

14-Day Italian Lakes, Venice, Florence, Rome, Amalfi Coast Italy Tour Package

This 14-Day escorted Italy tour visits the Italian Lakes region, Venice, Florence, Rome and the Amalfi Coast. This guided tour of Italy includes Italy's most beautiful areas from the north to the south. This comprehensive all-inclusive Italy vacation package is perfect for the Italy traveler who wants to travel through Italy in one affordable trip. The tour itinerary includes Italy's important cities including Venice, Florence, and Rome.

In the Italian Lakes region Monday, Thursday and Saturday departures stay in Como. There is an included excursion by boat across Lake Como to Bellagio.

The Friday departure stays on Lake Maggiore. There is an included excursion by boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori.

The Majestic Alps are the perfect backdrop to inspiring relaxation. On the way to Venice enjoy an excursion to Verona, a beautiful northern Italian town full of ancient Roman artifacts.

The tour ends in the southern Italy. The Monday, Thursday and Friday departures stay in the resort town Sorrento. The Saturday departures stay in Naples. In Southern Italy you'll visit the stunningly beautiful areas along the Amalfi Coast that leave all Italy travelers breathless. There is also an optional tour to Capri.

Tour Highlights:

- Mon/Thur/Sat departures Lake Como excursion to Bellagio
- Friday departures Lake Maggiore excursion to Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori
- Excursion to Verona
- Doge's Palace, Venice
- Wine tasting with local specialties at Tuscan countryside farm
- Excursion to Pisa
- Michelangelo's David, Florence
- Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi
- Forum & Colosseum, Rome
- Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel, Rome
- Visit to the excavations at Pompeii
- Drive down the lovely Amalfi Coast

Tour Inclusions:

- 12 nights 4-star accommodations with all taxes included.
- Italian city hotel taxes
- 19 meals: 12 buffet breakfasts, 7 dinners with wine

- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Wine & mineral water with all dinners
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Accommodations:

(Note: Although not likely, accommodations are always subject to change for equal quality)

Monday Departures

Hotel Metropole Suisse, Como

This first class hotel is located in the center of town, on the waterfront piazza.

Hotel Villa Mabapa, Venice Lido

This first class hotel is on Venice Lido island and overlooks the Venice Lagoon.

Grand Hotel Adriatico, Florence

This modern and elegant first class hotel is located in the historical center of Florence near to the Duomo and to all the most important monuments of Florence.

Mediterraneo, Rome

This first class hotel is located in the historic center of Rome atop the Esquilino, the highest of Rome's seven hills.

Grand Hotel Vesuvio, Sorrento

This first class hotel overlooks the Bay of Naples.

Thursday Departures

Barchetta Excelsior, Como

This first class hotel is situated on the central square, overlooking Lake Como.

Bellini Hotel, Venice

This first class hotel is located at the foot of the Scalzi Bridge directly on the Grand Canal in the heart of Venice.

Grand Hotel Principe, Venice

This first class hotel is a prestigious ancient palace situated on the Grand Canal, just after the Scalzi Bridge.

Hotel Gabrielli, Venice

This first class hotel is located in the heart of Venice on the largest sea promenade, a few minutes from St Mark's Square.

San Gallo Palace, Florence

This first class hotel is situated nearby the Piazza della Libertà.

Starhotels Michelangelo, Rome

This first class hotel is located in the city center, just a short walk from St. Peter's Square.

Towers Hotel Stabiae Sorrento Coast, Sorrento

This first class hotel is located between Sorrento and Pompeii, on the beach of the Gulf of Naples.

Hotel Carlton International, Sorrento

This first class hotel is located in the center of Sorrento.

Friday Departures

Grand Hotel Bristol, Baveno

This first class hotel is nestled in a garden and overlooks the beautiful Lake Maggiore.

Hotel Simplon, Baveno

This first class hotel is located in the town of Baveno.

Grand Hotel Principe, Venice

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Starhotel Michelangelo, Florence

This first class hotel is located in the center of Florence, near the Arno River.

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Grand Hotel Palatino, Rome

This first class hotel is located in the heart of ancient Rome, just a short walk from the Colosseum.

The Hive Hotel, Rome

This first class hotel is about a five minute walk from the Roma Termini railway station.

Hotel Central, Sorrento

This first class hotel is well-located near the city center, overlooking the Bay of Naples.

Saturday Departures

Barchetta Excelsior, Como

This first class hotel is situated on the central square, overlooking Lake Como.

NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venice

This first class hotel is situated in Venice's Dorsoduro district.

Hotel Diplomat, Florence

This first class hotel sits within walking distance of Florence's main shopping center and the Exhibition Halls.

The Hive Hotel, Rome

This first class hotel is about a five minute walk from the Roma Termini railway station.

NH Napoli Panorama, Naples

This first class hotel is located in the historic center of Naples.

Daily Itinerary

DAY 1 – Depart USA

Depart the USA for Italy. Your flight includes meals, drinks, and in-flight entertainment for your journey.

DAY 2 – Arrive in Milan, Transfer to Como (Mon/Thur/Sat Departures) or Baveno (Friday Departures)

Arrive in Milan and transfer to your hotel in the Italian Lakes region either in Como on Lake Como or Baveno on Lake Maggiore. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your tour escort, followed by a welcome dinner to celebrate the start to your Italy Tour Package to Italian Lakes Lake Maggiore or Lake Como, Venice, Florence, Rome, and Amalfi Coast.

Overnight: Como (Mon/Thur/Sat Departures) or Baveno (Friday Departures)

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3 (Monday, Thursday, Saturday Departures) – Lake Como Cruise to Bellagio

Today, cruise the scenic waters of Lake Como to the quiet village of Bellagio. With the Italian Alps in view to the north, enjoy time at leisure to saunter the slender streets and alleyways, lined with craft shops, villas, boutiques and cafés. This afternoon, sail back to Como and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Como

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 (Friday Departures) – Lake Maggiore Cruise to Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori

Today, cruise Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, visit the palace of Prince Borromeo, and its splendid gardens with the famous white peacocks. Continue to the charming fishermen's island (Isola dei Pescatori) that gets its name from the occupation of its inhabitants. Walk along the windy medieval streets and marvel at the incredible views of the lake. Sail back to Baveno with time to experience the delights of this lakeside town with its spectacular mountain views.

Overnight: Baveno

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 – Verona Walking Tour, Travel to Venice

After breakfast, we set out for Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the richest cities in Roman remains. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city followed by free time to savor the atmosphere here. Continue to Venice.

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 – Venice City Tour

Today your Italy Tour Package Lake Como Venice Florence Rome Amalfi Coast begins in Venice with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known throughout the world for its fine glasswork industry. Then, visit St. Mark's Square to begin a guided walking tour of romantic Venice. View the Golden Basilica of San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs and visit the Doge's Palace, whose facade features a massive late-Gothic gate, known as the Porta della Carta. Take the remainder of the day to explore Venice on your own.

Optional: Gondola Ride with Music (PM)

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 – Pisa Sightseeing En Route to Florence

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Pisa. On arrival, view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, the Baptistery, the Duomo, and the Monumental Cemetery.

The four monuments of this extraordinary piazza make for a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. En route to Florence, visit a local Tuscan farm in the countryside for a wine tasting with local specialties. Evening at leisure

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 – Florence City Tour

Today's morning tour begins with a visit to the Accademia of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's David is housed. Walk to the Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistery's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. Continue to explore the open air art museum of Signoria Square ending at Ponte Vecchio, known as the "Old Bridge." Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Florence. This evening, dine at an authentic Tuscan restaurant in the countryside

(Optional Uffizi Gallery Tour PM, \$65): **available for purchase in Italy from your tour escort. Florence and the fine arts are synonymous. This guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery provides insight to the history of the structure and its collections. Originally the private collection of the Medici family, the palazzo was opened to the public in 1765. Your tour highlights exceptional examples of Florentine painting with an aim to help you better understand the works of masters including Giotto, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. Following the tour, enjoy a refreshment break and complimentary beverage at the museum's cafe, which features a breathtaking view of the city. Tour participation guarantees immediate entry to the Gallery, with no lengthy waits in oftentimes two-three hour queues. ** Important: Please note that the Museum has a limited maximum capacity and therefore reserves the right to restrict admission. In this case we may not be able to offer the tour. Price is based on minimum number of passengers.

Overnight: Florence

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8 – Sun Route Via Assisi to Rome

Today travel along the famous "Sun Route" motorway to the medieval city of Assisi, renowned for its 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis and Giotto's frescoes. Continue to your hotel in Rome

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 – Tour Ancient Rome

This morning, a historic tour of "ancient Rome" takes you to the Roman Forum, the political center during the Roman Republic, the triumphal Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus and the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire. Afternoon at leisure

Optional: Piazzas of Rome (PM)

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 – Vatican Museum & Sistine Chapel

Today begins with the visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Stroll through St. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade, to visit St. Peter's Basilica, where you will view Michelangelo's Pietà. This highly-finished marble sculpture depicts the body of Jesus in the arms of Mary after the Crucifixion and is considered to be among the most compelling of all works of art in the Western world. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight, dine in a typical Roman restaurant with wine and music, then enjoy an illuminated tour of the city

Overnight: Rome

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 – Pompeii Tour (Mon/Thurs/Fri Departures) or Naples (Sat Departure)

Drive south, passing by the famous Monte Cassino Abbey, founded by St. Benedict of Norcia in 529. Destroyed on four separate occasions, it was last rebuilt after being the site of fierce fighting during the Second World War. View Mt. Vesuvius in passing the Bay of Naples, before reaching Pompeii. Visit the ruins of this best-preserved Roman city, including the Temples of Apollo and Jupiter, and the Forum. Continue to Sorrento or Naples.

Overnight: Sorrento (Mon/Thurs/Fri Departures) or Naples (Sat Departure)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12 – Full Day in Sorrento or Naples

Today your Italy Tour Package Italian Lakes, Venice, Florence, Rome, Amalfi Coast provides a full day for you to enjoy at leisure in Sorrento or Naples. Strikingly beautiful and picturesque, even by Italian standards, Sorrento and Naples are set along the sea, with stunning escarpments plunging into the Gulf of Naples. Take a walk to see firsthand why this area has long been beloved by poets and artists. Or take a high-speed ferry across the Bay of Naples for an optional tour to Capri.

Optional: Full Day Capri

Overnight: Sorrento or Naples

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13 – Scenic Amalfi Coast Drive

Today, enjoy panoramic view of the enchanting towns along the scenic Amalfi Coast. Pass the distinctive white Moorish homes of Positano on this legendary road overlooking the Mediterranean, to reach the coastal town of Amalfi: a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening return to Sorrento or Naples to enjoy your final night in Italy.

Overnight: Sorrento or Naples

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14 – Depart for the USA

Meals: Breakfast