

Italy

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MAY 21 – 30, 2022
+ 3 DAY EXTENSION OPTION



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FOODIES

Experience the organic and authentic cuisines of Bologna and Florence.

WINE CONNOISSEURS

Sip and savor some of the best wine in the world in the Tuscan Region.

HISTORIANS

Visit, learn and touch real living history in Murano, Rome and Vatican City.



A Message

When I tell you that I am ready to go, I mean, I AM READY TO GO!

Travel Family,
Covid has been difficult for a lot of people; with the isolation, the lack of mobility and the absence of the human touch or even a passing smile that has now been covered by masks. It has been hard. I pray that everyone and their families have remained safe during this time.

I'll be honest, for a while I had stopped allowing myself to dream of far away places because every time I did, there was another set-back to my dream of buying that ticket and flying off somewhere new. Although nothing is certain, I feel more comfortable in bringing you our next little escape. I don't know about you, but I really need this. I need it like I need air and I'm so excited to be sharing this adventure with you. For so many reasons, it's one of my most favorite places on earth. Let's go to Italy!



From Sonya

Get ready for an experience for all of your senses! This exciting journey will tickle your taste-buds, awaken your child-like curiosity and set fire to your soul. We're visiting one of the most beloved destinations in the world, and if you've ever been there, you know why... Italy, here we come!

MAIN TRIP:

- VENICE & MURANO
- BOLOGNA
- FLORENCE
- PERUGIA
- ROME

3-DAY OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

- SORRENTO
- POMPEII
- CAPRI + ANA CAPRI (OPTIONAL)

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From Venice to Rome;
an adventure you'll
never forget.

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3-DAY EXTENSION

Extend your trip and
discover the unforgettable
beauty of Sorrento; one of
Italy's most beautiful
coastlines.

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We're Family So...

Some of us will be traveling solo, others have roommates. We'll be together on several tours, so it's important that you always let someone know if you'll be going off on your own or if you can't make an excursion. I consider everyone extended family so I expect that we look out for each other. I'll need everyone's help keeping us together during tours so that we can keep them running on time! When we need to be together, please respect the group's time by being ON TIME and ready to go!

HOTELS

VENICE

Hotel Giorgione Venice



PERUGIA

Sangallo Palace Hotel



FLORENCE

The Palazzo Castri



ROME

Hotel Dei Borgia



FLIGHTS

LH 415	21MAY	Washington / Munich	10:20p / 12:30pm +1
LH9458	22MAY	Munich / Venice	3:20pm / 4:20p
LH 231	30MAY	Rome / Frankfurt	10:10a / 12:05p
LH 418	30MAY	Frankfurt / Washington (IAD)	1:10p / 4:00p

*Airlines may change flight schedules at any time without prior notice, even after flights have been confirmed.

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DAY 1 Depart USA

Depart Washington on your overnight flight for Venice, Italy

DAY 2 Venice

Hotel Giorgione Venice / Dinner

Arrive in Venice airport, where after completing immigration and customs formalities, we will be met by our guide, and escorted to the pier for transfer to Venice via private boat.

After a short walk, arrive at our hotel for check-in. This evening join fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3 Venice

Hotel Giorgione Venice / Breakfast

This morning, depart with our guide for a walking tour of the historic center of Venice. The tour starts from St. Mark's Square, with its surrounding monuments. Explore the splendid Doge's Palace, the Golden Staircase and many other works of art. Cross the famous Bridge of Sighs and enter the Venetian prison to learn how the prisoners of the Most Serene Republic lived.

Later, enjoy a walking tour, starting from the lively Castello quays through the tranquil and solitary island of San Pietro di Castello, where the Cathedral of Venice once stood. This evening, enjoy a Gondola ride with local musicians!



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DAY 4 Bologna & Florence

Grand Hotel Adriatico / Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, set off in the direction of Bologna. Visit FICO, located on the outskirts of the city. FICO is the largest agri-food park in the world, and is dedicated to Italian biodiversity and craftsmanship. In the afternoon, take part in a walking tour of Bologna's old center, which is one of the best preserved in Europe. Start at the Piazza Maggiore, the heart of the city, and its civic palaces. Then, walk along the Pavaglione Portico and its elegant shops, to reach the 16th century Archiginnasio Palace. Walk through the picturesque alleys of the Mercato di Mezzo, the old market with its fabulous food shops, to reach the lovely Square of Santo Stefano, Piazza della Mercanzia, the gothic Palazzo della Mercanzia and some 13th century buildings with wooden porticoes. End at the foot of the Two Towers, the symbol of the city. We'll continue to Florence for check-in at our hotel. Tonight, we'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 5 Florence

Grand Hotel Adriatico / Breakfast

Depart Florence this morning and visit the Chianti countryside. Famous for their wine production, we will visit small villages and local artisan experts. During the day we will visit a Chianti wine farm like Castello Di Verrazzano, home of the famous Chianti Classico where we will enjoy a wine tasting with a light lunch. Later today, visit Greve in Chianti, which can be considered the gateway to the Chianti region. Here, have some time at leisure to discover the main square, Piazza Matteotti which is a must for a visit to Chianti. Some of the local shops have become famous.



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DAY 6 Florence

Grand Hotel Adriatico / Breakfast

Start the morning with a stroll through the picturesque Signoria Square, before proceeding to the famous Ponte Vecchio. Visit Santa Croce Church Square where the tombs of illustrious Florentine citizens such as Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli are found, as well as fascinating works by Giotto and Donatello. Visit the Accademia Gallery Museum and view one of the city's eternal masterpieces – Michelangelo's David. We'll return to our hotel for a free afternoon to shop and dine at your leisure.

DAY 7 Florence & Perugia

Sangallo Palace Hotel / Breakfast & Dinner

This morning, visit the famous Florence Outlet, "The Mall", where you will have the opportunity to visit and buy some of the most famous fashion brands in Florence! Continue to Perugia. Visit the Giuditta Brozzetti museum atelier, an amazing traditional hand weaving workshop with 18th and 19th century looms, in a 13th century Franciscan monastery. An exciting journey through time, in the discovery of the history of weaving and of Umbrian culture. You can wander around at your leisure to soak up the evocative atmosphere of an ancient workshop that still operates today and breathe in the scent of centuries-old timber and fine threads. Later, continue on your afternoon walking tour of Perugia. See the Etruscan Arch, also called "Arch of August", which represents the power of Perugia in antiquity, as well as the Church of St. Domenico and the Cathedral of St. Lorenzo which face to Piazza IV Novembre.

****Optional Gelato tour – \$85 per person***



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DAY 8 Rome

Hotel Dei Borgia / Breakfast & Lunch

This morning, you'll arrive at Vatican City, for a tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Then, view the Gallery of the Candelabra and the Gallery of Tapestries, and finally, the Sistine Chapel. See the famous paintings of the Last Judgment, the Stories of Moses and Jesus, and Michelangelo's famous Creation of Adam. Continue to Saint Peter's Basilica. There, you will see another one of Michelangelo's masterpieces, La Pietà. End your Vatican experience in the magnificent Saint Peter's Square.

DAY 9 Rome

Hotel Dei Borgia / Breakfast & Dinner

This morning, tour Ancient Rome, visiting the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. See the hill where according to tradition, Rome was founded in the 7th century B.C.E. by Romulus and Remus. Then, visit the amazing Colosseum. The Amphitheater, created to entertain ancient Roman citizens with bloody shows of gladiators and wild animals, is now one of the most fascinating landmarks of the city. Then, walk on the original path of ancient Rome along the Via Sacra and see the Temples of Vesta, Antonino and Faustina, and the ancient Basilica Julia and Aemilia, while dreaming about the glorious past of the Roman Empire. Enjoy a last afternoon at leisure in the Eternal City, or join an optional gelato tour. This evening, take part in a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 10 Depart Rome / Arrive USA

Breakfast

Transfer to the airport for your return flight
Arrive in the USA later today



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DAY 10 Sorrento

Hotel Corallo Sorrento / Breakfast & Lunch

Depart Rome, heading south to Naples and enjoy a lunch of traditional Neapolitan pizza – the Margherita. Then, visit Pompeii, the city that is frozen in time after the volcano Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. Continue to Sorrento and check in at your hotel. The evening is at leisure.

DAY 11 Sorrento

Hotel Corallo Sorrento / Breakfast

Set off along the Amalfi Coast and visit the beautiful villages and iconic towns that dot the coastline. Wander through Positano, with its narrow streets lined with quaint cafes and boutiques. Continue along the coast to the medieval village of Ravello. Set high atop the hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Sorrento late this afternoon.

DAY 12 Sorrento

Hotel Corallo Sorrento / Breakfast & Dinner

Explore the town of Sorrento or relax on your last day in Italy before your farewell dinner.

OPTIONAL TOUR: CAPRI & ANACAPRI, \$95

Today is devoted entirely to visiting Capri! Board a jetfoil and travel along the breathtaking Sorrento Peninsula to Marina Grande. Head to the top of Anacapri and enjoy a guided tour of Villa San Michele. Stop at the famous Piazza Umberto I, more widely known as Piazzetta, for free time to shop, people watch, or visit the blue grotto. Return to Sorrento to freshen up before your farewell dinner.

DAY 13 Depart Naples/Arrive USA

Breakfast

Transfer to the airport in Naples for your return.





Passport & Visa

PASSPORTS are required for all US citizens traveling abroad and must be valid for at least 6 months after your date of return. Many countries will not allow you to enter their borders if you do not have at least 6 months of remaining validity on your present passport.

If you do not already have a passport, you should make arrangements to get one without delay. Be sure to sign your new passport. Assure that your name appears on your ticket exactly as it appears on your passport. Airlines may apply penalties if it is necessary to make corrections to your name either in the air record or on your ticket.

Visas are not required.

Weather & Packing

In May and June, you can expect for temperatures to range from the mid 70s to 80s. Evenings will be cooler and average 60 degrees.

The Italians are very stylish dressers. Casual skirts, capris, or (dressy) shorts are essential; a nice top or a dressy blouse and a hat will complete the look. Carry a small folding umbrella and take a light jacket or sweater, and remember your comfy walking shoes!

Luggage

You are allotted one checked bag, not to exceed 44 pounds; one personal item such as a purse or camera bag; and one carry-on bag, which should fit under your seat or in an overhead compartment.

If you exceed the baggage limits, you may be subject to excess baggage charges assessed by the airlines.



Meet in the Airport

Once we arrive at our destination, it is very important that we meet each other at the airport **Baggage Claim** in Venice! I will be holding the World Next Door flag. Please retrieve your luggage and wait with me where I will check your name from the list and we will move **AS A GROUP** to our awaiting transportation. Please don't wander off or make duty free purchases without telling me. I need everyone's help to keep things running smoothly and on time.

Our Hashtag

#WorldNextDoor is what we will use to keep up with each other's pictures and posts on social media. If you plan on sharing, please make sure to keep these posts public so we can all see them!

Keeping in Contact

Please download the **GROUPME** app, it is what our group will use to communicate with each other while on our trip. I will add you to the group chat by using your cell phone number. Please make sure you are connected with us before the flight leaves and have received messages from us. This chat is **ONLY FOR VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**. Please be aware that everyone in the group is receiving your messages every time you send one. Important matters only please! **Once we get home**, feel free to share pictures. You will need WiFi to use this app.

Travel Insurance

When booking, it is **VERY** important that you sign up for travel insurance with the uncertainty of today's climate. Do yourself a favor - Buy it!

COVID Entry Requirements

Travelers from the U.S. are permitted to enter Italy beginning June 21, 2021, and must qualify for a “Green Pass” by presenting ONE of the following requirements:

- A COVID-19 vaccination certificate, with the final dose administered at least 14 days prior to travel. The certificate can be in digital or paper format. Travelers vaccinated in the U.S. can present the “white card” bearing the CDC logo. The following vaccines are accepted:
 - Pfizer-BioNTech
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna
 - COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Johnson & Johnson

OR-

- A medical certificate confirming recovery from COVID-19 dated no more than 6 months prior to departure.

-OR-

- A negative molecular PCR or rapid antigen test carried out within 48 hours of departure.

All arriving travelers also need to pre-register by filling out the online digital Passenger Locator Form.

All passengers must also complete a self-declaration form to be presented to the airline on day of travel or Italian law enforcement officials upon arrival. Kindly ensure to bring a print-out along with you, as well as additional copies.

More information about passport, visa & entry requirements.

Shopping

Italy is famous for its designer items such as Prada, Fendi, Gucci, and Armani. Also look for leather, antiques, clothes, wood carvings, lace and embroidery, violins, ceramics, silver & gold jewelry, wine, and shoes!

Rome: Truffles

Florence & Rome: Leather goods

Venice & Murano: Glass

Vatican City: Postage stamps & religious items

You will certainly have time for shopping. This tour offers a great variety of goods to satisfy different tastes and price ranges. It is always a good idea to comparison-shop, and exercise the “buyer-beware” rule, just as you do at home. Be sure to inspect the merchandise before you leave the store. Most stores will not allow you to return or exchange purchased items.

Electricity & Power Adapters

230 volts. Plugs C, F & L. You will need a voltage converter and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter and converter kit.

Currency

The official currency in Italy is the Euro. Hotels, some stores and restaurants will accept major credit cards. However, smaller stores will accept cash only.

Always notify your bank and credit card provider prior to departure to avoid any problems using your credit or debit card while traveling.

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ADDITIONAL INFO

TRANSFERS & TOURING are provided by modern, air-conditioned touring coaches. All entrance fees to places visited in the itinerary are included except those mentioned as optional. Arrangements for the itineraries, domestic transportation and flights are solely at the discretion of the local land operators and are subject to change without notice. If any changes are made, Friendly Planet has no liability.

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CANCELLATIONS (per person fees)	
75+ days prior to departure	\$500
74-45 days prior to departure	\$1500
44-30 days prior to departure	\$3000
29-10 days prior to departure	\$4500
9-0 days prior to departure	No Refund

Meet & Greet

Once signed up, stay tuned for information about an in-person or virtual meet & greet. We'll introduce ourselves to our fellow travelers and receive last minute details about our upcoming trip.



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