



ITALY

ITALIAN GOURMET DELIGHTS BY TRAIN (TOUR CODE: 12982)

TRAVEL PERIODS

18 Apr 24 - 10 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Escorted Tours

Learn the art of pasta-making, craft your own pizzas, and savour fine wines and Limoncello along the way. Your authentic Italian Gourmet delights by train awaits!

Highlights

- Maximum group size is **20 passengers**, ensuring a personalized and enjoyable travel experience.
- **Worry-free luggage portage service** at railway stations and/or "luggage bus" (that delivers luggage from hotel to hotel)
- Join a **pasta-making class**, followed by a delightful lunch paired with the renowned **Frascati DOCG wine** in a picturesque setting.
- Dive into the heart of Naples with a local flavors experience and a **pizza-making class!**
- Venture to **Sorrento for Limoncello** tasting!
- Sample the renowned **Chianti wine**, and learn the art of **olive oil production**.
- Join a hands-on tortellini-making demonstration at the **Tortellini LAB!**
- Sample the finest **Barolo wine** during a full-day exploration of the Langhe region!

Welcome to "Italian Gourmet Delights by Train," where the journey promises an intimate and enjoyable experience with a maximum group size of 20 passengers. Our worry-free travel includes luggage portage services and a delightful "luggage bus" to ensure your peace of mind.

Throughout this culinary adventure, you'll immerse yourself in authentic Italian flavors, from pasta-making in Frascati to the art of pizza in Naples, Limoncello in Sorrento, Chianti wine and olive oil in Tuscany, and tortellini near Modena. To enhance your palate, you'll also sample the renowned Barolo wine in the picturesque Langhe region. Join us for a delectable exploration of Italy's gourmet treasures!



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

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Rome at Starhotels Metropole - 4*
- 2 nights in Naples at Palazzo Caracciolo - 4*
- 2 nights in Florence at Hotel Mulino di Firenze - 4*
- 3 nights in Turin at Starhotels Majestic - 4*
- Train transfers in First class
- Meals: 9 breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinner
- Gourmet Street Food walking tour in Rome, Naples, Florence and Turin
- Food experiences curated in collaboration with a professional sommelier, as outlined in the itinerary.
- Professional English speaking guide for the entire duration of the tour
- Worry-free luggage portorage service at railway stations

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Rome

Upon arrival make your way to your hotel in Rome city center.

Take your time to settle and relax, then in the afternoon meet your Tour Leader and group. Discover Rome's culinary wonders on a **gourmet walking tour** through its historic center. Savour the city's rich flavors, guided by local experts, as you indulge in authentic Italian delicacies at carefully selected eateries. End the memorable day with a delightful dinner, immersed in the charming ambiance of Rome's culinary traditions.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Starhotels Metropole**.

Dinner



Day **2**

Rome Frascati Rome

After a buffet breakfast, the morning is at your leisure or you may choose to add extra experiences (additional cost) such as Colosseum and Ancient Rome tour or Vatican Museum..

In the afternoon, embark on a delightful journey by taking the regional train to Frascati, an idyllic town situated just 30 minutes away from Rome. Immerse yourself in an extraordinary **pasta-making workshop**, thoughtfully curated and conducted by a **knowledgeable local expert**. Discover the age-old techniques and secrets behind the craft of creating exquisite and authentic Italian pasta. Afterwards, savour a truly delectable dinner that showcases the fruits of your labor - the pasta delicacies handcrafted by you. To enhance this remarkable culinary experience, the dinner will be accompanied by the finest wines sourced from the surrounding region.

At the end of the activity, you will return to Roma by train.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Starhotels Metropole**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Rome Naples

In the morning, after breakfast in the hotel, get on the high-speed train to Napoli.

After an hour's journey arrive in Naples and begin your wonderful day with a delectable **street food gourmet walking tour through Naples' historic center**. Savour the city's culinary gems as you indulge in mouthwatering savoury *Pizza Fritta* or *Cuoppo*, delight in a crisp *Sfogliatella* or a buttery *Frolla*, and indulge in the exquisite flavors of a *Baba* or *Fiocco di Neve*.

After some time to relax in your hotel in the heart of Naples, become an "Italian Pizzaiolo" by participating a **pizza-making cooking class**! Guided by local experts, they master the art of hand-stretching dough, selecting fresh toppings, and baking in wood-fired ovens. Enjoy your creations served with local wine in a delightful dining setting.

Overnight stay in Naples at **Palazzo Caracciolo**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Naples Sorrento Naples

Today, endeavor to immerse yourself in the **awe-inspiring Sorrento coast** on a captivating discovery tour departing from Naples.

Delight in the genuine pleasure of trying *Mozzarella*, a classic Italian cheese, and indulging in *Limoncello*, a traditional liqueur crafted from locally sourced lemons. Following this, a **scrumptious seafood lunch** awaits, perfectly complemented by a selection of chilled local wines.

As the afternoon unfolds, you will have the opportunity to leisurely explore the alluring charm and captivating beauty of Sorrento. Back to Naples in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay in Naples at **Palazzo Caracciolo**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5

Naples Florence

In the morning, board a high-speed train that will transport you to the enchanting city of Florence within a span of two hours.

Upon arrival, embark on a **delightful gastronomic adventure through** the historic center of **Florence**, indulging in the most exquisite street food treasures while reveling in the splendour of this grand city. Immerse yourself in a Gourmet Street Food walking tour amidst the ancient heart of Florence and indulge in **2 mouthwatering food stops accompanied by a refreshing glass of wine and a gelato.**

After lunch at leisure, reach your hotel just a few minutes from the historic center of Florence, an unusual setting where the natural greenery surrounding Florence and the water of the River Arno merge.

Tonight, treat yourself to a **delicious Bistecca dinner** featuring a perfectly grilled Florentine steak. You'll also get to savor some tasty traditional sides and enjoy locally crafted wines.

Overnight in Florence at **Hotel Mulino di Firenze.**

Breakfast, Dinner



Florence Chianti Florence

Enjoy a relaxing morning by exploring the city at your own pace. Take the opportunity to admire the awe-inspiring Donatello's David or be wowed by the breathtaking panoramic views of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo.

In the afternoon, **experience the enchanting beauty of Chianti** on an immersive tour: learn about the art of olive oil and winemaking from knowledgeable experts and enjoy the taste of those local products. Culminate your adventure with a **memorable dinner** amidst picturesque vineyards, relishing a delectable **meal paired perfectly with local wines**.

Overnight in Florence at **Hotel Mulino di Firenze**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Florence Reggio Emilia Turin

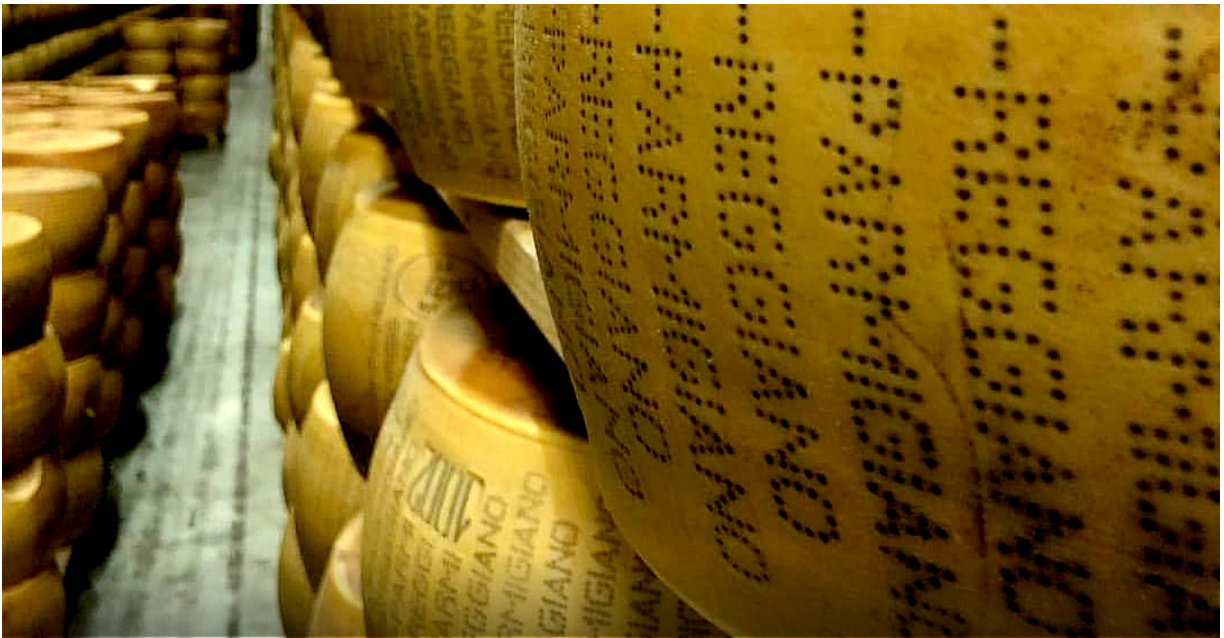
After breakfast, hop on a high-speed train to **Reggio Emilia**, a journey taking around 1.5 hours.

Once there, embark on an exciting **Food Valley tour**, exploring the rich culinary heritage of the region, tasting exquisite Lambrusco wines. Sample the aged **traditional balsamic vinegar** and uncover the mysteries of **Parmigiano Reggiano**. Immerse yourself in the authentic atmosphere of the **Tortellini cooking class**, where you'll experience a hands-on demonstration of crafting tortellini, learning the secrets of this cherished Italian dish.

In the afternoon, catch another high-speed train to **Turin**, check in at your hotel and enjoy time at leisure.

Overnight stay in Turin at **Starhotels Majestic**.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Turin

Start your morning by immersing yourself in the city's vibrant culinary culture.

Take a leisurely stroll through charming cobblestone streets and let an expert guide accompany you on this delightful culinary adventure. Explore the flavours of Turin by **sampling the finest local delicacies**, from the renowned "*Bicerin*" to artisanal chocolates "*Gianduiotto*" and allow yourself to be captivated by its exquisite taste. Finally, conclude the tour with a delicious *artisanal gelato*, adding a sweet and refreshing touch to your unforgettable culinary experience.

In the afternoon, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the city.

Overnight stay in Turin at **Starhotels Majestic**.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Turin Langhe Turin

After breakfast, experience a **full-day journey amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Langhe**.

As you embark on a tour of exquisite vineyards and indulge in a delightful wine tasting session showcasing the renowned **Barolo wines**.

The day culminates with a cherished **farewell dinner** in the picturesque town of Alba, where you will savour the flavors of truffle, accompanied by two glasses of wine. This enchanting region will bestow upon you unforgettable memories.

Overnight stay in Turin at **Starhotels Majestic**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10 Turin

After enjoying our breakfast, we conclude our journey exploring the enchanting wonders of Italy and indulging in its culinary masterpieces.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Starhotels Metropole

Nestled in the heart of Rome's city center, the Starhotels Metropole offers a harmonious blend of comfort and sophistication, conveniently located near the Roma Termini railway station and the Rome Opera House. Within a 10-minute walk, guests can explore renowned landmarks such as the Colosseum, the Fori Imperiali, and the Trevi Fountain. With 236 newly renovated rooms and suites providing a peaceful retreat from the city's bustle, an exquisite dining experience at the Apicio restaurant, and a welcoming ambiance at the Bistrot Rendez Vous bar, this hotel caters to diverse tastes. Additionally, its nine cutting-edge meeting rooms, accommodating up to 160 people, make it an ideal choice for both business meetings and private events in Rome.



Palazzo Caracciolo

Palazzo Caracciolo's grandeur encompasses 145 rooms that seamlessly blend history with contemporary hospitality essentials. The imposing walls provide naturally soundproofed spaces, offering a comfortable ambiance in both summer and winter. Nestled within the heart of the palace, the exclusive Suites embody the building's noble essence. These sumptuous, elegantly appointed accommodations boast lavish details, refined architecture, and are adorned with exquisite coffered ceilings. The spacious layouts extend up to 70 square meters, exemplifying luxury at its finest.



Hotel Mulino di Firenze

Experience the enchanting allure of the countryside, set against the backdrop of lush greenery, just moments away from Florence's historic center. Indulge in the Mulino di Firenze, a vacation that promises to fulfill your dreams with a blend of nature, art, entertainment, and authentic local cuisine.

A meticulous and knowledgeable renovation has breathed new life into a 15th-century mill, transforming it into an exclusive 4-star superior hotel that remains faithful to its historical roots. The building's rich history and distinctive characteristics remain unaltered, rendering it truly unique in the heart of Tuscany. This rare and beautiful gem beckons to you, enhanced by the presence of its indoor spa—a haven of wellness that invites you to immerse yourself in its splendor.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- This trip can be enjoyed by just about anyone with a reasonable level of fitness. Average physical ability is required such as long walks of a few hours

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