

Grand Tour of Italy



Embark on a captivating journey through Italy, beginning with a relaxing two-night stay on the shores of beautiful Lake Como. Continue south to explore Tuscany's rolling vineyards and charming hill towns. Immerse yourself in Florence's Renaissance art and architecture, visiting the Uffizi Gallery and Michelangelo's David. In Rome, experience the grandeur of the Colosseum, Vatican City, and the Sistine Chapel. Conclude your trip along the stunning Amalfi Coast, where you'll enjoy picturesque villages, crystal-clear waters, and delicious local cuisine. This Italian adventure perfectly blends history, culture, and natural beauty for an unforgettable experience.

Highlights

- Lake Como
- Florence Duomo
- Rome Colosseum
- Vatican City
- Pompeii Excavations & Mt Vesuvius
- Wine, Olive Oil & Cheese Tasting in Tuscany
- Limoncello & Pasta Demonstration
- Amalfi Coast
- Trevi Fountain
- Sistine Chapel
- Positano

Inclusions:

- Fully Escorted Tour,
- Gratuities (driver, guides, included meals)
- Luggage Handling
- Seventeen Meals

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Day One

Depart on your overseas flight to beautiful Milan Italy.

Day Two

Benvenuti in Italia! Upon arrival at Milan's international airport, you'll be greeted with a warm Italian welcome before journeying north toward the sparkling waters of Lake Como—a name that instantly stirs images of romance, mountain vistas, and timeless elegance. Your scenic drive unfolds like a postcard, as the city's modern skyline fades into lush hills and serene blue waters framed by alpine peaks. On arrival in Como, check into your charming lakeside hotel and take some time to settle in, breathe in the crisp lake air, and relax after your travels. As evening descends, the group gathers for a welcome dinner of fine Italian cuisine and good company. **(Dinner)**



Day Three

After breakfast, begin a guided walking tour of Como, a town that perfectly balances elegance and authenticity. Stroll its cobbled streets and piazzas, admire the stunning Cathedral of Como, and wander along the waterfront promenade lined with cafés and villas. Next, a leisurely cruise across the lake carries you past magnificent villas and terraced gardens until you reach Villa Carlotta, a masterpiece of Italian landscaping and neoclassical architecture. Step into a world of blooming azaleas, marble sculptures, and sweeping views of the lake framed by snow-dusted peaks. Continue your lake voyage to Bellagio, the “Pearl of the Lake.” Here, pastel-hued buildings climb steep cobbled lanes brimming with boutiques and gelaterias. This evening, unwind back in Como, perhaps with a quiet stroll along the promenade or an aperitivo at a lakeside terrace. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**



Day Four

This morning, bid farewell to Lake Como and journey south through the rolling plains of northern Italy into Tuscany's heart. Pass vineyards, cypress-lined hills, and medieval towers en route to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. After check-in, enjoy a walking tour revealing the city's rich artistry and history. Marvel at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Brunelleschi's iconic red-tiled dome. Visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to behold Michelangelo's David—an awe-inspiring masterpiece of human form. The evening is yours to savor Florence at leisure—perhaps dine al fresco on handmade pasta and Chianti, with the melodies of street musicians floating through the warm Tuscan night. **(Breakfast)**



Day Five

Today is yours to follow your heart through Florence's golden streets. Perhaps begin your morning in a café with a frothy cappuccino and warm cornetto before wandering through the city's artisan quarters, where leather workers and goldsmiths carry on ancient traditions. Art lovers may choose to explore the Uffizi Gallery, where masterpieces by Botticelli, Leonardo, and Raphael illuminate the glory of the Renaissance. Others might prefer browsing the vibrant stalls of San Lorenzo Market, hunting for Florentine leather goods, silk scarves, and handmade souvenirs. Or simply do as the Florentines do—slow down. Find a quiet piazza, order a spritz or a glass of vino bianco, and watch life unfold in this city of eternal beauty. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**



Day Six

Today, embark on a journey to the picturesque Chianti region, celebrated for its rolling hills, lush vineyards, and exquisite wines. Begin your day with a visit to a local farm, where you'll delve into the art of wine production and olive oil making. Follow a knowledgeable guide through the vineyards, explore the winery, and descend into the cellar, where barrels age the region's finest vintages. Relish in a delightful wine and cheese reception amidst the serene surroundings. As the day unfolds, immerse yourself in panoramic views of sun-kissed vineyards and ancient villages, each nestled in the embrace of the Tuscan landscape. **(Breakfast & Lunch)**



Day Seven

Embark on a journey to the eternal city of Rome, where millennia of history and culture await your exploration. Begin your guided Rome city tour with iconic landmarks such as the Colosseum, a testament to ancient Roman engineering and grandeur. Marvel at the monumental amphitheater that once hosted gladiatorial contests and spectacles. Continue your tour to the Spanish Steps, a beloved meeting place adorned with elegant staircases and surrounded by boutiques and cafes. Nearby, discover the Trevi Fountain, a masterpiece of Baroque artistry where tradition invites you to toss a coin and make a wish in its shimmering waters. During your free time, roam Rome's historic streets, where every corner reveals a new tale from the city's storied past. Indulge in a leisurely dinner at a local trattoria, savoring authentic Roman cuisine infused with flavors passed down through generations. **(Breakfast)**

Day Eight

Venture into the heart of the Vatican City, the spiritual and cultural center of the Catholic Church, on a guided tour of its most iconic attractions. Marvel at masterpieces by renowned artists such as Michelangelo, Raphael, and Leonardo da Vinci as you wander through the museum's labyrinthine galleries and halls. Continue to the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, where you'll gaze up at Michelangelo's magnificent frescoes that adorn the ceiling and walls. Afterward, explore the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world and a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture. Conclude your tour with a leisurely stroll through St. Peter's Square. **(Breakfast)**



Day Nine

Today immerse yourself in the local culture with a tour of a fragrant lemon orchard. Learn about the cultivation of lemons and their significance to the region. Follow this with a hands-on limoncello-making class, where you'll uncover the secrets of this famous Italian liqueur. Then, join a pasta-making class to create authentic Italian pasta from scratch and finish the experience with a delightful wine tasting session featuring local wines. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**



Day Ten

Spend a breathtaking day exploring Italy's famed Amalfi Coast. Begin in Sorrento, with its lively streets, seaside views, and signature limoncello. Travel the stunning coastal road to Positano, where colorful homes cascade down the cliffs and boutique-lined alleys lead to the sea. Continue to Amalfi, once a powerful maritime republic, to visit its magnificent cathedral or relax in the sun-drenched piazza. Enjoy unforgettable scenery, local flavors, and the charm of Italy's most picturesque coastline — a day filled with beauty, history, and coastal magic. **(Breakfast)**



Day Eleven

Experience an unforgettable day exploring the ancient ruins of Pompeii with a knowledgeable local guide. Walk the remarkably preserved streets of this once-thriving Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Discover homes, temples, baths, and frescoes that offer a vivid glimpse into life nearly 2,000 years ago. After this fascinating journey through history, return to the coast for a relaxing dinner overlooking Sorrento. As the sun sets over the Bay of Naples, enjoy authentic Italian cuisine, fine wine, and breathtaking views — the perfect ending to a day of discovery and timeless beauty. **(Breakfast & Farewell Dinner)**



Day Twelve

Bid farewell to Italy and enjoy the memories of this *Grand Italian Tour* on your way home. **(Breakfast)**