

#### Full Itinerary

# ENTICING NORTHERN ITALY, **TUSCANY & ROME**



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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm (London time)







### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** 

Level 2

**DESTINATION:** 

Enticing Northern Italy, Tuscany & Rome

**DURATION:** 

11 days / 10 nights

### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP] on Day 1 and depart from Rome Fiumicino Airport [FCO] on Day 11

PICKUP LOCATION:

Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP]





# **OVERVIEW**

22 May - 01 Jun, 2025 - SOLD OUT!

Discover the very best of Italy from Milan to Lake Maggiore, to Verona to Venice to Florence to Pisa and Rome!

A fantastic tour offering all that is the very best of Italy. On our journey from Milan to Rome we will visit the classic cities of Verona, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Pisa and Lucca. See spectacular Lake Maggiore, experience the magnificent scenery of Tuscany, walk in the footsteps of Roman emperors, sample traditional food and wine, enjoy iconic buildings such as the Colosseum, St Mark's and the Leaning Tower of Pisa and visit some of the world's most famous museums that Italy has to offer. These are just some of the highlights that are awaiting you on this memorable journey through Italy.

If that's not enough then we also have our Sicilian Adventure that starts where this one finishes - why not join us?

# ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Benvenuti in Italia!

DAY 2 - Magical Lake Maggiore

DAY 3 - Milan & Verona

DAY 4 - Venetian Highlights

DAY 5 - Bologna & Tuscany

DAY 6 - Discovering Florence

DAY 7 - Pisa & Lucca

DAY 8 - Chianti Vineyards & Rome

DAY 9 - Ancient Rome

DAY 10 - The Vatican City

DAY 11 - Arrivederci Roma





# **FULL ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1 - BENVENUTI IN ITALIA!

Welcome to Italy! After arriving in Milan, you'll have individual transfers to the Grand Hotel Dino in Baveno, where you'll spend two relaxing nights in rooms with amazing views.

In the evening, enjoy a welcome drink with the Big Journey Tour Manager and your fellow travellers, followed by a delicious dinner.

Included meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

#### DAY 2 - MAGICAL LAKE MAGGIORE

Start your day with a scenic boat ride on Lake Maggiore to the enchanting Isola Bella. Enjoy a guided tour, aperitivo, and access to the stunning Palazzo Borromeo and its magnificent Baroque gardens.

The afternoon and evening are yours to relax and explore at your leisure. Dinner is also at your leisure, with plenty of options to discover in the area.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

#### DAY 3 - MILAN & VERONA

After breakfast, we'll depart Lake Maggiore and head to Milan for a panoramic morning tour.

Then, we journey east to the romantic city of Verona, where we'll check into our hotel for two nights. In the afternoon, explore Verona on a guided walking tour, discovering the charming streets of Romeo and Juliet's city.

The evening is free to enjoy dinner at your own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Leopardi, Verona

#### DAY 4 - VENETIAN HIGHLIGHTS

Today, we board a high-speed train to Venice. Upon arrival, meet our guide for a walking tour through Venice's iconic streets and canals.

You'll have a 24-hour ACTV Travelcard for unlimited water-bus rides, giving you the freedom to explore at your leisure.

After lunch and some free time, we'll return to Verona by train.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Leopardi, Verona

#### DAY 5 - BOLOGNA & TUSCANY

Our journey continues south as we head to Bologna, renowned for its exceptional cuisine.

Enjoy free time to explore or shop before we depart for Tuscany, where the breathtaking landscape welcomes us to the spa town of Montecatini Terme for a three-night stay.

The evening concludes with a group dinner at our hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Grand Hotel Panoramic

#### DAY 6 - DISCOVERING FLORENCE

After a short train ride, we arrive in Florence for a guided morning walking tour of the city's rich history and Renaissance beauty.







The rest of the day is yours to explore Florence at your own pace, with an afternoon treat of Italian gelato from a famous local shop, courtesy of our Tour Manager. We'll return to Montecatini in the evening, where dinner is at your leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Panoramic

### DAY 7 - PISA & LUCCA

Following breakfast we will board our coach for a full day tour to Pisa and Lucca.

First stop will be Lucca for a walking tour of this highly attractive entirely-walled Renaissance town. Walking through the historical centre along the cobblestone streets we will see the Casa di Puccini, where the great opera composer was born which is now a house museum.

There will be time for lunch before we board the coach again and head off to Pisa. We will meet our guide for a tour of the Campo dei Miracoli (Miracles Square) comprising Duomo, Baptistry and the famous Leaning Tower, to which entrance is included for those who want to climb the steps!

Enjoy an evening at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Panorami

#### DAY 8 - CHIANTI VINEYARDS & ROME

On our way to Rome, we'll stop at a renowned Chianti vineyard for a delightful wine-tasting experience, hosted by a sommelier and paired with local snacks.

Arriving in Rome, we'll check in for a three-night stay at the Hotel Villa Pamphili, where each room features a private balcony. The evening is free for you to explore the culinary scene at your own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Pamphili

#### DAY 9 - ANCIENT ROME

Today, enjoy a guided tour of Ancient Rome, including the Colosseum and Roman Forum, with our private coach.

The rest of the day and evening are free for leisure, with our coach available for any dinner plans.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Villa Pamphili

#### DAY 10 - THE VATICAN CITY

Experience the Vatican Museums with ease! We offer skip-the-line tickets and audio guides for a hassle-free visit. If you're interested, simply let us know in advance, and we'll arrange everything before your tour.

\*\*Optional Entrance to the Vatican Museums: €49.00 per person, which includes skip-the-line tickets and audio guides. Please note that availability is subject to confirmation at the time of booking.

Spend the rest of the day at your own pace. In the evening, join us for a special farewell dinner featuring drinks and a surprise performance.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner Accommodation: Hotel Villa Pamphili

# DAY 11 - ARRIVEDERCI ROMA







Sadly our Italian Experience has come to an end and its time to depart. Transfers to the airport will be arranged accordingly.

However, if you want to continue your Italian Experience, why not extend your holiday and come to Sicily with us!

Included meals: Breakfast







#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet on arrival Milan Malpensa Airport
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles.
- All entrances/guides (English speaking) and visits as indicated in the programme.
- Porterage at all hotels including luggage assistance for the Venice boat transfers (1 piece per person)
- Tourist taxes
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director throughout

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Please arrange your flights to arrive into Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP] on Day 1 and depart from Rome Fiumicino Airport [FCO] on Day 11
- ATOL Protection
- Additional food and beverage unless otherwise included in the programme
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Optional excursions/entrances
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements





#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please note, flights to/from Italy are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company would be happy to provide a quotation for your flights please contact us for further details
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2pm and check out is before 11am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable and final payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.







# **BOOK YOUR JOURNEY**

Choose from the list of dates below

Call to Book

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