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Day 1 | Welcome to Rome



Take time to embrace the Italian passion for life on this grand adventure that starts and ends in the 'Eternal City' of Rome. Spend the day exploring on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a light supper and evening orientation drive.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Grand Tiberio

Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Our captivating journey through Rome begins at the Vatican Museums where we join a Local Specialist to Dive Into Culture and admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his sorrowful Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. We visit the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including the Circus Maximus, before spending the afternoon at leisure. Wander up Via del Corso on a shopping spree, soak up the coffee culture in one of Rome's lively piazze or discover the masterpieces of Rome in one of the city's many museums.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Tiberio

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Piazzas and Fountains - Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City.

Adult: 44.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Roman Delights with Dinner - Tonight, relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine, soaking up Rome's unique atmosphere in a characteristic trattoria with drinks and music.

Adult: .00 EUR

Roman Evening with Dinner - Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, we'll arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

Adult: 71.00 EUR

Day 3 | Admire Pompeii and on to Capri



Venture south towards the ancient city of Pompeii which remains frozen in time since it was covered in ash during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius centuries ago. Here we join a Local Specialist who will share insights into the city's tragic history. Cruising across the Bay of Naples next, we arrive at the Isle of Capri, where we'll spend the next two nights in picture-perfect surroundings.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Regina Cristina

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sorrento Countryside and Farmhouse Meal - Join us at a traditional farm in the Sorrento countryside, where you'll visit the lemon groves, olive oil mill and see first-hand how mozzarella is made. Afterwards, enjoy the authentic flavours of home-produced cold cuts, marinated vegetables, fresh olives and more - all washed down with the local wine. The atmosphere is informal, as the family are welcoming you into their home.

Adult: 59.00 EUR

Day 4 | A Day on the Isle of Capri



Explore the glamour of Capri on a walking tour with a Local Specialist that will include views of the marina. Venture to the heart of the island and the legendary piazzetta, where the locals come to people-watch. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the rugged coastline and hidden grottos by private motor launch. Tonight, we dine at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Regina Cristina

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Best of Capri - Take in amazing views of the 'jet-set' island of Capri. Experience spectacular cliffs, famous turquoise waters and white grotto the best way: by boat. Visit the villa of Swedish author Axel Munthe in Anacapri, whose gardens are rated amongst the finest in Europe.

Adult: .00 EUR

**In the event of inclement weather and the boat is unable to run, there will be a reduction in price.*

Day 5 | Onwards to Assisi



We sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to the historic city of Perugia. Here we'll discover Italy's weaving tradition during an impressive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at our visit to Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti, a TreadRight and JoinTrafalgar Heritage Initiative project. Explore one of the last remaining traditional wooden frame hand-weaving workshops in the country, before continuing to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi where tonight we stay at one of our hotels that overlooks the old town.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Cenacolo

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Umbrian Dinner - A short drive through the Umbrian Valley will take us to our favourite local restaurant, situated in the centre of the village of Spello, a true gem of the region. This is your chance to savour a selection of traditional local delicacies for which Umbria is renowned. The noble truffle and highly-regarded olive oil ensure this relaxing evening will be a most memorable experience.

Adult: .00 EUR

Day 6 | Journey to Venice



Join a Local Specialist and visit the Basilica of St. Francis, famous for Giotto's exquisite frescoes and 13th century stained glass windows. Continue north past hilltop medieval villages and through picturesque farming plains towards Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. Enjoy a free evening watching the sunset over the Venetian Lagoon or consider joining an Optional Experience before retiring at your Stays With Stories hotel, once a beloved home-away-from-home for Romantic poet, Robert Browning.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

Adult: 84.00 EUR

Day 7 | Cruise the Canals of Venice



The Winged Lion of Venice is your constant companion as you cruise by private launch to your memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience bringing to life the 13th-century tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Watch the talented master craftsmen use the same techniques that have been passed down through the generations, perhaps inspired to buy a souvenir or two to remind you of your visit. Next, you'll continue on to St. Mark's Square where you'll view the Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, so named because of the sound prisoners made as they took one last look at their beloved city from the bridge before meeting their fate. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore what was once the haunt of Casanova and Marco Polo, and you'll want to relish every second experiencing life in this enchanting city.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Venice's Secrets and St. Mark's Basilica - Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll visit the majestic Basilica of St Mark, where you'll admire magnificent mosaics in one of the most ornate churches in the world.

Adult: 42.00 EUR

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks - This afternoon, discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You'll enjoy a delicious meal, with a selection of drinks, on the fisherman's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a photographer's paradise.

Adult: 82.00 EUR

Day 8 | Discover Pisa and the Tuscan Hills



This morning we travel to Pisa and to its Field of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower before arriving in the spa-resort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany, your home for the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Minerva Palace

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner, Wine and Music in the Tuscan Hills - Take a scenic drive through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to a delightful regional restaurant set among the pines and cypress trees. Here a feast of gastronomic specialities awaits, accompanied by song and music.

Adult: .00 EUR

Day 9 | Off to Renaissance Florence



Explore one of the world's most cultural cities today - the former home of great masters and a testament to the ambitious legacy of the Medici family. Your Local Specialist shares all the sights, including views of the magnificent marble Duomo and Baptistery. We visit Piazza della Signoria, the heart of this flourishing city with its statues and stunning palazzi then view the Ponte Vecchio. Learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Later, enjoy some free time to stroll around the city and embrace this Renaissance gem. This evening, we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience with the Callistri family at their borgo in the Hamlet of Limonaia for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Minerva Palace

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

***Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia** - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

**This optional is subject to availability and involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel this optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.*

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

Adult: 46.00 EUR

Day 10 | Venture to San Gimignano and Rome



We admire the medieval beauty of San Gimignano today, walking to the triangular Piazza della Cisterna, the hub of this historic town. See the extraordinary architecture of this hilltop 'medieval Manhattan', shop for local products or relax with a gelato at a pavement café. This evening, we celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Shangri-La

Day 11 | Arrivederci Rome



After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Italy and prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgarcars.com/freetransfers.

Meals: Breakfast