

Jewels of Italy October 2016 – April 2017

from \$1250 pp dbl Land Only

Enjoy all the Jewels of Italy on this adventure of a lifetime. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour from the Vatican City to glorious Ancient Rome to view the Forum and mighty Colosseum. Push the Leaning Tower of Pisa over in a photo to send home to the family, stand on Juliet's balcony in Verona and watch Venetian craftsmen at work at a glass-blowing workshop in Venice.



1.

ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Rome. After check-in, relax and unwind. Later meet with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. This evening consider a stroll around this fascinating ancient city and mingle with the locals in beautiful squares with stunning architecture.

Hotel

Ergife Palace

• 2.

ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour with a visit to the Vatican City. Visit the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica to view Michelangelo's statue, the Pietà. Don't miss the opportunity to join an Optional Experience to visit inside the famous Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. View the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites of Rome. Afterwards enjoy free time to take in the sights or join an Optional Experience explore the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Please note: Due to religious celebrations throughout the Holy Year of Mercy the Rome included sightseeing may be modified.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast



• 3.

ROME – PISA – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)

Today head north to Pisa. Visit the Square of Miracles featuring the Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery. There is time to shop for souvenirs and take pictures. Later arrive at your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel

Villa Stanley



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FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy to equal that of Florence. Your Local Specialist gives a superb commentary of the city's history during your walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistery, Cathedral of Santa Maria dei Fiori, the impressive Giotto's Bell Tower and a visit to Piazza della Signoria. Experience a demonstration of fine leatherwork with time to explore on your own. Shop for high quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery for which Florence is renowned and don't forget to try the gelato. Later enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner



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FLORENCE – VERONA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS)

Your journey continues north across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held regularly each year and walk to see Juliet's balcony. Head east to the magical, romantic city of Venice.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel

Antony



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VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Your day starts with a cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in the heart of Venice. Admire the Bridge of Sighs, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialities at a glassblowing workshop on

Giudecca Island. Spend free time afterwards exploring this fascinating city or perhaps take a cruise across the lagoon to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast



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DEPART VENICE

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable holiday. Transfers are available to Venice Marco Polo Airport. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

What's Always Included

Sightseeing Highlights

- **Rome**

Sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist includes a visit to St. Peter's Basilica plus views the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites

- **Pisa**

- Visit the Square of Miracles to view the Leaning Tower
- **Florence**

Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes views of the Cathedral and Piazza della Signoria

- **Verona**

View the Roman Arena and Juliet's balcony

- **Venice**

Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square. Visit a traditional glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island

Dining

- **6 buffet breakfasts**
- **2 three course dinners**

Travel Highlights

- Luxury air-conditioned coach
- Hand-picked 3 and 4 star accommodation
- All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- Variety of Optional Experiences
- An expert Travel Director and separate driver
- Airport transfers are provided on the first and last travel day.
- Audio Headsets Provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences

Airport Transfers

Specific transfer information can be found on [the airport transfers page](#)

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