

Itinerary for Taste of Italy Tour • Expat Explore

Start Point:

BV Oly Hotel,

Via del Santuario Regina degli Apostoli, 36,

00145 Roma RM, Italy

10:00 hrs

End Point:

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DAY 1: Start of tour in Rome



Welcome to Rome, and one of our most popular Italy tours! The first day of the tour is an arrivals day: meet up with your tour guide at our accommodation in the afternoon and prepare for the tour of a lifetime! If you arrive early, head into the city and see some of the sites that make Rome famous the world over. An ancient city that has seen the rise and fall of entire empires, there is no shortage of historical real estate to feast your eyes on. Not to mention designer shopping and brilliant food. Tonight, you'll meet the rest of the tour group at our included welcome dinner.

Experiences

Your tour begins! Tonight you will enjoy a welcome dinner where you can get to know your tour leader and the rest of your group.



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Included Meals

Breakfast: ✕ Lunch: ✕ Dinner: ✓

DAY 2: Rome



Today we'll take a guided walking tour of the city, stopping off at the landmarks that have made Rome a perennial favourite with travellers all over the world. See ancient Roman architecture, medieval buildings, Renaissance artworks and more remnants of Rome's illustrious past as capital of this incredible country – and of the Roman Empire at large. Be sure to see sightseeing highlights like the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon and the countless other attractions that make Rome famous the world over. Later, you'll have the option of taking a guided walking tour of the Vatican City. Marvel at glittering artworks, vast marble halls and opulent architecture – all part and parcel of the Vatican's status as the seat of papal power. Eating and drinking well is also an important part of Roman life, and as they say, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do.' Try excellent Italian cuisine, and be sure to grab a famous Roman gelato while you're sight-seeing!

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Walking tour of Rome: This city has so much to see and do we can't list everything here but your walking tour of Rome with a professional local guide will give you a great start for further exploration in your free time. You will see Roman Forum, Arch of Septimus Severus, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Spanish steps. You have the option of visiting the Colosseum.

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✗

Accommodation

Hotel American Palace Eur

BV Oly Hotel

Optional Excursions

Vatican City Guided Tour: € 50

** Stated prices and availability are subject to change.*

DAY 3: Orvieto - Venice



Leaving the capital behind, we'll drive through the region of Umbria. Known as the 'fruit bowl of Italy', it is famous for its produce, food and beautiful mountainous landscapes. Prepare for one of the most spectacular sights in Europe as we approach Orvieto, a city perched dramatically atop sheer vertical volcanic rock. We'll take the funicular up to the historic centre, where you'll have

some free time to explore and see the sights, including the exquisite facade of the Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence and the Alborno fortress, before we travel on to Venice. You have the evening free to relax at the hotel, or explore Venice with the option to join your tour leader on a twilight water taxi cruise of the Venetian canals.

Experiences

Orientation tour of Orvieto: Explore some of the sights of this city perched on top of a rock cliff. Take a trip to the top using the funicular. Enjoy free time to find something to eat, see the streets, and visit the top sights including the Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence and the Alborno Fortress.

Orientation tour of Venice: Tomorrow morning, your tour leader will take you into the heart of this unique floating city for an orientation to help you explore and see St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, St. Mark's Museum, Campanile, Doge's Palace, Rialto Market and Scuola Grande di San Rocco.

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✗

Accommodation

- Hotel San Giuliano
- Hotel Venezia
- Hotel Ambasciatori & Delfino
- Hotel Residence Elite

Optional Excursions

Venice by Night: € 30

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DAY 4: Venice: Free Day



You'll start your day in Venice with an orientation tour led by your tour leader so you can get your bearings, after which you have free time to explore this unforgettable city at your leisure. Every visit to Venice should include a gondola ride, which your tour leader can organise for you, as well as a trip further out into the lagoon to visit Murano and Burano. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses. Alternatively you can simply relax and soak up the sun on the sandy beach at Lido. There's also The Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to see – and any number of culinary delights to sample too!

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✗

Accommodation

Hotel San Giuliano

Hotel Venezia

Hotel Ambasciatori & Delfino

Hotel Residence Elite

Optional Excursions

Venice Gondola Ride: € 20

Murano, Burano & Venetian lagoon: € 45

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DAY 5: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany



Today, we make our way to the beautiful city of Florence, stopping along the way in Lake Garda for a photo opportunity. On arrival in Florence your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour to learn more about the heritage of this city, which stretches back through the ages to encompass Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Sights to see in your free time include Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence Cathedral and the Basilica of Santa Croce. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, Florence is endowed with a huge variety of important buildings and famous artworks. We'll then make our way to our accommodation in Tuscany.

Experiences

Photo stop at Lake Garda: Enjoy the chance to visit the stunning Lake Garda and snap some incredible photos!

Guided tour of Florence: An expert local guide will take you on an walking tour to introduce you to the main sights, including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza Della Signoria and the replica statue of David. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, Florence is endowed with a huge variety of important buildings and famous artworks.

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✓

Accommodation

Hotel President

Hotel Terme Pellegrini

DAY 6: Cinque Terre - Pisa - Tuscany



This morning we head to La Spezia, the gateway to the Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre literally means 'Five Lands' and consists of five picturesque coastal cliff-side towns linked by rail and footpath - Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. With cars and motorcycles banned from the towns, you'll have a wonderful time exploring the towns by train or by foot. Later in the afternoon we'll head back to the Tuscan region, stopping off in Pisa to see the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Now over 800 years old, it's a classic sight in Italy and gives you the opportunity to take a picture 'holding up' the tower!

Experiences

Explore Cinque Terre's five picturesque villages: Recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, you'll have plenty of free time to experience this picturesque region, which also offers some of the best seafood in Italy!

See the Leaning Tower of Pisa: Visit Pisa to see one of Italy's most iconic monuments; the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa! Make the most of photographic opportunities during the visit. A photo of you 'holding up' the tower is a classic!

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✗

DAY 7: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome



This morning we make our way through one of the world's most picturesque countryside landscapes, admiring Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves as we drive by. Our first stop of the day will be in San Gimignano, a small walled hill town. Known as the 'Town of Fine Towers', it offers beautiful Romanesque and Gothic architecture and 12 well-preserved tower houses. We'll then make the short drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the 'Palio' horse race held twice a year in the main piazza, or public square. We'll enjoy a wine tasting accompanied with antipasto, before we head back to Rome and round the off the day with a farewell dinner together on our last night of the tour.

Experiences

Comfort stop at the town of San Gimignano. Famous for its medieval towers, it is a real gem of the region. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, 13 of the original 70 towers remain, providing an iconic and unforgettable skyline that sets it apart from the many other hill towns in Tuscany.

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage town of Siena, famous for the Palio horse race, held each year on 2nd July and 16th August. This bareback horse race has taken place since the 14th Century in the main town square of Siena, and the 17 participants represent local families, or *contrade*.

Enjoy a wine tasting accompanied by antipasto.

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✓

DAY 8: End of tour



After breakfast, your 8 day Italian tour concludes. It is time to say your goodbyes to your fellow travellers, and of course, the incredible land of Italy. Arrivederci, Italia!

Experiences

The tour ends after breakfast. Make sure you have exchanged contact details with your new-found travel friends, and share your amazing tour memories with us online using the hashtags #ExpatExplore and #BetterTogether.

Included Meals

Breakfast: ✓ Lunch: ✗ Dinner: ✗

