

7 Day Italian Escape: Rome to Venice

A Globus Tour Presented by Classic Travel & Cruises

Departing

November 3rd or 10th, 2019

Highlights

- Rome: St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum & Amphitheater
- Assisi: The Basilica of St. Francis.
- Florence: Academy of Fine Arts, Statue of David, Giotto's Bell Tower, Sculptures of Signoria Square.
- Pisa: the leaning tower and the spectacular Square of Miracles.
- Venice: St. Mark's Square, Byzantine Basilica, Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs & Venetian Glassblowing.



Rates per person including Air: Double \$1649 roundtrip from Chicago

Included: Roundtrip Airfare from Chicago

First Class Hotels: 6 Nights total; Rome, Florence & Venice

9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 2 Dinners

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Day 1: Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Rome! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and leave the hotel for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Rome

A fascinating day awaits. Your guided sightseeing includes inside visits of the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL where you can marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment. Visit monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA to admire Michelangelo's Pietà. Also, visit the magnificent COLOSSEUM next to the Roman Forum and the Arch of Constantine, and hear about the gladiators who fought here. An optional walking tour with a Local Guide is available to further explore famous sites.

Day 3: Rome-Assisi-Florence

Enjoy a morning break in the majestic medieval hilltop town of Assisi. Visit the massive 13th-century BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS, the hub of a religious order devoted to the ideals of humility, forgiveness, simplicity, and love for all God's creatures. Enter Tuscany and arrive in Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance."

Day 4: Florence

During your walking tour with a Local Guide, visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, home to Michelangelo's celebrated statue of David, admire the magnificent cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Enjoy lunch next to Santa Croce Square with time to shop for Florentine leather goods and jewelry.

Day 5: Florence-Pisa-Venice

This morning, drive to Pisa. In the spectacular Square of Miracles, take the traditional picture pushing back the amazing Leaning Tower. Drive through the wooded Apennine Hills, known as the backbone of Italy, to Venice, a powerful magnet for romantics and art lovers from around the globe.

Day 6: Venice

Take a PRIVATE BOAT to join your Local Guide for a walking tour. Highlights are ST. MARK'S SQUARE, a favorite location for many movies, the byzantine BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE, and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Also, watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER fashion delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Immerse yourself in the wonderful atmosphere of Venice. Wander through the narrow streets, and discover Rialto Bridge. You may wish to take an optional gondola serenade. This evening, a farewell dinner awaits at one of Venice's restaurants to celebrate the success of your Italian Escape.

Day 7: Venice

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Additional days pre tour in Rome and additional days post tour in Venice are available as an option.

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