

# ***ITALY EXPLORER TOUR***



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## **18 Days Italy Explorer Tour with Flights**

**Duration:** 18 days

**Departs:** 2022 & 2023 select dates

**Stay:** 15 nights hotels, 1 night ferry cabin

**Travel style:** Escorted tour, plus flights from Australia

**Booking code:** EUTE18M

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## About the holiday

Bask in the beauty of Italy and discover the must-see destinations of Rome, Venice, Florence, Pompeii and more!

See the Leaning Tower of Pisa and drink in the beauty of Cinque Terre. Admire the Tuscan countryside and explore stunning Sicily - a hotspot for Italian summer holidays. Experience ancient cities, historic monuments and marvel at Renaissance art. Not to forget the fantastic food, rich culture and beautiful landscapes at every turn - this is how to explore Italy!

Everything you want on an Italian holiday and more - this escorted journey is one of our favourite, all-encompassing tours to Italy!

## Why you'll love this tour...

- This comprehensive tour ticks the boxes for included highlights & free time
- Travel with a tour leader to get the best insight and tips, plus enjoy guided tours in Taormina, Palermo, Rome, Venice, Florence & more.
- Delve into history and greet the colourful Italian culture from one exciting city to another, while frequenting popular hotspots and gems off the beaten track.
- Enjoy 2-night stays in Rome, Venice, Tuscany, Sorrento, Taormina & Palermo.
- Flights are included from Australia, or you can do the tour on its own.

## Travel dates:

Departs Australia

2022 - 07, 30 April; 21 May; 11, 15 June; 20 August; 01 October

2023 - 08, 22 April; 06, 20 May; 03, 17 June; 01 July; 09 September

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for travel at other times of the year.*

**Special Early Bird options apply to this tour!**

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## Escorted Tour Includes:

### Flights

- Return economy airfares to Rome
- Fly from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

### Accommodation

- 15 nights in twin share hotel rooms with private en-suite facilities
- 1 night in twin share cabin on ferry with private en-suite facilities
- Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room/cabin

### Meals

- 16 breakfasts, 1 antipasto, 7 dinners  
Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

### Transport

- Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
- Overnight ferry from Palermo to Naples
- Any public transport used as part of the tour days (excludes free days)

### Extras

- Services of your English-speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that 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, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

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

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

***Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***



## Flexible Tour Bookings!

When you book early, if you need to change your tour dates due to COVID19 travel restrictions, you will receive travel credits to the same value as your original tour.

Plus, you will have the following options:

### 1. Book the same tour, different departure date

Receive a full travel credit and to transfer to a new travel date. Check your travel voucher to confirm its validity and if you originally booked with a discount, that same saving will be applied to your new travel date.

### 2. Book a different tour

If you choose to book a different tour, then the travel credit will be transferred to that new tour booking. Check your travel voucher to confirm its validity and if you originally booked with a discount, that same saving will be applied to the cost of your new tour.

### 3. Travel credits as a gift

For ultimate flexibility, travel credits can be used for a new booking for other travellers. Thus, credits can be redeemed towards the new booking and that can be for someone other than the original booker(s). The original lead traveller will need to email our customer service team to confirm the transfer. Make sure you check the date on the travel credits voucher to know the redemption deadline.

Important to know:

- Travel credits are non-refundable.
- Date changes must be made 60 days prior to departure or fees will apply.
- Airfares are non-refundable once tickets are issued and separate future travel credits apply.
- These conditions only apply to this tour or flights if it's disrupted or cancelled due to COVID19.

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## Top Experiences on Tour:

- Evening tour of Rome
- A classic Italian meal for dinner
- See Mount Vesuvius; explore the ruins of Pompeii
- Stop in the ancient cave city of Matera
- Visit Alberobello; explore the trulli stone houses and museum
- Guided walk of Taormina
- Visit Cefalù, an attractive seaside town
- Walking tour of Palermo
- 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
- Enjoy a photo stop at Lake Garda
- Guided tour of Florence; the heart of the Italian Renaissance
- 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
- Visit the ancient city of Syracuse
- Explore the Valley of the Temples

## Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Australia

Depart Australia for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Start of tour in Rome

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Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City! Enjoy the morning free to relax at the hotel or explore the local area, then meet your tour leader 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 3: Rome city tour - Vatican City optional excursion

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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 4: Rome - Orvieto - Venice

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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 5: Venice: Free Day

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You'll start your stay 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 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 6: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany

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Today, we travel on to Florence and the beautiful region of Tuscany. Along the way we'll make a stop at Lake Garda for a photo opportunity. This is the biggest lake in Italy and an internationally famous holiday destination that has inspired artists of all persuasions for centuries. On arrival in Florence your Expat Explore tour leader will take you on an orientation tour. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, the city is endowed with a huge variety of Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Sights to see in Florence during your free time include the Ponte Vecchio bridge and Florence Cathedral. We'll then make our way to our accommodation in Tuscany.

## Day 7: Cinque Terre - Pisa - Tuscany

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This morning we drive north to La Spezia in the Liguria region. This city is the gateway to Cinque Terre, five picturesque fishing villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline. The harbours are filled with fishing boats, vines climb the terraces and the houses are painted in bright colours - you'll undoubtedly take some fantastic photos here! Each village is linked by hiking trails and a railway, giving you the choice of how best to explore. This afternoon we'll head back to Tuscany, stopping off on the way at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. A highlight of any tour to Italy, you'll be able to snap photos of this legendary structure and explore the grounds, which include a cathedral and baptistery.

## Day 8: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome

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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 an included dinner, the perfect chance to say goodbye to the travellers on the Taste of Italy tour that is leaving us tomorrow morning.

## Day 9: Rome

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Welcome back to Rome! Enjoy a free day to explore any of the sights you missed on your first visit to this historic city. Later on, meet back up with your tour leader and fellow travellers, including those joining us from the Highlights of Southern Italy & Sicily tour, and experience 'Rome by night' - explore some of the iconic sights of the Eternal City including the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. Afterwards we'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 10: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento

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Leaving Rome, head to the Sorrento peninsula, stopping off along the way to see Mount Vesuvius and to explore the ancient ruins of Pompeii, destroyed in 79AD in a catastrophic volcanic eruption. Then, choose the option to explore the Amalfi Coast for the rest of the day, or simply explore the area at your own pace! Later this afternoon, settle in for a two-night stay on the Sorrento peninsula. This area is famous for limoncello (a sweet lemon liqueur), the perfect way to finish off your included dinner this evening!

## Day 11: Sorrento: Free Day

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Today you have a free day in Sorrento! A gorgeous old town hugging the coastline, the Sorrento peninsula is your base for the day.

Explore the town in your own time, or choose our optional excursion to the famous Isle of Capri, where you can spend some free time exploring the rugged coastline, ancient Roman ruins and stylish piazzas.

#### Day 12: Sorrento - Matera - Alberobello

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Today we'll head east and explore the southern Italian region of Apulia, taking a comfort stop along the way in the ancient cave city of Matera. Known as "la Città Sotterranea" (the Subterranean City), it is famous for its extensive cave-dwelling districts, the 'sassi'. Later we'll arrive in Alberobello, and enjoy an orientation tour of the region's famous 'trullo' houses. These beautiful 14th century whitewashed stone huts have iconic conical roofs and are specific to the Itria Valley. This afternoon you'll have free time to further explore Alberobello; check out the trullo church of St Antony and the Trulli museum.

#### Day 13: Alberobello - Taormina

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Today we take a coastal drive beside the Ionian Sea, before we leave the mainland behind and take a short ferry ride over to the island of Sicily, home of Mount Etna. Prepare for stunning views as we make our way to Taormina. Upon arrival your tour leader will take you on an orientation walk of this hilltop town, showing you some of the highlights you can explore further on your free day tomorrow, including the historic Porta Catania and the Villa Comunale. This evening we'll top off our Sicilian experience with an included dinner at our beachside hotel.

#### Day 14: Taormina: Free Day

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Enjoy a free day to relax on Sicily's beautiful beaches, or explore the island's quaint towns. The town of Taormina itself is one of Italy's most popular summer destinations, perched on the side of a mountain and offering medieval churches, a castle and Greek amphitheatre. For those looking to explore further afield on their Italian tour, speak to your tour leader for their recommendations, including boat tours of the beautiful coastline, paragliding and 'Godfather' tours.

#### Day 15: Taormina - Syracuse - Agrigento

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Drive through the heart of Sicily, along the way taking a lunch stop in enchanting Syracuse. Syracuse is a city that was founded as a Greek colony in 734 BC. Today it's a UNESCO-listed historic centre and wonderland boasting beautiful baroque buildings and. This afternoon, get your cameras ready as stopping at the 'Valle dei Templi' (Valley of the Temples), one of the most outstanding examples of Magna Grecia art and architecture. Stay over tonight in Agrigento.

#### Day 16: Agrigento - Cefalù - Palermo

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Leaving Agrigento this morning, take a scenic drive through central Sicily as you set out to the town of Cefalù for lunch. Cefalù is a historic town that boasts some of Italy's finest beaches. Arriving in Palermo in the early afternoon, enjoy a walking tour that will introduce you to the city's highlights.

Founded more than 2,700 years ago by the Phoenicians, Palermo is noted for its history, culture, architecture and food. Sights you'll see on your walking tour include the Piazza Indipendenza, Porta Nuova (The New

#### Day 17: Palermo: Free Day

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Enjoy a full day to further explore Sicily's capital. Over the centuries Palermo has been colonized by many different rulers over the centuries, including the Greeks, Romans and Normans making it melting pot of cultures and architectural styles. You also have the option to join your tour leader for an excursion to Monreale to see and explore the UNESCO-listed Monreale Cathedral. The excursion includes lunch at a local farmhouse to feast on some traditional Sicilian food. This evening, we'll take an overnight ferry back to the Italian mainland.

#### Day 18: End of tour: Palermo, Naples or Rome

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This morning we'll arrive in Naples where travellers can choose to end their tour (with a drop off at the port), or continue on the coach with the tour leader and make our way back to Rome, where the coach will drop off. If you would like to book post-tour accommodation for this evening please contact us.

**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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3. At this time, you must take out travel insurance for your holiday to protect you against any unforeseen circumstances.
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