



Taste of Italy

Starting at \$2,189*

Savor a sampling of Italy's greatest cities

Get your first taste of the delights of Venice, Florence, Rome, and more on this enchanting Italian tour. You'll get to enjoy the ancient ruins, architectural and artistic masterpieces, and of course, indulge in Italy's legendary food and wine.

ITALY IS AN ACTIVE DESTINATION: Visiting Italy requires the ability to walk on cobblestones and uneven terrain, climb stairs and vehicle steps, and walk or stand for several hours at a time. Traffic restrictions often require coaches to drop off passengers a substantial distance away, with a 20-minute walk to the attraction. Some tours include activities in late evening. Typical tour days may require five miles of medium-paced walking.

Trip details

Tour start
Venice

7 ☀
Days



Tour end
Rome

6 🌙
Nights

10 🍴
Meals

* Prices and itinerary details subject to change through September 2020. Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$1190.



Start City
 Overnight Stops
 End City

Trip Highlights:

- Sistine Chapel
- Orvieto
- Michelangelo's David
- Venetian Gondola Ride
- Roman Colosseum
- Florence
- Bologna

Hotels:

- Hotel Bonvecchiati Venezia
- StarHotels Tuscany Florence Hotel
- The Tribune Hotel

2020 Taste of Italy 7 Days/6 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Venice | Welcome Dinner

Meet your tour director in your Venice hotel at 4:00 PM for a welcome drink, and take a one-hour orientation walk around this city, known as the 'Queen of the Adriatic.' Spend a couple of hours exploring on your own before gathering again for an ample dinner with your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 2 Venice | Gondola Ride

Take a guided walking tour of Venice, 'La Serenissima,' the most serene of cities, with its glorious architecture, and its charming bridges and canals. Visit the magnificent Doge's Palace and the acclaimed Piazza and Basilica of San Marco. Journey along the canals for a view of the city from a gondola - truly, an unforgettable experience. Delight in an evening of exploring and dinner on your own. (B)

Day 3 Bologna | Florence

Take a private group water taxi from your hotel to your coach and travel on to Florence. During your journey you'll stop for free time and lunch on your own at the lively historic foodie city of Bologna. Arrive at your hotel outside Florence's city center. After a short break, depart for short orientation walk in this beautiful city, the capital of Tuscany, and the birthplace of the Renaissance. 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, where the sauce is handcrafted with locally-sourced tomatoes. 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

This morning you're off to the Eternal City with a special and delicious stop in Orvieto for a local wine tasting. They say that all roads lead to Rome, and today yours will certainly do so as you are immersed in Italy's natural beauty and surrounded by breathtaking vistas. Visit the historic Colosseum, the iconic structure of imperial Rome constructed between 72 and 80 AD. This engineering marvel could hold between 50,000 - 80,000 spectators of public spectacles, gladiator battles, and classical dramas. Imagine the ghosts of the Caesars in the ruins of the Forum, the ancient heart of the Roman Empire. Your hotel tonight is located in Rome's historic center. (B)

Day 6 Independent Exploration | The Vatican

The morning is yours to discover Rome in your own way. Enjoy some free time for lunch before your visit to the Vatican with a guided tour of the Museums with entrance to the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.* Then it's off to your farewell dinner in a charming Roman neighborhood. (B, D) * The Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica are subject to occasional closure by the Vatican. Itinerary timing could change on this day due to Vatican availability.

Day 7 Tour Ends

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) Insider tip: You can book pre-nights in Venice or post-nights in Rome if you want to extend your vacation! We've negotiated special rates with our hotels to make booking extra nights easy and affordable. B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner



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