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## Sample Best of Italy

This itinerary can be done with either a private driver to move you around the various cities or you can experience the trip by train.

## Trip Summary

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### Arrival in Rome

Flight Arrival from the U.S.

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### Vatican and Rome

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4:30 PM

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Truffle Hunt

### Tuscany/Chianti

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Half Day Chianti Wine Tour

5:30 PM

Wine, Cheese and Olive Tasting

### Portovenere and Cinque Terre

9:00 AM

Portovenere and Cinque Terre

### Travel to Venice

Train or Drive to Venice

Check in at Bauer Palazzo - Bauer Palazzo

5:30 PM

Private Wine Tasting in Venice

### Venice/Burano/Murano

10:00 AM

Private Walking Tour of Venice

2:00 PM

Venetian Islands: Murano, Burano and Torcello

### Verona and Lake Garda

Verona and Lake Garda

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## Travel to Naples

Train from Florence to Naples

Check in at Romeo Hotel - Romeo

Private Island of Capri Boat Tour for Couples

6:30 PM

Neapolitan Pizza Making Class

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## Pompeii and Amalfi

Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius with Wine Tasting and Lunch

9:00 AM

Pompeii and Amalfi Coast

Sorrento and Amalfi Coast Independent Day Trip

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## Travel to Rome

Train from Naples to Rome

Check in at Hotel Hassler Roma SRL - Hotel Hassler Roma SRL

5:30 PM

Evening Food and Wine Tasting Tour

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## Fly From Rome to the U.S.

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## Day 16

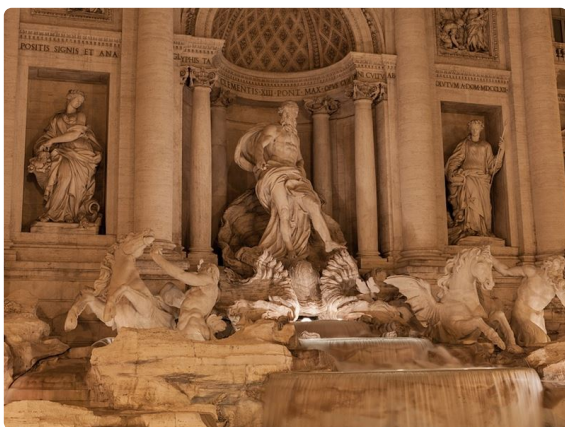
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## Arrival in Rome



### Flight Arrival from the U.S.

Most flights from the U.S. to Europe are overnight flights and would arrive into Rome in the morning or early afternoon.



### Check in at Regina Hotel Baglioni

#### Location and history

The place where the Queen Margherita of Savoy set her residence in the heart of Rome: Via Veneto, one of the most prestigious location of the Eternal City. The renowned street, which became so popular during the Dolce Vita time as the meeting spot for artists and movie stars, is a lovely place for shopping, strolling around the famous cafès and cocktail bars as well as the business district of Rome, a stone's throw from the Spanish steps, Trevi fountain and the elegant shopping area of Via Condotti.

#### Style and atmosphere

The Regina Hotel Baglioni is a refined combination of luxury of past times in perfect harmony with a modern concept of cosmopolitan hospitality. Built in 1904, the Liberty building reflects the spirit of Italy at the beginning of the 20th century and it is esteemed as one of the most important historical buildings in Rome. The charm and simplicity of the period façade and the refinement of the internal furnishings in sleek deco and classic style guarantee a unique atmosphere and a comfortable feeling of "being at home away from home".

#### Rooms and Suites

Elegant, inviting accommodation. Discreet and efficient service, tasteful décor. All bedrooms feature high ceilings and, in some rooms, private balconies which are typical in an original Liberty palazzo such as the Regina Hotel Baglioni. Rooms & Suites reflect either an elegant style with antiques, refined decors, precious silk tapestry, rich damask fabrics, Murano glass chandeliers or sleek design with precious marble floor, art déco furniture and details and stylish fabrics. Higher category rooms have a comfortable sitting area with armchairs and coffee table and are well equipped with working area with writing desk, high speed internet access and wi-fi access. The spacious bathrooms are enriched by precious Italian marbles, double sinks, bathtubs and/or walk-in showers, make-up mirrors, telephones, hairdryers and customized Baglioni Hotels vanity sets.

All rooms and suites are equipped with flat and satellite TV, Pay TV, safe-box, direct dial telephone, mini-bar, Wi-Fi access, high speed internet access.

#### Wine & Dine

**Brunello Lounge & Restaurant** With an exclusive access directly onto the Via Veneto, the Brunello Lounge&Restaurant is in one of the trendiest addresses in town. It distinguishes itself for the innovative ambience, an astonishing combination of unique design and sophisticated atmosphere where the flavors of a traditional home made Italian cuisine are lovingly performed through the accurate recipes of our Chef de Cuisine. The restaurant features the intimate Veranda Brunello, an exclusive outside area for relaxing moments to enjoy the lifestyle of Rome.

**Caffè Baglioni** Ideal venue for a distinguishing and luxurious gala dinner or an unforgettable special event in a sophisticated and cozy ambience enriched by an imposing working marble fireplace.

#### Other features

Concierge Service Clefs d'Or concierge is at guest disposal for theatre openings, private car transfers, sightseeing or any other services or information guests may have.

#### Wellness area

Baglioni SPA by Caschera SPA at the Regina Hotel Baglioni, Rome is a metropolitan oasis where to rediscover harmony between mind and body, dedicated to all who want to experience authentic beauty and wellbeing. The SPA is a large space featuring two massage rooms, a beauty room, fitness centre, sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi and changing rooms.

Designed by Rebosio+Spagnulo, the renovated Baglioni SPA is an intimate and exclusive location where warming light, fragrance and music create a calming oriental atmosphere. Guests can experience an extensive range of treatments, including the signature "SPA Penthouse Ritual", a unique massage and facial created exclusively by Paolo Caschera for Regina Hotel Baglioni.

Meeting Rooms Regina Hotel Baglioni Rome can serve as a highly functional, versatile setting for meetings, conferences, business meetings and events. It has 3 elegant meeting rooms with a total capacity of 100 people. Sala Veneto warm and picturesque, offers a true recall to "La Dolce Vita" style and two new meeting rooms: Sala Colonna and Sala Borghese. Sala Colonna is a perfect choice for meetings and business gatherings up to 70 people. Located on the hotel first floor with natural daylight, it welcome guests in a modern and very intimate Art Deco style setting and Sala Borghese up to 100 people with pictures on the walls recall the Dolce Vita atmosphere, donating this meeting room a sophisticated charm, enriched by Murano Glass chandeliers and precious furniture, like silk paneled walls dressed with mirrors.



#### **Regina Hotel Baglioni**

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## Vatican and Rome



### Vatican and St. Peter's Private Tour

On this tour, you'll visit some of the most stunning sites in all of Rome: the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica and avoid the long lines for Vatican entrance.

Please Note: Your exact itinerary for the day is dependent on the time that your Vatican tickets are arranged for. That time will be determined after the tour is confirmed.

The Vatican Museums contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture, and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. The Museums include several monumental works of art, such as Raphael's Rooms and the Sistine Chapel, among others.

Museums typically included in this tour include the Cortile della Pigna; Belvedere Palace (Pio-Clementine Museum); Galleries of the Candelabra, of Tapestries, and of Maps; and Raphael's Rooms. Due to the way that traffic inside the museums is regulated, certain portions may occasionally be closed off, so please note that the itinerary may change from time to time.

Located within these museums is the incomparable Sistine Chapel. Built in the second half of the 15th century, the chapel boasts a ceiling that is adorned by magnificent frescoes. Painstakingly painted by Michelangelo over the course of four years, the ceiling depicts scenes from the Book of Genesis, the Creation, and much more, including over 300 painted figures!

As you exit the museums and enter Vatican Square, you'll arrive at St. Peter's Basilica. The most visited Basilica in the world, the dome was designed by Michelangelo, who worked on the construction of the basilica beginning in 1547.

After you've completed your tour of the Basilica, you'll be taken back to your hotel.

*Due to the fact that tours of the Vatican are limited, tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The earlier you book this tour, the better your chance of obtaining the tickets.*

*The price of this tour includes a private vehicle and driver for 4 hours, and a private guide for 3 hours at the Vatican. It does not include any admissions, food, beverages, or gratuities.*

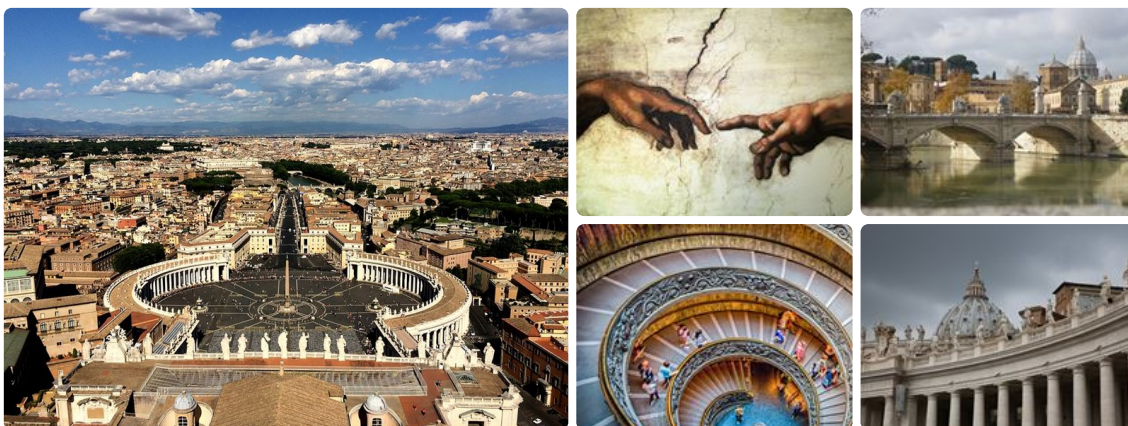
• *This tour will pre-reserve tickets to the Vatican, which will avoid having to wait in line. **Upon arrival at the Vatican, you'll meet up with your guide, who will have your entrance tickets in hand. The guide will collect the cost of the entrance tickets, which is 30€ per person (25€ for anyone between the ages of 6-18 and free for those 5 and under). This must be paid in Euros. Credit cards are not accepted. Your tour time is subject to availability at the time of your reservation.***

• *A strict dress code is enforced in St. Peter's Basilica, so please do **not** wear shorts, sleeveless tops, skirts above the knee, or revealing clothing.*

• *You will spend about two hours between the Museums and Sistine Chapel.*

• *The pre-reserved tickets are non-refundable.*

*Pickup and return to hotel*



**4:30 PM - 3 hr 30 min**

**Private Pasta Making in Italian Home**



Pasta is the quintessential dish of Italy. The word first appeared in Sicily in 1154 and has been perfected ever since. You are in for a real treat and will not only learn the art of pasta preparation but will also get to enjoy the meal you prepare.

This is a rare experience usually only had by those who know a local themselves. You will be invited in to the home of a local chef who has a passion for sharing his knowledge. The apartment building is a piece of history in and of itself and dates all the way back to the 1400s.

We will start from scratch and prepare three different kinds of pasta as well as three different kinds of sauce. Each has a different history, which you will learn, as well as proper pairings and cooking traditions of the region.

End your day with a full stomach, and a deeper affection for Italian culture.

Price is for 2. Hotel pickup not provided



## Rome Food Tour



**8:30 AM - 7 hr**

### Small Group Cooking Lesson in Roman Countryside

Escape Rome for a day in the countryside learning how to cook authentic Italian dishes. Travel from the city to the ancient village of Mazzano Romano, where your experience starts by shopping for ingredients at the local market. Then help to prepare and cook a traditional 4-course meal under the guidance of an instructor before sitting down to enjoy your creations with Italian wine. The class is limited to 12 people to provide an intimate, small-group experience. Small-group Italian cooking class in the Roman countryside. Purchase cooking ingredients and experience local life in the market. Prepare and enjoy a 4-course Italian meal. Learn how to match each dish to local wines. Maximum of 12 participants ensures a highly personalized experience

Price is for 2 people



**10:00 AM - 4 hr**

### Market Visit with Pasta Cooking Class

Begin this day in the market Campo de 'Fiori for a glimpse at the true character of Rome. Fragrant flowers, fresh fruits and vegetables and an unending variety of foods are ready and waiting for your perusal.

We'll wander the market stalls, sampling truffles, olive oil, pesto sauce, cheeses and balsamic vinegar. Our purchases include fruits and vegetables, a pizza appetizer, cheese and wine, all waiting to be turned into a delightful lunch at the home of our guide and chef.

After exploring the market we'll walk to our chef's home, passing through the bustling Trastevere neighborhood, known for fine trattorias, pubs and artisan shops.

Let the cooking begin! Your chef will guide you through the process of preparing a memorable lunch of an appetizer, 2 different pasta dishes and wine with tiramisu for dessert. Lunch will be enjoyed with your fellow travelers and chef, all making for a wonderful day in Rome.

Taxi would be required to go to meeting locations. Some walking involved.

Price is for two people



## Travel to Florence



### Train from Rome to Florence



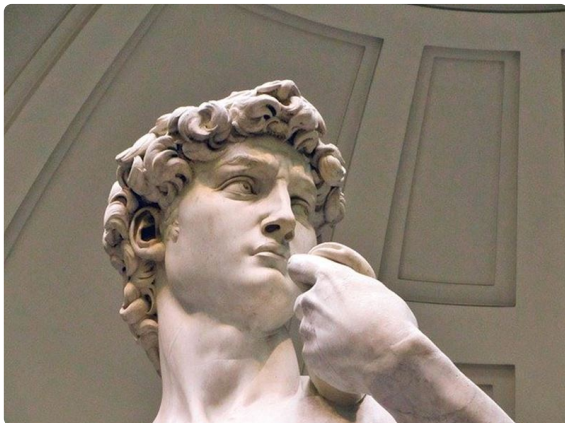
### Florence Walking Tour

Meet your guide a tour of the intriguing city of Florence that boasts some of the best-preserved Renaissance architectural monuments in Italy. Walk its winding cobblestone streets with your expert guide and visit Brunelleschi's Duomo externally, Piazza Della Repubblica, Piazza della Signoria, Santa Croce with its tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo and the Ponte Vecchio lined with centuries-old jewelry shops that is topped by the Medici families' secret passageway.



### Skip the Line Uffizi and Accademia Gallery Tour

Skip the line to see two of Florence's top museums, the Accademia Gallery and the Uffizi Gallery. Led by an expert guide, first pay homage to Michelangelo's 'David' at the Accademia, heading straight inside with your priority access ticket. Roam the impressive collection of art and opt for an included lunch, if you wish, before heading to the Uffizi Gallery. There, avoid the crowds again with your skip-the-line ticket and enjoy a guided walking tour, pausing at Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus' and other Renaissance masterpieces. Florence combo: skip-the-line and guided tours of Accademia Gallery and Uffizi Gallery See the original statue of 'David' by Michelangelo plus his unfinished 'Prigioni' sculpture Learn about the history of the Uffizi Gallery on an afternoon walking tour See the famous 'Birth of Venus' and the Leonardo Room



### Check in at Hotel Lungarno

Hotel Lungarno, a luxury hotel near Ponte Vecchio was fully refurbished in 2017.

Your charming home away from home, a stone throw away from Ponte Vecchio. Florence and Tuscan hospitality are experienced at its finest in this splendid setting offering stunning views on the master works of the Renaissance.

The exclusive and stylish Hotel Lungarno was designed by the Florentine architect Michele Bönan and invites you to spend magical days surrounded by luxury, glamorous art and culture.

This charming and luxury hotel in Florence offers a precious art collection from the 900's, such as works by Picasso and Cocteau, Tuscan and Italian world-class temptations at its Michelin-starred Borgo San Jacopo restaurant, and a breathtaking view onto the River Arno.

### Best of the Best

Owned by the Ferragamo family, Hotel Lungarno is perched along the south bank of the River Arno, just a stone's throw from the Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. After a major refurbishment in 2017, the guestrooms are utterly delightful, all of them with fine antique furnishings, original paintings from the hotel's collection and soothing colors. Consider Junior Suite Torre, in the medieval tower, or Suite Picasso, where, from a private balcony overlooking the city and the river, you'll enjoy extraordinary views. Enjoy remarkable views at Michelin-star restaurant Borgo San Jacopo, too, with the superb Italian cuisine.



### Hotel Lungarno

14 Borgo San Jacopo, Firenze, Toscana, IT, 50125

## Explore Pisa and Lucca



**9:00 AM - 8 hr**

### Lucca and Pisa Private Tour

Depart with driver at **9:00 am** through the Tuscan countryside and head towards the coast for a day of exploring Lucca and Pisa on your own. Enjoy the walled medieval town of Lucca and walk along its cobblestone streets to visit its important piazzas and churches, then enjoy time on your own for lunch. Proceed to Pisa, home of the famous Leaning Tower, where you can admire it from the Piazza dei Miracoli or we can reserve a visit with the resident staff of the tower for a short tour climbing to the top for € 22 per person extra (children under 8 are not allowed in the tower). Please indicate this preference at the time of booking.

Price includes private driver service



### Biking Tour of Lucca

PRICE

**€1,153.00 EUR**

**The bicycle is Northern Italy's favorite mode of transport. Join your guide to explore lovely Lucca just like the locals – on two wheels...**

In Northern Italy, you don't need to contend in the Giro d'Italia to get on a bike. Everyone takes to two wheels in cities like Lucca; whether they're trying to negotiate cobblestones in stylish heels or they just want to get from point A to point B. Today's bicycle tour lets you explore Lucca like a local – join your guide to wander down cobbled lanes and through pretty piazzas, passing by beautiful palaces with their wrought iron balconies and historic churches with their intricate facades. Tales from the city's fascinating history make the buildings come alive, like the gladiator games at the Roman amphitheater, the "Holy Face" relic in the Cathedral of San Martino and the birthplace of noted composer and playboy Giacomo Puccini. To finish the tour, we'll nip into one of Lucca's favorite delicatessens to grab a picnic lunch and maybe even a gelato. The "greenbelt" park atop the ancient fortified walls is the perfect spot for an al fresco meal and more tales of history – like how these strong walls stopped Lucca's archenemy Florence from scaling an attack. If these walls could talk...

(Biking Tour duration: 3 hours – 2 Entrances to San Martino Cathedral & Basilica di San Frediano included - Sensible shoes required - Payment for lunch/gelato not included – Transfer to/from Lucca included)



## Florence Food Tour Options



**10:00 AM**

### **Florence Cooking Class**

**Florence small group cooking lesson (3-4 hours)**

This lesson, starting at **10:00 AM** - is truly an experience to remember! Participants will learn how to cook authentic, delicious Italian food during this hands-on lesson with an expert chef. Choose a specialty between Pasta Making, Tuscan Meat, Vegetarian, Pasta Making, Fish and Seafood. Enjoy the meal you have prepared at the end, accompanied by a Prosecco Aperitif, local wine, water and coffee. Classes available in the morning for lunch, or afternoon for dinner.

***After ending your cooking class with lunch you will be transferred to Florence city center where you can either enjoy time at leisure or meet a private guide for a walking tour***



**10:00 AM - 4 hr**

### **Unexpected Florence Food Tour**

***Florence ...the birthplace of the Renaissance. You must discover the artistic and architectural treasures this city holds. Just don't miss the culinary treasures that also deserve your attention.***

The Oltrarno neighborhood lies smack dab in the center of Florence's historical district, just across the River Arno. This place is blue collar, Bohemian and a foodie haven. Stroll Oltrarno's winding cobblestone streets to 8 tasting stops (and many more than 8 tastings) where the distinctive Tuscan fare will leave you delighted.

With your knowledgeable and friendly tour guide at the helm, learn the history of this area as we make our way to the first stop, an Italian bakery. Observe the making of everyone's favorite cookie, Cantucci (aka biscotti), along with a sample, of course.

We'll visit a cheese shop/deli to try one of the most beloved of all Tuscan pork products, their unique version of salami seasoned with fennel, known as Finocchiona. Yum!

Tuscans are more likely to have a bowl of hearty soup or stew served with a warm piece of bread than traditional Italian pasta. An authentic trattoria will serve it up, hot and delicious.

This is chianti territory and a glass served with a crisp, crusty crostino will make you feel like a real Italian!

It's time to expand your culinary horizons when we taste a sample of a typical Florentine dish, Lampredotto. Made from a cow's stomach, this sandwich filling is slow cooked in broth, tender and topped with a spicy salsa verde. This street food is a hit with locals, so give it a go.

If perhaps Lampredotto isn't your thing, no to worry, there's gelato up ahead. Cool, fruity and refreshing. A delightful way to end the tour.

Price is for two people



### Truffle Hunt

Set out on a hunt for the elusive truffle on this 6-hour private tour from Florence. Traverse the forest with an official truffle hunter and his dog to learn everything there is to know about this delicacy. After you work up an appetite, sit down to a delicious 3-course truffle lunch accompanied with four wines from a local farm to complete your truffle experience. Search for truffles in Tuscany with a professional hunter on a 6-hour tour. Learn about the elusive delicacy as you traverse the forests. Sit down to a delicious 3-course truffle lunch paired with local wines. Enjoy a personalized experience with your own personal guide.

## Tuscany/Chianti



9:00 AM - 4 hr

### Half Day Chianti Wine Tour

Our journey begins on the "Wine Road" that winds between olive groves and vineyards as we make our way through the beautiful countryside of the Chianti region. After a short ride, we'll reach the town of Greve, named after the river that runs through it.

Piazza Matteotti is a gently sloping square which is the hub of life in Greve. Around this square, under the graceful porticoes, you'll see many local shops and wine stores. The famous butcher shop Falorni has been in the piazza for 500 years! You're welcome to taste free samples of their products, including their delicious boar salami and prosciutto.

Next, we'll depart for the magnificent Castle of Verrazzano, located on a hilltop between Siena and Florence in the heart of the Chianti Classico wine producing area. First an Etruscan village and later a Roman one, the castle became the property of the Verrazzano family in the 12th century.

At the castle, we'll take a guided tour of the gardens and the centuries-old cellars. Keep an eye out for the wild boar that roam freely in the surrounding woods! Here, you'll have the opportunity to taste world famous wines, as well as other products from the farm such as olive oil, salted meats, boar sausage, and other local delicacies.

Price is for two people.

Pickup from hotel



**5:30 PM - 1 hr 30 min**

### **Wine, Cheese and Olive Tasting**

This once-in-a-lifetime tasting experience pairs wines and cheeses specially selected by our sommelier and matched by the most traditional flavors of the Tuscan countryside.

Our tasting is limited to small groups in order to ensure an intimate and unique experience. Enjoy some of the many delicious tastes of the Tuscany region, including our great olive oils. The olive tree's roots are inextricably entwined with the culinary history of the region and this fascinating tasting is a voyage of discovery through the palette of Tuscan olive oils. Everything will be accompanied by a selection of Tuscan cheeses.

Also included is a detailed explanation of the various flavors you will be introduced to, along with a background of the history of the area and wine making itself.

Sample Menu:

- 3 different types of Tuscan wine: Chianti Classico, a Pure SanGiovese, and a white wine
- 2 types of Tuscan Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Unripe apple segments to use during the tasting
- Cheese (goat, sheep, cow; varies according to availability and combinations)
- Water

These menus are only examples of the quality of the products, which may change seasonally.

Price is for two people





## Portovenere and Cinque Terre



9:00 AM - 9 hr

### Portovenere and Cinque Terre

This adventure takes you from Portovenere to the Cinque Terre (the Five Lands), located on the Poet's Gulf, so named for its many famous bards, from Dante to Byron. Begin in Portovenere, a small natural paradise only 20 minutes by boat from the Cinque Terre. Enter the small historic center by the medieval walls and walk along the "Carrugio," which, in Genoese dialect, means "small street." Come to the ancient Castello Doria and the Byron cave, named for the old poet-navigator who inspired Richard Wagner's compositions.

Next, you are on to the Cinque Terre, five small ancient fortified villages inaccessible until some decades ago when a road was built. A thousand years ago the towns were built into the rocks by ancient people in order to defend themselves from barbaric invasions. These ancient people found refuge between the sea and the mountains, completely isolating themselves from the rest of the world, living on agriculture and fishing. Today, they still preserve their ancient enchanting allure. There are no cars and no noise, only nature. Except for Monterosso, home to 1,000 people, the population of each town is less than 500.

The Cinque Terre are connected to one another by sea, by train, and by trails along the coast. Once in Manarola, you can take the boat again to reach Vernazza, passing by Corniglia. Arrive at Monterosso, the last stop, where you'll find your driver waiting for you. Throughout the tour, you can stop as long as you like--eat the best fish in the world, sample the wine produced on the hill that surrounds the villages, revel in the incredible color of the sea and the sky.

Price includes pickup from hotel



## Travel to Venice



Train or Drive to Venice



### Check in at Bauer Palazzo

Delighting in a stunning position, this sumptuous hotel in Venice lies just behind St Mark's Square and is surrounded by the smartest boutiques in town, museums and sights.

Guests can arrive directly at Bauer Palazzo on the Grand Canal side: getting in the hotel, they are welcomed by its elegant lobby, adorned in wood paneling and ancient veneered Venetian panels. The same accuracy in decoration is found in every guest's room and suite.

This luxury accommodation is pleased to offer its guests an exclusive hotel experience and a fine personalized service. Each sumptuous and comfortable room and suite is elegantly provided with stylish furniture, fabrics, Murano glass chandeliers, together with modern comforts. Every suite in this hotel in Venice is particularly adorned, some of which showing balconies or terraces giving the guests extraordinary views of Venice, the Grand Canal and St Mark's Basin.

This luxury hotel in Venice is equipped with modern hotel facilities, among which a smart Fitness Room and a relaxing Health Spa: here guests can experience personalized programmes, treatments and massages. The hotel's Boutique is an ideal place to find unique Venetian and Italian gifts, many of them realized by the artisans of Venice.

Bauer Palazzo is pleased to invite its guests to sample a really delicate cuisine in Venice, through tasty and delightful international and Mediterranean dishes, prepared by Chef Hiraki Masakazu at the hotel's restaurant, De Pisis. The restaurant offers the magnificent experience of a view on the Grand Canal from its elegant terrace.

Settimo Cielo is luxury hotel's fine terrace and lounge where breakfast is served, while it is possible to taste delicate aperitifs and cocktails at the hotel's Bar Foyer, with its charming atmosphere. Fine live music can be appreciated every evening at the smart Bar Gran Canale.



### Bauer Palazzo

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5:30 PM - Central European Time - 2 hr  
**Private Wine Tasting in Venice**

*f you like wine, and you want to discover a bit of real-life Venice, you can't go wrong with this tour. Your guide, a free-lance historian and tour guide, is also a trained and knowledgeable wine professional.*

Your tasting includes three glasses of Veneto and Friuli Venezia-Giulia Doc quality wine. You will sample the wines in a typical "Osteria" (wine bar), chosen especially by your guide for the quality of the wines, the food products, and the genuine atmosphere. This tour is designed for those who are interested in an overview of Veneto and Friuli Venezia-Giulia Doc quality wines, and are eager to develop a personal taste on wine with the help of an expert.

Enjoy your three glasses while your guide tells you about the land, history, and grapes, focusing especially on those original to the region. Sample a selection of fresh cheeses with vegetables or a dish of mixed Venetian appetizers along with your wine.

Price is for two people.

Does not include hotel pickup



## Venice/Burano/Murano



**10:00 AM - 3 hr**

### **Private Walking Tour of Venice**

Discover Venice exactly the way you want to with this completely customized private tour. Your friendly local guide will create a 3-hour itinerary based on preferences you provide at booking. Whether you're interested in architecture, local legends or Renaissance art, this tour is for you! Along the way, pop in at a local bar for a glass of regional wine and appetizers, and feel free to ask all the questions you like. 3-hour private walking tour of Venice. Create a customized sightseeing trip and enjoy a flexible itinerary. See notable Venice attractions like the Rialto Fish Market and the Cannaregio Quarter, as well as lesser-known sights. Sip on a glass of wine and eat an appetizer at a traditional Venetian bar. Choose from five departure times. Receive undivided attention from an expert Venetian guide



**2:00 PM - 4 hr**

### **Venetian Islands: Murano, Burano and Torcello**

Discover three of the most beautiful islands in the Venetian Lagoon on a private, half-day tour aboard a typical Venetian motorboat. See where the world's finest blown glass is made in Murano, visit the home of artisan lace makers and famous biscuits in Burano and set foot on Venice's oldest settlements in serene Torcello. Enjoy a customizable itinerary and the personalized attention of a private boat captain. Private, half-day boat tour to the three most famous islands in the Venetian Lagoon. Cruise across the water on a typical Venetian motorboat. Visit the home of the world's finest artisan glass on Murano. Taste delectable biscuits on the lacemaking island of Burano. Explore Venice's first settlement on lovely Torcello. Private tour is operated with just your party and a guide/driver. Flexibility to customize your itinerary to your own preferences

Price is for 2 and includes hotel pickup

Tour is available for either morning or afternoon.



## Verona and Lake Garda



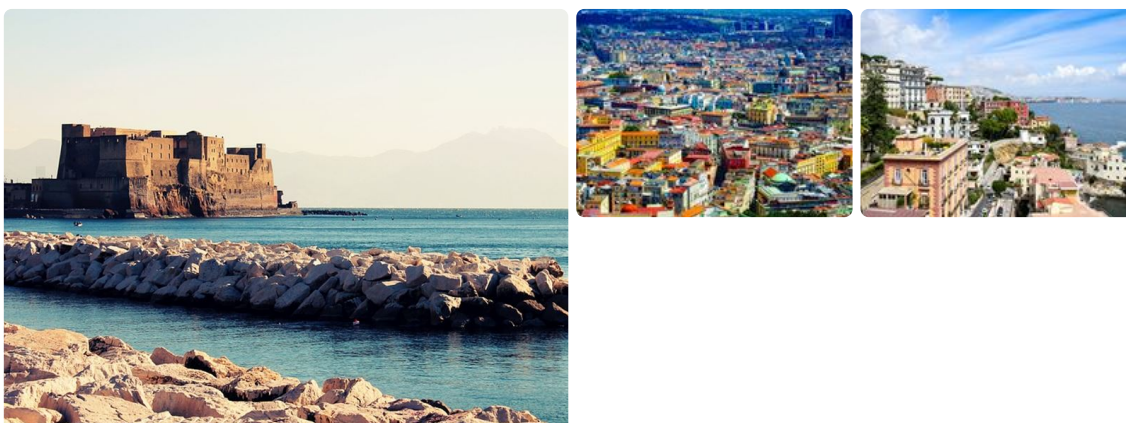
### Verona and Lake Garda

Venice is a blockbuster destination and many travelers never strike out farther to discover the delights of the surrounding region of Veneto. With this full-day tour, take in the highlights with a guided walk through romantic Verona followed by lunch at a countryside hamlet to sample local dishes. End your day on Lake Garda to explore the historic town of Sirmione and take a boat tour across the lake. Take in some of Veneto's top attractions in just one day from Venice A walking tour through Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet Discover regional cuisine with lunch featuring traditional recipes Free time to sightsee and shop in Sirmione on Lake Garda

## Travel to Naples



### Train from Florence to Naples



### Check in at Romeo Hotel

The perfect union between design, contemporary art, luxury antiques expressed in the highest quality form of "Made in Italy". The Romeo hotel in Naples represents an authentic travel experience. Designed by the famous Japanese architect Kenzo Tange and Associates, the hotel offers 83 rooms and suites with view over the bay and the city of Naples, a luxury SPA with supreme technology, fitness center and Virtual Golf. The gastronomic offer includes a refined Sushi bar & restaurant at the lobby area with cigar room and game lounge, the ballroom Beluga on the ninth floor and the renowned gourmet restaurant Il Comandante on the tenth floor (1 Michelin Star). The Romeo hotel is located in heart of the city, in front of the cruise terminal and harbour where ferries depart for the Gulf of Naples, and in walking distance from the Maschio Angioino and Teatro San Carlo. The historic centre and the famous Spaccanapoli is reachable in a 5 minute walk.

**Characteristics & USP's** Excellent service and a welcoming atmosphere 83 rooms, including 23 outstanding suites, with unparalleled views over the Bay of Naples The most precious and refined Italian materials and furnishings Unique and convenient location in the heart of the city Il Comandante gourmet restaurant - 1 Michelin Star Open plan lobby with the elegant Romeo Sushi Bar & Restaurant and the exclusive Cigar Room and Game Lounge Area Beluga Skybar & Restaurant, on the 9th floor of the hotel The Luxury SPA: 1000 square meters dedicated to a reinvigorating wellbeing area with Jacuzzi for hydrotherapy, a large and trendy Fitness Center and Virtual Golf Kids Club Up-to-date Conference Centre with 4 meeting rooms equipped with the highest technical equipment

**Rooms & Suites** The Romeo Hotel offers 60 rooms and 23 suites. Spacious luxury accommodations with attention to details creating an atmosphere of total relaxation. The rooms are furnished with the richest Caprai fabrics, designer furniture such as the Don'Do by Poltrona Frau, lighting by FontanaArte, impact glass by Duchamp, Nespresso Coffee Machine and Tramontano leather goods and Philip Starck designer bathtub.

Celestial king or twin beds Caprai linen or silk sheets Pillow menu Wireless internet connection 54 MB throughout the hotel Quadriga Video System In-room Security safe Bang & Olufsen and Jacob Jensen 2-line telephone system and personalized voice mail Spacious and refined bathrooms with amenities exclusively created for the Romeo Nespresso coffee machine Daily newspaper Bang & Olufsen TV, DVD and stereo in all suites Sony Vaio 17 in. computer, facsimile and iPod docking station in all suites Wellness suites equipped with Techogym Kinesis Vision machine

A large number of renowned names from the world of art and contemporary design were involved in the development of Romeo hotel. Works of artists such as Lello Esposito, Francesco Clemente, Sergio Fermariello, Mario Schifano and Gregorio Botta, were brought into the public areas of the hotel. To celebrate Naples, eight local photographers were asked to portray the city with exclusive images placed in the foyer of the hotel's conference area as a permanent photo exhibition. Rich materials and furnishings "Made in Italy", such as B&B, Citterio, Frau, precious marbles and woods, along with Caprai linen give the hotel an incomparable excellence. Antiquities from the XIV and XVII centuries mix with contemporary style to define a truly unique ambiance.

Il Comandante gourmet restaurant - 1 Michelin Star Innovation meets old world tradition; Il Comandante gathers flavours inspired from Neapolitan cuisine reinterpreted in a more contemporary context. The gourmet restaurant offers outstanding quality, and welcomes you to an intimate and refined atmosphere.

Romeo Sushi Bar & Restaurant Original and creative recipes that combine the heritage of Mediterranean cuisine and the accuracy of Japanese techniques. Romeo Sushi is located in the lobby area where you will find the extraordinary arabesque marble, impressive lights and colour performances by the Sushi Bar.

Beluga Skybar & Restaurant Skybar, restaurant and event room located on the 9th floor, Beluga has an incomparable view over the city, the Bay of Naples, Vesuvius and Capri Island. This event room can host up to 200 guests, and it is the perfect setting for a Gala dinner or Wedding celebration.

**Romeo Wellness - La Dogana del Sale** The Romeo's SPA, consisting of 1000 square meters of wellbeing, located at the hotel's basement with an external access as well, distinguishes itself for the precious materials and the supreme technology. Boasting 8 treatment rooms, 3 reinvigorating Jacuzzi for hydrotherapy coated with mosaic in black granite and white gold, Kneipp system, halo therapy room, infrared Sauna with Himalayan pink salt, Finnish sauna, Hammam, 2 tropical rain showers for a fully pleasure experience. The complex also presents a modern fitness centre assisted by a personal trainer, Virtual Golf and a marvelous Kids Club.

Romeo Business Our Conference Centre is equipped with 4 up-to-date meeting rooms with the highest technical facilities, offering numberless of configurations to host up to 200 persons. Situated on the 1st floor, the Lauro, Vespucci, Colombo and Relax meeting rooms are connected to a an elegant foyer.

A whole floor fully dedicated with the latest technology : • Customizable light system • CCTV in High Resolution • Multimedia system and technology support • DVD-DivX • DVD recorder with 250 GB Hard Disk • Analogical Decoder TV • Videoconference • Wireless Connection • Plasma e video projectors • Personalized hostess service under request • Stage for presentations, concerts and fashion show

Location • In front of the Port of Naples and in the heart of the city • 45 minutes from Capri and Sorrento with hydrofoil • 50 minutes from Amalfi and Positano by car • 30 minutes from Capodichino Airport by car • 10 minutes from the Naples train station by car • 01 hour from Rome with Fast train Frecciarossa



### Romeo

Via Cristoforo Colombo 45, Napoli, NAPOLI, IT, 80133



### Private Island of Capri Boat Tour for Couples

Set sail with your sweetheart for an unforgettable voyage around the Isle of Capri on this private boat trip. Make lasting memories together as you cruise to spectacular sea caves and grottoes, including the famous Blue Grotto and lesser-known spots that swirl with mystery and romance. Learn the lessons and history of the island from an experienced local sailor, and stop to swim and snorkel in the clear blue water with provided equipment. Celebrate your voyage and your love with an included 'caprese' lunch and bottle of wine on board. Flexibility to customize your itinerary to your own preferences. Choice of morning or afternoon departure. Romantic experience, perfect for couples. Treat a loved one on a special occasion



6:30 PM - Central European Time - 1 hr 30 min  
Neapolitan Pizza Making Class

Learn how to make a real Neapolitan pie with this 1.5-hour pizza-making class. Discover the tricks of the trade from an expert pizzaiolo (pizza maker), mixing and kneading your own dough and selecting fresh ingredients for your toppings. Afterward, reap the benefits of your hard work and sit down with your group to eat your creation. Enjoy a soft drink, starter and dessert to complement your pizza. Buon appetito! 1.5-hour pizza-making class and meal in Naples, the birthplace of pizza. Learn the secrets of sumptuous Neapolitan pizzas from an expert local pizzaiolo. Mix and knead the pizza dough with your hands. Top your pizza with quality local ingredients like buffalo mozzarella and chorizo. Enjoy your pizza accompanied by a starter, dessert and drinks.

Price is for two and includes hotel pickup



## Pompeii and Amalfi



### Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius with Wine Tasting and Lunch

Get the most from a day in Naples with a tour that covers off Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius, with wine tastings and lunch in between. Enjoy a skip-the-line guided tour of Pompeii, exploring highlights including the Forum, houses, and baths. Then, visit a winery on Mt. Vesuvius for six wine tastings and a Neapolitan lunch before driving higher to gaze into the crater. Air-conditioned coach transport, entrance fees, lunch, and wine tastings included. Full-day trip to Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius from Naples. Bypass the main lines on a tour of UNESCO-listed Pompeii, with skip-the-line access. View the highlights, including the Forum, houses and plaster death casts with a guide. Visit a winery on Mt. Vesuvius for six wine tastings and a 3-course lunch. Drive up Vesuvius and hike to the summit to gaze at the crater and bird's-eye views. Round-trip transport by air-conditioned coach from central Naples. Lunch, wine tastings, and all entrance fees included.

Price is for two. Tour leaves from train station.



9:00 AM - 8 hr

### Pompeii and Amalfi Coast

When you reach Pompeii, your private, local licensed guide will take you on a fascinating two-hour tour through this amazing place. Once a thriving empire, the city of Pompeii had about 20,000 inhabitants in 79 AD, when it was completely covered in 30 feet of volcanic ash by the deadly eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Listen to your guide as he tells you the history of the city as you take in the baths, villas, theaters, and wrestling grounds.

After Pompeii, what you do is up to you. Here are some options to get you started--or ask the advice of your experienced driver, who is there to make your day the best!

Descend the winding one-way road that leads to the heart of Positano, a pretty village of seaside villas, covered in orange blossom and roses. Explore the busy central Piazza dei Mulini, connected to a narrow downhill path and some occasional flights of steps that lead to the seafront. Follow the streets to the shops selling ceramics, lemons, shoes, and "Positano fashion" clothing, and don't miss the lovely Church of Sant Maria of the Assumption, with its characteristic majolica tiled dome and bell tower.

Next you will reach the town of Sorrento, where you will experience spectacular views of the entire bay of Naples and the Island of Capri as the Amalfi coast road emerges from over the mountain cliff. A short drive through the town before you arrive in the centre--a major shopping mall for locals, as well as tourists.

This itinerary may be reversed due to traffic on the particular day you tour.

Price includes hotel pickup



### Sorrento and Amalfi Coast Independent Day Trip

Discover Sorrento and the UNESCO-listed Amalfi Coast on this independent day trip from Naples. Led by your own driver, take a relaxed ride to the town of Sorrento to wander its charming streets at your leisure. Afterward, travel along the scenic Amalfi Coast to Positano, Ravello and Amalfi, with time to purchase lunch, sightsee or souvenir shop at your own expense. After a day of independent exploration, enjoy a smooth ride back to your original departure point. Full-day independent trip to Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast from Naples. Travel to the clifftop resort of Sorrento, gateway to the UNESCO-listed Amalfi Coast. Enjoy free time to explore Sorrento's pretty piazzas, lanes and cathedral independently. Drive along the stunning Amalfi coastal and stop to visit Positano, Amalfi and Ravello. Enjoy free time in each town to sightsee, shop and enjoy lunch. Perfect for travelers keen to explore these scenic towns at their leisure. Enjoy a small-group experience

## Travel to Rome



### Train from Naples to Rome



### Check in at Hotel Hassler Roma SRL

For over a century, the Hassler has been recognized as one of the prime hotels in Europe. This small and atmospheric hotel pays careful attention to detail in order to make every guest's stay an unforgettable one. With an unbeatable location atop the Spanish Steps, the Hassler is easy to find but very difficult to leave. Discover the magic of the Hassler during your next stay in the Eternal City.

Hotel Hassler has 87 rooms and suites. Each uniquely decorated room is equipped with all the modern comforts: Satellite TV, pay-tv, direct phones, computer and fax links, safety box, minibar, air conditioning, and high-speed Internet access as well as its own exclusive line of "Armorvero" bath amenities.

Imàgo, the Hassler's recently renovated panoramic restaurant, offers guests a breathtaking panorama of Rome, matched only by the Executive Chef Andrea Antonini's creative Italian cuisine, for an unforgettable dinner.

The Hassler Bistrot, the preferred fine dining rendezvous for Romans and guests, offers, along with delicious menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner, afternoon tea, the incomparable Hassler's service. Furthermore, the signature hotel restaurant proposes a selection of fine Italian wines, Rome's best cocktails, and after-theatre snacks, all accompanied by live piano music.

During the Winter, the Hassler Bistrot welcomes guests in the refined drawing room Salone Eva, with its elegant and exclusive atmosphere, while in the Summer season it moves to the Palm Court, the outdoor charming garden which offers a pleasant break from the Roman summer heat surrounded as it is by ancient stone walls, flowers and ivy.

The cuisine, managed by the Head Chef Marcello Romano, proposes traditional Roman dishes inspired by seasonal fresh products, offering a unique gastronomic experience not to be missed.

As a guest of the Hassler, you enjoy free access to the Hassler Wellness Club. There is no other gym in Rome where you can work out on state-of-the-art Technogym equipment while enjoying a spectacular view of the Eternal City, including St. Peter's Basilica. The Hassler Wellness Club includes an open air terrace with a lovely view over the Piazza Trinità dei Monti and the Spanish Steps, where guests may order a light snack or a refreshing drink from the special healthy menu, or also simply relax and bask in the sun after a workout. Available by appointment, the Wellness Club offers an array of specialized massages, a sauna, steam bath, and solarium tanning shower. Bicycles and jogging are also available.

An electric courtesy car is at your disposal on a complimentary basis. Our driver will be delighted to escort you to the shopping area or simply to Piazza di Spagna, avoiding the steps.



### **Hotel Hassler Roma SRL**

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**5:30 PM - Central European Time - 4 hr**

### **Evening Food and Wine Tasting Tour**

Eat and drink your way around Rome on an evening food tour of the city center and Trastevere. In a small group of no more than 12 people, you'll learn about Rome's cuisine through the ages, get tips for places to eat, and sample some of the finest food in town. The 4-hour tour is done by foot, and includes ample food samples, supper in a Trastevere restaurant, and a locally made gelato. 4-hour small-group food tour of Rome. Explore Campo de' Fiori and the city center with a guide. Enjoy salami, salted cod, artisan cheese, pizza, and more. Stop for supper in an atmospheric Trastevere eatery. Finish with fresh gelato in an authentic gelateria. Enjoy personalized attention in a small group limited to 12 people.

No Plans For This Day

## Day 16

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No Plans For This Day

## Information & Documents

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### Train Travel in Italy

The Eurail Italy Pass allows unlimited train travel within Italy for a certain number of days. A first class train pass for 2 people for 8 days would cost approximately. \$720. A 5 day pass would cost approximately \$525.

Here is the [link](#) with more information and a sample itinerary of a trip through Italy by train with travel times.



### Why You Should Consider Travel Insurance

Travel insurance protects you against travel risks such as lost or stolen luggage, cancellation before or during your trip for things like illness or death in the family, and trip delays due to airline, weather or other issues. Most importantly it pays for unexpected medical expenses that might arise during your trip. Most U.S.-based medical insurance, including Medicare, will not cover medical expenses outside the U.S.

We work with Allianz, one of the leaders in trip insurance and would be glad to provide a quote to you. Trip insurance rates are based on your age, location and cost of the trip. You are welcome to obtain your own coverage if you wish, but we highly recommend that you purchase some sort of travel insurance.