTEL ILGO (Perugia) or similar

Day 10: Assisi – Naples

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure from the Hotel will be at 7.30 am. Upon arrival in Naples there will be a short panoramic city tour: Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo, Plebiscito Square, the Royal Palace, the Maschio Angioino and the port. Lunch will be in a Naples' Pizzeria. Later we will board our steamer for the overnight crossing to Palermo, Sicily's capital.

Day 11: At sea - Palermo

Upon arriving in Palermo, we join our coach for a sightseeing tour of the city. We will stop to admire the view of the Conca d'Oro from Monreale. Next, we visit the village of Mondello before to returning to Palermo. Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL ATHENAEUM or similar

Day 12: Palermo – Selinunte – Agrigento

Breakfast at the hotel.

The first stop is at Selinunte to visit the Dorian Temples. Then we continue to Agrigento where we visit the Valley of the Temples. Later, we continue on to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

GRAND HOTEL MOSE' or similar

Day 13: Agrigento – Taormina

Breakfast at the hotel.

We drive through the Sicilian vineyards and enjoy a visit to see the mosaics of the 4th century Roman Villa in Piazza Armerina. We then continue on to Taormina.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL SPORTING BAIA or similar

Day 14: Taormina

Breakfast at the hotel.

A full day to relax and enjoy this Sicilian resort.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL SPORTING BAIA or similar

Day 15: Taormina – Sorrento

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will travel through the Calabrian region and will arrive in Sorrento.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL LA PERGOLA or similar

Day 16: Sorrento - Amalfi

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today we will take a trip to Amalfi, where we will explore the medieval streets and a Romanesque church. In the afternoon you will have free time to explore the city on your own.

There will be a special dinner in a local restaurant.

HOTEL LA PERGOLA or similar

Day 17: Sorrento – Excursion of Isle of Capri

Breakfast at the hotel.

From the port of Sorrento we will cross the Mediterranean Sea to the magical Island of Capri. We ascend to Capri's main square and enjoy a walking tour with views of the Faraglioni Rocks and Marina Piccola, including the famous Piazzetta, home to the international jet set. We return in Sorrento.

Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL LA PERGOLA or similar

Day 18: Sorrento – Pompeii - Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

We drive to Pompeii, a ancient city literally petrified by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Here we will take a guided walking tour of the ruins with a local expert. We then, drive through the Lazio region en route to Rome, where we will do some last minute shopping and you will have some free time to explore the city on your own. Dinner will be at the hotel.

HOTEL MARC'AURELIO or similar



Day 19: Rome
Breakfast at the hotel.

Here your magnificent Italian tour comes to a close.

Group Minimum 30 Persons 3 stars (tourist class)	
Individual cost	€ 1950
Single supplement	€ 550
Children 2 / 12 years in parents room	€ 1550
1 FREE for every 25 paying	

The fee includes:

- Travel by Bus GT Lusso and overnight cruise
- Accommodation in hotel with half board as scheduled
- Tax, value added tax
- English guide
- Evening excursions

Not included:

- entrance fees, extras and anything not mentioned in "Included".

The tour may be revised for the special needs of the group. Eg can be inserted an extra day and visit the home group meeting with local authorities.

Supplement:

4 stars hotel (First class)	+ 340 euro
High season (Christmas, Easter, August)	+ 210 euro

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