

7 Days | Taste of Italy | 2025

Rome - Orvieto - Venice - Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany - Cinque Terre -
Pisa - San Gimignano - Siena

From **\$1,899** Typically \$2,360 pp twin share



Tour Rome's top sights with a local guide

Free days in Rome and Venice with an Option to visit the Vatican City

See the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa

Visit picturesque towns including Cinque Terre, San Gimignano and Orvieto

Sip on Italian wine and taste antipasti in Siena

Description



Bonjourno! Sample the best of Italy with this short but sweet sample with good food, centuries of history and incredible landscapes.

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Stepping into history, ancient ruins such as the Colosseum and the Roman Forum unfold tales of a bygone era. Wandering through the narrow cobblestone streets, one can savor the authentic flavors of Italian cuisine in quaint trattorias and discover the artistry of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel.

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Rome behind, the journey continues to the picturesque town of Orvieto. Perched atop a volcanic plateau, Orvieto boasts a stunning cathedral adorned with intricate frescoes and a charming medieval atmosphere. As the traveler traverses the cobbled streets, they are greeted by panoramic views of the Umbrian countryside.

Venturing northeast, the next destination is the romantic city of Venice, known for its intricate canals and Renaissance architecture. A gondola ride along the Grand Canal offers a unique perspective of the city, while the iconic St. Mark's Square invites exploration of its historic landmarks, including the Basilica di San Marco and the Doge's Palace.

The journey then takes a scenic turn towards Lake Garda, nestled amidst the foothills of the Alps. The tranquil waters of the lake provide a serene

backdrop for relaxation, and the charming lakeside villages offer a taste of local life. Activities such as sailing, hiking, and exploring ancient castles add to the allure of this idyllic destination.

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Continuing southward, the traveler arrives in Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. The Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia showcase masterpieces by artists like Leonardo da Vinci and Botticelli, while the iconic Florence Cathedral dominates the city skyline. Strolling across the Ponte Vecchio, visitors can immerse themselves in the vibrant artisan shops that line the bridge.

Tuscany beckons next, with its rolling hills and vineyard-laden landscapes. A visit to the charming villages of the Chianti region, such as San Gimignano and Siena, offers a glimpse into the region's rich cultural heritage. Savoring local wines and indulging in Tuscan cuisine become integral parts of the experience.

Cinque Terre, a cluster of five colorful coastal villages, welcomes the traveler with its breathtaking scenery along the Ligurian Sea. Hiking trails connect the villages, providing panoramic views of the rugged coastline. The pastel-hued houses perched on cliffs create a postcard-perfect setting, inviting exploration and relaxation.

The penultimate stop is Pisa, home to the iconic Leaning Tower. The Piazza dei Miracoli, with its cathedral and baptistery, showcases the architectural prowess of medieval Italy. A leisurely stroll around the city reveals charming streets and squares, offering a more intimate perspective of Pisa.

The final leg of the journey brings the traveler to the medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its well-preserved medieval towers. The skyline, punctuated by these towering structures, transports visitors to a bygone era. Nearby, the historic city of Siena captivates with its medieval streets and the grandeur of the Piazza del Campo.

Returning to Rome, the traveler completes the circle, having experienced the diverse beauty and rich cultural tapestry of Italy. Each destination along the

route leaves an indelible mark, creating memories of art, history, and the unparalleled charm that defines this captivating country.



Itinerary

Day 1

Rome

Today marks the start of your week-long Italian adventure! Meet up with your tour leader and fellow travellers at the hotel in Rome this morning.

After an introduction to the upcoming itinerary, get ready to head into the city. After some free time for lunch, set off on a walking tour with an expert local guide. Learn all about this “Eternal City” and its astounding history which has been the focus of art, film and literature for centuries! Stand in awe of the Spanish Steps, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and more.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and get to know your new travel buddies over some delicious Italian cuisine.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Excel Roma Montemario, Warmhotel or similar

Day 2

Rome Orvieto Venice

After breakfast, depart Italy’s capital as the tour travels through the Umbria region towards Venice. Enjoy a stop in the Umbrian city of Orvieto which boasts particularly dramatic scenery thanks to its location atop a sheer vertical volcanic rock! Travel up to the historic centre via funicular and look forward to some free time to explore. Admire the facade of the Gothic-Romanesque Cathedral of Orvieto, see the Papal Residence and marvel at the views from the Albornoz Fortress. Then, it's on to the floating city of Venice! Arrive and enjoy a free evening to relax or set off on an optional water taxi cruise through Venice’s canals. Seeing the lights of Venice at night is a sight to behold!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 3

Venice

Start this full day in Venice with a guided orientation tour. See top sights including the Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge! This tour should give you a great overview of the city which you can explore at your own pace for the rest of the day. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience Venice in the best way possible - from its waterways! Ask your tour leader about the optional gondola ride. To venture further out into the lagoon, join the optional excursion which visits Murano and Burano, colourful islands known for their local crafts.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 4

Venice 🚗 Lake Garda 🚗 Florence 🚗 Tuscany

Leaving the floating city behind, the tour travels to Florence. En route, look forward to a comfort stop at Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake! Set off on a guided tour with a passionate local guide upon arrival in Florence. Learn all about this awe-inspiring city which was the birthplace of the Renaissance! Admire some of the top sights in Florence including the Ponte Vecchio and the Piazza Della Signoria. Then, visit a local leather shop for a leather-making demonstration. These local artisans are highly skilled in their craft! Finally, enjoy an included group dinner in Florence before travelling to the hotel in Montecatini, an ancient Tuscan spa town!

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Terme Pellegrini, Antica Tabaccaia Resort or similar

Day 5

Tuscany 🚗 Cinque Terre 🚗 Pisa 🚗 Tuscany

Two highlights of Italy travel packages are on the agenda today! Starting this morning with a trip to the enchanting Cinque Terre via La Spezia. Consisting of five stunning cliff-side villages (Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore), Cinque Terre offers spectacular coastal views. The villages are linked by rail and footpaths, making exploration peaceful and car-free. Later this afternoon, head back to Tuscany and prepare to be wowed by the second highlight of the day - the Leaning Tower of Pisa! Be sure to snap some pictures of this iconic Italian landmark. Why not round off this exciting day with an optional Tuscan dinner in scenic Montecatini?

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Terme Pellegrini, Antica Tabaccaia Resort or similar

Day 6

San Gimignano 🚗 Siena 🚗 Rome

Soak up the last of the Tuscan scenery as the tour travels through the idyllic countryside complete with olive groves, rolling hills and vineyards! Before heading back to Rome this evening, look forward to visiting two more Tuscan gems. First up is the Medieval town of San Gimignano. This walled, hilltop town is known as the “Town of Fine Towers” and is famous for its Medieval tower houses, 14 of which are still standing! Here, taste some local Tuscan wines with an included wine tasting! The next stop is Siena, a UNESCO-listed city which is most famous for hosting the Palio horse race twice a year. Finally, travel back to Rome and enjoy a farewell group dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Excel Roma Montemario, Warmhotel or similar

Day 7

Rome

Today marks the end of this unforgettable 7-day Italy tour. If time allows, make the most of your last day in Rome and choose to join the optional guided tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum. Step back in time and walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans, emperors, gladiators and even lions! Be sure to swap contact details with your new travel friends before travelling onwards. Expat Explore wishes you a safe journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 6 nights in hotel accommodation in twin rooms with private bathrooms
 - 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
 - Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and toilet onboard
 - Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
 - Fully guided tour with experienced tour leader
 - The tour leader will accompany the group throughout and manage all logistical details
 - Discover Rome on a guided walking tour
 - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Rome
 - Visit Orvieto; a historic city perched on a rocky cliff
 - Discover the top sights of Venice
 - Stop at Lake Garda; Italy's biggest lake
 - Explore Florence; the 'Jewel of the Renaissance'
 - Learn about the craft of Italian leather-making
 - Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Florence
 - Explore Cinque Terre's picturesque villages
 - Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa; one of Italy's iconic monuments
 - Visit San Gimignano; known as the "Town of Fine Towers"
 - Sip on wine and taste antipasti in Siena
 - Enjoy a farewell dinner in Rome
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Exclusions

- Flights
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Meals & sightseeing not specified
- Optional tours
- Tipping & gratuities (optional)
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions

Child Policy: No children under 10 years of age are allowed on this tour. Contact us if you are after a family-friendly trip!

Single Supplement: Travelling solo? This package welcomes solo travellers at no extra charge through twin share accommodation. If you don't want to share a room, please speak to us about solo supplements.

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