



PRICES STARTING FROM: \$1,699 per person

This budget is valid until 07/30/2023 and is subject to flights, seat availability and air ticket prices at the time of booking.

## Italy in 9 Days • 8 Nights in Destination

### Escorted Eternal Cities

Immerse yourself in Italian history, culture and gastronomy. Land in Rome and admire one of the most romantic cities in the world. Head to Florence to discover its hidden treasures and Renaissance heritage, via the quaint medieval towns of Assisi and Orvieto. Next, explore ancient Bologna and artistic Padova. Finally, uncover Venice, known for its stunning canals, built across 100 small islands.

#### THE PRICE INCLUDES



Peace of mind with our included coverage



International flights: US - Rome, Venice - US.



7 breakfasts.



Visits and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.



Guided walking tours in Florence and in Venice and a panoramic view on the bus in Rome\*.



Reduce groups of 30



Departures from main US airports.



7 nights accommodation in Superior category hotels.



Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles as indicated in the itinerary.



All air taxes and fuel surcharge.



Tour Leader from day 2 to day 8. Guided visit to the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill in Rome.

\*The cancellation policy applicable is according to the [Terms and Conditions](#) available and agreed at the time of your purchase



ITINERARY: 9 DAYS



11/19: US - Night on board

Pack your bags and head to your departure airport, ready for a flight to the eternal city of Rome.\* Night on board.

\* If either your outbound or inbound flights depart in the early hours (before 4:00 a.m.) you must arrive at the airport the night before the indicated departure day.



11/20: Rome

Land in Rome, the Italian capital known as the Eternal City. Transfer to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, the remainder of the day is free to begin exploring this romantic, historic city. The evening is the most magical time of day in Rome when the streets take on an even more charming character, wander around the quaint streets and charming piazzas while you indulge in their world-famous gastronomy. Overnight stay in Rome.



11/21: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Your guide will greet you at the hotel at 9am. Today, enjoy and discover the eternal city\*. Learn about the history of this empire, from its birth to the gladiatorial fights in the Colosseum\*\* with a guided tour, and appreciate the preserved corners of ancient Rome in the Forum and the Palatine Hill. We recommend the optional dinner at an authentic Italian restaurant\*\*\*. Overnight stay in Rome.

\*Note: During 2023, you will also enjoy panoramic tour view.

\*\* Time and days in Rome can be changed according to the availability of the Colosseum tickets. It will be confirmed 15 days before arrival. However, all included excursions are already guaranteed. Download the PDF uploaded to your Exoticca account to check the time and pick up point of the activities.

\*\*\* Optional Authentic Italian Dinner at a restaurant in Campo Di Fiori: Enjoy an evening of authentic

Italian cuisine in beautiful Campo Di Fiori Square, nestled in the heart of historic Rome. Soak up the atmosphere as you indulge in Italian dishes at a local restaurant.



Guided walking Tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill

Included



Authentic Italian Dinner at a Restaurant in Campo Di Fiori in Rome



## 11/22: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel, today enjoy a day at your leisure in Rome. Perhaps visit the Vatican, trace the footsteps of the greats in the ancient streets of the old city or simply indulge in some delicious Italian ice cream. However you choose to spend your day, Rome is sure to delight you with its old-world charm and unbeatable sights. We suggest taking the optional Guided tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel\*. Overnight stay in Rome.

\* Optional Skip-the-line Guided Tour of Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel: Explore the priceless treasures held within the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel! Visit the Pio Clementino Hall, Laocoon and Apollo Belvedere, Maps Gallery, Candelabra Gallery, Tapestries Gallery and the incredible Sistine Chapel. Afterwards, discover the incredible St. Peter's Basilica and the atmospheric St. Peter's Square, dominated by Michelangelo's imposing Cupola!

Please note: Optional tour available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays afternoon, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Sundays are closed.

If you depart for Italy on a Sunday, the optional Skip-the-line Guided Tour of the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel, will take place on the following Wednesday evening as of 2024.

\*\* Optional Rome by Night - Baroque Rome, with Dinner excursion: A nocturnal view of Rome, with the splendid squares illuminated and away from the daytime bustle. The charming Plaza de España with its spectacular staircase, the fairytale frame of the Trevi Fountain, the majesty of the Pantheon and the baroque Piazza Navona, a route structured to go back in time and evoke the times of the "Dolce Vita" fellini. The tour will end with a typical Roman dinner.

Why not upgrade your trip with our Must See's of Italy package of 2 excursions, available in the next step of the booking process!

-  Skip-the-line Guided Tour of Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel Optional
-  Pack of 2 Excursions: Must-sees of Italy Optional
-  Baroque Rome by Night & Dinner Optional






## 11/23: Rome - Orvieto - Assisi - Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Rome early this morning to transfer to the beautiful city of Florence. To break up this journey, stop in Orvieto\*, a quaint town especially known for its renowned Duomo, European Gothic architecture and the San Patrizio Well, a masterpiece of hydraulic engineering in which you can immerse yourself, descending into the bowels of the earth. Next, take a break in Assisi, a majestic hilltop town known for its medieval architecture and the Basilica of St. Francis, a huge 2-level church. In the early evening, arrive in Florence, the heart of the Italian Renaissance, and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure exploring the city and the Italian cuisine in this gourmet paradise. We recommend an evening excursion of the city lit up that includes a delicious dinner\*\*. Overnight stay in Florence.

\*Upon arrival at Orvieto you'll need to take a funicular to reach the hilltop meeting point as it's not accessible by bus. We advise you to take cash to pay for your ticket upon arrival at the station.

\*\* Optional Illuminated Florence Tour with Dinner excursion: Depart from the hotel and stop at Piazzale Michelangelo where you can admire Florence from the best hill of the city with the most interesting viewpoint, continue to the center from where a night walk will begin to enjoy the illuminated city. The walk will end with a typical Florentine dinner.

-  Short Stop in Assisi Included
-  Short Stop in Orvieto Included
-  Illuminated Florence Tour with Dinner Optional





## 11/24: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Today head to the Historic Centre for a guided walking tour of Florence and discover the hidden secrets of the Tuscan capital. Start discovering the up-market Piazza Repubblica, before heading to Loggia del Mercato Nuovo, a building within which a local market takes place. Keep exploring the streets of Florence before arriving at the beautiful and well-known Ponte Vecchio, the most iconic bridge in the city and one of its main symbols. You will then walk through the Piazza della Signoria, the heart of Medieval Florence with the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. End the tour admiring Piazza San Giovanni, home to the impressive Florence Cathedral, with its iconic Brunelleschi cupola and the famous Giotto Belltower. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to continue exploring the captivating sights of Florence. Why not explore the city in more depth with one of our optional excursions. Overnight stay in Florence.

\* Optional excursion to The Uffizi: The Uffizi Gallery, designed in the mid-sixteenth century by Giorgio Vasari, consists of 90 museum rooms that host the most important and famous paintings in the history of art: works by Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, in addition to numerous paintings by Flemish and Dutch painters exhibited in chronological order. A visit to this museum is a real journey through time by means of art.

\* Please note that this activity can be purchased up to 30 days before departure of your trip.

\*\* Please note that this optional is not available on Mondays.

\*\* Optional Half-Day Tour to Pisa & The Leaning Tower: No trip to Italy is complete without a photo at the iconic leaning tower, so don't miss your chance to take a day trip to Pisa! Enjoy a guided walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli and its monuments and visit the spectacular Pisa Cathedral before spending time at the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa, learning all about the history of this University city along the way.



Guided Walking Tour of Florence

Included



The Uffizi Gallery

Optional



Half-Day Tour to Pisa & The Leaning Tower

Optional



## 11/25: Florence - Bologna - Padova - Venice Mestre

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you head to the city of Venice. During the journey stop in Bologna and discover this lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, free time before continuing with your journey. Make another stop in Padova, a city rich in beauty, which retains traces of its glorious past, and one of the most important cultural capitals during the fourteenth century.

In the early evening, after a short walk, continue towards Venice Mestre. Built across more than 100 small islands, Venice is a pleasure to explore on foot as you get lost in the labyrinthine streets, stumbling across hidden cafes and cultural gems along the way. Get out and discover the plentiful delights of this eternal city, such as the immense Piazza San Marco. Overnight stay in Venice Mestre.



## 11/26: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your morning at leisure and take this time to move at your own pace. Alternatively, you can choose to spend your morning taking part in our optional excursion to Murano and Burano islands\*.



In the middle of the afternoon, embark on a walking tour of Venice to discover all the beauty this city has to offer. Enjoy a guided walking tour through the City of Canals to learn about the history, culture and artistic heritage. Stroll through the most emblematic neighborhoods, see Venice's famous markets and pay a visit to the iconic Rialto Bridge.

The rest of the day is at your disposal to continue discovering this unique city at your own pace. We recommend enjoying a quintessentially Venetian gondola ride\*\*. Overnight stay in Venice Mestre.

\*Optional Half-Day Murano and Burano excursion: Discover the most beautiful islands in Venice, enjoying the enchanting scenery of the Venetian lagoon. The tour includes two stops to visit Murano and Burano and discover their typical artisan products: the centuries-old glass processing in Murano, the fine lace in Burano. Enjoy the original colorful buildings as you tour this enchanting area.

\*\*Optional Gondola Ride Experience excursion: One of the most well-known characteristics of Venice are its historic gondolas. You can be a part of this legacy! Experience an unforgettable gondola ride through the charming waterways of Venice including the iconic Grand Canal. The quintessential Venetian experience! Note: Please note that it is a shared gondola (up to five people for each one) so you might have to share it with other people.

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	Guided Walking Tour of Venice	Included
	Half-Day Murano and Burano Excursion	Optional
	Gondola Ride Tour in Venice	Optional



## 11/27: Venice - US

Breakfast at the hotel. At the indicated time, transfer from Venice Mestre to the airport for your return flight.

\* Depending on the return flight schedule and the hotel breakfast service, you may not be able to enjoy the included breakfast on the last day.

\*\* Depending on the return flight schedule, you may arrive in the US the next day and the total duration of the trip would be 10 days.

- Light
- Moderate
- Active
- Challenging

Even though you will be seated most of the time, you may be required to walk short distances or climb some steps.

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You will be required to walk for a few hours on comfortable terrain.

A good level of fitness is required. You will be required to walk on difficult terrain and/or for long periods of time.