

## 8D7N Italian Intermezzo

Price per person  
from  
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## Tour Description

Travel from the shores of Venice to the ancient city of Rome on this 8-day guided tour of Italy. Begin your journey in the Italian Lake District, where a feast complete with decadent Italian wines awaits you on the shores of Lake Maggiore. In Venice, relax on a private boat as you pass by its iconic floating houses to St. Mark's Square, where you will see a gilded basilica anchoring the bustling piazza. Later, take a traditional gondola ride and sail through the canals as your Italian gondolier serenades you with songs. See the legendary Colosseum in Rome, then travel to the Vatican Museums, where a Local Expert will lead you through the papal art collection and to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Dine with your fellow travellers to celebrate a fantastic trip through Italy.

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 :- Italian Lakes

Welcome to Italy. Greet your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport. Later, join your Travel Director and head to an elegant restaurant known for serving delicious fresh produce. Your Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening.

Dinner

### Day 2 :- Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic

Journey through the beautiful Italian lake district, past Lakes Iseo and Garda to the floating city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your hotel offers authentic Venetian charm, as it reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes?

Breakfast

### Day 3 :- Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, sailing past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish or join an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialties with wine included.

Breakfast

### Day 4 :- Tranquil Tuscany, Pisa and Florence

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica and indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines.

Dinner Breakfast

### Day 5 :- Free Time in Renaissance Florence

Learn the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work. The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax and soak up the atmosphere in one of the many street cafés. Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. Choose to take an excursion to Tuscany's most famous hill-top town, San Gimignano. Soak up the atmosphere of this ancient gem which has remained intact since the 14th century and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the evening, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine served with local wine, including of course, Chianti from the vineyards of Tuscany.

Breakfast

### Day 6 :- Chianti Country to Orvieto and on to Rome

Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. Join an optional experience, Piazzas & Fountains. With your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-Century fountains and beautiful Piazzas. In the evening, why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city?

Breakfast

### Day 7 :- Rome Sightseeing and the Vatican

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City with your Local Expert. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. Enjoy fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece on its ceiling. Dine on Lazio's culinary specialties at Ristorante Di Rienzo, located beside the Pantheon, an architectural masterpiece and symbol of Italy.

Dinner Breakfast

### Day 8 :- Arrivederci Roma

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport.

Breakfast

## What's included

Destination	<a href="#">Italy</a>
Departure Location	Italian Lakes
Return Location	Rome

**Price includes**

- Personal headsets. You can explore while listening to your guide
- Knowledgeable Local Experts
- Expert Travel Directors providing an elevated service
- Highly skilled coach drivers
- Accommodation

**Price does not include**

- International air ticket
- Others not mentioned