

# Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome & Sorrento

PRIVATE GROUP TOUR 12 Days/11 Nights



**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.**

## **OCTOBER 4 - 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 from whose terraces you can admire the whole city. At the end of the tour enjoy an exquisite Italian gourmet aperitif. In the evening, continue to keep on discovering this splendid city and then relax at your hotel.



## **OCTOBER 5 - 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.

## **OCTOBER 6 - DAY 3 - MILAN TO 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 welcome dinner.

## **OCTOBER 7 - 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 glassmade souvenirs.

## **OCTOBER 8 - DAY 5 - VENICE TO 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 baptistry, and the Giotto's belltower famous for its bronze "Gate of Paradise".

## **OCTOBER 9 - 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.





## Your Daily Itinerary (cont.)

### OCTOBER 10 - DAY 7 - FLORENCE TO 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.

### OCTOBER 11 - 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 San 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.

### OCTOBER 12 - DAY 9 - ROME TO 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.



### OCTOBER 13 - DAY 10 - 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 handcrafted 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.

### OCTOBER 14 -- 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.

### OCTOBER 15 - 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!

Rate per person in double occupancy room \$5,145

Rate per person in triple occupancy room \$4,911

Rate per person in single occupancy room \$7,186

#### ACCOMODATION

11 nights in 4\* hotel

2 nights - Milan: Starhotel E.C.H.O.

2 nights - Venice: NH Collection Murano Villa

2 nights - Florence: Starhotel Michelangelo

2 nights - Rome: Hotel Massimo D'Azeglio

3 nights - Sorrento: Grand Hotel Europa Palace

#### TRANSPORT

High speed train transfer in First class

Vaporetto Pass 48H in Venice

Hop-on Hop-off 24H in Rome

#### INCLUDED GROUP ACTIVITIES

##### MILAN

•Best of Milan guided walking tour

•Lake of Como and Bellagio full day discovery

##### VENICE

•Murano Island walking tour with glass blowing visit

•Highlights of Venice guided walking tour

##### FLORENCE

•Highlights of Florence guided walking tour

•Siena discovery guided tour with food and wine tasting in a vineyard in Chianti

##### ROME

•Baroque Rome guided walking tour

•Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter Basilica

•Hop on hop off 24

##### POMPEII

•Ruins of Pompeii guided tour

##### SORRENTO

•Capri full-day excursion

#### GUIDE

Professional English and French-speaking guide for the entire duration of the tour

#### WORRY-FREE LUGGAGE

Thanks to our included portage service at railway stations and/or our "luggage bus"

#### MEALS

•11 continental buffet breakfasts

•4 dinners at hotels, 4 special dinners (wine not included)

•1 food and wine testing

•Welcome drinks and snacks on trains

#### DINNER WITH FRIENDS

An occasion to stay together, have fun, and experience high-quality local food & wine in selected and typical restaurants. We want you to eat as an Italian, not as a tourist!

•Milan: Risotto dinner

•Venice: Cicchetti & Polenta dinner

•Florence: Tuscan dinner with Fiorentina T-Bone steak

•Rome: Pasta (Cacio & Pepe, Matriciana) dinner

Terms and Conditions for Private Customized Tour

Proposal based on a minimum of 26 travelers.

Final count and deposit is due September 30, 2023. By that date we will require a 20% non-refundable deposit on the entire group. The final payment non refundable will be due before July 4, 2024. In order to fully confirm the tour 90 days prior (July 4, 2024) we will still need the full group of 26 passengers.

If any group member cancels between 9/30/2023 and 7/4/2024 the deposit will not be refunded. If by 7/4/2024 the group will have less than 26 participants, we will not be able to confirm the Private Customized Group and we will offer the option to the passengers still booked, to join our Regular Escorted Group Tour scheduled on the same date, therefore the group will not be private but shared joining an existing group. The deposit paid will be applied to the new booking of the Regular Escorted Group Tour. There will not be a refund of the deposit if the passengers will opt out from the regular group tour. The rate per person will be adjusted to reflect the rate of the 2024 published Regular Escorted Group Tours which will be available by August 2023. The rate of the published escorted group tour will be same or lower than the rate of the private tour customized for your group.

#### For more information & booking contact



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