



BEST OF ITALY

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | FROM US\$2425pp*

EXPERIENCE ALL THE MESMERISING HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY, INCLUDING THE DELECTABLE FLAVOURS THAT HAVE INSPIRED ITS PASSIONATE LOCALS TO COIN THE PHRASE: "FIRST WE EAT, THEN WE DO EVERYTHING ELSE..."



THE *Icons*

VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums

CITY TOUR in Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

ORIENTATION of Venice and Milan

VISIT St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Lake Como, the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, and San Gimignano

VIEW the Abbey in Monte Cassino, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence

SEE the ancient sites of Rome

SCENIC CRUISE to the Isle of Capri and private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

1 ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS) Savour some free time in Rome before joining your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive. (WR) **Hotel: Grand Tiberio**

2 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. 'Dive Into Culture' and admire the Bramante staircase and Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà. We venture to Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B, 🍷)

3 ROME – POMPEII – SORRENTO (2 NIGHTS) We journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Here we join a Local Specialist who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius as we wander through the ancient paved roads of a city that was frozen in time. (B, D) **Hotel: Johanna Park**

4 ISLE OF CAPRI EXCURSION We cross the Bay of Naples today by ferry to the glamorous Isle of Capri to visit some of its landmark sights. Wander past the chic boutiques and pavement cafés in Capri Town in the company of a Local Specialist before taking your time to soak up the sophistication of this lovely island. Later, we return to the mainland. (B)

5 SORRENTO – ASSISI View the Benedictine Abbey in Cassino. Continue north where you will meet a Local Specialist for a walking tour in Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. We'll stay at one of Trafalgar's 'Stays With Stories' – a fully renovated old Franciscan convent. (B, D, 🍷) **Hotel: Cenacolo**

6 ASSISI – VERONA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS) We journey through the Emilia Romagna region, credited with being the birthplace of tortellini, mortadella and parmigiano cheese. Travel to Verona and later Venice, where we enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D) **Hotel: Principe/Amadeus**

7 VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME We venture to the island of Giudecca where we'll 'Dive Into Culture', watching centuries-old glassmaking traditions. Continue past the bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace to St Mark's Square to view the impressive square and Basilica. (B, 🍷)

8 VENICE – MILAN – ITALIAN LAKES (2 NIGHTS) Today's journey takes us to Milan. An orientation tour takes us past the Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. (B, D) **Hotel: Barchetta Excelsior**

9 LAKE COMO EXCURSION The glistening blue waters of Lake Como welcome us today. Explore charming Como old town, indulge in the delicious gelato of the area, take the funicular for spectacular views of the lake or perhaps consider a cruise on the lake. (B)

10 ITALIAN LAKES – PISA – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS) Tuscany lures us across the forested Apennine Mountains, past the marble quarries of Carrara to the famous city of Pisa and its Square of Miracles where we will enjoy an opportunity to view the Leaning Tower. Our next stop is Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. (B) **Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

11 FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING Delve into the extravagant legacy of the Medici family, whose legacy of art and architecture are explored in the company of a Local Specialist. The elegant Duomo dominates the skyline as we visit Piazza della Signoria with its exquisite statues and palazzi. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence and 674-year-old Ponte Vecchio from Piazzale Michelangelo. Then we learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Later, 'Connect With Locals' over a Be My Guest dinner at a castle set within a celebrated wine and olive oil estate. (B, BMG, 🍷)

12 FLORENCE – SAN GIMIGNANO – ROME This morning we stop at the Florence American Cemetery. Continuing south, we visit the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano, featuring extraordinary examples of medieval architecture. This evening in Rome, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) **Hotel: Crowne Plaza St Peter's**

13 DEPART ROME Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. 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\$127 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: WTBO

YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

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| Start Rome | End Rome | Twin Share | Start Rome | End Rome | Twin Share |
| SU 27 OCT | FR 08 NOV | 2950 | SU 26 JAN | FR 07 FEB | 2695 |
| SU 03 NOV | FR 15 NOV | 2895 | + SU 02 FEB | FR 14 FEB | 2695 |
| SU 10 NOV | FR 22 NOV | 2795 | + SU 09 FEB | FR 21 FEB | 2695 |
| + SU 17 NOV | FR 29 NOV | 2795 | + SU 16 FEB | FR 28 FEB | 2695 |
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| SU 05 JAN | FR 17 JAN | 2750 | FR 03 APR | WE 15 APR | 3195 |
| SU 12 JAN | FR 24 JAN | 2675 | SU 05 APR | FR 17 APR | 3195 |
| SU 19 JAN | FR 31 JAN | 2425 | | | |

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$600 p.p.
 Exceptions 26 Dec 19 : US\$700 p.p.
 27 Mar 20 to 05 Apr 20: US\$700 p.p.

- q Christmas and New Year's Eve Highlights: The 15 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Florence. The 19 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Venice. The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Sorrento and toast New Year's Eve in Florence. The 26 December 2019 departure will celebrate New Year's Eve in Venice. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.
- ♦ Venice Carnival: This departure will be in Venice during the Carnival.
- 9 Special Rate Solo Rooming: These departures include 20-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see trafalgar.com for pricing.



EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

SAVE up to **US\$160** p.p.

★ Young traveller discount: SAVE US\$280

★ Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$80

★ Triple room discount: SAVE US\$80 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



The Pazzi and Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12th-century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan Be My Guest buffet, explore the cellars, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting. (Day 11)

DIVE INTO CULTURE



When visiting the Vatican Museums ascend the spiral staircase designed by Donato Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. (Day 2)

- 🍷 Connect With Locals
- 🍷 Stays With Stories
- 🍷 Dive Into Culture
- 🍷 Make A Difference
- WR Welcome Reception
- L Lunch
- RD Regional Dinner
- BMG Be My Guest
- B Breakfast
- D Dinner
- FD Farewell Dinner

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