



WONDERS OF ITALY

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | FROM US\$2195pp*

INDULGE IN AN ENDURING EXPLORATION OF ITALY'S ALLURING ART, ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORY. SEE THE IMPOSING TOWERS OF SAN GIMIGNANO AND THE SEAS OF PASTEL SHADES THAT CLING DRAMATICALLY TO CINQUE TERRE'S CLIFFS.

THE *Icons*

VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums

CITY TOUR in Rome, Florence and Assisi

ORIENTATION of Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona and Venice

VISIT St Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum in Rome, the Cinque Terre, San Gimignano, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and Villa d'Este Gardens at Tivoli

VIEW the ancient sites of Rome, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica and Duomo in Florence, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, and the Kissing Towers of Bologna

SCENIC CRUISE by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

ITALY

Cinque Terre



● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING
● END

YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

1 ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS) Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiques and hearty flavours crafted by Italian *mamas* over centuries. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive to see the bustling cityscape. **(WR)** Hotel: **Il Cantico**

2 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME 'Dive into Culture' on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the works of great masters – the Bramante staircase, the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, we pay tribute to the brave gladiators who fought for supremacy at the Colosseum during our included visit. We'll also see the Circus Maximus before a free afternoon. **(B, 🚶)**

3 ROME – LUCCA (2 NIGHTS) We travel north to Lucca and enjoy time to wander through the medieval streets and admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro, built on the site of an ancient Roman arena. Relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views in your free time. **(B)** Hotel: **Grand Guinigi**

4 CINQUE TERRE AND PISA EXCURSION A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in Cinque Terre UNESCO World Heritage Site, which we will have an opportunity to explore today on our included excursion. Join a Local Specialist and travel by boat and train to delve into the daily life of these picturesque fishing villages. Stop in Pisa and visit its UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. **(B, D)**

5 LUCCA – SAN GIMIGNANO – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS) The gentle Tuscan landscape gives way to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. We 'Connect With Locals' over a Be My Guest lunch with wine in a beautiful family owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills, before arriving in Florence, our home for the next two nights. **(B, BMG, 🍷)** Hotel: **Grand Mediterraneo**

6 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME We join a Local Specialist who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. Walk along the cobblestone lanes into expansive *piazze*, viewing the magnificent marble Duomo and replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. View the 674-year-old Ponte Vecchio and admire spectacular panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the Cradle of the Renaissance. **(B)**

7 FLORENCE – VERONA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS) Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today during our jaunt to the romantic city of Verona. Here we'll view Juliet's Balcony and the 1st-century Roman

Arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. We venture to Venice next, our home for the next two nights. **(B)** Hotel: **Boscolo Bellini**

8 VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME On the island of Giudecca, we 'Dive Into Culture' and witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing before seeing St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch to see the city's most iconic attractions before enjoying free time to explore the city on your terms. Amble through the labyrinthine alleys, over ornate bridges and into quiet *campi* as you get lost in this enchanting city. **(B, 🚶)**

9 VENICE – BOLOGNA – ASSISI Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, stopping en route in Bologna to view the city's Kissing Towers that lean towards one another seemingly poised to embrace. We continue to our hotel in Assisi where we will stay at one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories' tonight - a fully renovated old Franciscan convent. **(B, D, 🏠)** Hotel: **Cenacolo**

10 ASSISI SIGHTSEEING – TIVOLI – ROME Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, renowned for its beautiful frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. Continue to Tivoli for a guided visit with a Local Specialist of the UNESCO-listed terraced hillside Renaissance Villa d'Este Gardens. This evening we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director before returning to Rome. **(B, FD)** Hotel: **Sheraton Parco de' Medici**

11 DEPART ROME It's time to say a fond *arrivederci* to Italy and our newfound friends after a memorable journey. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$107 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

TRIP CODE: WITR

YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

PricePP			PricePP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
su 27 OCT	we 06 NOV	2425	2020		
su 03 NOV	we 13 NOV	2295	su 05 JAN	we 15 JAN	2195
su 17 NOV	we 27 NOV	2250	su 08 MAR	we 18 MAR	2195
			su 22 MAR	we 01 APR	2195
su 08 DEC	we 18 DEC	2250	su 05 APR	we 15 APR	2525
su 22 DEC	we 01 JAN	2525	su 12 APR	we 22 APR	2525

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$410 p.p.
 Exceptions 22 Dec 19: US\$560 p.p.
 05 Apr 20 to 12 Apr 20: US\$500 p.p.

Christmas & New Year's Eve Highlights: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Lucca. This specially arranged festive meal celebration will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.



EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

SAVE ^{UP TO} **US\$126** p.p.

★ Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$230

★ Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$63

★ Triple room discount: SAVE US\$60 p.p.

★ Past guests: Unlock VIP benefits

TRIP *Highlights*

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Eight generations and plenty of stories to tell. Enjoy a traditional Be My Guest lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. **(Day 5)**

STAYS WITH STORIES

Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan convent in nearby Santa Maria degli Angeli. **(Day 9)**

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo at the Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. **(Day 2)**

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. **(Day 8)**

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WR Welcome Reception

L Lunch

RD Regional Dinner

BMG Be My Guest

B Breakfast

D Dinner

FD Farewell Dinner

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