

SIMPLY ITALY

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | FROM US\$1675pp*

RAMBLE ALONG QUIET LANES AND GRAND CITY AVENUES ADMIRING THE ELEGANT BEAUTY OF ITALY'S MOST CELEBRATED LANDSCAPES AND CITIES, BLISSFULLY FAR, FAR AWAY FROM THE SUMMER CROWDS.



THE Icons

VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums

CITY TOUR in Rome and Florence

ORIENTATION of Venice, Pisa and Siena

VISIT the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome

VIEW St. Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo in Florence and Piazza del Campo in Siena

SEE the ancient sites of Rome and the canals of Venice

ITALY

VENICE

FLORENCE

Pisa

Siena

ROME

● START ● OVERNIGHT ● SIGHTSEEING
● END

YOUR *Holiday*

DAY

1 **ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)** Ah Roma! Once the capital of the world and today yours to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of the city's most magnificent sights. **(WR)**
Hotel: Grand Tiberio

2 **ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Join your Local Specialist this morning for a tour of the Vatican Museums. 'Dive Into Culture' as you ascend the Bramante spiral staircase, admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his sorrowful Pietà. We venture to the birthplace of western civilisation next and celebrate the enduring symbols that stand today as a testament of the might of an ancient power. Visit the impressive Colosseum, where brave warriors once battled for supremacy and see the Circus Maximus where chariots would thunder down the racetrack. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore more of the city or people-watch in one of the grand *piazze* sipping an Italian coffee. **(B, BMG)**

3 **ROME - VENICE (2 NIGHTS)** We journey through scenic Umbria today to see the impressive hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto before travelling through Tuscany with its Chianti vineyards and terraced olive groves. Cross the lush Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. Tonight, we dine at our hotel. **(B, D)**
Hotel: Boscolo Bellini

4 **VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME** The exquisite ancient tradition of glassblowing takes centre stage this morning as we 'Dive Into Culture' at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. Exploring the magical waterways of Venice, we take an orientation cruise by private motor launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the ornate Doge's Palace and renowned Bridge of Sighs, so named for the sound prisoners would make as they crossed the bridge en route to their imprisonment. Spend the rest of the day exploring the *calli* and canals of Venice, or join an Optional Experience trip to the island of Burano for a delicious traditional meal. **(B, BMG)**

5 **VENICE - PISA - FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)** The city of Pisa beckons this morning as we cross the Veneto plains and steep Apennine Mountains to see its incredible Leaning Tower, carved marble Cathedral and the Baptistery in the Square of Miracles. We continue through the Tuscan countryside to Renaissance Florence for our two-night stay. **(B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

6 **FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Join your Local Specialist on a guided walking tour through Florence. See the multi-coloured Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria before venturing across the Arno River to Piazzale Michelangelo where you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of this glorious city. Spend the rest of your morning shopping for leather and gold, retire to a café

for decadent hot chocolate, or consider visiting the Fine Arts Academy to see the famous statue of David by Michelangelo. We 'Connect With Locals' next at the 12th-century Castle of Trebbio which welcomes us for an authentic Be My Guest Tuscan lunch, and olive oil and wine tasting. **(B, BMG, ☺)**

7 **FLORENCE - SIENA - ROME** Our romance with Italy continues as we head south to the medieval city of Siena. See the impressive Piazza del Campo where the Palio di Siena horse race has been held for centuries, then consider indulging in a slice or two of the local *Panforte* before continuing to the Eternal City of Rome. Tonight we toast to our new-found *gioia di vivere* inspired by Italy. Join your Travel Director and *amici* for an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco de' Medici**

8 **DEPART ROME** *Arrivederci* Roma! We bid a fond farewell to a memorable journey through Italy. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. **(B)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR *Trip*

* All prices are per person, twin share.

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

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver US\$78 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: WISI



TRAVEL DIRECTOR *Tip*

Michelangelo as a graffiti artist? See it first-hand when you visit Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. The graffiti, now known as the L'importuno di Michelangelo, is the outline of the face of a man etched into the palace's stone wall.

Pamela Russo

YOUR HOLIDAY *Planner*

PricePP			PricePP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
su 03 NOV	su 10 NOV	1675	su 26 JAN	su 02 FEB	1675
su 17 NOV	su 24 NOV	1675	su 09 FEB	su 16 FEB	1675
su 01 DEC	su 08 DEC	1675	su 23 FEB	su 01 MAR	1775
su 15 DEC	su 22 DEC	1675	su 08 MAR	su 15 MAR	1675
su 22 DEC	su 29 DEC	1750	su 22 MAR	su 29 MAR	1675
su 29 DEC	su 05 JAN	2025	su 05 APR	su 12 APR	1925
	2020				
su 12 JAN	su 19 JAN	1675			

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$330 p.p.
 Exceptions 29 Dec 19: US\$460 p.p.
 05 Apr 20: US\$400 p.p.

q Christmas & New Year's Eve Highlights: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Venice. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast 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.



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★ Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to US\$51

★ Triple room discount: SAVE US\$40 p.p.

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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 6)**

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 4)**

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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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