INSIGHT VACATIONS

Best of Italy

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VENICE
(Days 5 & 6)
FLORENCE
(Days 3 & 4)
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Tuscany
Pisa
San
Gimignano
ASSISI
(Day 7)
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Umbria
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ROME &
THE VATICAN CITY
(Days 1, 2, 10 & 11)
SORRENTO
(Days 8 & 9)
Positano
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Capri

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Day 1 | Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director and get to know your fellow travelers over Roman specialties during dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

Day 2 | Vatican City and Rome with a Local

The day is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, and see the beautiful exterior of St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. Occasionally, access to the Vatican Museums is limited. If tickets are unavailable, you'll instead explore the Capitoline Museums, home to iconic Roman art and archaeology.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Piazzas and Fountains - Enjoy a guided *passeggiata* with a Local Expert through Rome's cobblestone streets. Venture into the heart of Ancient Rome, wander through its charming squares, and marvel at the city's iconic landmarks that define its unique character, all while soaking up the vibrant atmosphere that makes the Eternal City so captivating.
Adult: 50.00 EUR

Roman Dinner Party - Enjoy an evening of delicious Roman cuisine with drinks and a great Italian ambiance.
Adult: 79.00 EUR

Day 3 | The Chianti Hills to Florence

Continue this guided tour of Italy with a drive to the picturesque Chianti Hills and the historic city of Florence. Travel north from Rome, passing through the rolling landscapes of Lazio and into the heart of Tuscany. Later this evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant, savoring the authentic flavors of Florentine cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

San Gimignano Excursion - Join your Local Expert in San Gimignano, Tuscany's 'medieval Manhattan', where 14 towers still rise above cobbled lanes. Discover how rival families built these structures in a show of power, and explore Romanesque and Gothic architecture that has remained untouched since the 14th century. As you take in the town's timeless charm and historic wealth in saffron trade, you'll also savor a local treat specially selected for your visit.
Adult: 59.00 EUR

Day 4 | Florence, Birthplace of the Renaissance

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. After, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. This city is renowned for its intricate crafts, so later in the day, enjoy a demonstration of traditional leatherwork and goldsmithing.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner in Tuscany - This evening, journey into the Tuscan countryside for a relaxed yet flavourful experience. Step into a welcoming local restaurant, where the chef prepares regional dishes using freshly sourced ingredients from the local farmer's market. Each course brings Tuscany's rich culinary heritage vividly to life in an authentic and inviting setting.
Adult: 80.00 EUR

Day 5 | Pisa to Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the enchanting floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers leave the city to return to the mainland, allowing you to appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice from your centrally located hotel. Tonight, indulge in a delicious dinner, savoring the unique flavors of Venetian cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Magical Venice - Venice can be Europe's most romantic city in the evening, offering dramatic landscapes with buildings that dazzle as the sun sets and the lights go on. Sit back and take it all in as private water taxis take you to the center of it all, Piazza San Marco, where we have seats reserved outside a famous Venetian cafe, in front of a live orchestra and in view of those illuminated St Mark's sights. Our private water taxis will also take us the length of the Grand Canal, under the Rialto Bridge, seeing Venice at its most magical.
Adult: 66.00 EUR

Day 6 | Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima

Cruise by private boat on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St. Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St. Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Later, experience a Venetian glassblowing workshop, where you'll witness the artistry of master craftsmen in action. Watch in awe as they create beautiful glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Hidden Venice - Experience Venice's big set pieces is to miss out on a hidden world full of surprises! Join a Local Expert for a fascinating walk through some of the lesser known quarters of Venice. The back lanes and 'campi', small squares, where tourists seldom tread are full of history and great places to sample local

life.
Adult: 47.00 EUR

Burano Excursion & Meal - Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, a photographer's paradise, famous for its candy colored houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialties with wine included. An excursion not to be missed!
Adult: 90.00 EUR

Day 7 | Assisi

Continue your 11 days in Italy with a journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, nestled on the slopes of Mount Subasio and renowned for its medieval churches, vibrant frescoes and sun-dappled courtyards. In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, revered as the place of St. Francis' passing. Then ascend to the upper town to meet your Local Expert. Step inside the monumental Basilica of St. Francis, a 13th-century marvel whose frescoes by Giotto marked a turning point in European art. Enjoy free time to soak up the serenity of Assisi. You might choose to stroll along Via San Francesco, lined with quaint stone buildings offering artisan foods, devotional keepsakes and locally crafted wares.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Giotto, Assisi

Day 8 | Sorrento on the coast

Travel south, passing Cassino, the site of a fierce and pivotal battle during World War II. Continue your journey along the spectacular clifftop road, offering breathtaking views, to reach the resort of the Sorrento coast. This charming area overlooks the Bay of Naples and provides stunning vistas of Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring the beautiful surroundings or relaxing in the comfort of your accommodations.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sorrento Evening - A chance to enjoy a delicious dinner of local specialties. We arrive at one of the area's unique local restaurants for an incredible dining experience featuring some of the famous dishes of this region!
Adult: 85.00 EUR

Day 9 | Capri, the Isle of Dreams

Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Emperor Tiberius to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. Perhaps head to Positano for an exploration of the colorful Amalfi Coast?

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Island Tour of Capri - Experience a private, guided cruise along the beautiful southern coast to see spectacular cliffs, the famous Faraglioni Rocks and White Grotto sea cave with its small red coral. View the turquoise waters and private villas and hear the stories of Roman Emperors and famous people through history who have called Capri home before ascending to Capri town. This optional experience is weather dependent and may be replaced by a minibus tour of the Island with a visit to Anacapri and either the Villa San Michele or the Anacapri chairlift.
Adult: 60.00 EUR

Amalfi Coast Drive & Positano Visit - Drive along the clear blue waters and picturesque resorts of the Amalfi Coast, arguably the most glamorous and scenic stretch of coast in Europe. Minibuses wind their way down serpentine roads to the exclusive artists' paradise, Positano. Explore elegant shops, watch artists at work, or enjoy an *aperitivo* in a beachside cafe.
Adult: 81.00 EUR

Day 10 | Pompeii and Rome

Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town that was preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. A walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations reveals the daily life of ancient Roman civilization. Visit the Forum and peer into shops and patrician villas, decorated with colorful wall paintings. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family-run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family, who all work here. Be sure to savor the unique flavors of this rare tomato during a truly unique Farm-to-Table lunch. Your journey continues to Rome. In the evening, enjoy an elegant dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant. As you dine, enjoy a private performance of popular songs and arias from some of Italy's best-loved operas.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: NH Roma Centro, Rome

Day 11 | Arrivederci Roma

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savoring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. Italy's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave.

Meals: Breakfast

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