

MERAVIGLIE ITALIANE



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Sweet and fancy *dolce vita* comes alive in this 10-day grand tour of Italy's boot-shaped peninsula. Start at the medieval city of Siena renowned for the Palio horse race then proceed to Florence for a fascinating tour of its backstreets, from the beautiful Piazza del Duomo to Ponte Vecchio, from Piazza della Signoria up to the central avenues paved with stone and dotted with authentic masterpieces. A motor coach shall take you to Verona, famous for being the inspiration behind Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and for its ancient Roman arena. Walk in the hidden Venice, then ride across the Venetian Lagoon to the colourful island of Murano before heading to the resort town of Sirmione the "pearl of Lake Garda" and the "gem of all the peninsulas." Immerse in the elegant beauty of Lake Como before going to Milan to see its top features such as Milan Cathedral, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Piazza Mercanti, and Piazza della Scala and Piazza del Duomo. Depart to La Spezia for an unforgettable day discovering Cinque Terre, an area suspended between sea and land, hanging from sheer cliffs surrounded by hills and vineyards. From coastlines you'll be transferred to the rustic countryside to see the mesmerizing landscapes of Tuscany. After filling up with the delights of Lucca and Montepulciano, you'll journey to the south to experience the iconic sights in Naples, Pompeii, Capri and Sorrento.

Guaranteed Departures:

April: 7, 21

May: 12, 19, 26

June: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

July: 7, 14, 21, 28

August: 11, 18, 25

September: 8, 15, 22

October: 6, 13, 20

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walking tour of Naples
- Guided visit of Pompeii
- Visit of Capri and Anacapri
- Panoramic tour of Milan
- Tour of Cinque Terre by boat
- Visit of the famous Blue Grotto (weather permitting)

INCLUSIONS

- 9-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Walking tour of Naples
- Guided visit of Pompeii with entrance ticket included
- Visit of Capri and Anacapri with local tour assistant
- Visit of the famous Blue Grotto (weather permitting) with ticket included

Note: City tax not included and to be paid directly at the hotels. Only one bag per person allowed (any size) plus one hand luggage.

ITINERARY

Day 1, Rome - Siena - Florence This morning travel to Siena. Visit the main square of the town, Piazza del Campo, the Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary, before proceeding to Florence. (D)

Day 2, Florence After breakfast enjoy a walking tour of Florence with free time for lunch before continuing on in the afternoon visiting a Florentine goldsmith master the leather market and an old perfume workshop. (B)

Day 3, Florence-Verona -Venice Today you'll travel to Venice, along the way stopping in Verona for a city walking tour. Upon arrival in Venice you will join a walking tour of the city. This evening enjoy a dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

Day 4, Venice - Murano Join your tour leader for a ride across the Venetian Lagoon to the colourful island of Murano to get an inside peek into the world-famous glass-blowing factories of this island. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 5, Venice - Sirmione (Lake Garda) - Lake Como - Milan After breakfast, you will visit Sirmione before continuing onto Lake Como for a walking tour in the early afternoon. In the late afternoon you will travel to Milan where you can enjoy a panoramic tour of the city highlights, concluding in the historic Piazza del Duomo. (B,D)

Day 6, Milan - La Spezia - Portovenere - Vernazza - Manarola - Lucca Today you will discover the Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre is an area suspended between sea and land, hanging from sheer cliffs surrounded by hills and vineyards. *Tour the coast line by boat and admire the landscape from the seaside. During the tour, the boat will stop at villages so you can visit them! Following your boat tour you will travel by train back to La Spezia and you will then continue your journey to Lucca for a guided walk, dinner and overnight stay. (B,D)**In the event of rough sea, the visit will be done partly by coach and partly by train.*

Day 7, Lucca-Pisa-Montepulciano-Roma Following breakfast at the hotel you will travel to Pisa. Upon arrival you will have time at your leisure to admire the Cathedral Square with Duomo di Pisa, Campo Santo, Pisa Baptistry, and, of course, the Leaning Tower of Pisa. In the afternoon depart for Rome stopping at the town of Montepulciano along the way. (B)

Day 8, Rome – Naples – Pompeii – Sorrento Pick up your breakfast box before your early departure to Naples. Upon arrival in Naples your local guide will take you on a walking tour of the historical centre and a visit to a coral and cameo factory. You will then continue onto Pompeii to visit the excavations site. In the afternoon you will continue on to Sorrento. (L, D)

Day 9, Sorrento – Capri – Sorrento Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before boarding a ferry to the island of Capri. Once on the island you will visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting). After your visit a Minibus will take you up to Anacapri. Enjoy some time at your leisure before returning to Sorrento. (B, L, D)

Day 10, Sorrento – Rome Enjoy the morning at leisure before heading back to Rome. (B)

Accommodation:

Florence: 2 nights at Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli 4* or similar

Venice: 2 nights at Hotel Continental 4* or similar

Milan: 1 night at Hotel Starhotel Business Palace /Antares Concorde 4* or similar

Lucca: 1 night at Hotel Grand Hotel Guinigi 4* or similar

Rome: 1 night at Hotel Gambrinus / Rivoli 4* or similar

Sorrento: 2 nights at Hotel Vesuvio /Michelangelo / La Residenza / Crawford 4* or similar

Added Services:

Extra nights:

Possibility to add extra nights at the beginning and/or at the end of the tour; rates are on request.

Departure transfer:

Possibility to organize the departure transfers; rates are on request.

Optional suggested tours:

Contact us for details on optional suggested tour rates.

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