



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Rome And Tuscany

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

This exciting tour highlights two of our favorite places in Italy. Rome and Tuscany. See all of the sites of the Eternal City and Florence and then venture out into the Tuscan countryside.

DAY 1 ○ ARRIVAL IN ROME - AFTERNOON AT LEISURE - DINNER IN HOTEL

Welcome to magical city of Rome. Benvenuti a Roma!
Complimentary transfers from the Rome airport to your hotel at scheduled times. You will be greeted at the airport by your representative.

Free time this afternoon - take a walk along Via Veneto, taste a gelato or maybe do some shopping. Meeting your tour leader at the hotel for a briefing and a welcome drink.

Hotel NH Via Veneto
Or Similar
Meals:

DAY 2 ○ ROME - VATICAN MUSEUM - SISTINE CHAPEL - ST. PETER'S BASILICA - DINNER OUT

After a short bus ride to Vatican city with your local guide exploring the huge collections of Vatican Museums.

Our visit terminates in the Sistine Chapel, renowned for its Renaissance art, painted by Michelangelo. This is where the Pope is elected which attracts more than five million visitors each year.

Next will be St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. We'll see Michelangelo's Pieta, sculpted when he was young, as well as Bernini's seven story bronze canopy.

(Please note that the visit of St. Peter's Basilica is subject to availability based on any events planned by the Pope.)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Moses & Catacombs

City: Rome

Duration: 2 hrs

First we visit the Church of St Peter in Chains to see the preserved chains and

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Michelangelo's statue of Moses. Then we continue to the Catacombs, the underground cemeteries of the early Christians.

City: Rome

Duration: 2 hours

During our walking tour we will delve more into renaissance Rome visiting Bernini's Fountains, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain (throw a coin in and make a wish), the impressive Pantheon and the famous Piazza Navona.

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Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 ○ **ROME - COLOSSEUM - JEWISH GHETTO**

Get ready for an exclusive tour of imperial Rome, including the Roman Forum, Largo Argentina (where Caesar was stabbed by Brutus) and the Circus Maximus.

After this we visit the Colosseum, witnessing the brutal entertainment of the gladiators and the lions, refereed by the Emperor himself.

Late in the afternoon we continue with exploring the old city of Rome - the Jewish Ghetto and Trastevere.

Jewish community has been in Rome since the 2nd Century BC. It was Pope Paul IV who ordered them into a walled-off section of town in 1555. But in 1870, the Papal States lost control of the area and the Jews were free to leave the Ghetto!

It is highly recommended for you to enjoy a dinner on your own Tonight, be sure to ask your tour leader for places, rests, bars. Don't miss, Pasta cacao e pepe - pasta in a creamy olive oil, pecorino cheese and black pepper sauce - a specialty in Rome. And of course, don't forget the gelato after dinner!

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Piazas and Fountains of Rome

Roman Evening with Dinner

Spend a light-hearted evening with us in Rome. Relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine with drinks and music. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a drive and provide a glimpse into how Romans enjoy their city.

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Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 ○ **ROME - FLORENCE**

After breakfast, we depart for Florence.

On the way we drive by Tuscany. Our deluxe motorcoach will drive through the rolling hills, scenic vineyards of Tuscany. Your guide will give you some useful information about the region while you enjoy the scenery.

We check into our beautiful hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a Florentine dinner with local wines at our hotel.

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Meals: Breakfast hot buffet, Dinner at hotel with local wine

DAY 5 ○ **FLORENCE CITY TOUR - THE DAVID**

Florence – the Mecca of the Renaissance, awaits our inspection!

City tour includes the majestic Duomo built in 1296, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery with its renowned 'Gates of Paradise' doors.

Later during the day stroll along medieval streets leading us to the Florence square, Piazza della Signoria, Home of Santa Croce Church, where Michelangelo is buried.

Next we enjoy a typical Tuscan lunch. The remainder of this day and evening is yours to do as you please!

Villa Olmi

Or Similar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with local wine

DAY 6 ○ **FLORENCE - LUCCA - PISA**

After breakfast (colazione) we drive to Lucca, also known as "the city of 100 churches." We visit the famous Duomo, the Amphitheater and the impressive Church of San Frediano.

This afternoon we visit Pisa! The "Piazza dei Miracoli" (Square of Miracles) is known as one of the main centers for medieval art in the world, with 4 great religious edifices: the Cathedral, the Campanile (the famous leaning Tower), the Baptistery and the Camposanto.

We'll visit the Cathedral dedicated to St. Mary of the Assumption. The big candelabrum near the altar is where Galileo Galilei tested his laws of pendulum physics!

Next we enter the marble Baptistery, the largest in all of Italy. Dedicated to St. John the Baptist, the building took 210 years to construct. The acoustics are amazing.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Dinner, Wine And Music In The Tuscan Hills

We will drive through the Tuscan countryside and stop for a traditional meal in a charming restaurant where you will be served a selection of regional dishes, local wine and to complete the perfect Tuscan ambience, enjoy the live music.

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Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 ○ **FLORENCE - SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI - FLORENCE - DINNER OUT**

Departing to medieval Siena - a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We visit the famous Piazza del Campo, one of Europe's greatest medieval squares and the site of the famous Palio horse race.

We'll visit Siena's town hall, Palazzo Pubblico, and the enchanting Duomo (cathedral) featuring the most fascinating mosaic floor in all of Italy.

Later we drive through the beautiful hills of Chianti, for a most unique winery visit!, the world's most enchanting and hilarious sommelier. Enjoy a wine tasting and early dinner. Salute!

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Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with local wine

DAY 8 ○ **DEPART FLORENCE**

This morning you board your flight home arriving in the USA the same day.

Meals: Breakfast
