

Italian Discovery

10 Days

2 Countries

14 Meals

From US\$2995 Per person, twin share

All the iconic Italian cities and some lesser-known treasures like Turin and Ferrara are yours to discover during an epic 10 days in Italy. Learn why Rome was once the centre of western civilisation, raise a glass to *la bella vita* in Tuscany and sample all those famous foodie flavours of Bologna.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **VIP Admission** to the Vatican Museums
- **Explore** Rome, Florence, Milan, Bologna and Assisi with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Turin and Venice
- **Visit** St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, a glassblowing factory in Venice, the medieval city of Ferrara and the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi
- **View** the ancient sites of Rome, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Lake Como, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the Kissing Towers in Bologna
- **Scenic Cruise** by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

Your holiday

Day

1 **Ciao Rome** Tread in the footsteps of emperors and slaves – your first encounter with intoxicating Italy is the 'Eternal City' and its glorious past which you will have an opportunity to explore on your own before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. This evening, we enjoy an enchanting *antipasto* of our Italian Discovery during an orientation drive past some of the city's most famous sights. **(WR)** **Hotel: Villafranca**

2 **Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Our exploration of Rome begins at the Vatican Museums where we have priority admission, allowing entry to view the masterpieces collected by Popes throughout the centuries. *Dive Into Culture* during an included sightseeing tour with a *Local Specialist*, admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Crossing the Tiber, we venture to Ancient Rome to see where hundreds of thousands of spectators would cheer chariot riders to victory at Circus Maximus, followed by a visit to the imposing Colosseum. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the magnificent sights of what was once the capital of the world, or kick back in a *piazza* soaking up the aromas of fine coffee while you watch the world go by. **(B, 🍷)**



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3 **Onwards to Florence** Today we drive north through rolling Tuscan landscapes to the Renaissance city of Florence. Beauty and artistry seep through the walls of the city's exquisite *palazzi*, churches and bridges. Embark on a walking tour with our *Local Specialist* and visit the Piazza della Signoria then admire the exquisite marble Duomo and Baptistery featuring beautiful bronze doors with relief sculptures. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the fine art and architecture of Florence. This evening, we *Connect With Locals* during dinner at a *Be My Guest* experience with Count Miari Fulcis on his 15th-century organic olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills. **(B, BMG, 🍷)** **Hotel: Ambasciatori**

4 **Admire Pisa and on to Turin** A short journey brings us to Pisa and its Square of Miracles, home to the famous Leaning Tower, ornate Baptistery and Cathedral. We continue northwards, past the marble quarries of Carrara and the resort hubs of Portofino,

Rapallo and Genoa in Liguria before arriving in sophisticated Turin. This afternoon, we venture through the grand boulevards of this aristocratic city during an orientation drive which will reveal the impressive Castello del Valentino and Po River, the longest in Italy. **(B)** **Hotel: Concord**

5 **Journey to Lake Como and Milan** We leave Turin and continue to the Italian lakes for a stop at Lake Como. Then it's on to the economic powerhouse that is Milan, where we'll enjoy a walking tour with a *Local Specialist* to explore the city's spectacular sights. We view the ornate Duomo, one of the grandest Gothic cathedrals in the world, the ancient Galleria shopping arcade and the celebrated La Scala Opera House. This evening, join your companions for a delicious Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, RD)** **Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace**

6 **Off to Historic Verona and Venice** Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers feature on our stop in Verona where we'll view Juliet's Balcony and the first-century ancient Roman arena still in use today. Crossing the Veneto plains, we arrive in what was once the haunt of Casanova and Marco Polo, enchanting Venice. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Viktoria Palace Lido**

7 **Explore the Floating City** *Dive Into Culture* and witness first-hand the exquisite tradition of Venetian glassblowing – a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience you'll never forget. Board a private launch and cruise to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square – our introduction to such sights as the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica. Enjoy free time to explore Venice. Wander through the labyrinthine alleys, over its bridges and into quiet squares. **(B, 🍷, 🏰)**

8 **Continue to Beautiful Bologna** Visit the Renaissance city of Ferrara before arriving in Bologna – perhaps more famous for its gourmet achievements than being the site of the oldest university in Europe. Join a *Local Specialist* to explore the sights, including Neptune's fountain, the Kissing Towers and Piazza Maggiore. Of course, a visit to the home of tortellini, mortadella, tagliatelle and ragù would be incomplete without taking time to sample its delicious cuisine. *Buon appetito!* **(B)** **Hotel: Best Western Plus Tower**

9 **Venture to Assisi on the Return to Rome** Today, we cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the mystical town of Assisi. Come face-to-face with the legacy of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order, during a walking tour of his home town with a *Local Specialist*. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis and see his tomb, before returning to Rome past the scenic hill-town of Orte. Tonight, we celebrate a journey of discovery through Italy during a Farewell Dinner with our companions and Travel Director. **(B, FD)** **Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle**

10 **Farewell Rome** Our journey together has come to an end so, for now, it's a fond *arrivederci* to your newfound friends at the end of your memorable Italian holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Connect With Locals **Stays With Stories**
WR Welcome Reception **L** Lunch
B Breakfast **D** Dinner

Dive Into Culture **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**®
RD Regional Dinner **BMG** Be My Guest
FD Farewell Dinner

Your 2022 Holiday Planner

Start Rome	End Rome	Start Rome	End Rome
Fri 15 Apr	Sun 24 Apr	Fri 22 Jul	Sun 31 Jul
Fri 22 Apr	Sun 01 May	✦ Fri 29 Jul	Sun 07 Aug
Fri 29 Apr	Sun 08 May		
		Fri 05 Aug	Sun 14 Aug
Fri 06 May	Sun 15 May	Fri 12 Aug	Sun 21 Aug
Fri 13 May	Sun 22 May	✦ Fri 19 Aug	Sun 28 Aug
Fri 20 May	Sun 29 May	Fri 26 Aug	Sun 04 Sep
Fri 27 May	Sun 05 Jun		
		Fri 02 Sep	Sun 11 Sep
Fri 03 Jun	Sun 12 Jun	Fri 09 Sep	Sun 18 Sep
Fri 10 Jun	Sun 19 Jun	Fri 16 Sep	Sun 25 Sep
Fri 17 Jun	Sun 26 Jun	Fri 23 Sep	Sun 02 Oct
Fri 24 Jun	Sun 03 Jul	Fri 30 Sep	Sun 09 Oct
Fri 01 Jul	Sun 10 Jul	Fri 07 Oct	Sun 16 Oct
Fri 08 Jul	Sun 17 Jul	Fri 14 Oct	Sun 23 Oct
Fri 15 Jul	Sun 24 Jul		

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