

## Italian Lakes, Venice, Tuscany, Amalfi Coast Guided Italy Vacation

The Italian Lakes, Venice, Tuscany, Amalfi Coast, Rome Italy tour package is an all-inclusive two-week escorted tour of Italy. This trip to Italy visits four distinctly beautiful regions of Italy: Lombardy, Veneto, Tuscany, and Campania.

The vacation begins in Lombardy either on Lake Maggiore or Lake Como depending on departure day.

After northern Italy's lake region the tour continues to [Venice](#), which is located in Northern Italy's Veneto region. Then the tour then travels through Tuscany where slow travel began, with plenty of time there to slow down. In Tuscany, the Italy tour stays in the SPA town Montecatini. In Tuscany there are included tours in Lucca and [Florence](#). There are also optional tours to the breathtaking [Cinque Terre](#) and Renaissance hill town [Siena](#). After four nights in Tuscany you'll travel to [Southern Italy](#). In Southern Italy depending on tour departure day you may elect to stay in the resort town of Sorrento or the bustling city [Naples](#). There you'll tour Pompeii and the [Amalfi Coast](#). You may also include an optional tour to the Island of Capri.

### Tour Includes:

- 12 nights First Class accommodations
- 19 meals: 12 buffet breakfasts, 6 dinners with wine, 1 Lunch

### Daily Itinerary:

**Note: Order of tours may change depending on departure day and conditions on the ground while traveling.**

#### DAY 1 – Depart the USA

Depart the USA for Italy.

#### DAY 2 – Arrive in Milan

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy an orientation meeting with your tour escort, followed by a welcome dinner

Overnight: Baveno (Lake Maggiore) or Como (Lake Como) depending on departure day.

Meals: Dinner

#### DAY 3 – Italian Lake Tour

Depending on departure day explore Lake Maggiore or Lake Como. Lake Maggiore itinerary includes excursion Isola Bella. Lake Como itinerary includes excursion to Bellagio.

Overnight: Baveno (Lake Maggiore) or Como (Lake Como) depending on departure day.

Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 4 – Verona Walking Tour and Travel to Venice

After breakfast, set out for Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the richest cities in Roman remains, representing today one of the best examples of a fortified city. Its urban structure developed progressively and without interruption over the last 2000 years. Verona is also known worldwide as the setting of Shakespeare's famous play Romeo and Juliet. Participate in an orientation walking tour

followed by free time to savor the atmosphere of this unique city. Continue to Venice and enjoy dinner together

Overnight: Venice

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

#### **DAY 5 – Venice City Tour**

Today begins 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 – Lucca Sightseeing En Route to Montecatini**

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany to Lucca, one of Italy's finest medieval cities. Walk the narrow streets of the original Roman grid to San Michele and its beautiful piazza, which occupies the site of the ancient Roman Forum. Continue to Montecatini.

Overnight: Montecatini

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 7 – Full Day in Montecatini or tour Cinque Terre**

Full Day at leisure to explore Montecatini and its surroundings on your own. Or visit the spectacular Cinque Terre, one of the most beautiful areas of the Liguria region. Here, five small villages are suspended between sea and earth, nestled in the cliffs overlooking the sea, set beside hills where the land's finest wine grapes are grown. Return to Montecatini and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Optional: Full Day Cinque Terre from Montecatini

Overnight: Montecatini

Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 8 – Full Day Montecatini or tour Siena**

Enjoy the morning at leisure in Montecatini, or participate in the optional tour to the lovely medieval city of Siena that sits over three hills. The heart of the city is Il Campo, the huge central plaza where the Roman forum used to be, site of the famous Horse Race of Palio. After a walking tour of the highlights of the city, spend time at leisure before returning to Montecatini. This evening indulge in the Tuscan Atmosphere, its food, and its wines!

Optional: Siena from Montecatini

Overnight: Montecatini

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 9 – Excursion to Florence**

Today, travel to Florence, birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Upon arrival, walk to the impressive Duomo, celebrated for its magnificent dome designed by Brunelleschi, and view the Baptistery's renowned "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti. From here, continue to the open-air museum of Signoria Square, ending at the splendid Ponte Vecchio, also known as the "Old Bridge". Return to Montecatini and enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight: Montecatini  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 10 – Travel to Southern Italy**

Depart Montecatini, driving south to Southern Italy. Along the way, we stop for lunch in the hills of Lazio, a region of central Italy bordered by the Tyrrhenian Sea. Then, it's onto the vibrant region of Campania. In Sorrento you will be welcomed by the spectacular panoramic views and by the sapphire blue waters of the Gulf of Naples.

Overnight: Sorrento  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 11 – Full Day in Sorrento**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Sorrento. Or join an option tour to Capri.

Optional: Capri Tour  
Overnight: Sorrento

### **DAY 12 – Tour of Amalfi Coast**

Today enjoy a drive of the world-famous Amalfi route and admire panoramic views of the enchanting towns along the Mediterranean coast. Pass the distinctive white Moorish homes of Positano on this legendary road to reach the coastal town of Amalfi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Sorrento

Overnight: Sorrento  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 13 – Tour Ends**

The tour ends today with breakfast. When the tour of Italy is booked with air then the airport transfer from Sorrento to Naples airport is included.

Meals: Breakfast

### **Scheduled Accommodations**

Monday departures Italian Lake accommodation located in Baveno on Lake Maggiore.

Saturday departures Italian Lake accommodation located in Como on Lake Como

Please note: Accommodations are always subject to change

### **Monday Departure**

Lake Maggiore: Hotel Simplon or Grand Hotel Bristol

Hotel Simplon is located in Baveno on the shores of Lake Maggiore.

Grand Hotel Bristol is nestled in a garden and overlooks the beautiful Lake Maggiore.

Venice: NH Venezia Rio Novo, Venice, is situated in Venice's Dorsoduro district.

Tuscany: Both hotels located in Montecatini

Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore, Montecatini is located on the main square, close to the Thermal Park.

Grand Hotel Vittoria, Montecatini is located in Montecatini Terme, near Terme Park.

Sorrento: Hotel Michelangelo is situated in the heart of Sorrento.

## **Saturday Departure**

Como: Hotel Metropole Suisse is located in the center of town, on the waterfront piazza.

Venice: Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal is located on the Grand Canal and is just a few minutes from the shopping and historical center.

Montecatini: Grand Hotel Plaza & Locanda Maggiore, is located on the main square close to the Thermal Park.

Sorrento: Grand Hotel Vesuvio overlooks the Bay of Naples. This first class hotel is situated in the heart of Sorrento.

