

TASTE OF ITALY COACH TOUR



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8 Days Taste of Italy Escorted Coach Tour

Duration: 8 days

Departs: 2022 select dates

Stay: 7 nights hotels, typically 3-star

Travel style: Escorted coach tour

Booking code: ITTCT8M

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About the holiday

Short on time but keen on Italy? This 8-day will help you see the highlights in a worry-free week!

The sightseeing starts in Rome, where you'll join a walking tour with a passionate local guide. Drive through Umbria to reach Orvieto, a city perched atop volcanic rock, and on to Venice. Experience the art and culture of Florence and explore the picturesque Cinque Terre. Indulge in the delights of Tuscany and stop off in Pisa to take a fun picture of you holding up the 800 year old leaning tower.

Discover the true meaning of 'la dolce vita', experience cultural highlights, artistic wonders, fabulous food, historic sights and amazing architecture on this exciting escorted tour!

Why you'll love this trip...

Walking tour in Rome & orientation tour of Florence

Free days to explore Venice & Tuscany at your own pace

Experience San Gimignano, Siena & Cinque Terre

Enjoy a truly Italian welcome dinner & wine tasting with antipasto

Travel dates in 2022

8 April; 01, 22 May; 12, 26 June; 10, 17 July; 21 August; 4, 18 Sept; 2, 16 October

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

- 7 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

- 7 breakfast daily, 3 dinners on days 1, 5 & 7
Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet on board
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

Escorted tour

- Services of your tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure you get the most from your trip
- All taxes and fees included

Package excludes:

International flights - 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.*



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.
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- If you wish to make a change with less than 21 days to your departure date, standard Terms & Conditions apply.

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Experiences on tour:

- Enjoy a truly Italian welcome dinner
- Walking tour of Rome with a local guide
- Visit Orvieto; a historic city perched on a rocky cliff
- Orientation tour to the heart of Venice
- Explore Cinque Terre's picturesque villages
- Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa; one of Italy's iconic monuments
- Stop and explore San Gimignano
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage town of Siena
- Enjoy a wine tasting with antipasto
- Enjoy a photo stop at Lake Garda
- Guided tour of Florence; the heart of the Italian Renaissance

Itinerary:

Day 1: Rome

Welcome to Rome, and one of our most popular Italy tours! The first day of the tour is an arrivals day: meet up with your tour guide at our accommodation in the afternoon and prepare for the tour of a lifetime! If you arrive early, head into the city and see some of the sites that make Rome famous the world over. An ancient city that has seen the rise and fall of entire empires, there is no shortage of historical real estate to feast your eyes on. Not to mention designer shopping and brilliant food. Tonight, you'll meet the rest of the tour group at our included welcome dinner.

Day 2: Rome

Today we'll take a guided walking tour of the city, stopping off at the landmarks that have made Rome a perennial favourite with travellers all over the world. See ancient Roman architecture, medieval buildings, Renaissance artworks and more remnants of Rome's illustrious past as capital of this incredible country - and of the Roman Empire at large. Be sure to see sightseeing highlights like the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon and the countless other attractions that make Rome famous the world over. Later, you'll have the option of taking a guided walking tour of the Vatican City. Marvel at glittering artworks, vast marble halls and opulent architecture - all part and parcel of the Vatican's status as the seat of papal power. Eating and drinking well is also an important part of Roman life, and as they say, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do.' Try excellent Italian cuisine, and be sure to grab a famous Roman gelato while you're sight-seeing!

Day 3: Orvieto - Venice

Leaving the capital behind, we'll drive through the region of Umbria. Known as the 'fruit bowl of Italy', it is famous for its produce, food and beautiful mountainous landscapes. Prepare for one of the most spectacular sights in Europe as we approach Orvieto, a city perched dramatically atop sheer vertical volcanic rock. We'll take the funicular up to the historic centre, where you'll have some free time to explore and see the sights, including the exquisite facade of the Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence and the Albornoz fortress, before we travel on to Venice. You have the evening free to relax at the hotel, or explore Venice with the option to join your tour leader on a twilight water taxi cruise of the Venetian canals.

Day 4: Venice: Free Day

You'll start your day in Venice with an orientation tour led by your tour leader so you can get your bearings, after which you have free time to explore this unforgettable city at your leisure. Every visit to Venice should include a gondola ride, which your tour leader can organise for you, as well as a trip further out into the lagoon to visit Murano and Burano. These islands are famous for their glass-blowing and lace-making crafts respectively, and rows of beautiful multi-coloured houses. Alternatively you can simply relax and soak up the sun on the sandy beach at Lido. There's also The Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to see - and any number of culinary delights to sample too!

Day 5: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany

Today, we make our way to the beautiful city of Florence, stopping along the way in Lake Garda for a photo opportunity. On arrival in Florence your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour to learn more about the heritage of this city, which stretches back through the ages to encompass Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Sights to see in your free time include Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence Cathedral and the Basilica of Santa Croce. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, Florence is endowed with a huge variety of important buildings and famous artworks. We'll then make our way to our accommodation in Tuscany.

Day 6: Cinque Terre - Pisa - Tuscany

This morning we head to La Spezia, the gateway to the Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre literally means 'Five Lands' and consists of five picturesque coastal cliff-side towns linked by rail and footpath - Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. With cars and motorcycles banned from the towns, you'll have a wonderful time exploring the towns by train or by foot. Later in the afternoon we'll head back to the Tuscan region, stopping off in Pisa to see the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Now over 800 years old, it's a classic sight in Italy and gives you the opportunity to take a picture 'holding up' the tower!

Day 7: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome

This morning we make our way through one of the world's most picturesque countryside landscapes, admiring Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves as we drive by. Our first stop of the day will be in San Gimignano, a small walled hill town. Known as the 'Town of Fine Towers', it offers beautiful Romanesque and Gothic architecture and 12 well-preserved tower houses. We'll then make the short drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the 'Palio' horse race held twice a year in the main piazza, or public square. We'll enjoy a wine tasting accompanied with antipasto, before we head back to Rome and round the off the day with a farewell dinner together on our last night of the tour.

Day 8: End of tour

After breakfast, your 8 day Italian tour concludes. It is time to say your goodbyes to your fellow travellers, and of course, the incredible land of Italy. Arrivederci, Italia!

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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