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-  Start Location
-  Plane
-  Cruise
-  Over night

-  Visited Location
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## Day 1 | Welcome to Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a center of celebration. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal City.

Blaze a trail through la bella Italia - your epic journey begins in Rome, once the powerful capital of the world and yours to explore before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a light supper.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** A. Roma Lifestyle

## Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour to introduce you to life in modern day Rome and how Romans lived in ancient times. Tour the extraordinary Vatican Museums with a Local Specialist, including views of Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. While in Vatican City, you'll pause to admire the majestic exterior of St. Peter's Basilica and its grand square. Then venture into Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus, where the thundering noise of chariot races once filled the air. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. Stroll down the Spanish steps or sit in an outdoor cafe on the famous Via Veneto, or continue your encounter with Ancient Rome on Palatine Hill to see the Temple of Apollo and Flavian Palace, among other excavations.

Due to increased demand during the Jubilee year, access to the Vatican Museums may be limited. If tickets are unavailable during your visit, your sightseeing will instead explore the Capitoline Museums, home to the Capitoline Wolf, ancient Roman bronzes and Renaissance art. From its spot on Capitoline Hill, you'll have the chance to take in views of the Roman Forum.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** A. Roma Lifestyle

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Piazzas and Fountains** - Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic center, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

**Roman Evening with Dinner** - Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, 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: 77.00 EUR

### Day 3 | Journey to the Alberobello Region



Travel east through the mountains of Campania to the orange and olive groves of Puglia on the Adriatic coast, your home for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy a delicious local dinner at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Sierra Silvana

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Tivoli and Gardens of the Villa d'Este** - Enjoy the gardens and fountains of the famous Villa d'Este. We'll see its grottos and pavilions, the Avenue of a Hundred Fountains, the Dragon Fountain and the Fountain of the Water Organ with a Local Specialist.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

*\*On occasion, the price of this optional may increase due to group size.*

### Day 4 | Admire Alberobello's Iconic Architecture



Enjoy a morning at leisure. Consider an Optional Experience or relax with a swim at your hotel. This afternoon, the conical limestone houses of Alberobello take center stage during our guided tour with a Local Specialist. Here, you'll see the UNESCO-listed collection of almost 1,500 trulli dating back to the 14th-century. This evening, enjoy a Be My Guest experience at a traditional masseria. Meet Signor Luciano for dinner on his Alberobello farm where you can taste seasonal produce, including fresh almonds, cherries, tomatoes and olive oil.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Sierra Silvana

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**A Guided Visit to Ostuni** - With its stark, white-washed buildings, narrow cobble streets and arched stairways, Ostuni is reminiscent of a North African Arab Medina. Set against three hills, 'The White Town' is a photographer's delight - and we'll get to explore it all with our Local Specialist on this exceptional trip.

Adult: 45.00 EUR

## Day 5 | Onwards to Sunny Sorrento



The fresh aroma of lemons is your constant companion in the stunning coastal town of Sorrento, your home for the next two nights. View the bustling Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia before spending the afternoon at leisure. Kick back and sip delicious Limoncello di Sorrento, enjoy lunch in this picture-perfect town or spend the afternoon soaking up la dolce vita. This evening soak up the atmosphere of Sorrento while enjoying dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Amalfi Coast and Positano** - Come with us for a drive along the famous Amalfi Coast. You'll have a chance to visit the exclusive artists' paradise of Positano, which is magnificently positioned on the Mediterranean coast.

Adult: 72.00 EUR



## Day 6 | Isle of Capri



Cruise the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Enjoy a guided tour of Capri town with a Local Specialist. After, explore or sip cappuccino in the glamorous piazzetta.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Discover The Isle Of Capri** - Experience a private, guided cruise along the beautiful southern coast to see spectacular cliffs, the famous Faraglioni Rocks and White Grotto sea cave with its small red coral. View the turquoise waters and private villas and hear the stories of Roman Emperors and famous people through history who have called Capri home before ascending to Capri town. This optional experience is weather dependent and may be replaced by a minibus tour of the Island with a visit to Anacapri and either the Villa San Michele or the Anacapri chairlift.

Adult: 58.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**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 flavors 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: 75.00 EUR

**Dinner Neapolitan Style** - Join us for an evening of Neapolitan specialties at one of our favorite family-run restaurants. Savor local dishes all served up with the famous Neapolitan hospitality and zest for life.

Adult: 81.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Uncover Pompeii's Ruins and on to Assisi



Explore the tragic history of the ancient lost city of Pompeii with a Local Specialist. Gain a deeper understanding of what life was like in this Roman settlement that lay buried for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Continue your journey through the rolling green and golden fields of Umbria, arriving at the mystical hilltop town of Assisi. Meet your Local Specialist for a visit of the stunning Basilica of St. Francis, featuring exquisite frescoes by Giotto. You'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories - a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Cenacolo

## Day 8 | Onwards to Venice



Venture to the Adriatic coast on your way to Venice. A city like no other, you'll explore its canals and waterways during your time on the islands of the Venetian Lagoon, home to the artistic tradition of blown glass.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hampton by Hilton

### 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: 93.00 EUR

## Day 9 | Cruise the Canals of Venice



This morning start the day by observing the delicate craft of Venetian glassblowing that spans centuries. Your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER<sup>®</sup> Experience helps to preserve the traditions that have been handed down through the generations and you'll be inspired to buy a souvenir to remind you of the talent and skill shared enthusiastically by the master craftsmen. Next you'll glide by private launch along busy waterways to view the Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica before exploring the city on your terms. Stroll beside the Grand Canal, nibble on delicious cicchetti at a cozy bacaro or cross the lagoon for an Optional Experience to the colorful fishermen's Island of Burano.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hampton by Hilton

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Venice's Secrets** - 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 discover tucked away squares and back streets local Venetians use to side-step the tourist throng and give you a sense of authentic life on the island of Venice. Adult: 50.00 EUR

**Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks** - Cruise across the Venetian Lagoon to Burano, a small island known for its brightly colored houses and strong fishing traditions. Wander along quiet canals and browse shops selling handmade lace, a craft passed down through generations. Then sit down to a relaxed dinner featuring local flavors and regional wine, surrounded by the island's cheerful character and laid-back charm. Adult: 86.00 EUR



## Day 10 | Journey to Verona, explore Milan and on to the Italian Lakes



Celebrate the epic tale of Romeo and Juliet during this morning's visit to the fair city of Verona and view the Roman arena built in the 1st century and famously used for opera these days. Later, experience the fashion capital of Milan. Enjoy free time to explore on your own after an orientation of the city's iconic sights. See the exquisite Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the Galleria, one of the world's oldest shopping malls. Arrive on the quiet shores of Lake Maggiore, soaking up the pleasant lakeside atmosphere and exploring Baveno. An optional experience takes you to dinner in an iconic setting on Lake Maggiore.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Simplon

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Dinner on Isola dei Pescatori*** - This evening escape to the charming and tranquil island of Isola dei Pescatori. A short boat ride from the shores of Lake Maggiore, this fisherman's Island is inhabited year round by only 50 permanent residents. Stroll through the small piazza, surrounded by tight and winding alleys, to enjoy dinner at one of the Island's restaurants.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

***Treasures of Milan*** - A fantastic opportunity to take in some of the highlights of elegant Milan. Amongst other sights, you'll visit La Scala, the world's most famous opera house, where Giuseppe Verdi, Maria Callas and others have left their mark. Your wonderful Local Specialist will bring the city's eventful past to life.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

## Day 11 | Explore Lake Maggiore



Relax on the shores of Lake Maggiore or take an Optional Experience of a scenic train ride through the Alps. This afternoon, the Borromean Islands optional experience is a wonderful way to soak up the incredible beauty of the Italian Lakes.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Simplon

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Discover The Borromean Islands** - Take a private launch across Lake Maggiore to explore Isola Bella. Join a Local Specialist for a guided tour of the island's Baroque palace and gardens, home to white peacocks, terraces and sweeping views across the lake. Look out to Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori as you uncover this Borromean gem.

Adult: 64.00 EUR

*\*This optional is only able to be operated between mid-March and the end of October.*

**Alpine Train Discovery** - The famous Centovalli Panoramic Train will lead you across dramatic viaducts, past deep ravines and through beautiful forests, whilst your Local Specialist tells stories of local mountain life. We'll stop at a typical Italian Alpine village, where you'll enjoy free time to discover its picturesque charms.

Adult: 61.00 EUR

## Day 12 | Onwards to La Spezia



Enjoy the sunrise reflected on the picturesque Lake Maggiore, or take a leisurely stroll before you leave your lakeside resort. Later, travel to the port city of La Spezia on the Ligurian Coast.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Firenze & Continentale La Spezia

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Wine Tasting and Sarzana Visit*** - Near the ancient Via Aurelia, we'll visit a winery to learn about vermentino grapes, the pride of Liguria. We'll taste several wines paired with local snacks and tour the 18th century country farmhouse. Then, we'll continue on to Sarzana, a small town on the old pilgrimage route of the Via Francigena, with a rich history and heritage.

Adult: 57.00 EUR

***Sarzana Dinner and Drive*** - Tonight we'll go off the beaten track to the alluring medieval town of Sarzana, a hidden gem. We've chosen an elegant venue, where you'll enjoy dinner with drinks. Its distinctive ambiance is brimming with charm and unique character which make it a firm favorite with the locals.

Adult: 77.00 EUR



## Day 13 | La Spezia Your Way



Indulge in a full free day to soak up the laid-back atmosphere. Stroll along the waterfront or consider joining an Optional Experience to Porto Venere and the Bay of Poets where you'll embark on an encounter with the cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. This evening, dine locally.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Firenze & Continentale La Spezia

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***The Cinque Terre and Porto Venere*** - Today, with our Local Specialist, we'll visit the Bay of Poets and the beautiful Porto Venere, where we can admire the UNESCO-protected Cinque Terre. Still to this day, the villages retain their charm and reputation for producing some of Italy's most exclusive wines. In inclement weather, Porto Venere cannot be visited.  
Adult: 72.00 EUR

## Day 14 | Uncover Pisa and on to Florence



Traveling south through the unforgettable scenery of Tuscany, we arrive in Pisa to view its famous Leaning Tower before continuing to the Renaissance city of Florence. This afternoon is yours at leisure to wander through the grand squares and labyrinthine lanes of Florence, whose connection with the Medici family saw this city become one of the world's most cultural centers. Consider a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see the Michelangelo's statue of David, amble along the Arno River or ascend the stone steps up to Piazzale Michelangelo for spectacular views of the city.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Grand Mediterraneo

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

***Dinner in the Tuscan Countryside*** - This evening, take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

***Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli*** - Through the Chianti hills, you'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

## Day 15 | Discover Renaissance Florence



Join a Local Specialist this morning to view the city's finest masterpieces – the magnificent Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower and the 13th-century Santa Croce Basilica, the final resting place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. Later, learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Then, spend the rest of the afternoon as you wish. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio which has straddled the Arno River for almost 700 years, or wander through the Renaissance Boboli Gardens, stopping for a slice or two of schiacciata along the way.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Grand Mediterraneo

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

**Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia** - Step inside the Accademia Gallery for a closer look at Michelangelo's David, one of the world's most celebrated sculptures. With guidance from your Local Specialist, discover how this Renaissance masterpiece was brought to life and hear the stories behind Michelangelo's work and legacy in Florence.

Adult: 62.00 EUR

*\*The Accademia is not available on Mondays due to weekly closure day.*

**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 your Local Specialist you'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred" dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

**Visit to San Gimignano** - Join us for a panoramic drive to the nearby hilltop town of San Gimignano. Magnificently preserved from the Middle Ages, this little town, known as the 'Medieval Manhattan', is one of the most beautiful in Italy - a true gem. You'll also enjoy a local treat.

Adult: 43.00 EUR

## Day 16 | All Roads Lead to Rome



Today we journey past the sprawling vineyards of Chianti and beneath the hill-towns of Umbria before arriving in Rome. This evening, savor an Italian dinner and raise a glass to your journey with signature Roman dishes crafted from family recipes passed down through four generations.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Shangri-La Roma



## Day 17 | Journey Home



Your epic encounter with Italy has come to an end. Say arrivederci to Rome and your newfound friends at the end of your Grand Italian Experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast