

Italian Escape

October 9-18, 2019

10 Days/9 Nights - \$2,682 Land only

Single travelers add \$799



HOTELS

DateCityHotelOct. 9-12FlorenceHotel MediterraneoOct. 12-15RomeHotel Giulio CesareOct. 15-18SorrentoHotel Majestic P.

TOUR FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodations for 9 nights
- 15 included meals consisting of:
 - 9 buffet breakfasts
 - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurant
 - 1 light lunch at Magione Castle
 - 1 dinner at hotel
 - 3 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
- Wine, mineral water and coffee or cappuccino served with meals at hotels and restaurants
- Tours by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Assistance of a professional tour director for the entire length of the tour
- Complete program of sightseeing tours and excursions with entrance fees
 - Walking tour of Florence, including the Accademia
 - Excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
 - Wine tasting at Magione Castle
 - Tour of Assisi and visit to St. Francis Basilica
 - Tour of Rome, including a visit to the Colosseum, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel
 - Orientation tour of Naples, including a visit to Pompeii
 - Amalfi Coast excursion, including cruise (weather permitting)
 - Excursion to Capri and a visit to the Gardens of Caesar Augustus
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Personalized audio system to hear your guide from a distance
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- City tax

DAY 1 | **WED** | **FLORENCE** Morning arrival into Florence's Peretola Airport. Here you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to allow you to get acquainted with the city where the Renaissance reached its highest point.

DAY 2 | THU | FLORENCE Your morning tour takes you to Michelangelo Square for a panoramic view of the city. Then visit: the Academia to see Michelangelo's original "David" statue, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery with its "Gates of Paradise" doors, Signoria Square and Santa Croce Church. Enjoy your afternoon to explore the treasures of Florence on your own or embark on an optional tour to Pisa featuring a dinner at an authentic farmhouse and winery in the enchanting Tuscan countryside. (B)

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DAY 4 | SAT | FLORENCE | MAGIONE | ASSISI | ROME Morning departure for Rome. Drive through the serene Tuscan and Umbrian countryside, passing by the shores of Lake Trasimeno with a stop at the Magione Castle, presently the private residence of the Prince and Grand master of Sovereign military order of knights of Malta. Here a wine expert will lecture on the vinification process that takes place at the castle, followed by a delicious tasting of the varieties of wines produced at the castle and light lunch. Continue to Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy your guided tour of St. Francis Basilica. Arrive in Rome in the late afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 5 | SUN | ROME Rome is filled with monuments, fountains, antiquities and other sites worth exploring. Use this free day to discover, on your own, all the Eternal City has to offer, take an optional tour or discover why Roman trattorias are famous for their fine cuisine. (B)

DAY 6 | MON | ROME This morning experience a very special privately guided tour of the priceless collection of art and treasures in the Sistine Chapel and Vatican museum. Then proceed to the Piazza Venezia and roman forum, with a stop at the Colosseum – a testament to the greatness of rome's past. Continue your full day tour by viewing the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, the Great Synagogue, Isola Tiberina and Castel Sant'Angelo. Tonight, bid arrivederci to Rome at a special dinner with wine in a lovely Roman restaurant. (B,D)





DAY 7 | TUE | ROME | NAPLES | POMPEII | SORRENTO This morning drive south to Naples for an orientation tour of the city. Before heading to Sorrento, stop in Pompeii, the ancient city covered by volcanic lava 2,000 years ago, for a guided tour of the remarkably preserved ruins of temples, houses, gardens and public buildings. Then drive along the spectacular coast road of the Bay of Naples to Sorrento, the famous resort town of orange and lemon groves. Dinner at your hotel restaurant is included. (B,D)

DAY 8 | WED | SORRENTO | POSITANO | AMALFI | RAVELLO | SORRENTO Leave Sorrento in the morning for Positano. Brief stop at the Belvedere to enjoy a unique view of Moorish architecture blended with pastel colored houses. Weather permitting, board a motor launch and cruise along the coast to Amalfi for a walking tour of the old town. Continue to Ravello. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant with spectacular views of the Amalfi coast and the Bay of Salerno. Enjoy time for a stroll around the center of town before returning to Sorrento. (B,L)

DAY 9 | THU | SORRENTO | CAPRI | SORRENTO | A morning jetfoil whisks you across the blue Bay of Naples to the fabled Isle of Capri, where you will ascend to the Piazzetta, visit the Floral Gardens of Caesar Augustus, and still have free time for lunch and some shopping before returning to Sorrento. Tonight, dinner is at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 10 | FRI | SORRENTO TO USA Morning transfer to Naples' Capodichino Airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

Non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person Travel Insurance quotes are available upon request.

Cancellation Policy

Deposit to 180 days before departure - \$250 per person 179 – 95 days before departure - \$500 per person 94 – 60 days before departure - 25% of total trip cost 59 days – departure - 100% of total trip cost

Conditions: Price is per person, land only, based on double occupancy. Price is based on current rate of exchange, in case of fluctuation, prices are subject to change.



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