



ROME TO VENICE: ART, LAKES & LIGURIAN COAST JOURNEYS

(TOUR CODE: 15335)

STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to
Venice

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 May 26 - 15 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the heart of Italy on this journey from Rome to Venice, combining ancient wonders, Renaissance art, sparkling lakes, and the Ligurian coast.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Group of maximum of **40 People**
- Guided tour of the **Colosseum, Palatine Hill, and Roman Forum.**
- Renaissance landmarks and enjoy authentic **Tuscan flavours in Florence**
- Cruise **Lake Garda, Lake Como** and ride the **Bernina Express** through the Alps
- Glamorous Ligurian coast and **Cinque Terre** villages
- Experience **St. Mark's Square, Doge's Palace,** and Venice's spritz-and-cicchetti

Embark on a captivating journey from Rome to Venice, travelling through Italy's most treasured regions. Explore ancient landmarks and Renaissance cities, wander through medieval hill towns, and admire the tranquil beauty of lakes and the dramatic Ligurian coastline. From the grandeur of Rome and Florence to the glamour of Portofino and the romance of Venice, this itinerary blends culture, history, gastronomy, and scenery into one unforgettable Italian adventure.



GUARANTEED DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP SIZES



SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES



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

INCLUSIONS

- 14-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Bernina Express ride
- Scenic boat transfers: Lake Como, Lake Garda, Cinque Terre
- Daily breakfast
- Meals and drinks as per itinerary
- Spritz & "Cicchetti" experience in Venice
- Wine tastings in Franciacorta and Sestri Levante
- Acetaia experience with lunch and wine in Modena
- Guided tours in Florence, Venice, Milan and Verona
- Daily ticket for Hop-On Hop-Off Panoramic Bus
- Entrance fees included for: Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill (Skip the Line), Bernina Express ride, Ferrari Museum
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day 1

Rome

Welcome to Rome! After meeting your driver at the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. Use your **Hop-on Hop-off bus ticket** to explore Rome's iconic landmarks from a different perspective. Hop on and off at any of the eight stops along the route and enjoy the commentary available in 12 languages. The ticket is valid for one day. After the tour, enjoy the evening at your leisure and return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St. Martin** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **2**

Rome

After breakfast, depart from your hotel for an included **guided tour of Rome's extraordinary Archaeological Area**. Meet your professional guide and begin your 2.5-hour journey through history. Equipped with a personal radio receiver and earphones, explore the legendary **Colosseum**, the iconic **Flavian Amphitheater** where Ancient Romans gathered for gladiator battles and wild animal hunts.

Continue to **Palatine Hill**, the mythical birthplace of Rome. From here, enjoy panoramic views of the city. The tour concludes at the Roman Forum, once the centre of Roman life. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St. Martin** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Rome Assisi Siena Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart at 7:15 AM by deluxe coach to **Assisi**, a medieval town surrounded by ancient walls. Visit the

Basilica of St. Francis, featuring frescoes by **Giotto and Cimabue** and enjoy a lunch in Assisi. Continue to **Siena**, UNESCO-listed and famous for its shell-shaped **Piazza del Campo** and **Palio horse race**. Later, travel through Tuscany's countryside to reach **Florence**. Check in at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Raffaello Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 4 Florence

Explore Florence, cradle of the Renaissance. Visit the **Duomo**, **Brunelleschi's Dome**, **Giotto's Bell Tower**, and **Baptistry**. See **Piazza della Signoria**, **Palazzo Vecchio**, and **Santa Croce Basilica**. Enjoy lunch in a traditional **Tuscan restaurant**. In the afternoon, choose between free time in the city or an optional visit to Pisa, with its Leaning Tower and Piazza dei Miracoli. Dinner is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Raffaello Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

Florence Bologna Mestre (Venice)

After breakfast in Florence, head to **Bologna**. Explore the city centre with its iconic porticos and historic sites, including **Piazza del Nettuno** and the **Basilica of San Petronio**. Discover Bologna's gastronomic heritage through a vibrant light local lunch, offering traditional and contemporary treats. Enjoy a light street food lunch at a local eatery. Later, continue your journey to **Venice**. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Quality Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **6**

Mestre Venice Mestre

Transfer to **Piazza San Marco** and discover Venice's highlights with a guided tour. Visit the outside of Doge's Palace and cross the **Bridge of Sighs**. Afterward, enjoy a glass of spritz or prosecco with cicchetti, traditional Venetian snacks. Relax and soak in the atmosphere. Spend the afternoon exploring the city's canals, artisan shops, or quiet corners on your own. Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Quality Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast



PIAZZA SAN MARCO AND DOGE'S PALACE

Day 7

Mestre (Venice) Verona Franciacorta Bergamo

After breakfast, visit **Verona**, a city rich in history and culture. Explore Roman ruins, medieval structures, and Renaissance palaces on a guided tour. Don't miss **Juliet's house and balcony**, famous from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Then, travel to **Franciacorta**, known for its ideal winemaking soil, for a light lunch with local food and wine. After this, head to Bergamo for the overnight stay.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro** or similar

Breakfast, Lunch



JULIET'S BALCONY

Day 8

Bergamo Sirmione Desenzano del Garda Bergamo

After breakfast, set off for **Lake Garda**, Italy's largest lake. Enjoy a panoramic tour along the west coast, passing the **Brenta Dolomites** and **Moraine Hills**, surrounded by lush vegetation. In **Sirmione**, take a boat tour to admire its picturesque shores, **the Castle**, and **the Grottoes of Catullus**. After free time for lunch, head to **Desenzano del Garda**

with its elegant lakeside promenade and historical centre that reflects traces of Venetian influence. Dinner and overnight stay in Bergamo.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro** or similar

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 9

Bergamo Como Bellagio Milan

After breakfast, enjoy a brief visit to **Como**, renowned for its breathtaking views of **Lake Como** and the surrounding Alps. From Como, you will embark on a boat to **Bellagio**, an elegant village nestled at the junction of the lake's two southern branches, famous for its charming streets, luxury hotels, historic villas, and lush gardens. Lunch at your leisure.

In the afternoon, take the ferry to Cadenabbia, where you will meet your driver and begin your journey to **Milan**.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **10** Milan Bernina Express Milan

After breakfast, meet your driver and travel to **St. Moritz** for some free time. Then, board the **Bernina Express** and enjoy one of the world's most scenic train rides through the Swiss Alps. Marvel at alpine villages, tunnels, and breathtaking mountain views as you cross the Bernina Pass toward Tirano. Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting to take you back to Milan.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **11** Milan

After breakfast, enjoy some free time to explore **Milan** at your own pace. In the afternoon, meet your local guide for a **three-hour walking tour** through the heart of the city. Begin at **Porta Venezia**, a historic gate with medieval and Roman origins, and continue to **Corso Venezia**.

Walk through the **Giardini Indro Montanelli**, pass by the **Galleria d'Arte Moderna** and continue along **Viale Manzoni**. From the outside, see the iconic **Teatro alla Scala** and admire the majestic façade of the **Milan Cathedral (Duomo)**. The tour ends at **Castello Sforzesco**, a medieval fortress, followed by a relaxing aperitivo. Free time before returning to your hotel. Overnight stay in Milan.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **12** Milan Santa Margherita Ligure Portofino Sestri Levante La Spezia

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before departing Milan by coach to the Liguria Region. The first stop is **Santa Margherita Ligure**, known as "La Perla del Tigullio," surrounded by the sea and mountains. Admire its port and luxury hotels.

Next, a boat ride takes you to glamorous **Portofino**, famous for its boutiques and colorful streets. Explore this stunning seaside village, cherished by writers like Guy de Maupassant. In the afternoon departure to **Sestri Levante** for a local food and wine tasting experience. Finally, reach **La Spezia** for an overnight stay.

Overnight stay in La Spezia at **CDH Hotel La Spezia** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **13** La Spezia Cinque Terre La Spezia

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a memorable journey to the **Cinque Terre**, one of the Mediterranean's most pristine regions, featuring the villages of **Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and**

Riomaggiore. These charming villages are nestled between rugged cliffs and lush hills, boasting some of the cleanest waters in the Mediterranean. Explore the Cinque Terre by local train, with free time to savour a delightful lunch. In the afternoon, return to La Spezia for a relaxing overnight stay.

Overnight stay in La Spezia at **CDH Hotel La Spezia** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **14** La Spezia Maranello Ferrari Museum Modena Mestre (Venice)

After breakfast, depart La Spezia and travel inland through scenic Italian countryside. Stop in **Maranello** to experience the world of Ferrari with a guided visit to the iconic **Ferrari Museum**, celebrating speed, innovation, and Italian style. Continue to a traditional acetaia near **Modena** for a unique experience learning about Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale. Enjoy a guided tasting paired with regional flavours and a genuine lunch in a welcoming family atmosphere.

In the afternoon, drive northeast across the plains of Emilia-Romagna and Veneto. Arrive in Venice by early evening, check in at your hotel, and enjoy free time.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Quality Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **15** Mestre Venice

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel as your tour with us comes to a close with the last service, transfer to the airport. End of our services.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel St. Martin

Rome

Hotel St. Martin is a contemporary 4-star hotel in Rome that has been recently renovated. Conveniently situated near the Castro Pretorio metro station and Roma Termini train station, and just a short walk from Piazza della Repubblica, its prime location makes it an excellent choice for both business travelers and tourists exploring the city.



Raffaello Hotel

Florence

The Hotel Raffaello, which is situated just at the city's entry, is the best place to start your exploration of Florence, learn about its past, and take in the beauty and allure of this genuinely exceptional city. Whether you're traveling by vehicle or train, Hotel Raffaello is easily accessible and offers a courteous, professional, and attentive welcome.



Quality Hotel Delfino

Venice

Hotel Delfino Venezia Mestre is ideally located at the gateway to Venice, making it a convenient base for discovering the charm and history of the lagoon city. Easily accessible by car or public transport, the hotel offers modern comforts, attentive service, and a welcoming atmosphere for both leisure and business travelers.



BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro

Bergamo

Discover four-star comfort at Best Western Hotel Cappello D'Oro, perfectly located in the heart of Bergamo. Blending over 150 years of hospitality tradition with modern amenities, it's ideal for both business travellers and leisure guests seeking convenience and charm.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.

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

IN PARTNERSHIP

