



ITALY

## WONDERS OF ROME, TUSCANY & VENICE (TOUR CODE: 12367)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Rome

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

03 Mar 24 - 26 Oct 25

**EXPERIENCE**Escorted  
Food & Wine**TRAVEL STYLE**

Escorted Group Tour

Unveil the historic and scenic highlights of Italy on this exhilarating, 8-day escorted tour starting in Rome.

### Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- **English only Tour**, with English-speaking Tour Director.
- **"Skip the Line" access** of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and of Pompeii Site
- Traditional Tuscan lunch in **Montepulciano**
- Stroll down the cobblestone streets of **Florence**
- Visit the most iconic places of the **Floating City Venice**: the *Palazzo dei Dogi*, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary *Bridge of Sighs*!

Discover ancient medieval towns and admire amazing architecture and historical artefacts. Experience Florence's cobble stone streets and Bologna's elegant arcades, before being enchanted by the "floating city": Venice. Continue to Montepulciano where you'll enjoy a typical Tuscan lunch before reaching Rome for your last days of the escorted group tour.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 7-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- Private transfers to/from airport/station as per itinerary
- Lunches and Dinners as per itinerary
- Get a taste of Italy by enjoying a lunch in piazza Santa Croce, in the heart of Florence in day 3
- Experience traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano in day 6

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Rome

Welcome to Rome! After meeting at the airport with your driver, you will be transfer to your hotel.

At 07:45 pm pick up at the hotel and reach **Via del Teatro Marcello**. A local expert guide will lead you to discover the wonders of the **Eternal City**, charming by day - absolutely romantic at sunset. You will cross the characteristic area of the **Jewish Ghetto**, one of Rome's most beautiful neighborhoods, full of history and Roman atmosphere. As you know, one of Rome's typical landmarks is its beautiful fountains, and one of the prettiest is the **Turtle Fountain (Fontana delle Tartarughe)** in Piazza Mattei. The **Jewish Ghetto** of Rome is the second most ancient after the one in Venice, and it can be considered the heart and soul of Roman cuisine!

Then you will walk into Piazza Della Rotonda and enjoy the lit view of the **Pantheon**, the former temple of Marcus Agrippa later converted into a church: this is the only ancient Roman temple that remained untouched through the centuries and it's stunning at night when the crowds are away.

Close your eyes and throw a coin over your right shoulder straight into the **Trevi Fountain** as your next stop: it said that those who do so, are granted to come back to Rome someday. Your walk continues towards **Piazza di Spagna**, one of the city's most popular squares, known for its setting at the bottom of the Spanish Steps. Walk up these famous steps to enjoy a lovely view from the top! After this intense and gratifying walk, there is only one thing missing to end this experience: relax enjoying a creamy and tasty Gelato! The tour ends in the Spanish Steps area. Enjoy the rest of the night on your own.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel San Martin** or similar.



Day **2**

## Rome Assisi Siena Florence

Departing at 7:15 am from your hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in **Assisi**, ready to explore, at your leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of **St. Francis**, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and then have free time for lunch (not included).

Board on the bus to reach **Siena**, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: **Piazza del Campo**. Next, you will continue to **Florence**, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Raffaello** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

## Florence

After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful **Florence**, the Cradle of Renaissance, where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free **Comune** and further refined during the Renaissance.

You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches, and buildings at **Santa Maria del Fiore**, more commonly referred to as the **Duomo**. On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi. Cross a small piazza to see the **Campanile** tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the **Gates of Paradise**.

In the heart of the city, you will see **Piazza della Signoria**, **Palazzo della Signoria** (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the **Basilica of Santa Croce**. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa ([optional](#)), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Raffaello** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



#### Day 4 Florence Bologna Padua Mestre

After breakfast in Florence, depart to **Bologna**. You will discover the elegant city center with its **porticos**, shopping streets and so on. From **Piazza Malpighi**, you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then **King Renzo's Palace**; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Don't miss a tasty meal at your leisure with it's real gourmet's heaven at Bologna.

In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with **Sant'Antonio Basilica**, one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, we arrive in **Mestre**.

Dinner at the hotel in Mestre is included.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5** Mestre Venice Mestre

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to **Piazza San Marco** and visit the most iconic places of the Floating City: the **Palazzo dei Dogi**, a symbol of Venice's glorious past, and the legendary **Bridge of Sighs**.

While you sit comfortably and savour your drink, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy a taste of the famous "**cicchetti**," a Venetian variation of tapas (light lunch).

Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **6** Mestre Tuscany Wine Region (Montepulciano) Rome

After breakfast, a departure from Piazzale Roma heading to **Tuscany**, world-known for its landscapes, churches and castles,

and delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in **Montepulciano**, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its “Nobile” wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July.

**Lunch in a typical restaurant is included!** After lunch, a quick stop to spend some free time.

In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel San Martin** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **7**

## Rome

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast, a departure from the hotel for the included tour of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square with our exclusive “Skip the Line” access!**

No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you to the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections in the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and, then, the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, the tour ends in St. Peter's Square where you can admire the astonishing masterpiece of St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world!

Enjoy the rest of the day exploring the city at your own leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel San Martin** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **8**

## Rome

Enjoy one final breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit, maximum group size up to 40 people.
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package