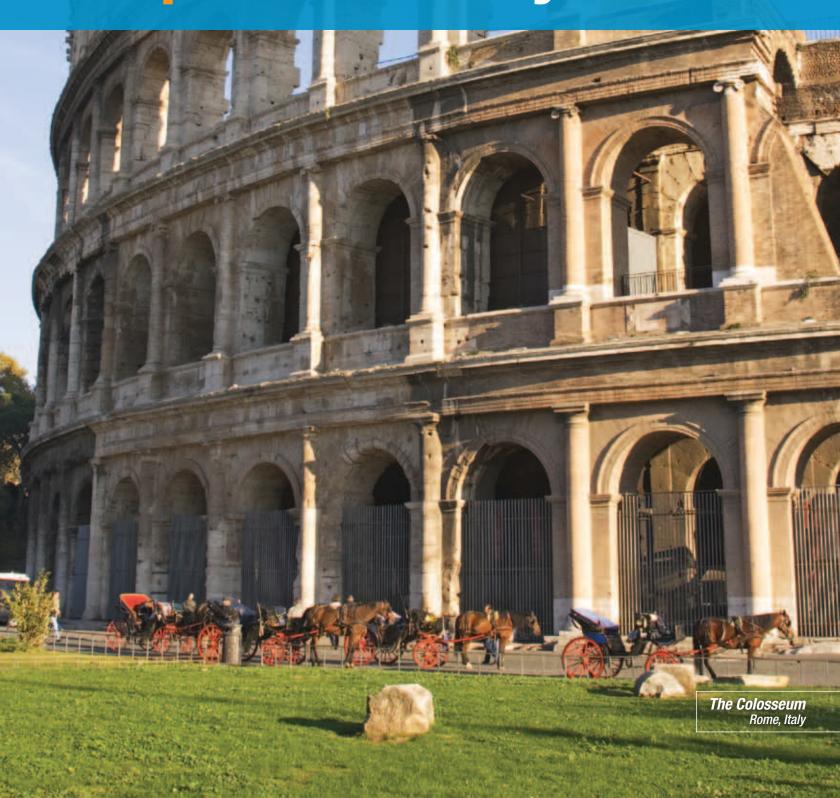


# **Experience Italy**

9 or 11 Days





### Top things to see on tour:



Colosseum



St. Peter's Basilica



**Accademia** 



Assisi Basillica



Florence Duomo

#### **Program Fee includes:**

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension)

- 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (5 with extension)

### **Optional:**

#### **Experiential learning:**

- Gladiator School

- painting class

#### **DAY 1:** Fly overnight to Italy

#### **DAY 2: Rome**

Arrive in Rome

#### **DAY 3: Rome**

Take a guided tour of Rome Visit the Colosseum Visit the Roman Forum Participate in a Gladiator School Experience Enjoy a pizza dinner

### **DAY 4: Assisi • Florence**

Travel to Assisi

Visit the Basilica of St. Francis

Continue on to Florence

#### **DAY 5: Florence**

#### Take a guided tour of Florence:

- Piazza della Signoria
- Ponte Vecchio
- Chiesa di Santa Croce
- Gates of Paradise

#### Visit the Duomo

Visit the Accademia

See a leather-making demonstration Participate in a fresco art workshop

#### **DAY 6: Florence • Rome**

Enjoy free time in Florence

Travel to Rome

#### **DAY 7: Rome**

Take a guided tour of Vatican City Visit the Sistine Chapel Visit St. Peter's Basilica Take a cooking class

#### **DAY 8: Rome**

Take a painting class Enjoy free time in Rome Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome

Optional: Italian soccer

**DAY 9: Depart for home** 

## 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### **DAY 9: Pompeii • Sorrento region**

Travel to Pompeii

Take a guided tour of Pompeii Continue on to the Sorrento region

#### DAY 10: Capri • Rome

Travel to Capri Take a guided tour of Capri Take an island cruise Return to Rome

**DAY 11: Depart for home** 

#### Rome

No place integrates its past into the present quite like Rome, where history comes to life. Explore the world's most famous arena on your sightseeing tour to the Colosseum. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.



Saint Angelo Castle Rome, Italy



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Do as the Romans do during your journey through Italy, where you'll participate in a number of experiential learning activities. History comes alive at Gladiator School, where you'll learn about the role the gladiator played in ancient Rome and try your hand at basic gladiator combat techniques. Then explore the arts that made Italy the birthplace of the Renaissance as you create your own masterpiece during a painting lesson. At your fresco workshop in Florence, you'll also learn to paint on fresh plaster, the medium used for many of the famous murals you'll find throughout your tour. Taste authentic Italian pizza and take a stab at Italian cuisine with a cooking class and competition—maybe you'll be the group's winning chef!

Roman ruins Rome, Italy

#### **Florence**

Florence marks the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance, and works of art like Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* still reside here today. As you stroll through the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise at the Baptistry. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop. Then, visit a leather workshop, the perfect place to find Florentine souvenirs.



Santa Maria Cathedral Florence, Italy

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