



# Italy Bellissimo Tour

## Awe & Wonder Travel

May 9-20, 2026

If toasting epic Tuscan sunsets, soaking up the sun-kissed sophistication of Italy's most popular cities and olive oil tasting in a real Italian Borgo with new friends sounds like your idea of perfection, this is one of those bellissimo Italy trips that would seduce even the sirens of Capri. Get ready for all your Italian dreams to come true, on this 11-day, 10-night tour of Italy's best.

### What's Included:

- 10 nights in tried and trusted hotels
- 15 meals - 10 breakfasts and 5 dinners (plus options that include additional meals)
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned coach with wi-fi
- An expert Travel Director and professional driver
- Return cruise to the Isle of Capri
- All portage, restaurant gratuities (for included meals), hotel tips, and local taxes
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Fast-track admission to the Vatican Museums
- Entrance tickets to all included sightseeing
- Travel Protection Insurance

### Itinerary:

- **Day 0 (May 9):** Begin your flight to Rome (airfare not included in price but can be added for an additional cost)
- **Day 1 (May 10):** Arrive in Rome. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening for dinner and an evening orientation drive to see the medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches scattered throughout the Eternal City. **Dinner Included.**
- **Day 2 (May 11):** Your captivating journey through Rome begins at the Vatican Museums, where you'll join a Local Specialist to admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his sorrowful Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. See the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum, before spending the afternoon at leisure. Soak up the coffee culture in one of Rome's lively piazzas or discover the masterpieces of Rome in one of the city's many museums. **Breakfast included.**





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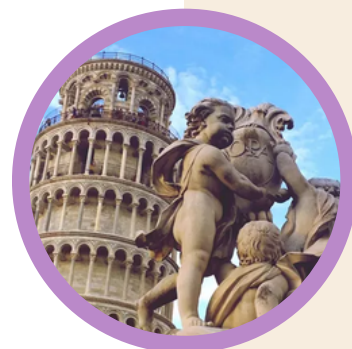
- **Day 3 (May 12):** Our Italy travel itinerary continues south towards the ancient city of Pompeii, which remains frozen in time since it was covered in ash during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius centuries ago. Here, you'll join a Local Specialist who will share insights into the city's tragic history. Cruising across the Bay of Naples next, arrive at the Isle of Capri, where you'll spend the next two nights in picture-perfect surroundings. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 4 (May 13):** Explore the glamor of Capri on a walking tour with a Local Specialist that will include views of the marina. Venture to the heart of the island and the legendary piazzetta, where the locals come to people-watch. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an optional experience to explore the rugged coastline and hidden grottos by private motor launch. Tonight, we dine at our hotel. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 5 (May 14):** Sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to the historic city of Perugia. Here, you'll discover Italy's weaving tradition during an impressive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at our visit to Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti. Explore one of the last remaining traditional wooden frame hand-weaving workshops in the country, before continuing to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi where tonight we stay at one of our hotels that overlooks the old town. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 6 (May 15):** Join a Local Specialist and visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, famous for Giotto's exquisite frescoes and 13th century stained glass windows. Continue north past hilltop medieval villages and through picturesque farming plains towards Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. Enjoy a free evening watching the sunset over the Venetian Lagoon or consider joining an optional experience before retiring at your 19th-century eclectic hotel, once a beloved home-away-from-home for Romantic poet, Robert Browning. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 7 (May 16):** Cruise by private launch to your memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience bringing to life the 13th-century tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Watch the talented master craftsmen use the same techniques that have been passed down through the generations. Next, you'll continue on to St. Mark's Square where you'll view the Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, so named because of the sound prisoners made as they took one last look at their beloved city from the bridge before meeting their fate. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore what was once the haunt of Casanova and Marco Polo, and you'll want to relish every second experiencing life in this enchanting city. **Breakfast included.**





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- **Day 8 (May 17):** Wondering what's next on our Italy trip itinerary? This morning, travel to Pisa and visit its Field of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower before arriving in the spa-resort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany, your home for the next two nights. **Breakfast included.**
- **Day 9 (May 18):** Explore one of the world's most cultural cities today: Florence – the former home of great masters and a testament to the ambitious legacy of the Medici family. Your Local Specialist shares all the sights, including views of the magnificent marble Duomo and Baptistery. Visit Piazza della Signoria, the heart of this flourishing city with its statues and stunning palazzi, then view the Ponte Vecchio. Learn about the quality and artistry of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Later, enjoy some free time to stroll around the city and embrace this Renaissance gem. This evening, you'll enjoy a Be My Guest experience with the Callistri family at their borgo for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 10 (May 19):** Admire the medieval beauty of San Gimignano today, walking to the triangular Piazza della Cisterna, the hub of this historic town. See the extraordinary architecture of this hilltop 'medieval Manhattan', shop for local products or relax with a gelato at a pavement café. This evening, celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with newfound friends at dinner. **Breakfast and dinner included.**
- **Day 11 (May 20):** After breakfast, say a fond farewell to Italy and prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery. **Breakfast included.**
- **Please note:** Because of the nature of this tour, you will be walking at times in areas where you may encounter steps and uneven walking surfaces such as cobblestone streets or ancient sites with missing or uneven sections of flooring. Some days may require up to 4 miles of walking and other days may have you sitting on a bus for several hours. Comfort stops will be made and there is a bathroom on the bus for emergencies. Many days will have fairly early start times and the evening meal times in Italy are often later than what we are accustomed to in the United States. Snacks are recommended.







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### Optional Activities (for an Additional Cost):

- Day 2: Discover Rome's Piazzas and Fountains with a Local Specialist
- Day 4: Explore the cliffs and grottoes of Capri by boat
- Day 6: Cruise by water taxi and gondola through Venice's canals
- Day 7: Explore Venice's lesser-known areas with a Local Specialist
- Day 9: Visit Florence's Academy of Fine Arts to see the 'David' statue
- Several lunch and dinner options are also available



### Approximate Cost & Reservation Details:

- Spots must be reserved by **June 30, 2025**. Applications will be accepted after this date; however, prices may differ at that point.
  - **\$225 nonrefundable deposit** per traveler - Will be applied to total cost \*If paying by credit card, the deposit is **\$232.75** to cover the cost of the card processing fee.
- Cost for all included (as stated above) activities, transportation, accommodations, and meals is **\$4,925** per person (assuming double occupancy) if paying with check or cash. If paying by credit card, an additional **\$165** is required to cover credit card processing fees (**\$5,090** total).
- For those who are traveling solo or would simply like to have their own room, the total cost is **\$5,535** with check or cash or **\$5,720** if paying by card. Solo travelers also have the option of paying the double occupancy price and electing to be placed in a room with another solo traveler of the same sex. Triple occupancy options are available but limited. Please contact me for more information.
- Final payment is due by **March 1, 2026**. Monthly payment options are available. Please contact me for payment plan options.
- You can arrange your own airfare, or airfare can be arranged through the tour company for an additional cost. Please contact me for airfare pricing.

