



ROME TO THE DOLOMITES JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15350)

STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to
Milan

TRAVEL PERIODS

04 May 26 - 12 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover Italy's Renaissance cities, savour regional flavours, and embrace the dramatic Alpine landscapes on a journey from Rome to the Dolomites

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Group of maximum of **40 People**
- Explore **Florence's Renaissance** wonders, from the **Duomo to Santa Croce**
- Discover canals, **Doge's Palace**, and the iconic **Bridge of Sighs**
- Ride the **Bernina Express** across the stunning Swiss Alps
- Discover Alpine charm in **Bolzano, Merano, and Cortina d'Ampezzo**
- Marvel at **Lake Braies, Misurina, and the peaks of the Dolomites**

Embark on an unforgettable journey from the heart of Rome to the breathtaking Dolomites, combining Italy's artistic treasures with its most spectacular landscapes. Wander through Assisi and Siena, admire Florence's Renaissance masterpieces, and savour Bologna's culinary delights before gliding through Venice's canals.

Travel by train from Venice to Milan and enjoy the world-renowned Bernina Express through the Swiss Alps. Continue along scenic lake shores and Alpine valleys to Bolzano and Cortina d'Ampezzo, where towering peaks and tranquil lakes provide a dramatic finale to your 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

- 10-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 2-night accommodation in 3-star hotel
- Transportation by coach
- Bernina Express ride
- Daily breakfast
- Lunch in a traditional restaurant in Florence
- Gastronomic experience in Bologna, including one drink
- Meals and drinks as per itinerary
- Spritz & "Cicchetti" experience in Venice
- Grappa tasting in Bassano del Grappa
- Scenic drive around the lakes near Cortina
- Guided tours in Florence, Venice, and Milan
- Visits to Assisi, Siena, Bologna, Bolzano, Merano, Vipiteno, Bressanone, Brunico, Cortina d'Ampezzo, and Bassano del Grappa
- Visits to Lake Misurina, Lake Dobbiaco, and Lake Braies (or Lake Anterselva)
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day 1 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.

Lunch



Day **2**

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.

Lunch



Day **3**

Florence Bologna Mestre (Venice)

Travel to **Bologna**, a city rich in culture and culinary excellence. Walk from **Piazza Malpighi** to **Piazza Maggiore**, admiring **San Petronio Basilica** and the **Palazzo del Podestà**. Delight in a light local lunch, savouring regional specialties. Stroll the medieval streets, arcades, and markets. In the afternoon, continue to Venice. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel and

relax.

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

Breakfast



Day 4

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



Day 5

Mestre (Venice) Milan

After breakfast, transfer from the hotel to the station. Then, independently board the designated train, heading to your next destination: Milan. Upon arrival at the Milan station meet your driver and enjoy your included transfer to the hotel. Check in at your Milan hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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

Breakfast



Day 6

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



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 at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



Milan Peschiera del Garda Trento Caldaro Bolzano

After breakfast, we depart and head towards **Peschiera del Garda**, a charming town located on the southern shore of **Lake Garda**. Next, we stop in Trento, where we'll admire the impressive **Castello del Buon Consiglio** and the **Santa Maria Maggiore Cathedral**. After a leisurely lunch, we continue along Italy's oldest wine route, reaching Caldaro (Kaltern), known for its lake and wine. The day ends with our arrival in Bolzano.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel Città** or similar.

Breakfast



CASTELLO DEL BUON CONSIGLIO

Day 9

Bolzano Merano Vipiteno Bolzano

After breakfast, we travel to **Merano**, known for its Christmas market and rich cultural heritage. We'll explore the old town and you'll have free time to enjoy lunch. Next, we visit **Vipiteno**, a picturesque town with medieval architecture and Alpine charm. Stroll through its streets, enjoy local cuisine, and shop for souvenirs.

In the afternoon, we head to **Bolzano** to admire the Gothic-style Duomo and **Via dei Portici**, the heart of the city. Bolzano combines Alpine and Mediterranean influences, making it a must-visit destination. The evening is free for personal exploration or relaxation.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel Città** or similar.

Breakfast



VIPITENO

Day 10

Bolzano Bressanone Brunico Lake Braies or Lake Anterselva Cortina

Today, we start with a visit to **Bressanone**, a charming town in the Eisack Valley, known for its 10th-century medieval

cathedral and Austrian-Italian blend. Enjoy local wines and the serene Alpine atmosphere. Then, we head to Brunico, with its colorful medieval streets and panoramic views from **Kronplatz Mountain**.

Afterward, we visit the stunning **Lake of Braies**, surrounded by towering Dolomite peaks, or **Lake Anterselva** if Braies is inaccessible. Both offer tranquil beauty and photo opportunities. Finally, we conclude the day in **Cortina** for dinner at the hotel and an overnight stay, surrounded by the breathtaking Dolomites.

Overnight stay in Cortina at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 11 Cortina Lake Misurina Lake Dobbiaco San Vito di Cadore Cortina

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel and get ready to explore the stunning surroundings of **Cortina d'Ampezzo**. Enjoy panoramic views of the **Dolomite Mountains** and spot the iconic **Tre Cime di Lavaredo**.

Continue to **Lake Misurina**, the largest natural lake in the region, offering mesmerizing mountain views. Then, visit **Lake Dobbiaco** with its unique emerald-colored waters. Drive to **San Vito di Cadore**, a charming village surrounded by UNESCO-listed mountains, **Mount Antelao** and **Mount Pelmo**. Afterward, return to Cortina for free time, relax, and enjoy dinner at the hotel before an overnight stay.

Overnight stay in Cortina at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



LAKE DOBBIACO

Day **12** Cortina Bassano del Grappa Milan

After breakfast, reach **Bassano del Grappa**, a charming town at the foot of the Venetian Prealps, known for its rich history and timeless charm. Walk its cobbled streets to see medieval towers, elegant Venetian palaces, and mountain traditions shaped by centuries of culture. Don't miss the iconic **Ponte degli Alpini**, designed by Andrea Palladio, crossing the Brenta River with postcard views. Visit the **Museo della Grappa** to explore Italy's famous distillate origins. The experience includes a tasting session, offering insight into local craftsmanship. After Bassano, head to **Milan**.

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

Breakfast



PONTE DEGLI ALPINI

Day **13** Milan

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Arrivederci!

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

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.



B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina

Cortina d'Ampezzo

B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina offers modern comfort at 1,800 metres in the heart of the Dolomites. Nestled by Monte Cristallo, it's the perfect base to explore Lake Misurina, Tre Cime di Lavaredo, and charming Cortina d'Ampezzo.



Stadt Hotel Città

Bolzano

Stadt Hotel Città offers a refined and cosmopolitan retreat in the heart of Bolzano. Overlooking the main square, it's the perfect choice to immerse yourself in the city's charm, vibrant atmosphere, and authentic Italian hospitality.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- From Milan onwards, the group size will be limited to just **25 guests** due to the nature of the regional areas visited.

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

