



## ITALY

# ITALIAN ART CITIES JOURNEY FROM VENICE (TOUR CODE: 12908)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Venice to  
Rome

### TRAVEL PERIODS

25 Mar 24 - 04 Nov 24

### EXPERIENCE

Escorted

### TRAVEL STYLE

Group Journeys

Discover Italy's artistic treasures and rich history on this 10-day awe-inspiring journey from the floating city of Venice to the eternal city of Rome.

## Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures.** Small group sizes (max 24 passengers). English speaking only tour with an experienced Tour Director.
- Take a **gondola ride** as you glimpse through the Venice's narrow canals
- Visit **Siena**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe
- Explore **Bologna** showcasing stunning medieval towers, historic porticoes, and beautifully preserved Renaissance buildings
- Uncover the breathtaking frescoes in the **Sistine Chapel** ceiling and "**The last Judgment**" both by **Michelangelo**

Embark on a mesmerising journey through Italy's storied past and artistic treasures, starting in the captivating city of Venice. After a warm welcome and leisure time, immerse yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of Venice with a guided walking tour, exploring iconic landmarks like St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge.

From there, continue your adventure to Bologna, Florence, and Siena, where architectural wonders, such as the Archiginnasio and the historic center of Siena, await your exploration. Indulge in a delightful wine tasting in the Chianti region and savor an aperitivo in the famed Piazza del Campo.

Discover the spiritual charm of Assisi before concluding your journey in Rome, where you can marvel at its ancient treasures, including St. Peter's Square and Basilica. This meticulously crafted itinerary blends guided tours with leisure time, ensuring an unforgettable experience of Italy's rich history and breathtaking beauty.



GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



SMALL GROUP SIZES



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES



CITY-CENTRE QUALITY HOTELS



SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDED



SLOWER-PACED ITINERARY



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 9-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by luxury coach
- Private transfers to/from airport as per itinerary
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Chianti wine tasting, an "Aperitivo" in Siena
- Guided visits in Rome (Sistine Chapel entrance included), Venice, Bologna, Florence, Perugia & Siena
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

## ITINERARY

### Intro Map

Italian Art Cities Journey from Venice



## Day 1 Venice Airport Venice

A private transfer will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

At 19:00, meet with your Tour Director (TD) at the hotel's Reception Desk for a welcome meeting. You will also meet your fellow travellers. Your TD will give you all the relevant details of the city and will inform you of the schedule for the following day.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Casanova Hotel**



## Day 2 Venice

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Join your fellow travellers to discover the one and only Venice on a beautiful **walking tour of the city**. Discover Piazza San

Marco, known as St Mark's Square. Stroll across the Rialto Bridge and browse the lively Rialto fish market.

Afternoon at leisure to continue exploring this awesome city, otherwise add in an optional tour to Murano & Burano islands.

In the early evening, join your fellow travellers for an amazing **Gondola ride** to your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight stay in Venice at the **Casanova Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner



### Day 3 Venice Bologna Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart southwards to **Bologna**, famous for its towers, churches and lengthy porticoes, Bologna has a well-preserved historical center City tour & Archiginnasio. The Archiginnasio of Bologna is one of the most important buildings in the city of Bologna; once the main building of the University of Bologna, it currently houses the Archiginnasio Municipal Library and the Anatomical Theatre.

Continue towards **Florence**, famous Tuscany capital, and the Italian city of Renaissance.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**

Breakfast



Day **4** Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today you'll explore Florence on a walking city tour. Piazza Signoria, Duomo, Battistero, Campanile Giotto, Ponte Vecchio, old markets...Florence was a center of medieval European trade and finance, and UNESCO declared the Historic Centre of Florence a World Heritage Site in 1982.

Afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy your own time in this stunning city of arts.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**

Breakfast



Day **5** Florence

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to Pisa and Lucca (*extra cost*).

Overnight stay in Florence at **Villa Neroli**

Breakfast



Day **6**

## Florence Siena Perugia

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depart to "The Road of Chianti". A Chianti wine is any wine produced in the Chianti region of central Tuscany. Sangiovese is the blend's dominant grape variety. Enjoy wine tasting in one of the classic vineyard and cellar.

Continue to **Siena**, one of the most important cities in medieval Europe. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is famous for "The Palio", a horse race held twice a year in Piazza del Campo. Enjoy an Aperitivo in Piazza del Campo with local products and wines.

After lunch, depart towards Perugia.

Overnight stay in Perugia at **Perugia Plaza**

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **7** Perugia Assisi Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Today, discover the historical city of Perugia. Going back to the Etruscan times, Perugia was one of the main cities. The city is also known as the universities town.

Depart to Assisi. The city of St Francis. Assisi is the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Franciscan religious order in the town in 1208, and St. Clare, who took a vow of poverty as her devotion to St Francis. UNESCO collectively designated the Francis can structures of Assisi as a World Heritage Site in 2000.

Continue your journey in the early afternoon towards Rome, The Head of the World.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **8** Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Set out for a morning city discovery tour, and enjoy one the most historical cities in the world, Rome City tour. Finish the tour at Saint Peter's Square, located directly in front of Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Afterwards, visit the famous Sistine Chapel (*entrance included*). Its importance lies mainly in the frescoes that decorate the interior, most particularly the Sistine Chapel ceiling and The last Judgment both by Michelangelo.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **9**

## Rome

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at your hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Alternatively, you can add one of our optional extras to discover the art of Rome visiting Major Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore, San Giovanni in Laterano (The cathedral of Rome), & Michelangelo's Moses in San Pietro in Vincoli (*extra cost*).

In the early evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant at the "Trastevere quarter."

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hoxton Hotel**

Breakfast, Dinner





Day **10** Rome Rome Airport

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before a private transfer takes you to the airport.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### Hotel Casanova

#### Venice

Hotel Casanova is a four-star hotel located in the heart of Venice, Italy. It offers its guests a perfect blend of modern comfort and classic Venetian style. Thanks to its central location, guests have easy access to various iconic landmarks, including St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge. The hotel features elegantly designed rooms. For guests seeking relaxation, the hotel offers a panoramic terrace that provides stunning views of the city. The hotel provides a wide range of services, including concierge, luggage storage, and ticket assistance. The on-site restaurant serves a range of delicious Italian cuisine, while the bar offers a variety of beverages. Hotel Casanova is the perfect destination for travelers seeking a comfortable and memorable stay in Venice, Italy.



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## Villa Neroli

### **Florence**

Each room of the Hotel Villa Neroli is treated in detail, from the pastel tones of the walls to the style of the furnishings. The rooms have recently been renovated to ensure the guests a pleasant and relaxing stay, in an environment with a contemporary design and impeccable comfort to make every moment of the holiday even more precious. The hotel reserves a range of special services for all its guests, which will make your stay in Florence even more unforgettable. All services are designed to best satisfy every single need.



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## Perugia Plaza Hotel

### **Perugia**

The Perugia Plaza Hotel offers its customers all the services to make their stay in Perugia comfortable and unique. ideal for for weekends, business trips or meetings and conferences in Perugia. Rooms equipped with all comforts. The rooms welcome the customer by responding to your different needs.



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## The Hoxton Hotel Rome

### Rome

The Hoxton is a series of open-house hotels inspired by the diversity and originality of the streets and scenes that surround the establishment. The lobbies are the beating heart of the hotel. Open round the clock, with comfy seats, cosy corners, and food and drink on tap, they're spaces where guests can hang out alongside the locals, and immerse themselves in the neighbourhood.

All the bedrooms, public spaces and restaurants are designed to feel vibrant, cosy and welcoming – like a home away from home. The in-house design team takes inspiration from the neighbourhoods right the way through the design process, and work closely with local artists and makers to add flair to each property.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- When the group is made up of 8 or fewer passengers, the tour will not include a Tour Director, but a knowledgeable expert driver/guide. A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided in this case.
- 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 organisational 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 fee
- 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 (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

## IN PARTNERSHIP

