

BEST OF ITALY

16 MAY 2023
DEPARTURE



TOUR DAYS: 11 DAYS /10 NIGHTS

VANCOUVER • ROME • ASSISI • PERUGIA • SIENA • FLORENCE • BOLOGNA • VENICE • VANCOUVER

*Unravel the mysteries of Ancient Rome, learn about Italian art in Florence,
and walk along the breathtaking canals of Venice with this incredible tour of Italy!*

Vancouver

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Single Supp.

C\$ 699



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Turn your travel dreams into reality with this extraordinary 11-day small-group tour of Italy! Begin your journey in Rome, The Eternal City and the capital of Italy, home to the world-famous Colosseum. Visit Venice Square and Capitoline Hill among many other legendary sites before you explore Vatican City, a principal center of Christianity in the world. Next, you will drive to Assisi, a beautiful medieval town and the birthplace of St. Francis. From there you will travel to Perugia, surrounded by the breathtaking mountains and valleys of Umbria, and make your way to Siena, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Italy. Explore Florence, the Birthplace of the Renaissance where you will discover many masterpieces of Italian art such as the David of Michelangelo. Visit Bologna to see the Basilica of San Petronio, one of the largest churches in the world! Finally, you will travel to Venice, where you will end your tour of Italy. Bask in the beauty of this extraordinary city and opt for a gondola ride through the Venetian canals before you prepare for your journey back home!

TOUR LODGING INFO: 09 Nights' Accommodation
+ 01 Night Onboard

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in the below hotels or similar

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Rome	03 Nights	Hotel Colombo or similar
Perugia	01 Nights	Hotel La Meridiana Urban Hotel or similar
Florence	02 Nights	Hotel Raffaello or similar
Bologna	01 Night	Hotel SHG Bologna or similar
Mestre	02 Night	Hotel Smart Hotel Holiday or similar

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Rome, the Eternal City and the capital of Italy, home to the legendary Colosseum
- Explore the Vatican City, the smallest country in the world with a size of just over 110 acres
- Travel to Perugia, the largest walled medieval city in Italy, known for its tasty chocolate
- Discover some of the most magnificent pieces of Italian art during your time in Florence
- Pay a visit to the Basilica of San Petronio in Bologna, one of the world's largest churches
- See Venice, famous for its canals and gondolas

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 09 nights' Accommodation on twin sharing basis at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- 6 dinners
- Arrival and departure private airport transfers
- Meet & greet service at the airport on arrival
- Transportation in an AC deluxe motor coach
- Local English speaking travel assistant throughout the trip
- Guided tours in Rome, Florence, Assisi, Siena, Venice, and Murano & Burano
- Boat transfer in Venice: Tronchetto - San Marco - Tronchetto
- Tour of Murano and Burano
- Entrance fees: Vatican Museum, St. Peter Basilica and Sistine Chapel, St. Francis Basilica in Assisi & the Accademia Gallery in Florence
- International roundtrip flight from Vancouver
- All Air taxes and fuel surcharges

TOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Return airport transfers for land only guests
- Local city taxes to be paid directly at the hotels
- Visa fees if applicable
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by carrier
- All items not mentioned as included

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 VANCOUVER- ROME

Today you will make your own way to your gateway airport to board your overnight flight to Rome. Enjoy inflight meals and services.
Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 2 ROME ARRIVAL

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival at the Rome International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.
Overnight in Rome

DAY 3 ROME & VATICAN FULL DAY TOUR (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will embark on a two-and-a-half-hour scenic tour of Rome with a local guide. This tour will be an incredible introduction to The Eternal City. You will visit various attractions such as the Caracalla Baths, Venice Square, Circo Massimo, the Capitoline Hills, or St. John Lateran (entrances not included). The tour will end in Vatican City, the principal center of Christianity in the world. You will also be able to visit Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica (entrances included). In the evening, you will be provided transportation to the Trastevere district area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese, and international cuisine. A return to the hotel will be included.
Overnight in Rome

DAY 4 ROME (B/-/-)

Spend the day at leisure. You may pick and choose between the suggested optional tours and activities.
Overnight in Rome

DAY 5 ROME - ASSISI - PERUGIA (B/-/D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Departure from your hotel for a short drive to Assisi where you will explore at leisure this historical town surrounded by walls built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue. Lunch at leisure. In the afternoon, continuation to Perugia, situated in a hilltop region surrounded by the valleys and mountains of Umbria. Explore the city with a local guide as you climb the ramps crossing the rocky outcrop. You will be surprised by its squares and stone streets.
Dinner and overnight in Perugia

DAY 6 PERUGIA - SIENA - FLORENCE (B/-/D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Departure from your hotel for continuation to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the Palio, an historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square Piazza del Campo. Enjoy 2 hour walking tour with a licensed guide in Siena to discover the medieval city center and then you will continue to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Florence

**DAY 7 FLORENCE (B/-/D)**

This morning set off by tram on a walking tour of Florence. Stroll through the picturesque Signoria Square, where you will discover magnificent statues by Cellini, Giambologna, and Ammannati, before continuing to the famous Ponte Vecchio. Explore Santa Croce Church Square where the tombs of distinguished Florentine citizens such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli can be found, as well as fascinating works by Giotto and Donatello (entrances not included). Visit the Accademia Gallery Museum and discover one of the city's eternal masterpieces — the David by Michelangelo. Return to your hotel by tram for a free evening.

Dinner and overnight in Florence

DAY 8 FLORENCE - BOLOGNA (B/-/D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure toward Bologna where you will discover the elegant city center with its almost 40km-long porticoes that are one of the defining features of the city's architecture. From the Piazza Malpighi, you will walk to the Piazza del Nettuno and the Piazza Maggiore in the heart of the city, then you will see the Palazzo Re Enzo constructed in the 13th century as an extension to the Palazzo Podestà and finally the Basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna is a real gourmet's heaven so don't miss a tasty meal for your lunch at leisure. (no guided tour in Bologna)

Dinner and overnight in Bologna

**DAY 9 BOLOGNA - MESTRE (B/-/D)**

After a leisurely breakfast depart for Mestre near Venice. On arrival check in to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Dinner and overnight in Mestre

DAY 10 VENICE (B/-/D)

This morning, depart with your guide (first by train, then by boat) for a walking tour of the historic center of Venice. The tour starts from St. Mark's Square, with its surrounding monuments, such as St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Campanile, the Clock Tower and the Procuratie. Explore the splendid Doge's Palace, the true heart of medieval Venetian political power, and discover the places where the Doge and his council discussed the fate of the city. See the Golden Staircase and many other works of art. Cross the famous Bridge of Sighs and enter the Venetian prison to learn how the prisoners of the Most Serene Republic lived (entrances not included). In the afternoon, visit a glass blowing factory. Murano glass is famous throughout the world, and you will see artisans continue the tradition, developed over centuries, with roots in ancient Rome and Byzantium. Train and boat ride after the tour to your hotel.

Dinner and overnight in Mestre

DAY 11/ THU VENICE - VANCOUVER (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to Venice International airport to check in for your onward flight.

END OF SERVICES