

Day 1

Fiumicino or Ciampino Airport to Central Rome

Duration 30 Minutes

Hotel Twenty One

Located in Rome, the very contemporary Hotel Twenty One features an elegant, upscale setting with fantastic views of the Pincian Hill and of Saint Peter's Cupola. Staying here will surely be an unforgettable experience. The most famous touring itineraries of art, culture, history and tradition can be easily reached from this exclusive boutique hotel, located in the city center of Rome, half way between the Vatican Museums and the Spanish Steps. This hotel is unique for its modern, sophisticated style and for its attention to detail, is the ideal destination for those seeking a pleasant vacation and for those traveling on business.

Meal Plan Buffet Breakfast

Duration 3 Nights

Accommodation

Hotel Twenty One

Day 2

The Glory of Ancient Rome - Small Group

The tour starts with the Colosseum visit. Once able to seat up to 50,000 spectators, building of the Colosseum began in 72 A.D and was finished 8 years later. The scene of wild entertainments often between man and beast mighty monument has been immortalized over the centuries. The Roman Forum was the real political centre of Republican and Imperial Rome, with its ancient basilicas, triumphal arches, honorary columns, and ancient cemeteries. At the centre of the Forum, after 20 centuries, it is possible to talk on the same cobble - stones of the Sacred Way, leading to the Capitoline Hill. The Venice Square, where at the centre rises the monumental complex dedicated to the King Victor Emmanuelle II in 1911.

Duration 3 Hours

Day 3

Pasta Lesson

Course concentrates on the techniques to make fresh pasta (flour + egg and flour + water) with the accompanying sauces. Duration 2 Hours

Day 4

Central Rome to Train Station

Duration 30 Minutes

Rome Termini to Florence S.Maria Novella

Duration 90 Minutes

Florence Train Station to Florence Hotel

Duration 1 Hour

Hotel Centrale Florence

Situated in the heart of Florence, Florence Centrale Hotel is just a few steps away from the Duomo and the principal monuments of the City, a short distance from the central Train Station S. Maria Novella, from the Fortezza Da Basso (home of the most important trade shows) and the Palazzo Dei Congressi. Its location, inside the prestigious Malaspina Palace, now the Conti Palace, is setting for a carefully and finely furnished building where one can breathe in the authentic atmosphere of the past, bringing back the beauty and taste of the ancient "historic residences".

Meal Plan Buffet Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Hotel Centrale Florence

Day 5

Walk in Florence + Meet David

A pleasant walk in Florence is just what you need to be introduced to the city and its splendor and secular heritage! Get the chance to have a taste of one of the most important and charming cities of UNESCO World Heritage. Walk through the amazing center of Florence and discover its unique secular heritage and breathtaking beauty with an expert and fun tour guide. Our tour explores the historic and architectural evolution factors from the Roman foundation through medieval centuries and its Renaissance glorious period up to modern time Florence. Learn about the Medici: masters of Florence. The Medici family rose to become famous and revered throughout the Western world in the 14th and 15th Century. The Medici came to power at a time of great social and economic inequality. They were great disrupters. Their banking practices led to the creation of a middle class, making them unimaginably wealthy. The Medici in turn used their vast power and resources to challenge traditional thinking, ushering in a new era of revolutionary art and science such as the world had never seen: the Renaissance. It's a powerful story that resonates even now. Our professional guide will take you to some of the most important spots where the greatest minds and artists have stood and been inspired. During

this walk, you will see Piazza della Signoria with the town hall Palazzo Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its 'Gates of Paradise', Giotto's independent bell tower, Brunelleschi's Dome, Santa Trinita and Orsanmichele Church, Pontevecchio Bridge and the secret Vasari Corridor, as well as famous shopping streets and the Oltrarno -- the fourth and last district, the manual crafts neighbourhood. Also, stop for a surprise "tasting", a nice and delicious break during your pleasant walk.

Tour also includes the visit to Accademia Gallery

Duration 4 Hours

Day 6

Florence Hotel to Florence Train Station

Duration 1 Hour

Florence S.Maria Novella to Venice S.Lucia

Duration 2 Hours

Venice Train Station or Piazzale Roma Car Terminal to Hotel in Venice

Duration 1 Hour

Hotel Ca' dei Conti

Housed in an eighteenth-century Venetian building, the 4-star Ca' dei Conti offers its guests an authentic Venetian atmosphere located in the centre of Venice. The hotel is made up of two fully restored historical buildings with marble floors, refined carpets, Baroque furnishings and Murano glass chandeliers. It is conveniently located within a few walk to St. Mark's square and Riva degli Schiavoni with its many vaporetto stops to allow access to the beautiful islands of the Venetian Lagoon.

Meal Plan Full Breakfast

Duration 2 Nights

Accommodation

Hotel Ca' dei Conti

Day 7

Classic Venice Saint Mark's Area - Private Walking Tour

Enjoy a 2 hour private walking tour of Venice with an English speaking local Guide. See St. Mark's Square, the heart of political and religious power of the Venetian Republic for centuries, and learn the history

that lies behind the walls of its most famous landmarks; the Basilica and its Byzantine heritage, the Doge's Palace and its adjoining prisons, that retain the true secrets to comprehend how a city built on swamps became one of the most enlightened cities in the western world. Then, leave St. Mark's behind you to discover the enchanting Hidden Venice. Following a monumental route, your guide will narrate the in-depth history of Venice from its origins to the modern-day. You'll hear tales of illustrious Venetian characters like Marco Polo and Casanova. Other highlights include Marco Polo's House, a Merchants Warehouse, the lively Campo Santa Maria Formosa with its outstanding Venetian Palaces, the Church of San Giovanni e Paolo (the Pantheon of Venice), and at the Scuola di San Marco; you'll learn about the famous Confraternities (Schools) of merchants and artisans that provided the foundations of the Venetian mercantile empire. This walking tour of Venice finishes at the evocative Rialto Bridge overlooking the Grand Canal and the Rialto Market.

Duration 2 Hours

Day 8

Venice Hotel to Venice Marco Polo Airport

Duration 1 Hour