

BEST of ITALY



Highlights

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- Accademia
- Pizza Demonstration and Dinner
- Abbey of Montecassio
- Full Day Isle of Capri Tour
- Pompeii Tour
- Rome Evening Walking Tour
- Rome City Tour
- The Colosseum
- Vatican Tour
- Vatican Museum

Options

- Uffizi Gallery
- Blue Grotto

Itinerary

Venice (1), Florence (2), Sorrento (2), Rome (2)

DAY 1 Board your flight to Italy today!

DAY 2 VENICE Arrive in Venice and experience an extraordinary city. Your guide will lead you on a Walking Tour around the enchanted Piazza San Marco, the focus of the city. The square has been the scene of some of the most important religious and political activities in addition to being the center of Venetian social life for almost a millennium.

DAY 3 FLORENCE Start your Venice City Tour at the Piazzale Roma and walk along the Grand Canal to the Rialto Bridge, St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower, where animated statues of Moors use hammers to strike the hours. Visit the Doges' Palace, then cross the Bridge of Sighs, where prisoners caught their last glimpse of the lagoon and freedom. Also see an ancient art practiced at a Murano Glass Blowing demonstration near the cathedral. Transfer to Firenze, the birthplace of the Renaissance. An Evening Walking Tour takes you across the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence, complete with jewelers' and goldsmiths' shops.

DAY 4 FLORENCE Your Florence City Tour includes the Piazza del Duomo with the magnificent cathedral and baptistery whose east door is Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, a renowned landmark of Renaissance sculpture. Also see the Church of San Lorenzo and visit the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's *David*. *Option:* Visit the Uffizi Gallery to see the masterpieces of Raphael, Giotto and Caravaggio, a Medici family collection. Watch a Pizza Making Demonstration and eat the subsequent creation for dinner tonight!

DAY 5 SORRENTO Transfer with a stop to see the Abbey of Montecassino, noted for its famous battle and complete destruction during World War II. Arrive in beautiful Sorrento. The perfumed gardens, orange and lemon groves, gleaming white houses and rugged cliffs make this tree-shaded resort the most popular in Italy.

DAY 6 SORRENTO Cross the sparkling sea to the Isle of Capri for a guided tour. The incomparable beauty of its rugged landscape, the mildness of its climate, the richness of its vegetation and its characteristic small white houses has lured visitors since the time of ancient Greek mariners. Spend the rest of the day exploring the island, from its colorful harbor (Marina Grande) to its highest town, Anacapri. *Option:* Take a rowboat tour to the shimmering Blue Grotto.

DAY 7 ROME Tour the stunning ruins of Pompeii to observe the destruction wrought by Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Then on to Rome, where your TSA Tours guide will lead you on a walking tour to Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps and the Piazza di Trevi. Don't forget to throw a coin in the Trevi fountain and ensure a safe return to magnificent Roma!

DAY 8 ROME See the best of the Eternal City on a Rome City Tour. Visit the Colosseum, scene of gladiatorial combats and early Christian martyrdom. Also see the Arch of Constantine, the Imperial Forums, Circus Maximus, Capitoline Hill and more. Continue to Vatican City to visit St. Peter's and the Vatican.

DAY 9 DEPART Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



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