



## LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Most Popular Italian Cities

### INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

A journey taking you from the interior of Italy to the coast. Visit the sultry, sun-kissed Portofino and stay in an old Franciscan convent in the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi.

#### DAY 1 ○ ARRIVE ROME (3 NIGHTS)

Ciao and welcome to Rome! Today your Travel Director will conduct a Welcome Reception and Orientation Drive, so that you may be introduced and familiarise yourself with the Eternal City of Rome and your travel companions alike.

Grand Palatino

Or Similar

Meals:

#### DAY 2 ○ ROME AND CASTEL GANDOLFO SIGHTSEEING

Our local specialist will conduct a Dive into Culture sightseeing tour of the Vatican City, its museums, gardens and of course, the Sistine Chapel.

Walk freely around, without any queuing, where so many greats have trodden before you. From within the Vatican Walls we will embark upon a very special bus journey to the Pope's Summer Residence – Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo. Here you may enjoy a tour of the beautiful gardens and enjoy your lunch against this majestic backdrop. In the afternoon, we will return back to the Vatican City to dedicate much deserved time to St. Peter's Basilica.

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

##### Piazzas & Fountains of Rome

Be privy to the most delightful areas of the City, imparted by our local specialist. Savour such sights as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and immerse yourself in the narrow streets, discovering further secrets of the area.

##### Delights of Rome with Dinner

you'll have the chance to see some of the city's loved sights. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner of Italian specialities, alongside local music and drinks.

Grand Palatino

Or Similar

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 3 ○ ROME AT LEISURE

### YOUR JOURNEY



Take the chance to spend more time at the places you enjoyed on Days 1 & 2; further explore areas recommended by your Travel Director; or perhaps engage in an Optional Experience – The History of Pompeii.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Discover Pompeii And Naples**

Join our expert on a tour of the excavations of Pompeii, the perfectly preserved Roman town which was engulfed by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79.

Grand Palatino  
Or Similar  
Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 4 ○ ROME – ASSISI – FLORENCE (3 NIGHTS)**

Migrating north, we will spend time discovering Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi and indeed the saint's final resting place at the Basilica of St. Francis. Here you may enjoy the frescoes of the upper church, attributed to Giotto. Then continuing northwest, we will travel through Tuscany to its capital, Florence.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Dinner, Wine & Music in the Tuscan Hills**

Enjoy more time absorbing the Tuscan countryside as we take a scenic route through to a special restaurant, serving regional dishes and wines, accompanied by traditional live music.

Ambasciatori Palace  
Or Similar  
Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 5 ○ FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE**

Our local specialist will initially guide you through the wonders of Florence on a walking tour exploring its art and architecture. Marvel at the Piazza della Signoria at the sight of many sculptures and palazzi, the magnificent Duomo and Baptistery, and "old bridge" Ponte Vecchio on the Arno River. Your leisure, wander through the streets, shopping as you go.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Michelangelo's "David" & Accademia Visit to San Gimignano**

A short drive away is the paradoxical medieval town of San Gimignano, with its 14 remaining towers, built to demonstrate power and wealth, surrounded by sunflower fields, vineyards and olive groves.

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Or Similar  
Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 6 ○ FLORENCE LEISURE**

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Pisa, Santa Margherita and Portofino**

We passing through the picturesque Arno Valley, once painted by Leonardo da Vinci; and arriving in Pisa to be greeted by our local specialist in the Square of Miracles, home of the iconic Leaning Tower and prominent Cathedral, of which the Tower forms a part.

See also the Baptistery and Camposanto (graveyard known as the "holy field") composed of sacred soil, brought to Pisa by the archbishop in the 12th century. And after We are going to Santa Margherita and Portofino. We will feel the beauty of Italian Riviera..

In the evening we will have dinner with local wine..

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Or Similar  
Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 7 ○ FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – VENICE (3 NIGHTS)**

Today we travel northeast to Bologna, appreciating breathtaking views of the Apennine Mountains as we go.

Our local specialist will conduct your sightseeing tour, which will include views of the Two Towers, known also as the Kissing Towers as they lean towards each other at a greater degree than the Tower of Pisa.

We continue further northeast to Venice where you may enjoy a romantic gondola ride, or lose yourself in the winding lanes before dinner at the hotel.

You may like to try the signature Bolognese sauce with spaghetti.

Hotel Principe or similar  
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Or Similar  
Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 8 ○ VENICE CANAL CRUISE, ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Take delight in a whistle-stop, private tour of Venice. On Giudecca Island, watch and learn about the skill of glassblowing.

Hop over to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian churches, Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and the very grand Doge's Palace. In the afternoon you will be able to leisurely stroll around at will.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks**

Hotel Principe

Or Similar

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 9 ○ SECRET VENICE WALKING TOUR AND VISIT TO THE RIALTO FOOD MARKET**

On our final day we will join a small group, sightseeing walking tour of all the sites we have learned of in poetry, song & prose. We will visit the famous Rialto Bridge, gaze in awe of the impressive architecture and walk through the ancient food market.

In the afternoon you will be able to stroll around at leisure before joining together for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES**

##### **Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica**

Hotel Principe

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Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 10 ○ DEPART VENICE**

Sadly, today marks the ends of what we hope has been a wonderful holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meals: Breakfast

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