

ITALY EXPRESS RAIL TOUR



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9 Days Italy Express Rail Tour

Duration: 9 days

Departs: 2022 select dates

Stay: 8 nights hotels, typically 3-star

Travel style: Escorted rail tour

Booking code: ITLRT9M

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9 Days Italy Express Rail Tour Rome to Milan

About the holiday

This trip takes the classic Italy itinerary and turns it into an exciting rail journey, all the way from Rome to Milan!

When touring Italy by train you'll immerse yourself in the centuries of history in Rome. Visit Naples and the ancient city of Pompeii and see the mighty Mount Vesuvius. Experience the art and culture of Florence and explore the vibrant city of Milan. Of course, an escorted tour of Italy would not be complete without the chance to cruise on the Grand Canal in Venice.

Stunning landscapes, art, culture, delicious cuisine, history, amazing architecture and discover the true meaning of 'la dolce vita' - this guided rail tour showcases Italy at its best!

Why you'll love this trip...

Walking tours in Rome & Florence with an expert local guide

Optional visit to Cinque Terre

Free days to explore Rome & Naples in depth

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii with a licenced expert

Travel dates in 2022

30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 20 August, 17 Sept, 15 October, 12 November

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date.

Want to stay longer & see more? Maybe add flights?

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Escorted tour includes:

Accommodation

- 8 nights accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room*

Meals

- 8 breakfast daily, 4 lunches & 1 dinner
Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- All rail travel throughout your tour with reserved seat selection
- Standard Class Rail
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

Package excludes:

International flights to Rome/from Milan - please request airfare quotes

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by hotels, tour company & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Flexible Tour Bookings!

Pay 21 Days Before Departure

To offer more flexibility and greater peace of mind, the due date for the final balance of payment is now reduced to 21 days prior to the departure date. This reduces risk and means you won't lose your money by locking in a great deal early.

Pay Less Up Front

Pay only \$210 per person deposit to lock in a great deal for the tour of your dreams.

No Change Fees

There will be no penalties or fees to alter your tour booking up to 21 days prior to your departure date. This includes changes to: the tour, departure date, destination and/or passenger name.

If you need to change your tour booking:

- Notify us in writing at least 21 days before your departure if you are unsure about travelling and you will be given the option to keep any monies paid toward the original booking as Future Travel Credit, usable on a tour departing until 31 December 2022.
- If you change to a trip or departure that is more expensive than your original booking, you will need to cover the difference in price. If the trip or departure is less expensive than the original, a Future Travel Credit will be issued for the difference.
- If you wish to make a change with less than 21 days to your departure date, standard Terms & Conditions apply.

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Rome

It's the start of an Italian rail travel adventure! Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Check into the hotel before meeting up with your tour guide and travel mates for an informative walking tour of this historic city. A local guide will show you the most famous attractions, including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the Colosseum and will let you in on all of Rome's secrets. Tonight's welcome dinner will see you mingling with your fellow travellers and experiencing a typical Italian dinner in the city centre.

Day 2: Rome: Free Day

Rome has so much to offer and today is a free day for you to explore as you wish. Why not join some of the optional activities on offer? Join our Colosseum tour where you will learn about the ancient gladiators. Join a Roman food tour in the early evening where our local chef will treat you to a behind-the-scenes tour into his local neighbourhood - an authentic experience not to be missed!

Day 3: Rome - Pompeii - Naples

Today you'll board a high speed train and travel from Rome to Naples. After dropping your luggage at the hotel, your tour leader will take you around the buzzing city, showing you all the sights and places to visit in your free time. Make sure you fuel up on some pizza and an espresso or two as we have an exciting afternoon ahead! You will take a local train to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii for a late afternoon guided tour of this city that was covered in the ash and debris of Mount Vesuvius nearly two-thousand years ago. The afternoon should be a little cooler, and the perfect time for your local guide to show you to all of the highlights of this fascinating site. This evening, return to Naples for free time to relax or explore more of Naples as you please.

Day 4: Naples: Free Day

Enjoy a free day to explore Naples. This unique city is the birthplace of pizza and boasts an intoxicating charm! Although it is the third-largest city in Italy, it almost feels like a country on its own. The city seems immune to modernity and preserves the traditional way of doing things. Located in the south, Naples is also the perfect launchpad to visit the enchanting islands nearby. Join an optional day trip to the Isle of Capri and enjoy tours of the island along with a speed boat tour. The jaw dropping beauty of the coastline is but one of the reasons to visit this enthralling destination!

Day 5: Naples - Florence

Take a fast train to Florence, the capital of the Tuscany region. Arrive in the city and enjoy lunch with your fellow travellers before exploring Florence with a local guide. Marvel at the terracotta tiled Duomo at the Palazzo Vecchio, while learning about the Medici family's influence, which ultimately led to the Renaissance that started here in Florence and spread

around Europe. Your tour will end by walking past the replica statue of David, and the Uffizi gallery and leave you at the most wonderful viewpoint of the Ponte Vecchio. Later on, attend a leather demonstration at a local Italian leather shop to learn from the talented craftsmen. This evening is yours to explore the city a little more along the banks of the Arno River.

Day 6: Pisa - Cinque Terre (Optional) - Florence

With Renaissance masterpieces, art and architecture everywhere in the city, it can be difficult to decide on what to do with free time while visiting Florence! Today offers many options. Join the included group trip to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in the morning, afterwards you have the option of returning to Florence or to join the optional tour to Cinque Terre. The five seaside villages on the rugged Italian Riviera are not accessible by cars or motorcycles and the colourful houses and vineyards that overlook the ocean offer a very unique charm. Your tour leader will take you to the starting point and give you all the information you need to explore these picturesque villages by yourself before returning to Florence together in the evening.

Day 7: Florence - Venice

Our train journey meanders through the Tuscan region and into Venice today. Arrive in Mestre and drop your bags off at the hotel. Next, head to Piazzale Roma from where you will be exploring on foot. Your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour complete with an included lunch. Afterwards, venture further into the heart of Venice with your tour leader, over the Rialto Bridge and on to St Mark's Square. Enjoy a lace workshop and glass-blowing demonstration, two of Venice's traditional crafts, before having some free time to explore on your own. Grab your chance to cruise the canals with an optional gondola trip this afternoon - it's a classic Venice bucket-list experience!

Day 8: Venice - Milan

The Fashion Capital of the world awaits! After another fast train journey, we'll dive right into Milan. Start off with an orientation tour of the city centre, stand in awe of the Duomo and rub shoulders with Italy's most stylish occupants. Your tour leader will point out the main sights to help you plan the rest of your day in Milan before the group enjoys a quick lunch. This afternoon you have the opportunity to head out on your own, or to join our optional tour to Lake Como. Arguably the most beautiful lake in Northern Italy, a trip to the lake with its beautiful natural scenery is certainly an unforgettable experience!

Day 9: End of tour in Milan

After nine exciting days, your rail tour of Italy comes to an end today. Make sure you allow enough time to see more of Milan today before you continue with your onward travels. Say goodbye to your new travel friends over breakfast and be sure to swap contact details before you part ways. We hope that you have enjoyed your tour of beautiful Italy. Arrivederci!

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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