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WONDERS  
OF ITALY

# TRAFALGAR

## Wonders of Italy

### Your itinerary



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

🏠 Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location

🚆 Train


🚢 Ferry

Day 1

## Buongiorno Rome

Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiques and hearty flavours crafted by Italian mamas over centuries. Enjoy a leisurely first encounter with the 'Eternal City' before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive to see the bustling cityscape.

 **Hotel** - Il Cantico

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

Day 2

## Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City

Dive Into Culture on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the works of great masters – the Bramante Staircase, magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and the sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, we pay tribute to the brave gladiators who fought for supremacy at the Colosseum during our included visit. We'll see the Circus Maximus where chariots thundered to the applause of thousands before a free afternoon.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 3

## Journey to Lucca

We travel north to Lucca for a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro built on the site of an ancient Roman arena. Relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views in your free time.

 **Hotel** - Best Western Grand Guinigi

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 4

## Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa

A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre UNESCO World Heritage Site, which we will have an opportunity to explore today on our included excursion. Join a Local Specialist and delve into daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Stop in Pisa and visit its UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

## Onwards to San Gimignano and Florence

The gentle Tuscan landscape gives way to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers, which stand today as a testament to the wealth and power of aristocratic families who lived here centuries ago. We Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience in a beautiful family owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills. You will join the Lenzi family for lunch and wine and olive oil tasting on their farm located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence. Later arrive in Florence for an evening at leisure.

 **Hotel** - Grand Mediterraneo

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 6

## Uncover the Treasures of Florence

Discover Renaissance treasures, extraordinary art and exquisite architecture in one of the cultural capitals of the world. We join a Local Specialist who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. Walk along narrow lanes into expansive piazzas, viewing the magnificent marble Duomo and a replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. View the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old, and admire spectacular panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo. You'll also learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of

Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Visit the masterpieces of Michelangelo, wander through the architectural wonder of Palazzo Pitti or shop for high-quality leather and gold.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 7

## Admire Verona and on to Venice

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today during our jaunt to the romantic city of Verona where we will view Juliet's Balcony and the 1st-century Roman arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. We venture to Venice next, spending the rest of the afternoon exploring the city's labyrinthine canals on our own in search of hidden treasures. Wander along the Grand Canal, watch the sun set over the Venetian lagoon Square or join an Optional Experience.

 **Hotel** - Le Boulevard Lido

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 8

## Discover the Floating City

On this morning's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER@ Experience, we'll Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing that has been passed down from generation to generation. You may wish to buy a souvenir to remind you of the talent and skill of the master craftsmen who delight in sharing with visitors how they're preserving this local craft. You'll see St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs next, imagining how prisoners felt when they gazed over Venice for the very last time before being imprisoned. Cruise by private launch to see the city's most iconic attractions before enjoying free time to explore the city on your terms. Wander through the labyrinthine alleys, over ornate bridges and into quiet campi as you indulge your inner explorer and get lost in this enchanting city on water.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 9

## Off to Bologna and Assisi

Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, stopping en route in the city of Bologna to view its Kissing Towers that lean towards one another, seemingly poised to embrace. We continue to our hotel in Assisi, where we'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery.

 **Hotel** - Cenacolo

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10

## All Roads Lead to Tivoli and Rome

Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join our Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, renowned for its beautiful frescoes depicting the life of this beloved saint. We continue to Tivoli for a guided visit with a Local Specialist of the UNESCO-listed terraced hillside Renaissance gardens of Villa d'Este. Wander past bubbling fountains, manicured hedges and ornate statues as you soak up the tranquil atmosphere of this historic hill town. This evening we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director.

 **Hotel** - Barceló Aran Mantegna

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 11

## Farewell Rome

It's time to say a *fond arrivederci* to Italy and our newfound friends after a memorable journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers).

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

## All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

#### Piazzas and Fountains of Rome

Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City.

Adult Price: **€33.00\***

\* The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.

### AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

#### Roman Evening with Dinner

Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, we'll arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

Adult Price: **€62.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

#### Dinner, Wine And Music In The Tuscan Hills

We drive through the Tuscan countryside to a charming family-run winery and olive oil farm, where regional favourites are served accompanied by a selection of local wines and music. A truly unforgettable experience, with an atmosphere that is the essence of all things Tuscan.

Adult Price: **€64.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

#### Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli

Through the Chianti hills, we'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellar, we'll enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

Adult Price: **€68.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

#### Discover Palazzo Vecchio

Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici dynasty. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello.

Adult Price: **€42.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

#### Gondolas and the Grand Canal

Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, as well as catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

Adult Price: **€76.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

#### Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks

Join us as we discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You will enjoy a delicious meal with a selection of drinks on the fishermen's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a real photographer's paradise.

Adult Price: **€72.00\***

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### AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

#### Secret Venice and the Doge's Palace

Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. We'll also visit the Doge's Palace and its elegant courtyards, which were home to the rulers of the Venetian republic.

Adult Price: **€52.00\***

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