

Gran Tour of Italy

Amalfi Coast & Puglia



12 nights/13 days
Land Only
Escorted
May -October 2016
\$2,819



ITINERARY

Day 1, Monday, Rome: *Benvenuti!* Upon arrival in Rome Fiumicino Airport, there will be a private transfer to Hotel Ludovisi Palace, or similar in Rome. The remainder of your day is on your own. You can choose from our optional sightseeing tours in Rome.

Day 2, Tuesday, Rome - Siena - Florence: This morning after breakfast, early pick up from your hotel (approximately 7:30 am) and transfer to the meeting point to join the departure point for the group. This morning will travel by bus to Siena. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour of the city with your tour escort. Admire the Dome (outside), the magnificent square known as Il Campo, where twice a year the "Palio" race is run on bareback horses. Late in the afternoon arrive in Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance, known worldwide for its unequalled treasures. A stop is planned at Michelangelo's square for a first photo opportunity. Overnight in Florence **(B)**.

Day 3, Wednesday, Florence: After breakfast enjoy a guided visit of Florence, including the Cathedral (outside), Giotto's Bell Tower (outside), the doors of the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and the Church of Santa Croce, the sanctuary of many famous Italian artists. Continue for lunch at a local restaurant. The afternoon is at your leisure **(B, L)**.

Optional: Excursion to Pisa or Chianti Winery.

Day 4, Thursday, Florence - Venice: After breakfast departure to Venice, the Door of the Orient and the unique city built on the water. Check in at hotel and continue with a guided tour of this unique and romantic city. Strolling through the ancient "calli" (the narrow streets of Venice) you will reach the Rialto Bridge (outside) and St. Mark's Square with the impressive Basilica (outside). The remainder of the evening is on your own. Overnight in Venice **(B)**.

Day 5, Friday, Venice - San Marino: This morning have breakfast and depart for San Marino. Upon arrival check-in, the remainder of the day is on your own to explore this very unique city. This evening dinner and overnight at your hotel **(B, D)**.

Day 6, Saturday, San Marino - Assisi - Rome: This morning breakfast depart for Assisi, a great religious town significant of the life of St. Francis. Visit of the great Basilica with its magnificent paintings by Giotto. After your visit continue to Rome, driving through the splendid Umbria region, the Green Heart of Italy. Arrival in Rome in the late afternoon, you will have some time to relax before dinner. This evening enjoy a special dinner in a typical Roman restaurant. Overnight at hotel nearby Rome Airport **(B, D)**.

Day 7, Sunday, Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento: After breakfast, departure to the Sorrentine Peninsula, visit of the cameo factory before arriving in Pompeii where you will have time for lunch on your own. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the archaeological excavations of this ancient Roman city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD and rediscovered at the end of the 16th century. Then proceed to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight **(B, D)**.

Day 8, Monday, Sorrento - Capri - Sorrento: After breakfast, transfer to the harbour and cross to the Isle of Capri, famous since Roman times and favourite vacation spot of the Emperor Tiberius. Arrive at the port of Marina Grande take the funicular up to La Piazzetta. You will have some leisure time to explore this island on your own. Return to Sorrento where you'll enjoy their famous liquor Limoncello. This evening, dinner at your hotel and overnight **(B, T, D)**.

Day 9, Tuesday, Sorrento - Matera - Alberobello: This morning after breakfast transfer to Apulia, on the east coast of Italy. En-route stop in Matera, visit of the famous "Sassi", one of the most impressive sites in UNESCO World Heritage list and the location of the filming of Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ". After the visit, continue to Alberobello. Apulia is famous for its great food and it is considered the granary of the Country. Dinner will be served at the hotel and overnight **(B, D)**.

Day 10, Wednesday, Alberobello - Lecce - Ostuni - Locorotondo - Alberobello: After breakfast depart to Lecce that presents an architectural feast. An ancient settlement of the Messapii tribes, it is the principal Baroque city of Apulia. This morning our local guide will bring this and more to light. After lunch on your own, you'll move on to Ostuni, the White City, perched on a hill overlooking the Adriatic Sea and inhabited at least since 1000 BC by native peoples. Then proceed to Locorotondo, with its labyrinthine round city centre made of white alleys. Back to hotel, dinner and overnight **(B, D)**.

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Day 11, Thursday, Alberobello - Martina Franca - Amalfi Coast: After breakfast, depart for an excursion to Alberobello, a village of one thousand fairytale-like "Trulli", round white houses with tall conical roofs. Your tour leader will explain their mysterious origins and why people continue to build them. Proceed to a farm near Alberobello for a tasting of their excellent "Primitivo" wine (with light lunch) and a visit to the Wine Museum. Then visit of Martina Franca and its beautiful old city centre. In the afternoon proceed to Amalfi Coast via the magnificent and breathtaking Amalfi Drive. Dinner and overnight **(B, L, T, D)**.

Day 12, Friday, Amalfi - Rome: After Breakfast at your hotel depart to Rome. The remainder of the day is on your own. You can choose from our optional afternoon or evening sightseeing tours. Overnight in Rome **(B)**.

Day 13, Saturday, Rome: Arrivederci! This morning enjoy your last buffet breakfast before your morning transfer to the Rome Airport **(B)**.

Departures on selected Monday, May – October 2016:

- * 12 nights 4* Hotels: 2 in Rome, 2 in Florence, 1 in Venice, 1 in San Marino, 1 in Rome Airport, 2 in Sorrento, 2 in Alberobello & 1 Amalfi
- * Round trip Airport transfers
- * One way transfer in Rome
- * Hydrofoil to Capri R/T
- * Breakfast Daily, 6 dinners and 1 lunch (drinks not included), 1 Limoncello Tasting, 1 Wine Tasting
- * Ground transportation in deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional tour escort throughout
- * Local tour guides
- * Sightseeing tours and admission fees as per itinerary
- * Hotel service charges and VAT taxes
- * Document Holder
- * Meals (Legend: B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner, T= Tasting)

All rates are per person in U.S. Dollars.

Double \$2,949 Single \$3,849 Triple \$2,819

May	23
June	20
July	18
August	29
September	12
October	03

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NOTE: City taxes to be paid locally at the end Of your stay up to Euro 6,00 per person per night, in Rome 5* Hotels Euro 7,00.