

ITALY'S NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

9 Days FROM \$2,216



Grand Canal in Venice

ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(2) Venice • (3) Florence • (3) Rome



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the magic of Venice from the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square
- Sample local favorites of Lambrusco wines and balsamic vinegar with lunch in Modena
- Explore the Renaissance city of Florence and the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano
- Enjoy a private wine tasting experience at Magione Castle
- Tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Delve into Rome from the Roman Forum and the iconic Colosseum to the Eternal City's piazzas and trattorias

- No. of overnight stays

— - By motorcoach

DAY 1 | MON | VENICE Morning arrival into Venice's Marco Polo Airport. Here you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in Venice. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at a popular restaurant. (D)

DAY 2 | TUE | VENICE Your morning tour of Venice is on foot and will highlight the Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and Piombi Prison. Afternoon is at leisure with enough time for more sightseeing, shopping or relaxation. (B)

DAY 3 | WED | VENICE | PADUA | MODENA | FLORENCE This morning depart Venice and stop in Padua to visit the Basilica of St. Anthony and its art, including the large bronze works of Donatello. Continue your scenic drive to Modena where you'll be treated to a special balsamic vinegar tasting session plus lunch, featuring local specialties and Lambrusco wine. After lunch continue to Florence, the home of Michelangelo. (B,L)

DAY 4 | THU | FLORENCE Your morning tour takes you to Michelangelo Square for a panoramic view of the city. Then visit: the Accademia to see Michelangelo's original "David" statue, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, Signoria Square and Santa Croce Church. Enjoy your afternoon to explore the treasures of Florence on your own or embark on an optional tour to Pisa featuring a dinner at an authentic farmhouse and winery in the enchanting Tuscan countryside. (B)



Galileo Astronomical Observatory La Specola Tower in Padua



Bridges over Arno River in Florence

DAY 5 | FRI | FLORENCE | SIENA | SAN GIMIGNANO | FLORENCE

After breakfast today, head out for a day of discovery to Siena and San Gimignano. Medieval Siena, known for its famed Palio horse races and expansive central Il Campo plaza, awaits your exploration. Visit Siena's Duomo, considered to be one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Italy. In San Gimignano, stroll the old world center and take in the fascinating architecture and towers that offer amazing views of the city and the surrounding valley. Tonight we will share in a delicious dinner at an acclaimed local restaurant near your Florence hotel. (B,D)

DAY 6 | SAT | FLORENCE | MAGIONE | ASSISI | ROME

Morning departure for Rome. Drive through the serene Tuscan and Umbrian countryside, passing by the shores of Lake Trasimeno with a stop at the Magione Castle, presently the private residence of the Prince and Grand Master of Sovereign Military Order of the Knights of Malta. Here a wine expert will lecture on the vinification process that takes place at the castle, followed by a delicious tasting of the varieties of wines produced there and a light lunch. Continue to Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy your guided tour of St. Francis Basilica. Arrive in Rome in the late afternoon. (B,L)

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Piazza della Cisterna in historic San Gimignano



Wine tasting

DAY 7 | SUN | ROME Rome is filled with monuments, fountains, antiquities and other sites worth exploring. Use this free day to discover, on your own, all the Eternal City has to offer. Take an optional tour or discover why Roman trattorias are famous for their fine cuisine. (B)

DAY 8 | MON | ROME This morning, experience a very special privately guided tour of the priceless collection of art and treasures in the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Then proceed to the Piazza Venezia and Roman Forum, with a stop at the Colosseum – a testament to the greatness of Rome's past. Continue your full day tour by viewing the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Great Synagogue, Isola Tiberina and Castel Sant'Angelo. Tonight bid arrivederci to Rome at a special dinner with wine in a lovely Roman restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 9 | TUE | ROME TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) Morning transfer to airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 8 nights
- 13 included meals consisting of:
 - 8 buffet breakfasts
 - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
 - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
 - 3 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
- Wine, mineral water and coffee or cappuccino served with meals at hotels and restaurants
- Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour
- Complete program of sightseeing tours and excursions with entrance fees
 - Walking tour of Venice, including Doge's Palace
 - Balsamic vinegar tasting in Modena
 - Visit of St. Anthony's Basilica in Padua
 - Walking tour of Florence, including the Accademia
 - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
 - Wine tasting at Magione Castle
 - Tour of Assisi and visit of St. Francis Basilica
 - Tour of Rome, including the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and the Colosseum
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see restrictions on page 90)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



2019 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price
1-Apr	9-Apr	\$2,548	15-Jul	23-Jul	\$2,403
8-Apr	16-Apr	\$2,548	29-Jul	6-Aug	\$2,284
15-Apr	23-Apr	\$2,548	5-Aug	13-Aug	\$2,248
22-Apr	30-Apr	\$2,548	19-Aug	27-Aug	\$2,248
29-Apr	7-May	\$2,548	26-Aug	3-Sep	\$2,264
6-May	14-May	\$2,548	2-Sep	10-Sep	\$2,452
13-May	21-May	\$2,548	9-Sep	17-Sep	\$2,548
20-May	28-May	\$2,548	16-Sep	24-Sep	\$2,548
3-Jun	11-Jun	\$2,548	23-Sep	1-Oct	\$2,548
10-Jun	18-Jun	\$2,548	7-Oct	15-Oct	\$2,548
17-Jun	25-Jun	\$2,548	21-Oct	29-Oct	\$2,548
24-Jun	2-Jul	\$2,548	28-Oct	5-Nov	\$2,341
1-Jul	9-Jul	\$2,403	4-Nov	12-Nov	\$2,216
8-Jul	16-Jul	\$2,403			

Guaranteed departures in red

PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Venice	2	Cavalletto	First Class
Florence	3	Mediterraneo	First Class
Rome	3	Mediterraneo	First Class

WE NOW OFFER SMALL GROUPS! ADDITIONAL INCLUDED FEATURES

NEW!

- Group size up to 16 people
- "Welcome Souvenir" in Venice
- Bottle of wine in the room in Venice
- Visit of Bacari wine bars to sample Venice's famous "cicchetti" dishes
- Visit of Florence Market, including a gift card with a value of 25 euro to spend at one of the many stores
- Gelato stop at Vivoli, the oldest gelateria in Florence
- Cappuccino break during city tour in Rome
- Visit of a gelato factory in Rome
- Free wi-fi on bus
- One bottle of water on bus daily

2019 SMALL GROUP TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price
25-Mar	2-Apr	\$2,886
27-May	4-Jun	\$3,170
22-Jul	30-Jul	\$2,977
12-Aug	20-Aug	\$2,870
30-Sep	8-Oct	\$3,170
14-Oct	22-Oct	\$3,170
11-Nov	19-Nov	\$2,837

General Information:

Single supplement: \$754

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$90

Price is per person based on double occupancy

Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available