

# The best of Italy

## Cities of Art - A 10 days tour with 9 days and 8 nights

Visiting Venice - Florence - San Gimignano - Siena - Assisi - Orvieto and Rome

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### Day 01

Depart on an overnight flight with dinner and breakfast on board of the aircraft.

### Day 02 Milan - Venice.

Arrive at the international airport of Malpensa of Milan, and immediate transfer to down town, for a panoramic tour of this business capital of Italy. See the Scala, the world temple of Classic Music, the beautiful Duomo, the shopping gallery named after King Victor Emmanuel the second. Enjoy a cappuccino in one of its side- walk cafés. At given time, depart toward Venice. Drive on the long bridge linking this city to the mainland and arrive at Tronchetto, a man' made island where the Bus will be loaded on the ferry. Short cruise along the bay of Venice, to arrive at your hotel on the Lido di Venezia. Distribution of the rooms: Baggage handling by the



hotel. In due time you will meet again a Venetian hostess for a transfer in Vaporetto, the water Bus of Venice, to the Saint Mark Square. Enjoy your welcome dinner in one of the little restaurants behind the Doge's Palace. After dinner, always escorted by your local hostess, walk in to the Square, to enjoy the evening atmosphere. Why not have a warm chocolate, at the Café Florian, one of the oldest café in Europe, dating back to the times of the French revolution. Always using your pass, transfer back to the Lido of Venice, with the traditional Vaporetto. Short walk to your hotel. Accomodation.

### Day 03 Venice.

Breakfast - Full day in Venice. In the morning transfer by Vaporetto to Saint Mark Square, where you will meet your local guide. The walking tour will take you around the Square, the Basilica, and with a supplement, in to the Doge's palace, and its prisons, the "Piombi", so called because of its lead roof. Time free. In the afternoon, with the escort of the local hostess and always travelling with the local Vaporetto, cruise the Bay of Venice, visiting the three major islands. Torcello, with its medieval ruins, the cloister dating from the foundation of Venice, its devil's bridge. Visit the church of Santa Fosca and its mosaics. Burano, a lively fishermen's village, known for its famous hand made laces. And,



of course, Murano, where the glass is still blown into shapes and colours, following a thousand years tradition and art. Return to the hotel, for dinner at the hotel or a nearby restaurant. Accommodation.

### Day 04 Venice - Florence - Montecatini Terme.

Board your Bus and depart for the Ferry' station in Lido of Venice. Transfer to the mainland and depart immediately for a direct transfer to Florence. Upon arrival, visit the Ponte Vecchio, and the open air Stroh market. The Palazzo della Signoria and its Loggia with so many beautiful statues.



The Duomo, the Baptistry and its colourful bell tower, covered by polychrome marble slabs. After some time free, continue for your day's transfer, to Montecatini Terme, a quaint little city, on the Tuscany hills, some 20 miles outside Florence. Arrive at your hotel. Get installed. Dinner and accomodation.

### Day 05 Montecatini Terme - Florence - Pisa - Montecatini Terme.



Breakfast. Continue with tour of Florence, with a local guide. The high light of the tour will be a visit of the Academy of fine Arts where you will be able to admire the original David, a masterpiece by Michelangelo. You days' program will continue with a transfer to Pisa. Walk to the Piazza dei Miracoli

for a visit of the Duomo and the Baptistry. If you feel like, you can walk to the top of the leaning tower, now open again to the public. The ticket must be purchased locally. Return to Montecatini for your dinner and accomodation.

### Day 06 Montecatini - San Gimignano - Siena - Assisi.

Breakfast and departure. After a short drive on the Autostrada, you will continue your day's travel visiting the Tuscany hills, with it's specific colour, which is known to the painters as "Terra di Siena". The first visit of this day will be of the Medieval fortress of San Gimignano. Its walls were defended by 70 towers, of which 14 can still be seen today. Walk along the tine village streets and enjoy its peculiar



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flavour of the bygone days. Continue to Siena for a walking tour of this Medieval city, including the San Domenico church, with the banners used during the Palio races, and the Piazza del Campo. Depart again to reach in the mid afternoon, Assisi. Enjoy the visit of this Medieval town, visiting the Churches of San Damiano, Santa Chiara, and the Basilica of San Francesco, constructed on two levels. The Tomb of Saint Francis is in a Crypt, on the third underground level. Check at your hotel for dinner and accommodation.



### Day 07 Assisi - Orvieto - Rome.



Breakfast. Depart Assisi but on your way out, stop and visit the basilica in the Village of Santa Maria degli Angeli. It has been built above the tiny chapel of the "Porziuncola" where Saint Francis used to pray. Visit the garden of the Roses. Drive on to Orvieto, to visit this old town, with its beautiful church, covered with marble slabs of all colours, Continue on your way to Rome, arriving in the very early afternoon. After having registered at your hotel, enjoy a first tour of the city, part on Bus and part walking. Dinner in a nice restaurant near the hotel. Accommodation.

### Day 08 Rome.

Breakfast. Your morning guided tour will include the Basilica of Saint Peters, its Catacombs with the Pope's tombs and the Museum, with its Sistine Chapel, entrance fee included. The afternoon is free. Dinner near the hotel and accommodation.



### Day 09 Rome - Montecassino - Pompeii - Sorrento - Rome.

Breakfast. Depart with your bus toward the south. Stop in Cassino and visit the Abbey of Montecassino. Proceed to Pompeii where, at 12.00 noon.00 pm, you will be met by the local guide. Complete visit of the excavations, entrance fee included. Drive on to Sorrento, for a walking tour of this village. In due time, departure



for your journey back to Rome.

After having freshened up, transfer to a typical roman trattoria for a flavoured farewell dinner during which you will be given the possibility to bid farewell to your driver. Return transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.



### Day 10 Rome. Departure.

Breakfast. In due time (three hours prior flight' time) transfer departure, with a local hostess, to the airport of Rome, Leonardo da Vinci. After the registration of the luggage and tickets, once the boarding passes are provided to the group, our arrangements will terminate.

#### Services included:

- Rental of an air-conditioned Bus, with toilet, airport to airport, Milan to Rome. Please note that the use of the toilet is not permitted during city tours.
- Ferry fares for Bus and passengers, return, in Venice.
- A two days pass for the free use of the Vaporetto, the traditional waterbus service in Venice.
- Assistance for the airport transfers in Milan and Rome.
- Assistance for the transfer arrival in Venice and for the afternoon tour of the three islands.
- Guided tour in Venice, Florence, Rome and Pompeii, when listed as guided tour.
- Entrance fees to the Sistine Chapel in Rome and the Excavations of Pompeii.
- Hotel accommodation in good \*\*\* hotels, two per room, private bath. Lift, room and buffet breakfast, daily.
- Dinner daily, table d'hôte menu, without beverages with two exceptions.
- Welcome and farewell dinners, in Venice and Rome, with beverages included.
- Baggage handling at the airport of Milan and Rome.
- Baggage handling, in and out, at the hotels in Lido di Venezia, Montecatini Terme, Assisi and Rome.

#### Services available with a supplement:

- Beverages at meals.
- Lunches en route and when visiting a city.

#### Services not included:

- Phone expenses, local and back home.
- Whatever not listed in this itinerary.
- Tip to guides and the driver.



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