

# TAILOR MADE JOURNEY The Eternal City to Venice

#### INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- One-of-a-Kind Itinerary Designed for You
- Accommodations
- O Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- O English-Speaking Local Guides
- O Airport Meet and Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- O 24/7 Buongiorno Travel On-Call Support

# DAY 1 ARRIVAL ROME, ITALY

Arrive in Rome, the capital of Italy, where you are greeted by your Guardian Angel, transferred to your hotel and assisted with check-in.

Hotel Baglioni Regina
Meals:

#### DAY2 O ROME | SPECIAL EARLY ENTRANCE TO THE VATICAN

Cross the Tiber River for an unforgettable exploration early this morning at the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Start at the Vatican with private entrance and enjoy a light cafeteria-style breakfast. Then, proceed with a handful of visitors to experience extraordinary events such as the frescoed ceiling of Michelangelo's breathtaking masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel, before the museum opens to the public. Then, walk past the colorfully dressed Swiss Guard and enter the world's largest church, where you see a magnificent mix of Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Hotel Baglioni Regina

#### DAY3 O ROME | ANTIQUE, IMPERIAL ETERNAL CITY

Explore ancient Rome with your expert guide, starting from the Capitoline Hill, the traditional religious and political powerhouse where you visited the Capitoline Museums. See the magnificent historical frescoes at the Palazzo dei Conservatori and see the wonderful sculptures displayed at the Palazzo Nuovo. After lunch time in your spare time, continue to the Roman Forum and the nearby Palatine Hill, where you will discover the ruins of ancient temples, palaces and excavated houses. Finish at the imposing Colosseum and the adjacent Arch of Constantine.

Hotel Baglioni Regina Meals: Breakfast

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#### DAY4 ORVIETO | WINE TASTTING IN TOSCANIA

Head to Florence, stopping on the way for a guided walking tour of the hillside town of Orvieto, home to the cathedral where Signorelli's Doomsday Cycle is located. Drive through the Tuscan countryside, where you visit a local winemaker and enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to Florence.

Portrait Firenze Meals: Breakfast

# YOUR JOURNEY



## DAY5 | FLORENCE | RENAISSANCE RESTORATIONS

Tour Florence by visiting the famous Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore) and the Galleria dell'Accademia, where you see Michelangelo's unique David. Then, take the road to the 13th-century Basilica of Santissima Annunziata, where you will look at an ambitious restoration project sponsored by Buongiorno Travel Philanthropy. Accompanied by a member of the small team of art restorers on site, visit the Giambologna Chapel, one of the Basilica's many side chapels. Observe firsthand how restorers uncover original features of Renaissance artworks that would otherwise have been lost forever.

Portrait Firenze Meals: Breakfast

# DAY6 CHIANTI | FLAVORS AT THE MEDIEVAL ABBEY

Enter the Chianti region in the beautiful Tuscan countryside today. Enjoy a private visit to Badia a Passignano, a fourth-century medieval hamlet and monastery where the priests of the Vallombrosan Sect still resided. Visit the monastery's wine cellars before heading to the on-site Michelin-starred restaurant for an authentic Tuscan wine and olive oil tasting experience and lunch. Learn tips on wine and food pairing, and then continue to visit the market town of Greve in Chianti or the charming hilltop village of Montefioralle. Return to Florence tonight.

Portrait Firenze Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY7 FLORENCE & VENICE | MEDICI GALLERY

Take a walking tour of Florence with your guide, starting from the famous Uffizi Gallery, located in a building originally designed to hold the uffizi (administrative offices) of the Medici Grand Duke Cosimo I. Admire famous works such as Caravaggio's Medusa. Is Botticelli's Birth of Venus, The Annunciation of Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael's Goldfinch Madonna. Next, wander through Florence's historic Mercato Centrale and taste a variety of Tuscan street food. This afternoon, take the high-speed train to Venice, where you will take a journey down the Grand Canal before arriving at your hotel.

Hotel Baglioni Luna Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY8 VENICE | MURANO CAM & ST. MARKS BASILICA

Journey by private motor boat through the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Murano, known all over the world for its carefully crafted glassware. See how the glass is blown before heading to the colorful island of Burano, famous for its handmade lace. This afternoon, explore Venice with a walking tour including the magnificent Basilica of San Marco. See the four bronze horses outside and admire the interior full of bright mosaics and marble floors. Stop admiring La Fenice Theater and see the Grand Canal from the Accademia Bridge.

Hotel Baglioni Luna Meals: Breakfast

# DAY9 VENICE | SAMPLING LOCAL TASTES

Start your day at the Frari church, where you admire Bellini's Madonna and Child and Titian's altar called the Assumption of the Virgin. Then, Immerse yourself in local life by visiting the market area around Rialto Bridge. Next, sample Venetian cuisine in a bacaro (wine bar) serving un'ombra (a small glass of wine) and cicheti (traditional snacks). Tonight, enjoy a relaxing gondola ride on the romantic Grand Canal. Hotel Baglioni Luna

Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 10 O DEPART VENICE

Transfer to Venice airport and departure after breakfast.

Meals: Breakfast