



10 Day Grand Tour of Italy Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Depart USA

Board your overnight flight to Rome, Italy.

Day 2 - Rome

Transfer from the airport to the hotel, the balance of the day free. Overnight at hotel. **(B)**

Day 3 - Rome - Vatican City Tour Included

After breakfast, departure to visit the Vatican city. **Guided excursion to visit Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica without the line. Upon arrival your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collection of the world. Admire the beautiful spiral stairway the gallery of tapestries and geographical maps, before arriving at the famous Sistine Chapel and the unforgettable Basilica** Afternoon, free time at leisure. Overnight at your hotel in Rome. **(B)**

Day 4 - Rome - Archaeological Tour Included

Today your morning will be free to venture on your own. In the afternoon departure from hotel to the Archaeological Area, **to have a complete guided tour of the Colosseum , Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. Access the Palatine hill with no line and discover the hill where Rome was founded at the beginning. Then reach the Colosseum and be amazed by this monument that is the symbol of Rome in the world. The Amphitheatre created to entertain ancient Roman citizens with bloody shows of gladiators, animals and cruel games, is now one of the most fascinating landmark of the City. Then, walk on the original path of ancient Rome along the Via Sacra and see the Temples of Vesta, Antonino and Faustina, the ancient Basilica Julia and Aemilia and dream about the glorious past of the Roman Empire. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Rome. (B, D)**

Day 5 - Rome - Florence (Afternoon city tour included)

After breakfast, private transfer from hotel to Termini railway station and transfer by train (2nd class ticket, high speed) to Florence. Upon arrival, private transfer from Santa Maria Novella railway station to the hotel. **In the afternoon enjoy your Florence guided city tour. Crossing the beautiful and green hills of Florence we reach the picturesque Etruscan-Roman village of Fiesole that towers above Florence and the Arno Valley. Heading back to the city by bus, we will ride through the famous Lungarno (way along the Arno River) we will reach the Basilica di Santa Croce. Our walking tour will continue to Piazza Signoria, heart of the city social life. Here we will admire the architecture of Palazzo Vecchio and the famous statues of Loggia de' Lanzi. Our Guide will finish the tour inside the Uffizi Gallery, where we will admire without queuing the impressive and magnificent paintings of Leonardo, Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raffaello. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Florence. (B, D)**

Day 6 - Florence - Venice (Afternoon city tour included)

After breakfast, private transfer from hotel to Santa Maria Novella Station and transfer by train (2nd class ticket, high speed) to Venice. Upon arrival, private transfer to the hotel. **In the afternoon excursion to discover the Murano island, to watch the antique art of making glasses. Then proceeds to the characteristic Island of Burano renowned for lace making and Torcello with its old Cathedral and its atmosphere of remote Venetian past. Return to St Mark's Square. Overnight at your hotel in Venice. (B)**

Day 7 - Venice (Walking tour of Venice included)

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Venice and Doge's Palace. **Walk outside (no entrances) the most characteristic and important places for the history of Venice. A qualified and experienced guide will escort you through the millennium of life of the Serenissima Republic, recalling the past full of charm of this unique city. At the end of the walking tour, visit of the Doge's Palace. Palazzo Ducale represented for centuries the seat of the Venetian political power. In his splendid rooms, plastered and immersed in hundreds of masterpieces of painting, the Duke and his Council controlled the fate of a thousand-year history republic. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Venice. (B, D)**

Day 8 - Venice - Milan (Afternoon tour of Milan including Last Super)

After breakfast, private transfer from hotel to Venice railway station and transfer by train (2nd class ticket, high speed) to Milan. Upon arrival, private transfer from Milan railway station to the hotel. **In the afternoon join a tour of the best of Milan, home to an incredible patrimony of art and culture which includes one of Leonardo Da Vinci's greatest master-pieces: the Last Supper, which is housed at Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan and has earned a spot in the UNESCO World Heritage List. This half day sightseeing tour includes the pre-booked entrance to the masterpiece, guaranteeing exclusive no line entry and an intimate viewing of the *Last Supper* and a walking tour, introducing you to Italy's most stylish city. Stop by the alluring Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II shopping gallery, a 19th century glass vaulted shopping arcade. Brimming with fashionable shops and cafes, it is often called the "salotto di Milano" or "Milan's drawing room" for its importance over the years as a common meeting point for the people of Milan. Visit the medieval Sforza Castle. A grand medieval Castle and fortress, the Sforzesco was once seat and residence for the ruling family of Milan and now houses several of the city's museums and art collections. Next, tour the splendid Duomo, one of the world's largest, most striking Gothic cathedrals. Some 135 spires and 3,200 statues are crammed onto the roof and facade of the building. (B)**

Day 9 - Milan (Free Day)

Enjoy your free day in Milan for shopping or optional tour to Lake Como. **(B)**

Day 10 - Milan

After breakfast, take your private transfer from hotel to Milan airport. Arrivederci! **(B)**

Package Includes

- Round trip flights from New York* via scheduled carriers, including fuel surcharges and taxes and fees
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Rome at Hotel Ariston or similar
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Florence at Hotel B4 Astoria Firenze or similar
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Venice at Carlton of the Grand Canal Hotel or similar
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Milan at Hotel Sheraton Four Points or similar
- 13 Meals: 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- ROME - Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Colosseum, Roman Forum
- FLORENCE - Fiesole, Uffizi Gallery, Basilica de Santa Croce, Piazza Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio
- VENICE - Walking tour of Venice including visits to The Dodge Palace, Murano Islands and Island of Burano
- MILAN - Visit to Santa Maria delle Grazie to view the Last Super, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Sforza Castle, The Dumo, The famous La Scala Theatre (opera house)
- 2nd Class train high speed train from Rome to Florence , Florence to Venice & Venice to Milan
- Private transfer to and from arrival and departure airport
- Private transfer to/from rail stations in Rome, Florence, Venice & Milan
- Guided visits with an English speaking guide during sightseeing
- Hotel taxes and service charges