

# BEST OF ITALY

10 Days FROM \$2,236



Florence

## ESCORTED TOUR PROGRAM

(3) Florence • (3) Rome • (3) Sorrento



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Delve into the Renaissance city of Florence on a walking tour and see the world-famous “David” at the Accademia
- Explore the medieval towns of Siena and San Gimignano on a full day excursion
- Enjoy a private wine tasting experience at Magione Castle
- Tour amazing Assisi and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis
- Discover Rome and Vatican City from the Colosseum to the Sistine Chapel and beyond
- Venture along to beautiful Naples and the Amalfi Coast as well as historic Pompeii’s remarkably preserved ruins

**DAY 1 | WED | FLORENCE** Morning arrival into Florence's Peretola Airport. Here you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to allow you to get acquainted with the city where the Renaissance reached its highest point.

**DAY 2 | 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 Baptistry with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, Signoria Square and Santa Croce Church. Enjoy your afternoon exploring the treasures of Florence on your own or embark on an optional tour to Pisa featuring dinner at an authentic farmhouse and winery in the enchanting Tuscan countryside. (B)

**DAY 3 | 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, enjoy a festive dinner with wine and music at a charming villa located on a beautiful Tuscan hillside outside Florence. (B,D)

**DAY 4 | 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)



**Shops in San Gimignano**



**Piazza del Campo in Siena**

**DAY 5 | 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 6 | 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 7 | TUE | ROME | POMPEII | SORRENTO** This morning, before heading to Sorrento, stop in Pompeii, the ancient city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago, for a guided tour of the remarkably preserved ruins of temples, houses, gardens and public buildings. Then, drive along the spectacular coast road of the Bay of Naples to Sorrento, the famous resort town of orange and lemon groves. Dinner at your hotel restaurant is included. (B,D)

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Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi



Famous Italian Gelato at Trevi Fountain, Rome

**DAY 8 | WED | SORRENTO | POSITANO | AMALFI | RAVELLO**

**| SORRENTO** Leave Sorrento in the morning for Positano. Enjoy a brief stop at the Belvedere for a unique view of Moorish architecture blended with pastel colored houses. Weather permitting, board a motorlaunch and cruise along the coast to Amalfi for a walking tour of the old town. Continue to Ravello for lunch at a restaurant with spectacular views of the Amalfi coast and the Bay of Salerno. Enjoy some free time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B,L)

**DAY 9 | THU | SORRENTO | CAPRI | SORRENTO** A morning jetfoil whisks you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri, where you will ascend to the Piazzetta, visit the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus, and still have free time for lunch and some shopping before returning to Sorrento. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant. (B,D)

**DAY 10 | FRI | SORRENTO TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY)** Morning transfer to Naples' Capodichino Airport for your return flight home. (B)

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

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 9 nights
- 15 included meals consisting of:
  - 9 buffet breakfasts
  - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
  - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
  - 1 dinner at hotel
  - 2 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
  - 1 festive dinner with music at a villa outside of Florence (**NEW**)
- 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 Florence, including a visit of the Accademia to see the "David" by Michelangelo
  - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
  - Wine tasting at Magione Castle
  - Tour of Assisi and visit of St. Francis Basilica
  - Tour of Rome, including a visit to the Colosseum, Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
  - Guided tour of Pompeii
  - Amalfi coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
  - Excursion to Capri and visit of the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
- Arrival and departure airport transfers (see page 98)
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax



## 2020 TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price	Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price
1-Apr	10-Apr	\$2,635	29-Jul	7-Aug	\$2,406
15-Apr	24-Apr	\$2,635	5-Aug	14-Aug	\$2,372
22-Apr	1-May	\$2,652	19-Aug	28-Aug	\$2,372
29-Apr	8-May	\$2,661	26-Aug	4-Sep	\$2,573
6-May	15-May	\$2,661	2-Sep	11-Sep	\$2,736
13-May	22-May	\$2,661	9-Sep	18-Sep	\$2,736
20-May	29-May	\$2,661	16-Sep	25-Sep	\$2,736
3-Jun	12-Jun	\$2,661	23-Sep	2-Oct	\$2,635
10-Jun	19-Jun	\$2,661	7-Oct	16-Oct	\$2,635
17-Jun	26-Jun	\$2,661	14-Oct	23-Oct	\$2,635
1-Jul	10-Jul	\$2,524	21-Oct	30-Oct	\$2,610
8-Jul	17-Jul	\$2,524	28-Oct	6-Nov	\$2,354
15-Jul	24-Jul	\$2,524	4-Nov	13-Nov	\$2,236
22-Jul	31-Jul	\$2,473			

Guaranteed departures in red

## PREFERRED HOTELS (or similar)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Florence	3	Mediterraneo	First Class
Rome	3	Mediterraneo or Cicerone	First Class
Sorrento	3	Grand Hotel Vesuvio	First Class



Positano

## ADDITIONAL INCLUDED FEATURES

- Group size up to 16 people
- "Welcome Souvenir" in Florence
- Bottle of wine in the room in Florence
- 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
- Pizza lunch in Pompeii
- Limoncello tasting in Sorrento
- Neapolitan pastries tasting on the Amalfi Coast
- Free wi-fi on bus
- One bottle of water on bus daily



## 2020 SMALL GROUP TOUR DATES & PRICES

Tour's Start Date	Tour's End Date	Price
8-Apr	17-Apr	\$3,418
27-May	5-Jun	\$3,444
24-Jun	3-Jul	\$3,444
12-Aug	21-Aug	\$3,155
30-Sep	9-Oct	\$3,418
11-Nov	20-Nov	\$3,019

### General Information:

Single and triple rooms: On Request

Single supplement: \$789

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: \$80

Price is per person based on double occupancy

Rates for additional nights in first and last city are available

\*Book and pay in full 4-7 months or more before departure. See website for full details.