

TREASURES OF ITALY TOUR 11 DAY



Day 1	Transatlantic
Day 2	Naples / Pompeii / Herculaneum
Day 3	Rome / Coliseum / Forum
Day 4	Rome / Vatican Museum / Sistine Chapel / St. Peters
Day 5	Siena / Piazza del Campo / Pisa / Leaning Tower / Florence
Day 6	Uffizi Gallery / Santa Croce Church / Florence
Day 7	Florence / David / Venice
Day 8	Venice City Tour / Basilica / Doges Palace / Murano Glass Factory
Day 9	Free Day Venice
Day 10	Venice / Juliet's Balcony / Verona / Milano City Tour
Day 11	Last Supper / Milano
Day 12	Milano / USA

*There are more museums and art galleries and significantly adorned churches in Italy than in any other place in the world.*

*Revel in artistic genius and beauty as you stroll past countless world treasures. Enjoy the culture and character of everyone's favorite European country.*

ITINERARY

**Day 1 Monday**

**Departure / Transatlantic**

We depart on our flight to Rome.

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TRANSATLANTIC

**Day 2 Tuesday**

**Naples**

Arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Airport. We will be met and assisted by an International Christian Journeys or Journeys In The Arts representative and begin our journey south to Pompeii and Herculaneum for a visit to the first century volcano enveloped cities before checking into our hotel in Napoli..

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT NAPLES

**Day 3 Wednesday**

**Rome**

This morning we visit Naples' Museo Archeologico which contains a large collection of Roman artifacts from Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum. We then travel to Rome where later in this full day, we find ourselves on the site of the ancient capital of the Roman Empire. We visit the Colosseum, the sight of sport and gladiatorial combat. We visit the Roman Forum where toga-clad Senators deliberated and Roman legions once marched celebrating their conquests and Vestal Virgins kept their fire burning. We check into our hotel.



DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ROME

**Day 4****Rome**

This morning, we visit the Vatican Museums where treasure abounds and the Sistine Chapel, where we see the world famous ceiling painted by Michelangelo as well as his mural, The Last Judgment. Continuing we step into vast St. Peter's Square and enter the Basilica. The afternoon is free to wander the ancient city. Perhaps select a restaurant to enjoy this evening before making your way back to your hotel.

**OVERNIGHT ROME****Day 5 Friday****Seina / Pisa / Florence**

After breakfast, we board our motorcoach and travel north to the picturesque hill town and the Piazza del Campo, famous for its two traditional annual medieval horse races called the Palio di Siena. In the afternoon we journey to Pisa, home of one of the most recognizable structures in the world, the Leaning Tower. Visit the Baptistery and Duomo as well before traveling the relatively short distance to your hotel in Florence for overnight

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT FLORENCE****Day 6 Saturday****Florence**

Florence abounds with art and culture. This morning we have entrances to the Uffizi Gallery which should occupy the entire morning. In the afternoon you can visit the Santa Croce Church where lie the remains of Galileo, Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and Giacomo Rossini. Later in the day, visit the famous old Ponte Vecchio, the renowned bridge across the Arno River. It is laden with jewelry shops containing many beautifully designed artistic pieces. Afterwards, toward evening, enjoy culinary delight and artistry on your own in an authentic Florence restaurant.

**OVERNIGHT FLORENCE****Day 7 Sunday****Florence / Venice**

This morning, your walking tour with a local guide features a visit to the Academia to see Michelangelo's David, the Duomo, and Giotto's Bell Tower. In afternoon, we leave for the "floating" city of Venice with its unusual charm, romance and history. With great anticipation, you check into your hotel in Venice or Mestre.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT VENICE OR MESTRE****Day 8 Monday****Venice**

We travel to St. Mark's Square via water taxi to meet our city guide who will tell us of the wonders and history of Venice. We wander through the main square visiting the Basilica and the Doges' Palace and trek through the numerous narrow lanes and canal walkways that adjoin the square. We also visit the Murano glass factory for a demonstration of the famous art.

**Dinner and OVERNIGHT VENICE OR MESTRE****Day 9 Tuesday****Venice**

Today, after breakfast, is a free day to enjoy the pleasures and atmosphere of the city of 117 small islands. Luigi Barzini, writing in *The New York Times*, described it as "undoubtedly the most beautiful city built by man". Venice has also been described by the *Times Online* as

being one of Europe's most romantic cities. Toward evening the square is filled with music and, of course, the ever present pigeons. Enjoy dinner on your own while enjoying the ambiance that Venice offers.

**OVERNIGHT VENICE OR MESTRE**

**Day 10 Wednesday**

**Venice / Verona / Milan**

Today, we leave the east coast of Italy and travel to Milan via Verona. In Verona our city guide will show us Juliet's balcony and the Roman Coliseum where grand scale opera holds forth. We continue to Milan for the afternoon for a tour with a city guide. The Castello Sforzesco and Duomo.

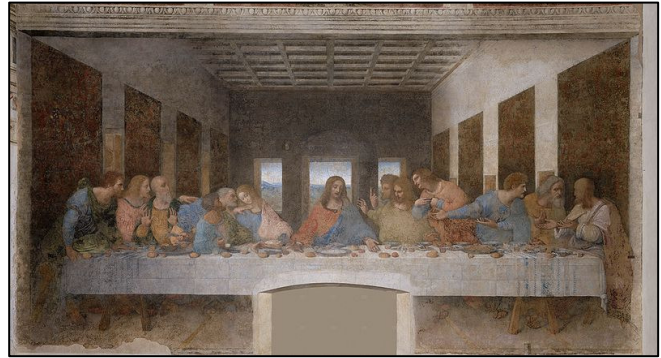
**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT MILAN**

**Day 10 Wednesday**

**Milan**

Today is our last day and our chance to see Da Vinci's Last Supper, if possible. Afterwards, there is time for enjoyment of Milano with shopping in the Galleria or perhaps a visit to the La Scala Opera Museum next door to the world's most famous opera house.

**DINNER AND OVERNIGHT MILAN**



**Day 11 Thursday**

**Venice / USA**

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. Your homebound flight from Venice arrives the same day.

**INCCLUDED:**

1. Flight on regularly scheduled flight from USA to Rome with return from Milan.
2. Lodging double occupancy in first class hotels in Italy.
3. Breakfast daily and seven dinners.
4. Touring coach and English-speaking, government-licensed guide on sightseeing days.
5. Entrances to sites listed in itinerary.
6. Transfers and additional sightseeing per itinerary based on the time allowed.
7. Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person on arrival and departure from each hotel.
8. Emergency medical insurance for the whole group.
9. Local government hotel taxes at prevailing rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Government taxes on airline tickets, airport taxes and fuel charges.  
Tips and gratuities to drivers, guides or headwaiters. Approximately \$12.00 per day.  
Meals other than those specifically mentioned  
Personal spending money for drinks, souvenirs, laundry, etc.  
Transfers to or from originating airport and passenger's home or organization.

Travel insurance except for the emergency medical insurance mentioned above.  
Cost of obtaining passports, visas, handling fees, excess baggage and forwarding of  
baggage, entrance fees not mentioned, optional tours, transportation from cities other than  
the originating airport and vice versa, tips for personal favors, and costs resulting from  
absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not mentioned as being included.