

8 Day Best of Italy

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Day by Day Itinerary

Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Venice, Montepulciano, Rome

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided tours of **Florence** and **Venice** with expert local guide
- ‘Skip the Line’ tour of **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel** and **St. Peter’s Basilica** and full day Hop-On-Hop-Off panoramic bus ticket in **Rome**
- Visits to **Assisi, Siena, Bologna** and the beautiful Tuscany wine region with lunch and wine tastings included
- Street food experience in **Bologna**
- Spritz & ‘Cicchetti’ Experience in **Venice**
- Traditional winery in **Tuscany**

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Rome, Italy

Welcome to Rome!

On arrival into Rome’s Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO), upon entering into the arrivals hall, you will be met by a local representative and transferred to your accommodation.

Today is free to discover Rome with your included 24 hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket. Enjoy panoramic views of Rome’s iconic landmarks from a unique perspective on the open-top buses. Simply board the bus, relax, listen to the informative audio commentary and hop on or off at any of the eight stops along the route. Your bus ticket is valid for the entire day, providing ample time to explore at your own pace.

After your bus tour, the evening is yours to enjoy independently. Return to the hotel at your leisure for an overnight stay.

Please note: when booking international flights, please ensure that your arrival date into the starting city, falls on Day 1 of the itinerary.

Meals: n/a

Accommodation: St Martin by OMNIA Hotels 4* or similar

Tips & suggestions: To make the most of your 24 hour hop-on hop-off sightseeing tour of Rome, we recommend booking a pre-tour accommodation in Rome.

Day 2: Rome - Assisi - Siena - Florence

Meet your tour leader and fellow travellers this morning before departing at 7:15 am from your hotel via a deluxe coach bound for Florence. En route, we'll stop at the mediaeval walled town of Assisi, where you'll have ample time to explore independently. Take the opportunity to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, home to masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue. Afterward, enjoy free time for lunch (not included).

Continuing on our journey, we'll board the bus to reach Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for the Palio, a historic horse race held in the shell-shaped town square, Piazza del Campo. You'll have time to discover this beautiful city on your own. Finally, we'll proceed to Florence, where you'll check in at your hotel and then enjoy dinner and a well-deserved night's rest.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Raffaello 4* or similar

Day 3: Florence

After breakfast, join a guided morning tour of Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," where Italian art reached its pinnacle with Michelangelo's influence. The city, rooted in Etruscan-Roman origins, flourished as a free "Comune" in the Middle Ages and blossomed during the Renaissance. Marvel at Santa Maria del Fiore, known as the Duomo, showcasing Filippo Brunelleschi's impressive dome. Explore the nearby "Campanile" tower, partly by Giotto, and the Baptistery with its iconic bronze doors, imagined by Michelangelo as the "Gates of Paradise." Discover Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Following our tour we enjoy lunch at a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce.

Spend the afternoon exploring Florence on your own or opt for an optional trip to Pisa, known for its iconic Leaning Tower. Dine at your leisure and stay overnight in Florence.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Raffaello 4* or similar

Day 4: Florence - Bologna - Venice

After breakfast in Florence, we set off for the elegant city of Bologna. Upon arrival, the charming city centre, distinguished by its iconic porticos, invites you to explore at your own leisure. Start your walk at Piazza Malpighi, leading to the heart of the city at Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore. Here, admire the historic Palazzo Podestà and the Basilica of San Petronio, the world's largest Gothic brick-built church. Discover why Bologna is celebrated as Italy's gastronomic capital, sampling its vibrant street food scene. Wander through mediaeval streets lined with food stalls and markets offering a tempting array of traditional and contemporary treats. Enjoy a light lunch of street food at a local eatery, included in your experience, to taste the authentic flavours of Bologna. Later in the afternoon, we journey onward to Venice (Mestre). Upon arrival, check in at your hotel for an overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: B&B HOTEL Venezia Tronchetto 3* or similar

Day 5: Venice

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Piazza San Marco to explore Venice's iconic landmarks with your expert guide. Begin your tour with the grand Palazzo dei Dogi, symbolising Venice's illustrious history, and the renowned Bridge of Sighs, connecting the Doge's Palace to the ancient prisons. Following the tour enjoy a spritz or prosecco accompanied by Venetian "cicchetti," delightful small plates akin to tapas, offering a taste of local flavours.

Spend the afternoon at leisure wandering Venice's picturesque canals, soaking in the city's unique ambiance and architectural marvels. Return to your hotel for a restful overnight stay, reflecting on the charm and allure of Venice, a city unlike any other.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: B&B HOTEL Venezia Tronchetto 3* or similar

Day 6: Venice - Montepulciano - Rome

After breakfast, we make our way towards the picturesque region of Tuscany, celebrated worldwide for its stunning landscapes, historic churches, majestic castles, and renowned wines. Our route leads us through the enchanting

Val di Chiana, where we pause to explore Montepulciano, a captivating mediaeval town steeped in rich history and artistic treasures. Montepulciano is famed for its “Nobile” wine, available for tasting and purchase at local wine cellars nestled within the town’s ancient walls. Beyond its exceptional wines, Montepulciano offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and boasts a cultural heritage that includes impressive architecture and charming streets lined with artisan shops.

A delightful lunch awaits at a traditional restaurant, included as part of the tour, allowing you to savour authentic Tuscan flavours. Following lunch, there’s time to wander independently, perhaps exploring more of Montepulciano’s hidden corners or simply soaking in its timeless ambiance before we return to Rome in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: St Martin by OMNIA Hotels 4* or similar

Day 7: Rome

Between 7:45 – 8:00 am, following breakfast, depart from your hotel to begin the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter’s Basilica, benefiting from our exclusive “Skip the Line” access. Bypass the long queues as upon arrival, your guide will usher you directly into the museums, where you’ll encounter one of the world’s most significant art collections. Wander through the splendid Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps, marvel at Raphael’s Rooms, and behold the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel. Conclude your journey in St. Peter’s Basilica, home to Michelangelo’s iconic masterpiece and the largest church globally.

The tour culminates in St. Peter’s Square, leaving the remainder of the day for you to explore the city at your leisure or opt for one of our curated afternoon or evening tours. Enjoy your overnight stay, soaking in the wonders of Rome.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: St Martin by OMNIA Hotels 4* or similar

Day 8: Depart Rome

Unfortunately, today marks the end of your time in Italy.

At a suitable time, you will be transferred to Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO) in time for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- Selected 3 & 4-star hotel accommodation throughout
- Daily breakfasts, 4 lunches & 1 dinner
- Traditional Tuscan lunch in Montepulciano
- Visits to Assisi, Siena and Bologna with free time to explore
- Tour of Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica with ‘Skip the Line’ entrance
- Tours of Florence and Venice with expert local guides
- Street food experience in Bologna
- Spritz & ‘Cicchetti’ experience in Venice
- Hop-On-Hop-Off panoramic day ticket in Rome
- Headsets for all guests during touring of monuments and sites
- Free WIFI connection on board your deluxe coach
- Travel by deluxe air-conditioned coaches with extra legroom and space on board
- Transfers from Rome airport to your hotel on the first and last day of your tour
- Escorted by a professional, English-speaking local guide
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Local city tax (paid directly at hotel check-out)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Sunday 23 Mar 2025	Sunday 30 Mar 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 30 Mar 2025	Sunday 06 Apr 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 06 Apr 2025	Sunday 13 Apr 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 13 Apr 2025	Sunday 20 Apr 2025	\$2,699		Book
Friday 18 Apr 2025	Friday 25 Apr 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 20 Apr 2025	Sunday 27 Apr 2025	\$2,899		Book
Friday 25 Apr 2025	Friday 02 May 2025	\$2,899		Book
Sunday 27 Apr 2025	Sunday 04 May 2025	\$2,899		Book
Friday 02 May 2025	Friday 09 May 2025	\$2,999		Book
Sunday 04 May 2025	Sunday 11 May 2025	\$2,999		Book
Friday 09 May 2025	Friday 16 May 2025	\$2,999		Book
Sunday 11 May 2025	Sunday 18 May 2025	\$2,999		Book
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Friday 26 Sep 2025	Friday 03 Oct 2025	\$2,899		Book
Sunday 28 Sep 2025	Sunday 05 Oct 2025	\$2,899		Book
Friday 03 Oct 2025	Friday 10 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book

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Sunday 05 Oct 2025	Sunday 12 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Friday 10 Oct 2025	Friday 17 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 12 Oct 2025	Sunday 19 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Friday 17 Oct 2025	Friday 24 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 19 Oct 2025	Sunday 26 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Friday 24 Oct 2025	Friday 31 Oct 2025	\$2,699		Book
Sunday 26 Oct 2025	Sunday 02 Nov 2025	\$2,699		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land package** only.

If you would like to add airfares to your booking, please select the departure city where we have the economy return flights add-on for your selection. If you would like to book the business class or premium class, please contact us anytime and our ticketing expert would assist you. Currently we use Emirates Airlines or similar.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$846 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Participants should be comfortable navigating stairs, boarding and disembarking from the coach, and walking reasonable distances, typically around 2 kilometres per day or more. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package.

Industry standard is USD\$10-15 per person per day – however the final amount you may wish to give, is completely at your discretion.

Group Size

Minimum: 2

Maximum: 54

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

AU Passport holders:

You do not need a visa for Italy if you are staying less than 90 days. Travellers require a passport valid for at least 3 months after the traveller exits the country.

IMPORTANT: Visa requirements may change at any time without notice. You should contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate for the latest details.

Children

Children under the age of 6 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi- trip journeys simply with us.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

Pre tour and post tour accommodation is not offered on this itinerary.

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