

ITALY 12 DAYS DISCOVERY ESCORTED TOUR

From Rome to Rome (12 Days/11 Nights)

Starting at \$ 2,328 per Person (*)

Travel for the first time to Italy or return to discover simply the best of Italy! In the comfort of this escorted tour you will experience how Italy is rich of art, culture and traditions. From North to South, visit Rome, Florence, the Tuscany's medieval towns and its Chianti wine region, Venice, Sorrento with the Amalfi Coast and Capri just to mention some of the highlights of this amazing and complete tour.

Guaranteed Departures all year long! 1st Cat. and 2nd Cat. Hotels accommodation

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Roma, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Padua, Venice, Chianti Region, Val d'Orcia, Montepulciano, Naples, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri with Overnight on the Island

TRAVEL ITINERARY:

DAY 1 (Sunday - Friday): ROME



Arrival in Rome and transfer to your Hotel on your own. Dinner on your own and overnight in the Eternal City.

DAY 2 (Monday - Saturday): ROME, ASSISI, SIENA, FLORENCE

You'll be picked up at the assigned meeting point in the historical center of Rome at 7:15 am, by motor coach, to start your sightseeing tour. The first stop will be in charming **Assisi**, where you'll have free time to wander the streets. We suggest you to visit the **Basilica of St. Francis**, home of the famous saint. After you enjoy lunch (not included) the tour will continue to **Siena**. Known for its rich medieval history and the **Palio horse race**, you'll want to take plenty of pictures here. When you have completed the stop, the bus will continue to **Florence**, where you'll have dinner and get a good night's rest.



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DAY 3 (Tuesday - Sunday): FLORENCE

The day starts with breakfast, to prepare you for a pleasant day, and continues with a tour of **Florence**. Called the Cradle of the Renaissance, you will marvel at Florence's art, architecture and churches created by the Masters. You'll stop at **the Florence Cathedral** called *Duomo*, with its **Brunelleschi's Dome**, **Giotto's Bell Tower** and the **Baptistery**, with doors so beautiful that Michelangelo called them **the Gates of Paradise**. The **Piazza Della Signoria**, **Palazzo Vecchio** and the Santa Croce Basilica are also on the tour. The afternoon will be at your leisure, where you can choose to shop or visit the **Accademia Gallery** with the famous **Michelangelo's David** or the **Uffizi Gallery** (not included.) You may decide you'd rather go on an optional tour **of Pisa**, and see **its famous leaning tower** and adjoining cathedral. In the evening you'll enjoy dinner and a final night in Florence.



DAY 4 (Wednesday - Monday): FLORENCE, BOLOGNA, PADUA, VENICE



You'll enjoy breakfast, before boarding the motor coach to Bologna. **Bologna** is a mostly pedestrian city, so you will be able to take magnificent pictures of the Podesta Palace, Piazza del Nettuno and the **Basilica of San Petronio**. After lunch (not included), you'll continue on to **Padua**, home to many beautiful churches and the one of the oldest university with its famous botanical garden and its ancient anatomical theatre. You'll stop at the **Basilica of St Anthony**, with its many lovely frescoes. The motor coach will then continue on to **Venice**, known for its beauty, art and gondolas. You'll have dinner and spend the night in Venice.

DAY 5 (Thursday - Tuesday): VENICE

After breakfast, you'll board a vaporetto to visit **St. Mark's Square** and the **Doge palace** (external). You'll tour the outside of the palace, and take in the majesty of this residence of the duke, with its carved marble and bronze accents. The **Bridge of Sighs** is also nearby, which connects to the prison where Casanova was held for 5 years. Afterwards, there will be a stop at one of the **Murano glass** workshops, where you can watch the artisans at work. The afternoon is free, giving you time to shop, enjoy a cappuccino or take a **gondola ride** (not included.) Dinner will be with the group and you'll spend the night in Venice.



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DAY 6 (Friday - Wednesday): VENICE, TUSCANY, MONTEPULCIANO, ROME

Breakfast will be enjoyed at the hotel, and, afterwards, you'll board the motor coach to reach back **Tuscany**. Make sure the batteries in your camera are charged, as you will want to take many, many pictures! You'll see the rolling landscapes, charming farm houses and churches and magnificent castles. Driving through the **Chianti region and Val D'Orcia**, the group will stop in **Montepulciano**, a town rich in art and history, where you'll participate in a wine tasting and have free time to explore the town. The motor coach will continue back to Rome, where the tour, and our services, ends.



DAY 7 (Saturday - Thursday): ROME



After breakfast, you'll depart on a **walking tour of Rome**, touring its historical beauties. You'll admire by **St. Peter's Square**, **Navona Square**, **Trevi Fountain**, **the Spanish Steps** and a visit inside **the Pantheon**. The afternoon will be free, and you have the chance to shop, enjoy a gelato or visit the **Vatican Museums with the Sistine Chapel** (not included.) You'll spend the night in Rome.

DAY 8 (Sunday - Friday): ROME, NAPLES, POMPEII, SORRENTO

You'll enjoy breakfast at the hotel and the motor coach will depart to **Naples**, traveling along the scenic Sun Route motorway, through the regions of Lazio and Campania. There will be a **panoramic city tour of Naples**, showing the **Mergillina**, **Castel dell'Ovo**, **Plebescito Square**, the **Royal Palace**, **Maschio Angioino** and the port. You'll enjoy lunch on the way to **Pompeii**, where you'll visit the excavations of this historic location, destroyed by the **Vesuvius** eruption in AD 79. Afterwards, we'll drive along the **Sorrentine coast** and arrive in **Sorrento** for dinner and the night.



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DAY 9 (Monday - Saturday): SORRENTO



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, while you have the day to yourself in **Sorrento.** Visit the shops, tour the historic churches, or just enjoy the scenery while enjoying a lunch fresh from the bay with delicious homemade **Lemoncello**. You will have also the opportunity to take a day trip to the **Amalfi Coast** visiting **Positano, Amalfi** and **Ravello**. You'll return to the hotel for dinner and a good night's rest.

DAY 10 (Tuesday - Sunday): SORRENTO, CAPRI

After breakfast, we'll board the ferry to the **Isle of Capri** (sea conditions permitting,) and take small rowing boats to the **Blue Grotto** (sea conditions permitting). You'll have free time to enjoy this charming island, and lunch with the group. In the afternoon, transfer to your Hotel in Capri. Dinner and overnight at your Hotel.



DAY 11 (Wednesday - Monday): CAPRI, ROME



You'll enjoy breakfast and free time this morning, to strolling around the famous **Piazzetta** with the famous boutiques and artisans shops or enjoy some relax in one of the beautiful **Capri beaches**. In the afternoon, embark the jetfoil to the coast and by motor coach will depart to **Rome** to spend the night at your Hotel.

DAY 12 (Thursday - Tuesday): ROME

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Tour code:

2009/2010 TRAVEL DATES:

April 2010	04	11	18	25	30					
May 2010	02	07	09	14	16	21	23	28	30	
June 2010	04	06	11	13	18	20	25	27		
July 2010	02	04	09	11	16	18	23	25	30	
August 2010	01	06	08	13	15	20	22	27	29	
September 2010	03	05	10	12	17	19	24	26		
October 2010	01	03	08	10	15	17	22	24	29	

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Transportation by Deluxe motor coach as per itinerary;
- Accommodation in 1st Category and 2nd Category Hotels in double/twin rooms with private facilities;
- Buffet breakfast daily;
- 7 Dinners and 2 Lunches as per itinerary;
- Multilingual Tour-Escort;
- Panoramic Visits as per itinerary;
- Porterage Service: Just 1 piece of luggage per person ONLY in Florence and Venice (No porterage in the other cities);
- Local Taxes and service Charges.

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WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- All Land & Air prices: Additional U.S. & Foreign Departure Taxes and Surcharges Fee(s) assessed by the Airlines.
- Beverages.
- Entrance Fees to Monuments or Museums Tips, Extras.
- All what is not mentioned in "PACKAGE INCLUDES".

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Multi language escorted group tour. All departure are Guaranteed.

(*) Rate based on two adult persons sharing a double or twin bedded room with private bathroom. Single rooms are available at an additional supplement. Children's, triple room rates and alternative accommodation arrangements are available upon request. (Additional and different charges may apply).

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