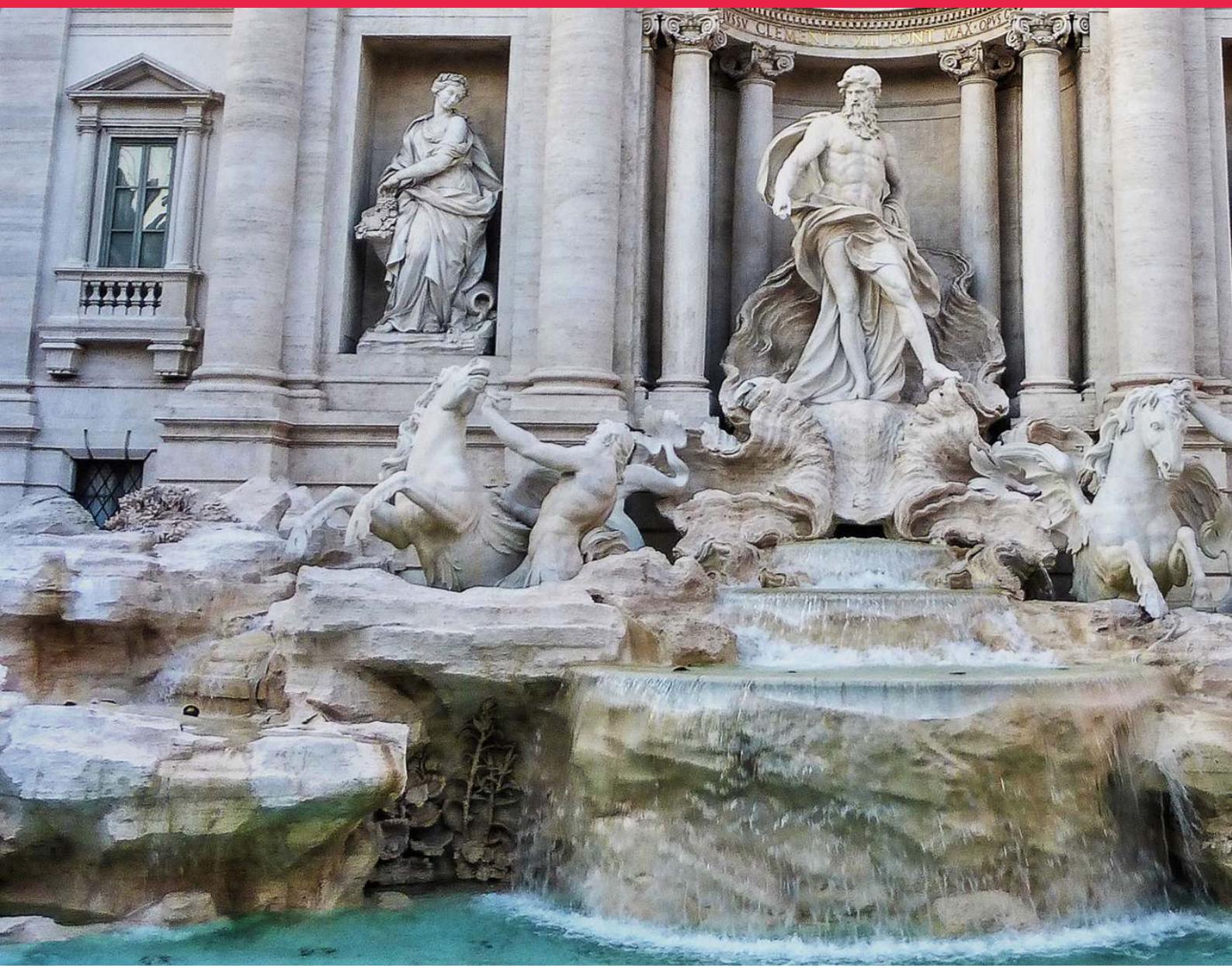


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 Start Location

 Plane

 Cruise

 Over night

 Visited Location

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 Train

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Day 1 | Welcome to Rome



Benvenuti a Roma. Our exciting journey through some of Italy's most beautiful cities begins here in the 'Eternal City'. Spend time relaxing after your travels or take a walk along the ancient streets, tracing centuries of art, antiquities and culture before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner and orientation drive through Rome's intoxicating cityscape.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Grand Palatino

Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



This morning see the Vatican city on your sightseeing tour of Rome, you'll pause to see the majestic exterior of St. Peter's Basilica and its grand square. Then venture into Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum. This evening, Roman flavors take center stage as you dine on local specialties.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Palatino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Piazzas and Fountains - Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic center, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

Day 3 | Rome Your Way



Enjoy a full free day in Rome or consider spending some time in beautiful Tivoli. Join an Optional Experience to see the exquisite house and gardens of the 16th-century Villa d'Este – a marvelous example of Renaissance landscape architecture. As the sun sets over the seven hills of Rome, people-watch in one of Rome's beautiful squares or admire the Trevi Fountain.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Grand Palatino

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tivoli and Gardens of the Villa d'Este - Enjoy the gardens and fountains of the famous Villa d'Este. We'll see its grottos and pavilions, the Avenue of a Hundred Fountains, the Dragon Fountain and the Fountain of the Water Organ with a Local Specialist.

Adult: 56.00 EUR

**On occasion, the price of this optional may increase due to group size.*

Roman Delights with Dinner - Tonight, relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine, soaking up Rome's unique atmosphere in a characteristic trattoria with drinks and music.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

Day 4 | Journey by High-Speed Train to Florence



Sit back on the high-speed train, bound for Florence and watch the Tuscan landscape go by. Join a Local Specialist on a walking tour to gain insights into the city's Renaissance treasures. View the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old and lined with goldsmiths, then visit the Fine Arts Academy to see one of Michelangelo's masterpieces, the statue of David. Your love affair with Florence continues as you stroll to the Piazza della Signoria, featuring Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ambasciatori

Day 5 | Admire Pisa



Cross the Arno River and take in the enchanting skyline of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo before driving to Pisa through the Arno Valley. Meet your Local Specialist to explore the Square of Miracles and see the famous Leaning Tower, Cathedral, Baptistry, and Camposanto—built on soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. Enjoy lunch at Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia with an exclusive Be My Guest experience, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. This evening, stroll along the Arno River in search of the perfect gelato, admire the beautifully lit Duomo or visit a cozy enoteca for wine tasting.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Ambasciatori

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With your Local Specialist you'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred" dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello.

Adult: 54.00 EUR

Day 6 | Discover Renaissance Florence



Today is yours to discover the beauty and elegance of Florence – a city filled with exquisite galleries, lush gardens and opulent palaces. Consider a visit to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, the 'medieval Manhattan' of Tuscany. Venture outside the city to see Tuscan villages and taste rich panforte and tortas, or shop for the latest fashions in Florence's sophisticated boutiques. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience in the Chianti region for a delicious Tuscan dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ambasciatori

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Visit to San Gimignano - Explore San Gimignano with your Local Specialist and learn how rival families built towers in a race for status. Walk cobbled streets lined with medieval architecture and hear stories of life in this hilltop town, all while sampling a local sweet treat along the way.

Adult: 61.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Dinner in the Tuscan Countryside - This evening, take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli - Through the Chianti hills, you'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

Adult: 78.00 EUR

Day 7 | Travel by High-Speed Train to Venice



All aboard the express train for Venice. Cross the spectacular Apennines and fertile Veneto plain before arriving at the romantic island city of Venice. Get lost this afternoon, wandering its narrow lanes in search of a cozy bacaro, people-watch in St. Mark's Square, the gateway to Venice, or take an unforgettable gondola ride along the city's enchanting canals.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Amadeus / Principe

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Cruise by private water taxi along the Grand Canal, passing the city's iconic palazzi. Spot the Rialto Bridge and arrive near St. Mark's Square before switching pace with a gondola ride through Venice's quieter canals.

Adult: 93.00 EUR

Day 8 | Cruise the Canals of Venice



This morning, breathe in the salty sea air as you board a private launch and cruise to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica, and Campanile, as well as the Doge's Palace. Later, witness first-hand the centuries-old craft of glassblowing. You may be tempted to buy a souvenir or two after admiring the talent and skill of the artisans, passed down from generation to generation. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city on your own terms, perhaps finding a quiet campo and sidewalk cafe or take a cruise to colorful Burano for a delicious meal.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Amadeus / Principe

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square - Visit the magnificent Doge's Palace, once home to the rulers of the Venetian republic. Accompanied by a Local Specialist, you will walk across the famous Bridge of Sighs before exploring the ornate chambers and grand halls of the palace. Afterwards, soak up the magical atmosphere of St. Mark's Square and delight in the stories about its unique history.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks - Cruise across the Venetian Lagoon to Burano, a small island known for its brightly colored houses and strong fishing traditions. Wander along quiet canals and browse shops selling handmade lace, a craft passed down through generations. Then sit down to a relaxed dinner featuring local flavors and regional wine, surrounded by the island's cheerful character and laid-back charm.

Adult: 86.00 EUR

Day 9 | Experience Venice's Daily Life



This morning, learn about conservation efforts in Venice during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with Venice Plastic Free. Watch the sights and sounds of modern Venice come to life on a walking tour with your Local Specialist. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with one last taste of Venice. As your journey through Italy's charming cities draws to a close, celebrate newfound friendships and unforgettable memories over dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Amadeus / Principe

Day 10 | Farewell Venice



Say arrivederci to Italy and your fellow travelers as your fascinating holiday comes to an end.

Meals: Breakfast

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