



ITALY

# MILAN, VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME & SORRENTO BY TRAIN

(TOUR CODE: 12953)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Milan to Sorrento	26 Apr 24 - 04 Oct 24	Escorted Rail	Escorted Group Tour

From Milan to Venice, from Florence and Rome to Naples and the charming Amalfi Coast, this is the perfect tour for those who love to travel at a slow pace, avoiding masses, and mixing a great set of included sightseeing together with free time to explore independently.

## Highlights

- Small group sizes (max 25 passengers). Professional English speaking guide for the entire duration of the tour
- Worry-free luggage **portage service at railway stations** and/or "luggage bus" (that delivers luggage from hotel to hotel)
- Explore the unique floating city of **Venice**, using the **Vaporetto Pass** to navigate its historical center.
- Uncover the breathtaking frescoes in the **Sistine Chapel** ceiling and "**The last Judgment**" both by **Michelangelo**
- Cruise across **Lake Como** to the charming village of Bellagio, famous as the "**Pearl of the Lake.**"

Start your journey in the fashion capital of the country: Milan. Enjoy a walking tour to discover must-see places and take a ride on an authentic old tram. The next day off to Lake of Como and Bellagio to discover amazing landscapes. Your next stop is Venice, for two nights: here you will visit the main historical sites and taste plenty of local food, plus an incredible experience on Murano Island, where artisans will show you the art of glass blowing. Head to the center of the country to visit the most important Italian art cities: Florence and Rome. You will spend two nights in each city visiting the main historical sites, including Piazza della Signoria, Brunelleschi's Dome, Uffizi courtyard in Florence, and Trevi fountain, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter Basilica in Rome. Plus, on your second day in Tuscany you will visit Siena and enjoy a food and wine experience in one of Chianti's vineyards. Last stop: the breathtaking south of Italy. Start from Pompeii, and visit the ancient ruins and then finally relax in Sorrento, where you will enjoy a Capri full-day excursion, to end your holiday with unforgettable memories



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 11-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Train transfer in First class
- Hop-on Hop-off 24H in Rome
- Vaporetto Pass 48H in Venice
- Welcome drinks and snacks on trains
- Meals: 11 continental buffet breakfasts, 4 dinners
- 1x food and wine tasting in Florence
- Professional English speaking guide for the entire duration of the tour
- Guided visits in Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pompeii and Sorrento

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Milan

Welcome to Italy! This incredible journey begins with the discovery of the beauty of our magical peninsula. Reach your hotel on your own or book one of our private transfers and check in at your hotel. In the afternoon partake a short briefing with the tour leader and meet the rest of the group, then delve into the fascinating streets of Milan historical center where you'll see the famous "La Scala" theatre, the elegant Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery, the mighty "Sforza Castle" and the majestic Duomo cathedral. In the evening, continue to keep on discovering this splendid city and then relax at your hotel.

Overnight stay in **Milan** at Starhotels Anderson in a Superior Room.



Day **2**

## Milan

After breakfast, enjoy your free time in this fantastic city. Today join our **"Lake Como and Bellagio full-day excursion"**: visit the charming cities of Como and Bellagio with us and take a cruise on the Lake. Follow your guide and enjoy a walking tour of Como city center, then admire the splendid lakeside villas and gardens on a boat cruise across the lake. Reach by boat the famous village of Bellagio, the so-called "Pearl of the Lake", and enjoy your time in this idyllic and relaxing place. Return then to Milan and relax at your hotel.

Overnight stay in **Milan** at Starhotels Anderson in a Superior Room.



Day **3**

## Milan Venice

It is time to leave Milan to go to one of the most beautiful Italian cities, Venezia! Aboard the train, sweet and sour snacks will be served, as well as hot or cold drinks of your choice. After about two hours and a half, you will arrive in Venice, where you will walk to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome drink with the group and then follow your tour leader who will let you discover **the ancient and precious glass-blowing art in a traditional "furnace"**. Return to your hotel and partake to a special dinner at your hotel.

Overnight stay in **Venice** at NH Collection Murano Villa in a Superior Room.



Day 4

## Venice

Today explore the floating City! Taking advantage of the **Vaporetto Pass**, move freely across the **Historical center of Venice**. Your guide will take you through narrow alleys, canals and small bridges to discover the main attraction, witnessing the mighty power of the city across the centuries. You'll see the Rialto Bridge, Piazza S. Marco with its Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs, that leads to the prisons. Time at leisure to stroll on your own and buy local glass-made souvenirs.

Overnight stay in **Venice** at NH Collection Murano Villa in a Superior Room.



Day 5

## Venice Florence

In the morning, take a high-speed train that will take you to Florence in two hours. Once there, start our guided tour on foot throughout the **Florentine streets**, admiring the beauty of the Uffizi building with the Vasari Corridor, and the monumental group of the Duomo, including the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the baptistery, and the Giotto's belltower famous for its bronze "Gate of Paradise".

Overnight stay in **Florence** at Starhotels Michelangelo in a Superior Room.



Day **6** Florence

Enjoy the morning at leisure, and in the early afternoon join a "**Siena and Chianti Countryside**" tour to experience firsthand some of Tuscany's most breathtaking towns, where amazing views are around every corner. You will reach Siena by train to discover the treasures of one of the most beautiful cities in the world and immerse yourself in its art, culture and traditions as the horse race the Palio, which takes place twice a year. You will explore the best that Siena has to offer, our guide will accompany you along the ancient streets of Siena through the most beautiful sites. Continue towards a traditional farm and winery where we will learn about the winemaking process from grape to glass. Then enjoy a food and wine tasting session of Chianti wines as well as local products. Finally, sit back and relax on the return journey to Florence by train.

Overnight stay in **Florence** at Starhotels Michelangelo in a Superior Room.



Day **7** Florence Rome

After breakfast, take a high-speed train to arrive in Rome. In the afternoon meet again for a guided stroll throughout the alleys of the **baroque Rome**, where you can admire the most representative sites such as the magical Piazza Navona and the famous Pantheon. You will even have the possibility to make a wish, throwing a coin into the legendary Fontana di Trevi. The rest of the evening will be free. Overnight in the hotel.

Overnight stay in **Rome** at Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio in a Premium Room.



Day 8

## Rome

This morning take advantage of the Hop-on Hop-off bus to get a panoramic tour of the "eternal city" and reach the **Vatican Museum**. With the "skip-the-line", you will have direct access to the **Sistine Chapel** and to St. Peter's Basilica to visit the breathtaking masterpieces that you will find inside, as well as a great variety of galleries, with ancient sculptures, tapestry, middle-age maps, paintings, and stunning relics. You will admire the Pietà di Michelangelo and the incredible altar in bronze.

Overnight stay in **Rome** at Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio in a Premium Room.



## Rome Sorrento via Pompeii

In the morning, after breakfast in the hotel, get on the high-speed train to Napoli. After an hour's journey, you will begin your wonderful day with a tour of the Sorrentine peninsula, stopping to see the extraordinary **Pompeii and its magic**. Let the dramatic history of the Roman city, destroyed, and buried by the eruption of the Vesuvius in 79 A.D, touch you. You will walk among the ruins of this mysterious city. Later you will continue to Sorrento, where your hotel, facing the sea, awaits you. The dinner will be at the hotel and afterward, you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your pleasure.

Overnight stay in **Sorrento** at Grand Hotel Europa Palace or similar.



## Sorrento

After breakfast, it is time to discover **the island of Capri**, a fascinating oasis for artists, writers, and celebrities, famous for Italian fashion brands and local hand-crafted shops. Visit the village of Anacapri, located 1,800 feet above sea level. Here, you can take a chairlift to Monte Solaro, spend your time exploring Villa San Michele and the Axel Munthe Gardens, or enjoy lunch at a typical local restaurant. Later you will go to visit the famous Piazzetta in Capri, where you can admire the amazing views out over the gulf. Walk along the most beautiful street until the August Gardens. Here, you can see the famous Faraglioni, the distinctive rocks. At the end of the trip, you will embark on the hydrofoil and come back to Sorrento. The dinner will be at the hotel and afterward, you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your pleasure.

Overnight stay in **Sorrento** at Grand Hotel Europa Palace or similar.



Day **11** Sorrento

At the end of the tour, all you need is a relaxing day dedicated to shopping and the discovery of the Sorrentine peninsula. Therefore, we offer you a whole day of distraction where you can dive into the hotel's swimming pool, sunbathe at the beautiful beaches, or we can organize a tour to take you to Amalfi and Positano! The dinner will be at the hotel and afterward, you can enjoy the rest of the evening at your pleasure.

Overnight stay in **Sorrento** at Grand Hotel Europa Palace or similar.



Day **12** Sorrento

After breakfast, our trip to the discovery of the Italian beauties comes to an end, hoping you always keep this unique experience in your heart. Feel free to book some extra nights in Sorrento or a private transfer to Naples railway station or airport. Arrivederci!

# ACCOMMODATION

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## NH Collection Murano Villa

### Venice

The quaint boutique hotel known as the NH Collection Venezia Murano Villa is located on the alluring island of Murano in the Venetian Lagoon. The hotel, which was formerly the location of the well-known De Majo glass factory, emits the fascination of classic hand-blown Murano glass through its magnificent architecture. At the hotel's gourmet restaurant, which serves delectable meals all day, indulge in a great culinary experience. The two chic bars provide the ideal atmosphere for relaxing with a drink. The hotel offers a private 4-berth pier on the picturesque lagoon as well as five well-equipped conference rooms that can hold up to 130 guests for those who require event spaces.



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## Starhotels Michelangelo

### Florence

Starhotels Michelangelo stands out with its 119 cosy hotel rooms in the beautiful city of mediaeval Florence. It offers a fantastic position for discovering Florence's cultural treasures because of its central location in the city. A popular dining destination, the hotel's culinary treats provide a true taste of Italy. Our conveniently located hotel makes an excellent site for any event, including conventions, seminars, and business meetings. Starhotels Michelangelo perfectly fuses traditional charm with contemporary luxury, guaranteeing a wonderfully engaging experience for its guests. It is conveniently located near the S. Maria Novella Train Station, the Stazione Leopolda convention centre, and the brand-new Opera Theatre.



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## Hotel Massimo D' Azeglio

### Rome

Experience the charm of our family-run hotel in Rome, offering a diverse selection of 185 rooms. The Classic Rooms and Superior Rooms boast spaciousness and brightness, complemented by elegant wood floors, classic furnishings, high ceilings, and expansive windows. A perfect blend of tradition and innovation awaits you, with meticulous attention to every detail. Our exceptional restaurant at the Massimo d' Azeglio Hotel proudly presents a tantalizing array of authentic dishes crafted from locally-sourced ingredients. Our commitment to freshness, simplicity, and preserving culinary heritage is evident in every bite. Our skilled maîtres eagerly await you, ready to delight your taste buds with their delectable recommendations!



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## Grand Hotel Europa Palace

### Sorrento

Discover the Gulf of Naples' magnificent splendour from the Europa Palace, a lovely Art Nouveau house with a variety of opulent amenities. Enjoy the breathtaking views while relaxing in the free cliff-side pool, or enjoy a leisurely stroll to the exclusive pier. Near Sorrento's historic district, the opulent rooms—many of which have balconies—are flanked by terraces and Mediterranean gardens. The unusual outdoor pool is also reachable by elevator through a cliffside lift. All rooms feature air conditioning and satellite TV for your comfort, and some even have sea views. Candlelit dinners are served on the expansive patio where you may dine while admiring the stars. A delicious selection of Italian and foreign cuisine is served along with a wide selection of wines. Take a boat to Ischia or Capri from the neighbouring port for more exploration. The hotel's handy location makes it a great choice for your stay, whether you want to visit Pompei or go to Capodichino Airport.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- This trip can be enjoyed by just about anyone with a reasonable level of fitness. Average physical ability is required such as long walks of a few hours

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package