



## ROME TO NORTHERN LAKES JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15365)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to  
Milan

### TRAVEL PERIODS

21 May 26 - 15 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys  
Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

From Rome's ancient grandeur to the sparkling Northern Lakes, experience Italy's rich culture, flavours, and landscapes.

### Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Group of maximum of **40 People**
- Explore the **Colosseum, Forum, and Palatine Hill** with expert guides
- Admire **Renaissance** masterpieces in the cradle of the Renaissance
- Savour **Bologna's gastronomy** and **Venice's canals** with **cicchetti and spritz**
- Journey through **Verona's heritage** and cruise **Lake Garda** and **Lake Como**
- Ride the **Bernina Express** for breathtaking views of the **Swiss Alps**

Discover Italy's timeless charm on a journey from Rome to the romantic Northern Lakes. Begin with the Eternal City's ancient wonders before travelling through Tuscany's rolling landscapes and Florence's Renaissance masterpieces. Savour Bologna's culinary delights and Venice's canals and cicchetti, then explore Verona's storied streets. Continue through Franciacorta's vineyards and the lakeside beauty of Garda and Como, crowned by the elegance of Milan. With guided tours, scenic train rides, and regional flavours, this itinerary blends culture, history, and natural splendour.



**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

- 11-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Bernina Express ride
- Daily breakfast
- Lunch in a traditional restaurant in Florence
- Light lunch & wine tasting in the Franciacorta region
- Gastronomic experience in Bologna, including one drink
- Meals and drinks as per itinerary
- Spritz & "Cicchetti" experience in Venice
- Happy Hour in Milan, including one drink
- Guided tours in Florence, Venice, Milan and Verona
- Visits to Assisi, Siena, Bologna, Verona, Lake Garda and Lake Como
- Daily ticket for Hop-On Hop-Off Panoramic Bus
- 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.





TREVI FOUNTAIN

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



ROMAN FORUM

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**.

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 **Baptistery**. 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 for an overnight stay.

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



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



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.

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 at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

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

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### 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.



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## 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.



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## 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.





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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

