Italy's Treasures

Art, Food & Wine of Italy

From $2,999* pp | 12 Days • 17 Meals

*Rate is per person, land only, double occupancy, tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date.

Please select a date below for more details.

THAT'S AMORE!

The romance of Italy comes to life. Explore a local farm and indulge in a cheese and wine tasting. Explore the rugged coast and remote fishing villages of the Cinque Terre. Spend four relaxing nights in a Tuscan villa. Choose the way you discover the charming town of Lucca: on foot or by bicycle. Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo. Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati. Venture to rose-hued Siena. Visit a winery in the countryside and learn the secrets of Tuscan cuisine when you participate in a cooking lesson. Wander the streets of Bologna and taste some of the area's specialty foods. Spend two wonderful nights in Venice. These are Italy’s treasures.
YOUR TOUR – AT A GLANCE

• Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy’s hidden treasures.
• Discover the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
• Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati.
• Enjoy a boat trip to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration.

Must-See’s

• Spend two wonderful nights in romantic Venice.
• Get to know Florence with a tour of the city’s treasures.
• Discover the beautiful Tuscan countryside.

Choice On Tour

• Discover Lucca on foot or by bicycle. This ancient city became a Roman colony in 180 B.C. Today, many of its classic structures, including the city walls remain intact. Visit the towering Cathedral of San Martino, stroll the Piazza Napoleone, and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro (a public square that built above an ancient Roman amphitheater).

Culinary

• Travel by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori.
• Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by an expert chef.
• Attend a cocktail party in Stresa, and sample some local products.

PERSONALIZE YOUR TRIP

Pre and Post Tour Extensions. Start and end your vacation rested.

Arrive early:

Pre night in Stresa
• Take time to absorb the charming atmosphere of the lakeside resort town.

Depart late:

Post night in Venice
• Walk through history when exploring the fascinating corners of this unique city.
YOUR ITINERARY

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Day 1 Overnight Flight
Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

Day 2 Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins
Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lake Maggiore. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori,* the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands.

Dinner High 62° Low 40° 4”
Regina Palace Hotel

Day 3 Stresa
Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you’ll stop at a local farm to sample their artisinally produced cheeses paired with the region’s delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. Perhaps you will investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades; or, relax on an optional cruise on this scenic lake and take in the breathtaking surroundings.

Breakfast High 62° Low 40° 4”
Regina Palace Hotel

Day 4 Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera
Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent. Experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort. Continue on to the Italian Riviera.

Breakfast & Dinner High 48° Low 38° 3”
Grand Hotel Dei Castelli

Day 5 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre
Spend your day discovering the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre, perched on the edge of the sea. Traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards, arriving at this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Feel like you have stepped back in time. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this magical place. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your adventure.

Day 6 Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa
Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then, it’s your choice! You decide how you want to discover Lucca: on foot or by bicycle. Either way, you’ll visit the Cathedral of San Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell’Anfiteatro. Then, set off to get a taste of the region by sampling some seasonal, local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay.*

Breakfast & Dinner High 66° Low 47° 2”
Hotel Villa Lecchi

Day 7 Florence
Get to know Florence with a walking tour of the city’s treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th-century Palazzo Dawanzi. Explore independently before returning to your villa.

Breakfast High 66° Low 47° 2”
Hotel Villa Lecchi

Day 8 Siena
Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town’s dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. Stroll through narrow medieval streets as you experience life in this historic cultural center. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon.

Breakfast & Dinner High 66° Low 47° 2”
Hotel Villa Lecchi

Day 9 Tuscan Countryside
Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by the winery’s own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany’s traditional restaurants.

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner High 66° Low 47° 2”
Hotel Villa Lecchi

Day 10 Tuscany - Bologna - Venice
Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where we take a guided walking tour of the center, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. We’ll also sample local delicacies at specialty food shops. Later, arrive in romantic Venice for your 2-night stay.

Breakfast High 70° Low 55° 2”
Hotel Santa Marina

Day 11 Venice
Enjoy a boat trip*** to Murano Island for a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark’s Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark’s Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge’s Palace. Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner.

Breakfast & Dinner High 70° Low 55° 2”
Hotel Santa Marina

Day 12 Venice - Tour Ends
Wake up in Venice and depart for home.

Breakfast
THINGS TO KNOW

Tour Activity Level

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Travel Tips

- Italy is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.
- Elevation on this tour will not exceed 2400 feet.
- The currency in Italy is the Euro.
- Voltage in Italy is 220V.

Time Zone

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Elevation

The highest elevation encountered on this tour is 1,000 feet/305 meters.

Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug. When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilizing or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

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OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Lake Maggiore Cruise - $74
Surround yourself in the beauty and grandeur found on the lakes of Northern Italy. Cruise along scenic Lago Maggiore passing the Borromean Islands sprinkled throughout this stunning lake.

Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise - $85
Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways.

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