

COMPLETE ITALY COACH TOUR



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13 Days Complete Italy Escorted Coach Tour

Duration: 13 days

Departs: 2022 & 2023 select dates

Stay: 11 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted coach tour with Flights

Booking code: ITCCT13M

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About the holiday

If you're drawn to the good life, then this escorted tour of Italy is for you!

Discover the iconic must-see sites of Rome and Florence with local guides. Explore Pompeii in the shadow of notorious Mount Vesuvius. Stroll along the Amalfi Coast, relax on the isle of Capri and traverse the five villages of the magical Cinque Terre. Cruise Venetian canals, sip wine in the Italian Lakes region and enjoy plenty of time to do as you please.

Discover the true meaning of 'la dolce vita'. Eat pasta, drink wine and appreciate Italian delights like a local. 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 & Florence with local guides

Free days to explore Rome, Sorrento & Venice at your own pace

Guided tour of the ancient ruins of Pompeii

Visit Verona, Pisa and the picture-perfect Italian Lakes

It's great value, with flights from Australia included!

Travel dates

2022 - 17 April; 15 May; 21 August; 4, 18 September

2023 - 16 April; 14 May; 24 June; 23 July; 20 August; 3, 17 September

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for more travel dates during the year.

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Escorted tour package includes:

Flights

- Return economy airfares from Australia to Rome
- Flights include baggage and airline fees & taxes

Accommodation

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

Meals

- 11 breakfasts, 1 antipasto, 5 dinners
- 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 English-speaking 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:

Airport transfers

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.*



Experiences on tour:

- Enjoy a truly Italian welcome dinner
- Walking tour of Rome with a local guide
- See Mount Vesuvius; explore the ruins of Pompeii
- Visit the Abbey of Montecassino
- Explore Assisi's churches & basilicas
- Stop in Verona, visit Juliet's balcony
- Overnight in The Italian Lakes
- Explore Cinque Terre's villages
- Visit San Marino; one of the oldest republics in Europe
- Explore the heart of Venice on an orientation tour
- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Explore the highlights of Florence
- Watch a leather-making demonstration
- Taste Italian wine in Tuscany
- Marvel at the views in San Gimignano
- Visit Siena; a popular Tuscan town home to the Palio horse race
- Farewell dinner in Rome

Call our office on 1300 168 910 for more info - we're here to help!

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to Italy

Board your flight in Australia, bound for Italy!

Day 2: Rome

Welcome to Rome! If you arrive early enough, head into the city to see what Rome has to offer. 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. Meet up with your tour leader at our hotel in the afternoon, and prepare for the tour of a lifetime! Tonight, you'll meet the rest of the tour group at our included welcome dinner.

Day 3: 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.

Highlights today include the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon and the Roman Forum. And let's not forget Trevi Fountain - legend has it that if you drop a coin into the fountain, you'll return again one day. In your free time this afternoon, why not visit the Coliseum, probably Rome's most recognisable landmark, and the centre of Roman social life. See where countless gladiators, martyrs, wild animals and other unfortunate souls did battle in the name of entertainment.

Day 4: Pompeii - Sorrento region

Leaving Rome, we'll head to Sorrento peninsula via Pompeii. As it's our first day on the coach, take the time to get to know your fellow travel companions, and listen out for tips on Italy from your tour leader. On our way to the coastal region of Sorrento, you will see Mount Vesuvius and we will stop at Pompeii to explore the ruins of this ancient Roman town, destroyed in 79AD in a catastrophic volcanic eruption. Preserved since ancient times under meters of ash and pumice, it offers superb insights into life (and death) in the ancient Roman Empire.

As we leave Pompeii behind, you will have the option to visit the beautiful Amalfi coast, with some free time to explore the town of Amalfi. Upon arrival on the Sorrento peninsula we have a two night stay. Amongst other things, this area is famous for limoncello (a sweet lemon liqueur), and this is the perfect way to finish off your meal.

Day 5: Sorrento region: Free Day

A gorgeous old town hugging the coastline, the Sorrento peninsula is our base for the day. Explore the towns in your own time, and seek out little shops producing lace-work, ceramics and specialising in marquetry (the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to create incredible artwork). Alternatively, choose our optional excursion to the famous Isle of Capri. Capri has charmed everyone from Roman emperors to modern showbiz elites. Try it for yourself and enjoy the smooth mix of cafés, rugged coastline, ancient Roman ruins and stylish piazzas.

Day 6: Montecassino - Assisi

Today, we depart the coast and head north to Assisi, stopping en route in Montecassino. Famed for the site of the Abbey of Montecassino, along with its rolling green hills, vineyards and rivers, the city was also the scene of fierce fighting in World War II, which left the town almost completely destroyed. After a comfort stop here, we continue on to the region of Umbria and the medieval town of Assisi, whose most famous son, St Francis, was born here in 1181. A charming town and the most popular pilgrimage site in Italy, you will enjoy the ancient churches and basilicas - many of them are just as St Francis would have seen them almost one thousand years ago!

Day 7: San Marino - Venice

Leaving the churches and basilicas behind, we head to Venice, stopping off for a comfort stop in Europe's third-smallest state - San Marino. Claiming to be the oldest surviving sovereign state in the world, San Marino was founded by Saint Marinus on the 3rd of September 301, and is now one of the most popular day-trip destinations for visitors to the area. Situated on a hilltop, you will witness stunning views of the surrounding countryside and the Adriatic Sea. Later, we arrive in Venice in the early evening. 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 8: Venice: Free Day

This morning we'll take an orientation walking tour with your Expat Explore tour leader, who will introduce you to sights including the Rialto Bridge and St Marks Square. The rest of the day is then free for you to explore as you wish. 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 Lido beach. There's also The Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to see, and any number of culinary delights to sample too!

Day 9: Verona - Italian Lakes

First up today, we'll stop off in 'fair Verona' to catch a glimpse of Juliet's balcony, where Romeo supposedly wooed Juliet in Shakespeare's classic 'Romeo & Juliet.' Beset by family feuds, drama and romance since its founding in Roman times, Verona has its share of stories to tell, and is an unmissable stop on Italian tours. Look out for the 2,000 year old arena and the ancient city gates. Later, we head to the Italian Lakes - and you'll find out just why famous writers like DH Lawrence and Hemingway were so inspired by this region of Italy. Peek at palatial lakeside villas, and revel in the pleasant mix of luxury and rural charm.

Day 10: Cinque Terre - La Spezia

Leaving the beautiful Italian Lakes, we head to the Cinque Terre region. Made up of five picturesque Italian towns, Cinque Terre features hiking routes and trains running regularly along the coastline between the towns of 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. Each town has its own unique charm - we are certain you will fall in love with each and every one! As you explore, why not taste local wines along with local produce such as pesto, freshly-caught fish and sweet lemons? Unforgettable!

Day 11: Pisa - Florence - Tuscany

On our way to Florence, stop off at the famous town of Pisa to get a few shots of its distinctive Leaning Tower. This is a classic sight in Italy and well worth a visit. Bragging rights are all yours! Upon arrival in Florence, take a walking tour of the city with an expert local guide, exploring many of the most famous sights. Expect to see the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and the replica of the statue of David. Then it's time for another quintessential Tuscan experience: a visit to a local Italian leather shop to learn more about local leather crafting and why Italian leather brands have been dominating the fashion world for centuries. After exploring, it's off to the Tuscan hills, where your accommodation for the night awaits. Later, you are free to search for that perfect Italian restaurant for dinner.

Day 12: 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 off the day with a farewell dinner together on our last night of the tour.

Day 13: End of tour

After breakfast, we say goodbye to our travel companions and depart for home. We hope you have enjoyed your 12-day Italian tour. Arrivederci, Italia!

Please catch a taxi to Rome airport for your flights to home to Australia

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.

Have any questions or want to see more of Europe?

We can design a personal itinerary for you!

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New Safety Measures

The wellbeing and safety of our passengers and staff is always a priority, especially as we adjust to a new world for travellers. My Travel Experience is committed to ensuring your peace of mind with customer-friendly booking practices and enhanced health and safety standards on our trips.

We work closely with tour operators that have received the Safe Travels stamp by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), which enables travellers to recognise companies around the world that have adopted health and hygiene global standardised protocols.

Travel requirements for this tour:

The tour operator is implementing a number of enhanced health and safety protocols on their trips. These additional precautions have been introduced to help prevent the transmission of Covid-19 and to help ensure that travellers and the tour team are as safe and protected as possible while on tour.

Negative PCR or Antigen Tests

All travellers, regardless of their vaccination status, will be asked to produce a negative PCR test or negative Antigen test in order to embark on our escorted tours. This helps to ensure the safety of our travellers and staff.

Self-monitor for Covid-19 symptoms

We request that all travellers self-monitor daily before the tour for any COVID-19 related symptoms.

All travellers will be required to complete a Covid-19 Acknowledgement of Risk (sent by our customer service team) before departing for the tour, and each traveller will be required to sign a Responsible Traveller Pledge (committing to the safety and wellbeing of yourself and fellow travellers). We advise all travellers to check their home country's rules and regulations regarding the quarantine period upon return from your tour as well as any requirements they may have before you travel.

Face masks and sanitising

Each traveller will be required to bring their own mask and wear it at all (required) times. We ask that our travellers familiarise themselves with the best way to use, clean and store face masks (especially if they are reusable). Travellers should bring their own face masks for use throughout the journey as well as spares.

Always remember to practice good hygiene and wash or sanitise your hands frequently. Travel tip: Plastic bags are good for storing used face masks.

As per regulation - face masks will be compulsory while on the coach, boat and train. Face masks will be available for purchase from your tour leader for those who do not have supplies. Hand sanitisers with at least 60% alcohol will be available to travellers and staff at all times.

Adequate Travel Insurance

All tour travellers are required to show proof of adequate travel insurance before embarking on tour. Your policy of insurance is required to cover you and your party against the cost of cancellation by you; the cost of assistance (including repatriation - medical and non-medical) in the event of accident or illness; loss of baggage and money; protection against any Covid-related claims and other expenses.

Please Note: If you cannot provide the tour team with proof of adequate travel insurance prior to the start of your tour, you will not be permitted to embark on day one.

Health and Safety on Tour

On the 4 coach tours, elevated hygiene and safety procedures will be put into place. The safe and comfortable coaches are cleaned and sanitised before the start of each tour and daily cleaning is maintained throughout the tour.

Safety Measures for Social Distancing on Tour

In line with precautions from various government authorities, such as the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), social distancing and face masks will be necessary on both rail and coach tours.

Carrying out responsible social distancing while on the coach and train, during city tours, on visits to landmarks, museums and more, will be necessary to help ensure the safety of yourself, the other travellers in your group and our travel crew.

This extends to the use of face masks on board the coach and train and where necessary when visiting different destinations.

Coach boarding will be adjusted in line with social distancing measures.

What if someone gets sick on tour?

All travellers are required to inform their tour leader if they are feeling unwell. Your tour leader will then direct you to a medical practitioner, it is strongly advised that travellers then take all the reasonable steps to ensure the traveller(s) meet all the requirements as laid out by their travel insurance provider.

Travel Crew are Trained and Here to Help

The travel crew, which includes your tour leaders and drivers, have previously been trained for important health and hygiene needs while on tour. In addition to this, the crew will have received additional, in-depth health and hygiene training prior to embarking on any future tours. This training is in line with guidelines set out by public health authorities.

The team is regularly reviewing government tourism and travel updates and ensuring that tours run in accordance with the prevailing public health advice, and recommendations by the World Health Organisation, the Centres for Disease Control, the European Centre for Disease Control, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. We are hoping to make this adjustment to the "new normal" of travel as stress-free as possible!

These guidelines are subject to change as the global situation evolves. The enforcement of certain measures (i.e. social distancing and mask-wearing) will vary in different regions. We will defer to local health authorities for best practices in their region. Check with your home country's policies on testing and post-trip self-isolation as well as the latest travel advisories.

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A COVID-19 test must be taken 48 hours prior to departure and proof of a negative result submitted to the airline at check-in, along with your medical certificate showing a double vaccinated status.

Tour dates can be changed up to 45 days prior to departure and airline tickets are valid for 12 months, but re-booking fees apply.

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MY TRAVEL EXPERIENCE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read the following information prior to making your reservation

Our full set of terms and conditions can be [viewed and downloaded on our website](#), or supplied on request from our office. We highly recommend you read My Travel Experience booking conditions prior to making your holiday reservations. This is the contract under which both parties enter, therefore we request that you only make a booking if you agree with these conditions.

This is a summary in brief for our customers:

1. Upon making a reservation with My Travel Experience you will receive a booking form, which needs to be filled out and signed to confirm that you agree to the terms and conditions.
2. Your booking will then be confirmed to you in writing and you will be required to pay a deposit to hold your reservation.
3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
4. Around 90 days prior to departure you will be asked to make the balance payment for your trip (the exact due date for your travel supplier will be advised at the time of booking).
5. 10 days prior to departure you will be sent your travel documents via email.

My Travel Experience operates a Client Trust bank account. This means that we do not hold your money. We pay the ultimate travel providers (Suppliers) of your travel services the funds for your holiday. The Suppliers include airlines, tour operators, cruise lines, transport companies, hotels etc. We are required to pay the Suppliers deposits and final payments to secure your booking and in some instances these items are non-refundable.

If you wish to cancel you must notify us of your cancellation in writing. We will then write to the Suppliers to cancel your booking and request a refund (if applicable) for any elements of your holiday that are refundable. You will need to make an insurance claim for any travel arrangements that are non-refundable. If you have any issues during the refund or cancellation process, you have 30 days to contact our office in writing to lodge a complaint so an immediate resolution can be found for you.

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