

Enchanted Italy Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Italy

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DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Venice

Arrive in glorious Venice with its astonishing treasures; transfer to your hotel independently. Balance of the day is at leisure in this city built on over 100 small islands and connected by 400 bridges. Venice is truly an artistic masterpiece. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager

Overnight: Venice

DAY 3, Wednesday - Full Day in Venice

Today you can spend the day at your leisure or, choose to participate in an *optional* walking tour of some of the most famous Venetian sights. The tour starts with a visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano, known for its artistic and colorful Murano glassware. Then travel to St. Mark's Square where you will learn about the Square's most prominent monuments, including the Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Doge's Palace as well as the Bell and Clock Towers. Proceed to Santa Maria Formosa Square and Campo SS. Giovanni e Paolo, the second largest square in Venice. Continue to the corner of Marco Polo's house and Malibran Theater. Then, return to St. Mark's Square through the Mercerie, a series of interconnecting streets that link the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square, and are the main streets in the city for shopping. Please note: This is a walking and orientation tour of Venice and does not include entry into any landmarks and ends in St. Mark's Square. The remainder of the day is at leisure or, enjoy an *optional* Gondola Serenade - one of the highlights of any Italian holiday!

Optional: Venice Walking Tour (AM)

Optional: Gondola Ride with Music (PM)

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Thursday - Tuscany, Pisa, Arrive in Florence

Depart Venice and travel through the stunning golden landscape of Tuscany, dotted with olive trees. Visit a typical Tuscan farm in the countryside for a wine tasting coupled with delectable local specialties. On to Pisa, to view the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, among the most instantly recognizable structures on earth. The monuments on the extraordinary Piazza dei Miracoli create a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Then, travel to the lively Renaissance city of Florence, with its priceless art and architecture for overnight

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Friday - Full Day in Florence

Enjoy your day at leisure exploring this famous city of the Renaissance. Perhaps, choose to join the *optional* tour of the Accademia of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's *David* is housed; stand in awe of this glorious work of art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in this spectacular city. Tonight, a delightful *optional* evening begins with a ride through the Tuscan hills to a lovely restaurant where a sumptuous Tuscan dinner is served along with unlimited wine and entertainment

***(Optional Uffizi Gallery Tour PM, US \$62):** - available for purchase only in Italy from your Tour Manager

Florence and the fine arts are synonymous. This guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery provides insight to the history of the structure and its collections. Originally the private collection of the Medici family, the palazzo was opened to the public in 1765. Your tour highlights exceptional examples of Florentine painting with an aim to help you better understand the works of masters including Giotto, Botticelli, and Leonardo da Vinci. Tour participation guarantees immediate entry to the Gallery, with no lengthy waits in oftentimes two-three hour queues

Important: *The museum has a limited maximum capacity and therefore reserves the right to restrict admission. In this case, we may not be able to offer the tour. Price is based on minimum number of passengers*

Optional: Florence Walking Tour with Accademia Museum (AM)

Optional: Dinner at a Tuscan Restaurant (PM)

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Saturday - Medieval Assisi, en route to Rome

Depart Florence to the small medieval town of Assisi perched high on a hill in the Umbria region, with its Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and sacred shrines. Assisi is best known as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi - patron saint of Italy. Its main attraction is the 13th century Basilica di San Francesco, one of the artistic highlights of medieval Europe, which contains the sacred relics of St. Francis and Giotto's astonishing frescoes. The town of Assisi has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its significant art and architecture. Afterwards, continue to Rome, the astonishing city built on seven hills

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Sunday - Full Day in Rome

Spend your last day at leisure, exploring "The Eternal City" or, choose to join the optional Ancient Rome tour. Begin at the legendary Roman Forum, the central area of the city from which ancient Rome developed. Next, view the triumphal Arch of Constantine, erected by the Roman Senate to commemorate Constantine's tenth year of leadership over the Eternal City. Gain special access to the mighty Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire that seated over 50,000. It was used for gladiatorial contests and public events, that were attended by the rich, the poor and by the Emperor

Optional: Ancient Rome (AM)

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Monday - Depart Italy

Transfer independently to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast