



Tour of Italy 8 days, 7 nights

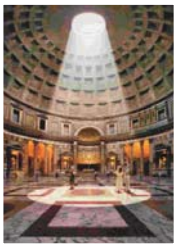
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Day 01

Arrive at the airport of Fiumicino, in Rome - meeting with the Italian Tour escort - baggage handling with supplement - immediate transfer to your hotel. Dinner and accomodation.

Day 02 Rome.

Breakfast at the hotel - Morning transfer to the Vatican Museums. Guided visit its library, its paintings, the room painted by Raphael, one of the world's greatest painters ever lived on earth. Finally you will enter the breathtaking Sistine chapel, painted by Michelangelo. Your visit will terminate with the inside of the Saint Peter's Basilica plus, if open to the public on this day, it's underground with the Tomb of Saint Peter and almost all the Popes. Time free for lunch, not included. During your afternoon guided tour of the city, you will enjoy the sights of the ancient Rome, as the Forums and the Colosseum, entrance fees included, the Rome of the Popes, with its Basilicas of Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, the Pantheon and the world known Spanish steps, the Piazza di Spagna. Dinner and accomodation at your hotel.



Day 03 Rome.

Breakfast at your hotel and morning departure to Assisi, the most important medieval city of Italy. A walking guided tour will take you along the narrow streets to the Cloister of Saint Damian and Sainte Claire, and the three level Basilica of Saint Francis, with it's tomb in the lover level. Time free for lunch, not included. Before departing for the south, you shall visit the Church of Saint Mary of the Angels, built above the "Porziuncola" a tiny little chapel where Saint Francis was used to pray and preach. Arrival in the surrounding of Venice, for dinner and accomodation.



Day 04 Venice.

Breakfast at your hotel and transfer to the City of the Doges - In the morning guided tour the Saint Mark Square, the Basilica, the Doge's palace, and its prisons, the "Piombi", so called because of its lead roof. Time free.



Eventually a visit to a Venetian glass store can be organized. Some still show how the glass is blown in to any shapes and forms. Time free for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, with a private motor launch, tour of the two major islands behind Venice. Torcello, with its medieval ruins, the cloister dating from the foundation of Venice, its devil's bridge. Burano, a lively fishermen's village, known for its famous hand made laces. Return to the hotel, for dinner and accommodation.



Day 05 Venice.

Breakfast at your hotel and depart to Padova for a guided tour of the city, visiting the Basilica of Saint Anthony, the "Scovegni" chapel with paintings by Giotto, the covered market, and the university, the oldest in Europe. Time free for lunch, not included. Drive on toward Florence, for a later afternoon arrival at a your Hotel. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 06 Florence.

Breakfast at your hotel - Full day guided tour, including the Gallery of the Uffizi, the Academy (with it's original statue of David, by Michelangelo) and the convent of San Marco, where you will be able to enjoy the marvellous frescoes by Fra' Angelico. Visit the Church of Santa Croce, with the tombs of the greatest Italian poets. Time free for lunch. In the afternoon departure for the one hour ride to Pisa where, with a local guide, you will enjoy the Piazza dei Miracoli with its leaning tower, the Baptistery and the Duomo. After some free time to shop, return to Florence. The arrival will be arranged so that you can stop at the Piazzale Michelangelo for a view over the river Arno, the Ponte Vecchio (the old bridge) and the Palazzo della Signoria, the ruler's palace. Dinner and accomodation.



Day 07 Florence.

Breakfast at your hotel followed by a departure to San Gimignano, for a guided visit of this medieval town, famous for its 17 towers. Proceed to Siena. Time free for lunch, not included. Meet your local guide for a walking tour of this medieval city. It is in Siena that over 600 years ago, the first bank was founded. Late afternoon departure for Rome. Arrival in time for dinner and accommodation.

Day 08 Rome.

Breakfast at your hotel - day free - In due time, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Your Italian tour leader bids you good by. End of our services.



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Services included:

- Full assistance by a professional tour escort, Rome to Rome
- Guided tours in Rome, Padova, Assisi, Venice, Florence, Pisa, San Gimignano and Siena, as listed.
- Hotel accommodation, tourist class ***, half board with continental breakfast.
- Private Motorcoach, airport to airport.
- Private motor launches for the transfers needed in Venice.

Services available with a supplement:

- Accommodation in first class **** hotels.
- Buffet breakfast.
- Baggage handling in-n-out airports and hotels.
- Lunches.



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