Full Itinerary

ENTICING NORTHERN ITALY, TUSCANY & ROME

TALK TO OUR WELL TRAVELLED TEAM OF EXPERTS

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00 GMT

JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Enticing Northern Italy, Tuscany & Rome

DURATION:

11 days / 10 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP] on Day 1 and depart from Rome Fiumicino Airport [FCO] on Day 11.

PICKUP LOCATION:

Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP]

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OVERVIEW

Choose your group's preferred departure date

Discover the very best of Italy from Milan to Lake Maggiore, to Verona to Venice to Florence to Pisa and Rome!

A fantastic tour offering all that is the very best of Italy. On our journey from Milan to Rome we will visit the classic cities of Verona, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Pisa and Lucca. See spectacular Lake Maggiore, experience the magnificent scenery of Tuscany, walk in the footsteps of Roman emperors, sample traditional food and wine, enjoy iconic buildings such as the Colosseum, St Mark's and the Leaning Tower of Pisa and visit some of the world's most famous museums that Italy has to offer. These are just some of the highlights that are awaiting you on this memorable journey through Italy.

If that's not enough then we also have our Sicilian Adventure that starts where this one finishes - why not join us?

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Benvenuti in Italia!

DAY 2 - Magical Lake Maggiore

DAY 3 - Milan & Verona

DAY 4 - Venetian Highlights

DAY 5 - Bologna and Tuscany

DAY 6 - Discovering Florence

DAY 7 - Pisa and Lucca

DAY 8 - Chianti Vineyards and Rome

DAY 9 - Ancient Rome

DAY 10 - The Vatican City

DAY 11 - Arrivederci Roma

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DAY 1 - BENVENUTI IN ITALIA!

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel on the shores of Lake Maggiore.

This evening we will join our fellow travellers and enjoy a welcome drink and tour presentation, followed by dinner together in a nearby restaurant.

Included meals: Dinner
Accommodation: Grand Hotel Britsol, Stresa

DAY 2 - MAGICAL LAKE MAGGIORE

This morning we will enjoy a boat excursion to the Borromean Islands, which lie in the heart of Lake Maggiore.

Isola Bella, the largest of the three islands is our first stop, and home to the historic Borromeo Palace. The islands are private and still owned by the aristocratic Borromeo family, whose antecedent was St (and Pope) Charles Borromeo and whose currnet daughter is now married into the Monegasque Royal family. We will visit the palace and baroque gardens.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure in Stresa, the lively lakeside town.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Grand Hotel Bristol, Stresa

DAY 3 - MILAN & VERONA

We will depart after breakfast for a panoramic guided coach tour of Milan before heading east for Verona. Sights will include La Scala, Milan's world renowned opera house, Sforzesco Castle and the Cathedral amongst others.

We will then continue to Verona to discover the historic city, with its ampitheatre, famous piazzas and 'Juliet's Balcony'

We continue on Venice and its lagoon, our base for the next two nights.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hyatt Centric Hotel, Murano (or similar)

DAY 4 - VENETIAN HIGHLIGHTS

After breakfast, we will enjoy a guided walking tour of the main sights of Venice, including the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basillica (no entrances included).

After lunch at leisure, we will enjoy a seranaded gondola tour of the city's famous canals.

The rest of the day and evening will be free to explore Venice with your 24hour ACTV Tourist Venice Travelcard (unlimited travel including the water-buses) Perhaps take a boat tour to the islands of Murano and Burano where the famous glassware is produced or treat yourself to a tour of the canals on a gondola!

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hyatt Centric Hotel, Murano (or similar)

DAY 5 - BOLOGNA AND TUSCANY

This morning we will continue our tour south towards Florence and Tuscany, stopping en-route at the city of Bologna, Italy's culinary capital and, yes, the home of Bolognese Sauce! We'll have lunch before continuing on our journey.

We'll continue to our Tuscan countryside retreat and relax before dinner at leisure in the hotel this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

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Accommodation: Borgo San Luigi, Monteriggioni

DAY 6 - DISCOVERING FLORENCE

We will depart after breakfast for Florence. On arrival we will be met by our local guide and taken on a walking tour of this historical city. We will see a host of famous sites such as the Galleria dell'Accademia (statue of David), Uffizi Gallery, Brunelleschi's Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, St. John's Baptistry, Ponte Vecchio amongst others.

After all this exercise, it's time to relax and partake of a traditional gelato. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure, before returning to our hotel

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Borgo San Luigi, Monteriggioni

DAY 7 - PISA AND LUCCA

Following breakfast we will board our coach for a full day tour to Pisa and Lucca.

First stop will be Lucca for a walking tour of this highly attractive entirely-walled Renaissance town. Walking through the historical centre along the cobblestone streets we will see the Casa di Puccini, where the great opera composer was born which is now a house museum.

There will be time for lunch before we board the coach again and head off to Pisa. We will meet our guide for a tour of the Campo dei Miracoli (Miracles Square) comprising Duomo, Baptistry and the famous Leaning Tower, to which entrance is included for those who want to climb the steps!

Dinner will be together at our hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner
Accommodation: Borgo San Luigi, Monteriggioni

DAY 8 - CHIANTI VINEYARDS AND ROME

As we leave Florence behind we will drive through the picturesque Tuscan countryside and the Chianti region where we will stop at a classic Chianti vineyard for a presentation and wine tasting including local snacks/light lunch. After re-boarding our coach we will continue south to the Eternal City that is Rome for the next 3 nights. Dinner will be together this evening in a local restaurant/trattoria.

Included meals: Breakfast & Light Lunch
Accommodation: Villa Pamphili, Rome

DAY 9 - ANCIENT ROME

This morning we will have a guided city sightseeing tour by coach where we will discover Ancient Rome including visits to the Colosseum and Roman Forum (including skip-the-queue tickets and headsets).

The rest of the day and evening will be free to explore this amazing city, making our own way back to the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Villa Pamphili, Rome

DAY 10 - THE VATICAN CITY

Another highlight will be the guided visit we are making today to the Vatican and its museums including the Sistine Chapel (including skip-the-queue tickets and headsets).

Like yesterday, the afternoon will be at leisure for more sightseeing or last minute shopping, making our own way back to the hotel.

This evening we will enjoy a Farewell Dinner together in a local restaurant/trattoria.

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Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Villa Pamphili, Rome

DAY 11 - ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Sadly our Italian Experience has come to an end and its time to depart. Transfers to the airport will be arranged accordingly.

However, if you want to continue your Italian Experience, why not extend your holiday and come to Sicily with us!

Included meals: Breakfast

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet on arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles.
- All entrances/guides (English speaking) and visits as indicated in the programme.
- Porterage at all hotels including luggage assistance for the Venice boat transfers (1 piece per person)
- Tourist taxes
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director throughout

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ATOL protection
- Flights to Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP] on Day 1 and from Rome Fiumicino Airport on Day 11
- Additional food and beverage unless otherwise included in the programme
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Optional excursions/entrances
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights to/from Italy are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights - please contact us for further details
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2pm and check out is before 11am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable and final payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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