



ITALIAN SCENE

 10 Days
  1 Country
  9 Cities

SPEND THIS COSTSAVER TRIP TAKING IN THE BEAUTY OF ROME, THE BAY OF NAPLES, FLORENCE, ASSISI AND VENICE.

Great masters left their magic touch on the capitals of Florence, Venice and Rome and your 10-day exploration of Italy will reveal this around every turn. Embrace the energy of Italy's major cities, unwind on the shores of the Italian Lakes and savour the lingering scents of lemons along the Amalfi Coast. You'll have time to get lost in an ill-fated love story in Verona, pay tribute to St. Francis of Assisi in his hometown and snap a selfie against the backdrop of the world's most famous Leaning Tower.

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 RELIANCE HOLIDAYS

YOUR HOLIDAY



 Start Location


 Visited Location

 Plane


 End Location

 Cruise

 Train

 Over night

 Ferry

 High Speed Train

THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

The 'Eternal City' has captivated travellers for centuries and you'll not be disappointed as it prepares you for an exhilarating journey across Italy. On arrival in Rome, check in to your hotel, then get ready for your very own introduction to Rome or relax at your hotel and recover from your journey. Later this evening, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead along your journey. Soak up the city's effervescent atmosphere during an optional sightseeing tour followed by a light dinner of Italian specialties.

 **Hotel** - Ergife Palace

DAY 2

Rome Sightseeing and Free Time

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Join an Optional Experience to Michelangelo's famous Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museums or start your day the Italian way - slow and relaxed. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Specialist at the Vatican City, the world's smallest city. Stand in St. Peter's Square, sharing your space with devoted pilgrims and pigeons. Visit St. Peter's Basilica and view Michelangelo's greatest work, the sorrowful Pietà. Cross the Tiber next, to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire. Choose an Optional Experience to discover the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel with a Local Specialist.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 3

Rome – Sorrento – Bay of Naples (1 Night)

The Bay of Naples beckons and our first stop is in the picture-perfect resort town of Sorrento.

Pastel-hued residences cling impossibly to craggy cliffs that plunge into the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Enjoy your time soaking up the sun-drenched views. You won't need to venture far to catch the scent of the "world's best lemons", which you'll see in abundance at the local markets. Taste some of the mouth-watering fresh produce grown locally or consider an Optional Experience to the artists' paradise of Positano, followed by a scenic drive along the coast. The Sirens of Sorrento may be nowhere in sight, but that doesn't mean their alluring call will be possible to resist. Return to your hotel for a relaxed Italian meal this evening.

 **Hotel** - Grand La Panoramica 

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4

Bay of Naples – Cassino – Assisi (1 Night)

Connect with the feisty Neapolitans as you explore their bold hometown this morning. You could choose instead to join an Optional Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii, buried under the volcanic ash for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Leaving the Bay of Naples behind, journey past Cassino and view the monastery which featured as a backdrop for some of the fiercest battles of World War II. This poignant reminder of war gives way to a place of pilgrimage, as you head north to Assisi where an orientation tour reveals a medieval town that has changed very little since the time of St. Francis.

 **Hotel** - Frate Sole

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5

Assisi – Venice (Oriago) (2 Nights)

After a leisurely morning, your journey continues across the Apennines and through the Emilia-Romagna region, credited with being the origin of tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Before you know it, you'll have arrived in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic, where an Optional Experience will see you gliding through the city canals in a private gondola.

 **Hotel** - Il Buchiello

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6

Venice Orientation and Free Time

The extraordinary talents of the glassblowers on Giudecca Island take centre stage during a visit to their glassblowing workshop this morning. The warmth of the fire lingering on your skin, you'll embark on a cruise by private launch to bustling St. Mark's Square in the heart of Venice. Admire the most famous of Venice's 417 bridges, the Bridge of Sighs, and enjoy views of the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. There's time to explore the labyrinthine lanes of this floating city on your own terms or consider an Optional Experience to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal with your travel companions.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 7

Venice (Oriago) – Verona – Lake Como – Italian Lakes (Saronno) (1 Night)

The plains of Veneto are all that stand between you and Verona, the tragic stage for Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the ancient Roman Arena, where concerts are still held to this day, and Juliet's Balcony, from which a fictional Juliet once called for her Romeo. Indulge in a romantic moment of your own before leaving Verona, bound for Italy's irresistible Lake District. Arriving on the shores of Lake Como, you'll see first-hand why this scenic setting has been a favourite summer retreat of the rich and famous for centuries. You could choose to board an optional cruise this evening to make the most of this idyllic setting. Your hotel in Saronna is the perfect base from which to enjoy lakeside living at its best and you'll have dinner here this evening with your new friends.

 **Hotel** - Starhotels Grand Milan 

Included Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8

Italian Lakes (Saronno) – Pisa – Florence (1 Night)

The white marble façades of Pisa's Square of Miracles gleam in the sunshine, but it is the famous Leaning Tower that gets most of the glory when you visit this 'Meadow of Miracles', so named by 20th-century Italian writer and poet Gabriele d'Annunzio. Since Etruscan times, the exquisite structures in the piazza have symbolised man's journey through religious life - the Baptistery representing birth, life represented by the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, and the Camposanto, death. After a short drive from Pisa, you'll arrive in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. A full day of sightseeing lies ahead, so kickback and enjoy the company of your travel companions this evening at an optional dinner in the Tuscan hills.

 **Hotel** - Starhotels Vespucci

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 9

Florence Sightseeing – Rome (1 Night)

There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy equal to that of Florence. Your Local Specialist shares a superb commentary of the city's artistic and architectural heritage during a walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistery, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Giotto's Bell Tower. Visit Piazza della Signoria and squeeze in some time for shopping - Florence is particularly renowned for its high-quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery. Later, return to Rome, where your journey began. You'll have an evening alone to forge final memories with new friends or consider an Optional Experience whisking you away on one last sightseeing trip with a mouth-watering farewell dinner followed by live entertainment.

 **Hotel** - Ergife Palace

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

DAY 10

Depart Rome

If Italy has become engraved in your heart like it was for celebrated poet Robert Browning, you'll have a hard time saying arrivederci. Secure your speedy return by tossing a coin in the Trevi Fountain, then bid your Travel Director and travel companions a fond farewell before taking a transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

AVAILABLE ON DAY 1

Delights of Rome with Dinner

Spend an evening getting to know Rome. We'll take you via coach where you'll have the chance to see some of the city's much-loved sights. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a delicious light dinner of Italian specialities, alongside local music and drinks.

Adult Price: €50.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Piazzas and Fountains of Rome

Starting with a lovely drive and continuing on foot, you'll discover hidden backstreets, piazzas and fountains of the 'Eternal City' with a Local Specialist. Along the way, you'll marvel at the timeless Pantheon, the best-preserved Roman temple in the world. Many additional highlights are revealed on this relaxed tour that also offers free time in a gorgeous Baroque square with street artists, trattorias and gelaterias!

Adult Price: €33.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 2

Inside The Vatican & Colosseum

We skip the lines at the Vatican Museums for this tour that shows not just remarkable works of art collected and commissioned over the history of the Papacy, but also Michelangelo's amazing ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Later we hear fascinating tales of gladiatorial combat and more on our visit to the Colosseum, again with time-saving VIP entrance.

Adult Price: €84.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

Amalfi Coast and Positano

Come with us for a drive along the famous Amalfi Coast. You'll have a chance to visit the exclusive artists' paradise of Positano, which is magnificently positioned on the Mediterranean coast.

Adult Price: €44.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 4

Discover Pompeii

Join our expert on a tour of the excavations of Pompeii, the perfectly preserved Roman town which was engulfed by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. You'll witness the devastating destruction it had and have the opportunity to go back in time and get a glimpse of everyday Roman life, frozen for almost 2,000 years.

Adult Price: €46.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks

Join us as we discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You will enjoy a delicious meal with a selection of drinks on the fishermen's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a real photographer's paradise.

Adult Price: €72.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 5

Gondolas and the Grand Canal

Join us for a scenic cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, as well as catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways.

Adult Price: €70.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 7

Discover Lake Como

Enjoy views of elegant villas and gardens as you cruise with your Local Specialist along Lake Como, one of the most beautiful spots in the Italian Lake District.

Adult Price: €41.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Venice's Secrets and St. Mark's Basilica

Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll visit the majestic Basilica of St Mark, where you'll have a chance to view some of the prized trophies looted by the Venetians in their rise to power.

Adult Price: €36.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Dinner, Wine And Music In The Tuscan Hills

Join us for a scenic drive through the beautiful Tuscan countryside. We will enjoy a meal at a charming restaurant where a selection of regional favourites is served, accompanied by a selection of local wines and live music. A truly unforgettable experience, with an atmosphere that is the essence of all things Tuscan.

Adult Price: €65.00*

AVAILABLE ON DAY 9

Arrivederci Roma

Rome comes alive this last evening of our trip as you savour her unforgettable sights! We then celebrate together with a Farewell Dinner including entertainment in one of our favourite places.

Adult Price: €50.00*

All Optional Experiences

The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.

ABOUT THIS TRIP

What's included



9 NIGHTS

Accommodation



13 MEALS

9 Breakfasts, 4
Three-course
dinners



ON-TRIP

TRANSPORT

All transport
shown

Sightseeing highlights



ASSISI

Orientation of this beautiful
town dedicated to St.
Francis



FLORENCE

Sightseeing with a Local
Specialist includes views of
the Cathedral, Piazza della
Signoria and Ponte Vecchio



ITALIAN LAKES

Visit Lake Como



CASSINO

Views of the monastery high
on the hill



PISA

Visit the Square of Miracles
to view the Leaning Tower



ROME

Sightseeing tour with your
Local Specialist includes a
visit to St. Peter's Basilica
and views of the mighty
Colosseum



SORRENTO

Visit this popular resort



VENICE

Cruise by private boat to St.
Mark's Square. Visit a
traditional glassblowing
workshop on Giudecca
Island



VERONA

View Juliet's Balcony and the
impressive Roman Arena

On every trip

Unique or exclusive to
Costsaver, here's a sample of
what's included in your trip.

- ✓ Audio Headsets provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- ✓ Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- ✓ City orientation tours
- ✓ All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes
- ✓ Luxury air-conditioned coach
- ✓ Variety of Optional Experiences
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and professional Driver
- ✓ Airport transfers are provided on the first and last travel day. Conditions apply

DEPARTURE DATES

MARCH 2020

Friday 20th March - Sunday 29th March	\$1,425.00
Friday 27th March - Sunday 5th April	\$1,595.00

APRIL 2020

Friday 3rd April - Sunday 12th April	\$1,595.00
Friday 10th April - Sunday 19th April	\$1,675.00
Friday 17th April - Sunday 26th April	\$1,650.00
Friday 24th April - Sunday 3rd May	\$1,650.00

MAY 2020

Friday 1st May - Sunday 10th May	\$1,650.00
Friday 8th May - Sunday 17th May	\$1,675.00
Friday 15th May - Sunday 24th May	\$1,675.00
Friday 22nd May - Sunday 31st May	\$1,675.00
Friday 29th May - Sunday 7th June	\$1,675.00

JUNE 2020

Friday 5th June - Sunday 14th June	\$1,650.00
Friday 12th June - Sunday 21st June	\$1,650.00
Friday 19th June - Sunday 28th June	\$1,650.00

Friday 26th June - Sunday 5th July

\$1,650.00

JULY 2020

Friday 3rd July - Sunday 12th July

\$1,625.00

Friday 10th July - Sunday 19th July

\$1,625.00

Friday 17th July - Sunday 26th July

\$1,625.00

Friday 24th July - Sunday 2nd August

\$1,625.00

Friday 31st July - Sunday 9th August

\$1,625.00

AUGUST 2020

Friday 7th August - Sunday 16th August

\$1,650.00

Friday 14th August - Sunday 23rd August

\$1,650.00

Friday 21st August - Sunday 30th August

\$1,650.00

Friday 28th August - Sunday 6th September

\$1,650.00

SEPTEMBER 2020

Friday 4th September - Sunday 13th September

\$1,675.00

Friday 11th September - Sunday 20th September

\$1,675.00

Friday 18th September - Sunday 27th September

\$1,675.00

Friday 25th September - Sunday 4th October

\$1,675.00

OCTOBER 2020

Friday 2nd October - Sunday 11th October

\$1,650.00

Friday 9th October - Sunday 18th October	\$1,650.00
Friday 16th October - Sunday 25th October	\$1,650.00
Friday 23rd October - Sunday 1st November	\$1,575.00

NOVEMBER 2020

Friday 6th November - Sunday 15th November	\$1,495.00
Friday 20th November - Sunday 29th November	\$1,425.00

DECEMBER 2020

Friday 4th December - Sunday 13th December	\$1,525.00
Friday 18th December - Sunday 27th December	\$1,525.00
Thursday 24th December - Saturday 2nd January	\$1,525.00

JANUARY 2021

Saturday 2nd January - Monday 11th January	\$1,495.00
Friday 15th January - Sunday 24th January	\$1,425.00
Friday 29th January - Sunday 7th February	\$1,425.00

FEBRUARY 2021

Friday 12th February - Sunday 21st February	\$1,425.00
Friday 26th February - Sunday 7th March	\$1,425.00

MARCH 2021

Friday 12th March - Sunday 21st March	\$1,495.00
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** Tour price is subject to change without prior notice**