

Italy's Finest: 9 Day Grand Tour

Rome-Florence-Venice



Sample Itinerary

Day 1

Meet at the airport and enjoy a relaxing flight over the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 2

Arrive at Rome's International Airport. We will begin our Roman adventure with a tour of the famous **Trevi Fountain**. Legends hold that if a visitor throws a coin into the fountain, they are ensured a return to Rome. Next stop, a hike up 138 steps to the top of the beautiful **Spanish Steps**. Finally the **Pantheon**, built in 126 AD, is considered the most complete ancient building still standing in Rome. Grab a great Mediterranean dinner and the return to the hotel for some much needed rest.

Day 3

We'll start today with a journey below ground and explore St. Callixtus Catacombs. Covering close to 600 acres this catacombs holds over 1,000,000 tombs. After lunch, **Vatican City**. Here we will take a walking tour of the **Sistine Chapel**; where you will see work from the greatest Renaissance artists Michelangelo, Raphael, Bernini and Botticelli. Then on to St. Peter's Basilica, completed in 1626. St. Peter's Basilica is not only breathtaking, but it's also the largest cathedral in the world; which can hold 60,000 people. Hike to the top of the dome for a spectacular view of Rome.

Day 4

This day takes us to **Capuchin Church of the Immaculate Conception**; (1645) holds the bones of over 4,000 monks who fled the French Revolution. After lunch we will enjoy a walking tour of the famous **Colosseum**. Considered 1 of the 7 ancient wonders of the world, the Colosseum was completed in 80 AD

Day 5 Free Day in Rome

Day 6

Early out for a train ride through the beautiful Tuscany vineyards on our way to **Florence**. Once in Florence we will take a walking tour to see; **Piazza della Signoria**; original site of Michelangelo's David. **Cross Ponte Vecchio**; built in 1335, considered Europe's oldest arched bridge.

Cost:

\$3,250

All rates are based on double occupancy.

- Round Trip Airfare
- All transportation
- 7 nights hotel
- Entrance Fees
 - Sistine Chapel
 - Colosseum
 - Roman Forum
 - Doge's Palace

When:

Spring Break 2020 Apr. 4th– Apr. 12th

Site Seeing Attractions

Include:

- Vatican City
- St. Peter's Basilica
- Florence's Duomo
- Pantheon
- Trevi Fountain
- Spanish Steps
- And much, much, more

Day 6 cont. The walking tour will end at the famous **Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore**, aka **Duomo**. If you still have energy, hike to the top of the dome for a beautiful view of **Florence**. Then off to the **Uffizi Gallery** (\$40), all of the famous names from Italy's rich artistic heritage, including Leonardo da Vinci, Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Piero della Francesca, Caravaggio, and Raphael, are represented at the Uffizi, making this a must-visit museum for all travelers, especially art lovers. Enjoy lunch and then off to the leather market for some shopping. At 6:00 PM we will continue to Venice via train.

Day 7

Today we will start at **Doge's Palace**, a gothic palace in Venice. The palace was the residence of the Doge of Venice, the supreme authority of the Republic of Venice. After lunch, we will enjoy some free time around Venice. Some people might enjoy taking a relaxing gondola ride through

Day 8 to **St. Mark's Square** for some free time. Today will be a free day to explore all that Venice has to offer.

Day 9

We are headed home after a long week, but don't worry. As long as you flipped a coin in Rome's Trevi Fountain, you are assured a return trip to the Eternal City of Rome...