Italian Vistas

13 DAYS \$4,499 pp* Save up to **\$350**



About This Tour

From the ancient ruins of Pompeii to the chic charm of the Sorrento Coast, embark on a spectacular Italian getaway. Enjoy multiple-night stays in Rome, the charming coastal town of Sorrento, Florence, Venice, and Stresa in the Lake District. Discover the treasures of Classical Rome, including the Colosseum. Walk in the footsteps of the ancient Romans in Pompeii. Take a boat to the enchanting Isle of Capri. See the gems of the Renaissance in Florence, a veritable open-air museum. Marvel at the Leaning Tower of Pisa and stroll the streets of Verona. Stop at a Tuscan winery and farm for a lunch of regional specialties and wines. Tour Venice and walk the Castello district. Cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, one of the scenic Borromean Islands. Delve deeper into its history and culture as you visit some of the world's most beautiful locales.

Your Tour Includes

- 10 Handpicked
 Accommodations
- 17 Meals
- 4 Choice on Tour Options

Included Highlights

- Rome
- Colosseum
- Ruins of Pompeii
- Choice on Tour: Iconic
 Pompeii Walking Tour or
 Leisurely Pompeii Walking
 Tour

Your Tour at a Glance

| Stay P | 13 Days 12 Nights |
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| Meals Y4 | 17 Meals 11 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 4 Dinners |
| Activity - | 3 |
| Travel Style | Classic |

Customize Your Tour

<u>Itinerary</u>

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Ciao, Italy!

Day 2: Rome, Italy



Hotel Culinary

Mediterraneo Hotel Dinner

Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines.

Day 3: Rome



Hotel Culinary

Mediterraneo Hotel Breakfast

Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum,* your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district for a peek at the mythic Pantheon and the oval-shaped Piazza Navona, adorned with Baroque fountains. Spend the evening at leisure. Perhaps you'll head to the medieval Monti neighborhood where cobblestoned streets are lined with antique shops, independent boutiques and local restaurants.

Day 4: Rome



Hotel Culinary

Mediterraneo Hotel Breakfast

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums** and St. Peter's Basilica. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional food tour and taste your way around Rome's bohemian Trastevere district.

Day 5: Rome - Sorrento



Hotel Culinary

Hotel Michelangelo Breakfast & Lunch Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. Along the way, pause in nearby Gragnano for a lunch and visit to a pasta factory. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento,*** your home for the next 2 nights.

Day 6: Sorrento



Hotel Culinary

Hotel Michelangelo Breakfast

Today, sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri.**** Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise,**** passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure.

Day 7: Sorrento - Pompeii - Florence



Hotel Culinary

Grand Hotel Baglioni Breakfast & Dinner Start your day in Pompeii, where it's your choice! Soak in 2,000 years of history at your own pace. Pick between a leisurely paced tour of the highlights - OR- a faster paced visit of Pompeii's off-the-beatenpath gems. Spend the rest of the day relaxing on the bus while you head to Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, begin your exploration with an evening stroll to dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 8: Florence



Hotel Culinary

Grand Hotel Baglioni Breakfast

Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th-century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant.

Day 9: Florence - Pisa - Venice



Hotel

Culinary

NH Venezia Breakfast & Lunch

Santa Lucia Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza dei Miracoli and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges.

Day 10: Venice



Hotel

Culinary

NH Venezia Breakfast

Santa

Lucia

Embark on a boat trip***** to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime.

Day 11: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore



Hotel

Culinary

Regina Palace Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel

Depart Venice for Verona and stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lake Maggiore.

Day 12: Stresa



Hotel

Culinary

Regina Palace Hotel Breakfast & Dinner Today, it's your choice! Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace and gardens****** -OR- cross into Switzerland as your motor coach climbs up the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori****** for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Day 13: Stresa - Tour Ends



Your Italian adventure comes to a close today.

Culinary

Breakfast