



Absolute Italy

8 nights / 9 days

Land Only

Small Group - Semi Escorted

April–November 2018

from \$2,099



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Day 1, Friday, Rome: Welcome to Italy! Proceed through passport control, retrieve your luggage & continue through customs to the arrivals hall. Our representative will be holding a sign with your last name and transfer you to the hotel. Upon arrival at the Hotel, present your prepaid voucher. The remainder of the afternoon is on your own. This evening at approximately 6.30pm meet your tour leader and travel companions at the Bar of the hotel for a briefing, followed by a walk to the restaurant for your welcome dinner. Overnight in Rome. **(D)**

Day 2, Saturday, Rome: This morning after breakfast, meet your assistant in the lobby and transfer with the group for your morning tour. Visit will include: The Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and the Baroque quarter. Free time for lunch and to relax. This afternoon continue on your guided visit to the Vatican. Visit will include the Vatican Museum and St. Peters' Basilica. At the end of the tour, return to your hotel. This evening dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome **(B)**

Day 3, Sunday, Rome: After breakfast this morning, enjoy the remainder of the day on your own. Choose from some optional tours. Rome. Overnight in Rome **(B)**.

Day 4, Monday, Rome/Siena/Florence: This morning after breakfast, meet our assistant in the hotel and transfer to Florence by private coach. The drive itself is a magnificent path along the roads of Tuscany, where it is possible to enjoy the view of hills covered by vineyards, olives tree, small villages and original bell towers.

En-route we will stop in Siena, probably Italy's loveliest medieval city. The town offers magnificent masterpieces and incredible views. Upon arrival, enjoy an original Tuscan "farmer lunch" with wine tasting, cheeses and salami. After lunch, free time to explore the city. Then continue to a vineyard in Chianti for a wine tasting before arriving in Florence. This evening dinner on your own, Overnight in Florence **(B, L)**.

Day 5, Tuesday, Florence: This morning after breakfast, we begin with a visit of Florence from the unknown and most picturesque sides of the city: visit the fresh market of San Lorenzo where it is possible to find the food arriving fresh everyday from the Tuscan Countryside. It will be a great opportunity to taste many varieties of cheese, fruits, vegetable and breads. After some free time for lunch, meet your guide in the hotel lobby to explore the heart of the town. Lorenzo de Medici transformed Florence into the cradle of the Renaissance by attracting the best artists, architects and writers of the time such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli to whom he commissioned various works. Visit will include: Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio (from outside), the Dome with Giotto's bell tower (from outside) and Ponte Vecchio. Finally, visit the Accademia and see the masterpiece of Michelangelo: the statue of David. Overnight in Florence **(B)**.

Day 6, Wednesday, Florence: Today after breakfast enjoy your day at leisure. To explore this art renaissance city of Florence or perhaps take an excursion to visit the Leaning tower of Pisa or Lucca or Cinqueterre. Please ask our representative for a list of tours before your departure. Overnight in Florence **(B)**

Day 7, Thursday, Venice: **This morning after breakfast continue you will be transferred to the Florence rail station and board the train to Venice.** Enjoy the ride by high-speed train (approximately 2 hours). Upon arrival in Venice you will be transferred to your hotel. The city does not have roads and cars but only boats and canals. It is built on several small islands linked by hundreds of bridges. Check-in at the hotel and time for lunch on your own. This afternoon meet your guide for your city visit of Venice, Includes: Piazza San Marco, the Doge Palace, the Rialto Bridge and the Gran Canal. This evening, meet your assistant for a 45 minutes sunset walk, at the end of the walk, continue to a nice Venetian restaurant for dinner. Overnight in Venice **(B, D)**.

Day 8, Friday, Venice: This morning after breakfast, explore on your own. Overnight in Venice **(B)**

Day 9, Saturday, Venice: Arrivederci! This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to Venice Marco Polo Airport for your return flight home. **(B)**



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Guaranteed Departures on Selected Fridays 2018

- * Roundtrip airport transfers
- * 8 nights' accommodations at 4* hotels (3 in Rome, 3 in Florence, 2 in Venice)
- * Daily breakfast, 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 wine tasting
- * Motor coach & train transportation
- * Visit of Vatican, Entrance Fee included
- * Visit of the heart of Rome
- * Morning Walking Tour of Florence & Food Discovery
- * Afternoon Walking Tour of Florence with the Academia
- * Walking Tour of Classic Venice
- * Sunset Walking Tour of Venice
- * Transfer From Hotel in Florence to Florence Railway Station
- * High Speed Train From Florence to Venice*
- * Transfer From Venice Railway Station to Hotel In Venice
- * Luggage Handling in railway stations
- * VAT taxes
- * Document Holder
- * Meals: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner

All rates are per person in U.S. Dollars

		Double	Single	Triple
April	13,27	\$2,379	\$3,649	\$2,149
May	04,18	\$2,749	\$4,209	\$2,519
June	01,15,29	\$2,749	\$4,209	\$2,519
July	13,27	\$2,439	\$3,729	\$2,279
August	10,24	\$2,439	\$3,729	\$2,279
September	07,21	\$2,749	\$4,209	\$2,519
October	05,19	\$2,749	\$4,209	\$2,519
November	02,16	\$2,249	\$3,289	\$2,099

NOTE: City taxes to be paid locally at the end of your stay up to Euro 6,00 per person per night, in Rome 5* Hotels Euro 7,00.

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