

# TASTE OF ITALY

## 7-Day Tour Itinerary

*Art, history, food and beauty: take in Italy's highlights on this enchanting introductory tour of Venice, Florence, Rome and more.*

### Day 1: Venice Arrival & Welcome Dinner

Meet your tour director at 4:00 PM for a welcome reception and orientation walk around the city known as the 'Queen of the Adriatic.' Spend time exploring independently before gathering again for a welcome drink and dinner with your fellow travelers. **(D)**

### Day 2: Murano Glass Factory, Venice Tour, Doge's Palace & Gondola Ride

Take a scenic cruise around the Venetian Lagoon to Murano Island, known for centuries for its artisanal glass industry. Tour a factory and see a demonstration of the art of glass blowing. Cruise back to the splendid Piazza San Marco for a walking tour, with visits to Doge's Palace and Basilica San Marco. Journey along the canals for a view of the city from a gondola. The evening is yours to explore and dine independently. **(B)**

### Day 3: Bologna & Florence Dinner

Take a private group water taxi from your hotel to your coach and travel on to Florence. During your journey, stop for free time and lunch on your own in the lively, historic foodie city of Bologna. Arrive at your hotel in Florence's city center, then take an orientation walk with your tour director and some free time to discover this city, the capital of Tuscany and the birthplace of Renaissance art and architecture. Enjoy a typical Tuscan dinner with your group at a local Florence restaurant. **(B, D)**

### Day 4: Florence Walking Tour & The Accademia Gallery

Take a walking tour of Florence with a local guide and marvel at the sights of the city center such as the Duomo, Palazzo Vecchio, and Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo's iconic sculpture of David. Savor a local lunch in the heart of Florence. After lunch you'll have the rest of the day to explore this magnificent city at your leisure. **(B, L)**

### Day 5: Orvieto & Roman Colosseum

You're off to the Eternal City – Rome. Along the way, stop in the scenic hill town of Orvieto for a delicious tasting of its renowned local wine. Visit the Colosseum, imperial Rome's iconic structure, built between 72 and 80 AD. This engineering marvel could hold up to 80,000 spectators for gladiator battles and dramatic productions. (Please note that on some departures, the Colosseum visit may be moved to day 6.) Imagine the ghosts of the Caesars in the ruins of the Forum, the ancient heart of the Roman Empire. Your hotel tonight is in Rome's historic center. **(B)**

### Day 6: Independent Exploration & Vatican Tour

Discover Rome independently this morning, as you enjoy free time to explore. In the afternoon visit the Vatican for a guided tour of the Museums, with entrance to the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. (Please note that the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica are sometimes closed by the Vatican, so visits are subject to availability.) Then it's off to dinner in a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

### Day 7: Tour Ends in Rome

Your tour ends after breakfast. **(B)**

*PLEASE NOTE: Italy is an active destination that requires the ability to walk on cobblestones and uneven terrain, climb hills, stairs, and vehicle steps, and walk or stand for several hours at a time. A typical tour day may require up to five miles of medium-paced walking.*

*(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner*



— SPACE IS LIMITED —

**Contact your travel advisor to reserve your spot with a non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person. Optional Trip Protection Insurance is additional and is also due at the time of deposit.**



Presenting a special group departure to Italy

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7 DAYS | 6 NIGHTS | 10 MEALS

June 30 - July 6, 2024 | \$2,995 per person (land only)

Single Room Supplement \$1,115

*Price is per person based on double occupancy*

*Air departure tax, fuel & surcharges if applicable, are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.*

*— Optional Travel Protection Insurance is available and payment is due at time of deposit. —*

*NOTE: Depart North America for Venice overnight the day before the tour start date.*

## Tour Includes:

- Sightseeing by luxury coach with a professional tour director
- All on-tour transportation including shuttles and ferries
- Welcome get-together drink with your group
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches so you can stay connected along the way
- Deluxe documents wallet and backpack to keep you organized
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & handling of one suitcase per person

### HOTELS

- Avani Rio Novo, Venice (2)
- NH Firenze, Florence (2)
- NH Collection Roma Vittorio Veneto, Rome (2)

### MEALS

6 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L) and 3 dinners (D)

### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Venice Gondola Ride
- Doge's Palace, Venice
- Bologna
- Accademia Gallery with Michelangelo's David Sculpture
- Orvieto Wine Tasting
- Colosseum and Forum
- Vatican Museums with Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica\*



*INSIDER TIP! Extend your vacation with pre-nights in Venice or post-nights in Rome. We've negotiated special hotel rates to make it easy and affordable.*

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