

YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 7 BREAKFASTS | 3 DINNERS | 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



DAY 1

ELEGANT COMO.

Welcome to Italy. After being greeted by your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport, your transfer departs at 09:30 or 12:30.

 *Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for your Welcome Dinner, an opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. Head to L'antica Riva, an elegant restaurant on the shores of Lake Como known for serving delicious fresh produce. (DW)*


 **Palace Hotel, Como.**

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DAY 2

VERONA AND ON TO VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC.

Travel to elegant Verona, legendary home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet.

 Walk with your Travel Director, passing the well-preserved Roman Arena to stand beneath the balcony where the Capulet family is said to have lived.

There is free time to explore or perhaps browse the local market before continuing to Venice. (B)


 **Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena, Venice.**


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DAY 3 - RELAXED START

VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA.

Even for the experienced traveller, there can be no better joy than waking up in Venice.


 Transfer to Giudecca Island to witness the art of glass-blowing with skilled artisans.


 Appreciate the splendour of Venice as you cruise by Palladio's San Giorgio Maggiore to St. Mark's Square to see St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs.


 On your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals while musicians set the mood with traditional songs. (B)


DAY 4

TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE.

 Journey to Pisa and see the Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, the 11th century cathedral and baptistery.

 Venture to Florence and meet your art historian for a visit to the Accademia Museum to study Michelangelo's monumental statue, David.


 With your Local Expert, admire the marble-clad cathedral and baptistery and wander Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery filled with Renaissance sculptures.

 *An expert sommelier introduces you to a selection of the finest wines of Tuscany. Enjoy a tasting, followed by dinner. (B) (DW)*

 **Hotel Londra, Florence.**

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DAY 5 - RELAXED START FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE.

 Florence is known for its quality leather goods and you will be privy to the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop.
The rest of the day is at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6

CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ON TO ROME.

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steep hillside.


 With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica.
Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. (B)


 **Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.**


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DAY 7

ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN.

 Enjoy the best of the city's highlights with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and some free time to explore on your own.

 In the afternoon, gain exclusive fast-tracked VIP entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano before entering the Sistine Chapel.

 *Dine in the Vatican's elegant Cortile del Giardino Quadrato and enjoy incredible views of the cupola of St. Peter's during your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)*

DAY 8

ARRIVEDERCI ROMA.

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$473

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