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Grand Italian Experience



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Day 1 | Welcome to Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a centre of celebration. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal City.

Blaze a trail through la bella Italia – your epic journey begins in Rome, once the powerful capital of the world and yours to explore before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a light supper.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle

Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour to introduce you to life in modern day Rome and how Romans lived in ancient times. Tour the extraordinary Vatican Museums with a Local Specialist, including views of Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. See St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City, then venture into Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus, where the thundering noise of chariot races once filled the air. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure. Stroll down the Spanish steps or sit in an outdoor cafe on the famous Via Veneto, or continue your encounter with Ancient Rome on Palatine Hill to see the Temple of Apollo and Flavian Palace, among other excavations.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: A. Roma Lifestyle

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Piazas and Fountains - Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic centre, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

Roman Evening with Dinner - Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Day 3 | Journey to the Alberobello Region



Travel east through the mountains of Campania to the orange and olive groves of Puglia on the Adriatic coast, your home for the next two nights. This evening, enjoy a delicious local dinner at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Sierra Silvana

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tivoli and Gardens of the Villa d'Este - Enjoy the gardens and fountains of the famous Villa d'Este. We'll see its grottos and pavilions, the Avenue of a Hundred Fountains, the Dragon Fountain and the Fountain of the Water Organ with a Local Specialist.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

**On occasion, the price of this optional may increase due to group size.*

Day 4 | Admire Alberobello's Iconic Architecture



Enjoy a morning at leisure. Consider an optional experience or relax with a swim at your hotel. This afternoon, the conical limestone houses of Alberobello take centre stage during our guided tour with a Local Specialist. Here, you'll see the UNESCO-listed collection of almost 1,500 trulli dating back to the 14th-century. This evening, enjoy a Be My Guest experience at a traditional masseria. Meet Signor Luciano for dinner on his Alberobello farm where you can taste seasonal produce, including fresh almonds, cherries, tomatoes and olive oil.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Sierra Silvana

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

A Guided Visit to Ostuni - With its stark, white-washed buildings, narrow cobble streets and arched stairways, Ostuni is reminiscent of a North African Arab Medina. Set against three hills, 'The White Town' is a photographer's delight - and we'll get to explore it all with our Local Specialist on this exceptional trip.

Adult: 45.00 EUR

Day 5 | Onwards to Sunny Sorrento



The fresh aroma of lemons is your constant companion in the stunning coastal town of Sorrento, your home for the next two nights. View the bustling Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia before spending the afternoon at leisure. Kick back and sip delicious Limoncello di Sorrento, enjoy lunch in this picture-perfect town or spend the afternoon soaking up la dolce vita. This evening soak up the atmosphere of Sorrento while enjoying dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Amalfi Coast and Positano - Come with us for a drive along the famous Amalfi Coast. You'll have a chance to visit the exclusive artists' paradise of Positano, which is magnificently positioned on the Mediterranean coast. Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 6 | Isle of Capri



Cruise the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Enjoy a guided tour of Capri town with a Local Specialist. After, explore or sip cappuccino in the glamorous piazzetta.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Vesuvio Sorrento

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover The Isle Of Capri - Experience a private, guided cruise along the beautiful southern coast to see spectacular cliffs, the famous Faraglioni Rocks and White Grotto sea cave with its small red coral. View the turquoise waters and private villas and hear the stories of Roman Emperors and famous people through history who have called Capri home before ascending to Capri town. This optional experience is weather dependent and may be replaced by a minibus tour of the Island with a visit to Anacapri and either the Villa San Michele or the Anacapri chairlift. Adult: 58.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Sorrento Countryside and Farmhouse Meal - Join us at a traditional farm in the Sorrento countryside, where you'll visit the lemon groves, olive oil mill and see first-hand how mozzarella is made. Afterwards, enjoy the authentic flavours of home-produced cold cuts, marinated vegetables, fresh olives and more - all washed down with the local wine. The atmosphere is informal, as the family are welcoming you into their home. Adult: 75.00 EUR

Dinner Neapolitan Style - Join us for an evening of Neapolitan specialties at one of our favourite family-run restaurants. Savour local dishes all served up with the famous Neapolitan hospitality and zest for life. Adult: 81.00 EUR

Day 7 | Uncover Pompeii's Ruins and on to Assisi



Explore the tragic history of the ancient lost city of Pompeii with a Local Specialist. Gain a deeper understanding of what life was like in this Roman settlement that lay buried for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Continue your journey through the rolling green and golden fields of Umbria, arriving at the mystical hilltop town of Assisi. Meet your Local Specialist for a visit of the stunning Basilica of St. Francis, featuring exquisite frescoes by Giotto. You'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories - a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Cenacolo

Day 8 | Onwards to Venice



Venture to the Adriatic coast on your way to Venice. A city like no other, you'll explore its canals and waterways during your time on the islands of the Venetian Lagoon, home to the artistic tradition of blown glass. Your home for the next two nights is one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky Venice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

Adult: 93.00 EUR

Day 9 | Cruise the Canals of Venice



This morning start the day by observing the delicate craft of Venetian glassblowing that spans centuries. Your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience helps to preserve the traditions that have been handed down through the generations and you'll be inspired to buy a souvenir to remind you of the talent and skill shared enthusiastically by the master craftsmen. Next you'll glide by private launch along busy waterways to view the Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica before exploring the city on your terms. Stroll beside the Grand Canal, nibble on delicious cicchetti at a cosy bacaro or cross the lagoon for an Optional Experience to the colourful fishermen's Island of Burano.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky Venice

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Venice's Secrets - Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll discover tucked away squares and back streets local Venetians use to side-step the tourist throng and give you a sense of authentic life on the island of Venice.

Adult: 50.00 EUR

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks - This afternoon, discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You'll enjoy a delicious meal, with a selection of drinks, on the fisherman's island of Burano, famous for its Multi-coloured houses - a photographer's paradise.

Adult: 86.00 EUR

Day 10 | Journey to Verona and on to the Italian Lakes



Celebrate the epic tale of Romeo and Juliet during this morning's visit to the fair city of Verona and view the Roman arena build in the 1st century and famously used for opera these days. Arrive on the quiet shores of Lake Maggiore, soaking up the pleasant lakeside atmosphere and exploring Baveno. An optional experience takes you to dinner in an iconic setting on Lake Maggiore.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Simplon

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Dinner on Isola dei Pescatori - This evening escape to the charming and tranquil island of Isola dei Pescatori. A short boat ride from the shores of Lake Maggiore, this fisherman's Island is inhabited year round by only 50 permanent residents. Stroll through the small piazza, surrounded by tight and winding alleys, to enjoy dinner at one of the Island's restaurants.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

Day 11 | Explore Lake Maggiore and Milan



Relax on the shores of Lake Maggiore or take an Optional Experience to cruise to the Borromean Islands. This afternoon, experience the fashion capital of Milan. Enjoy free time to explore on your own after an orientation of the city's iconic sights. See the exquisite Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the Galleria, one of the world's oldest shopping malls.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Simplon

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover The Borromean Islands - We've organised a private launch to take you to the beautiful islands of Lake Maggiore. Here you will meet with your Local Specialist to do a tour of the magnificent palace. You will also explore the Island's baroque garden with its white peacocks and vista terraces, from where you can enjoy privileged views of the Alps, the Isola Madre and the Isola dei Pescatori.

Adult: 64.00 EUR

**This optional is only able to be operated between mid-March and the end of October.*

Treasures of Milan - A fantastic opportunity to take in some of the highlights of elegant Milan. Amongst other sights, we'll visit La Scala, the world's most famous opera house, where Giuseppe Verdi, Maria Callas and others have left their mark. Our wonderful Local Specialist will bring the city's eventful past to life.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

Day 12 | Onwards to La Spezia



Enjoy the sunrise reflected on the picturesque Lake Maggiore, or take a leisurely stroll before you leave your lakeside resort. Later, travel to the port city of La Spezia on the Ligurian Coast.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Firenze & Continentale La Spezia

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Wine Tasting and Sarzana Visit - Near the ancient Via Aurelia, we'll visit a winery to learn about vermentino grapes, the pride of Liguria. We'll taste several wines paired with local snacks and tour the 18th century country farmhouse. Then, we'll continue on to Sarzana, a small town on the old pilgrimage route of the Via Francigena, with a rich history and heritage.

Adult: 57.00 EUR

Sarzana Dinner and Drive - Tonight we'll go off the beaten track to the alluring medieval town of Sarzana, a hidden gem. We've chosen an elegant venue, where you'll enjoy dinner with drinks. Its distinctive ambiance is brimming with charm and unique character which make it a firm favourite with the locals.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Day 13 | La Spezia Your Way



Indulge in a full free day to soak up the laid-back atmosphere. Stroll along the waterfront or consider joining an Optional Experience to Porto Venere and the Bay of Poets where you'll embark on an encounter with the cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. This evening, dine locally.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Firenze & Continentale La Spezia

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

The Cinque Terre and Porto Venere - Today, with our Local Specialist, we'll visit the Bay of Poets and the beautiful Porto Venere, where we can admire the UNESCO-protected Cinque Terre. Still to this day, the villages retain their charm and reputation for producing some of Italy's most exclusive wines. In inclement weather, Porto Venere cannot be visited.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 14 | Uncover Pisa and on to Florence



Travelling south through the unforgettable scenery of Tuscany, we arrive in Pisa to view its famous Leaning Tower before continuing to the Renaissance city of Florence. This afternoon is yours at leisure to wander through the grand squares and labyrinthine lanes of Florence, whose connection with the Medici family saw this city become one of the world's most cultural centres. Consider a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see the Michelangelo's statue of David, amble along the Arno River or ascend the stone steps up to Piazzale Michelangelo for spectacular views of the city.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Dinner in the Tuscan Hills -

This evening, take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli - Through the Chianti hills, you'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Day 15 | Discover Renaissance Florence



Join a Local Specialist this morning to view the city's finest masterpieces – the magnificent Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower and the 13th-century Santa Croce Basilica, the final resting place of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. Later, learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Then, spend the rest of the afternoon as you wish. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio which has straddled the Arno River for almost 700 years, or wander through the Renaissance Boboli Gardens, stopping for a slice or two of schiacciata along the way.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, 'David'. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.
Adult: 62.00 EUR

**The Accademia is not available on Mondays due to weekly closure day.*

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With your Local Specialist you'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred" dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello.
Adult: 49.00 EUR

Visit To San Gimignano - Join us for a panoramic drive to the nearby hilltop town of San Gimignano. Magnificently preserved from the Middle Ages, this little town, known as the 'Medieval Manhattan', is one of the most beautiful in Italy - a true gem. You'll also be treated to a delicious local gelato.
Adult: 43.00 EUR

Day 16 | All Roads Lead to Rome



Today we journey past the sprawling vineyards of Chianti and beneath the hill-towns of Umbria before arriving in Rome. This evening, Roman flavours and ancient ruins take centre stage as you dine at Ristorante Pancrazio, located just a stone's throw away from where the Emperor Julius Caesar is said to have been assassinated. Toast your travels over a selection of signature Roman dishes handed down over four generations.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Shangri-La Roma

Day 17 | Journey Home



Your epic encounter with Italy has come to an end. Say arrivederci to Rome and your newfound friends at the end of your Grand Italian Experience.

Meals: Breakfast

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