

DAY 1

Arrive in Venice

The Grand Canal and basilica Santa Maria della Salute on sunrise

Check in at your hotel in Venice today for a two-night stay before setting out to acquaint yourself with the classic Italian city. Stroll down the banks of the shimmering canals and discover the magnificent architecture that lines the cobbled streets and square. Come the evening, relax at an outdoor trattoria by the sparkling lagoon, or why not head to Harry's Bar to try a delectable Bellini in the cocktail's birthplace. (Overnight in Venice)

DAY 2

Venice

Spend a full day exploring Venice today. Discover the city's hidden gems and highlights on a walking tour, and take an iconic, relaxing gondola ride included with your vacation. You will also have skip-the-line access to Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica, two of the city's most popular monuments. (Overnight in Venice) B

DAY 3

Venice to Florence

Belmond Villa San Michele, Italy, view

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and catch a high-speed train to Florence. Speed in true comfort through picturesque Italian scenery before arriving in Tuscany's capital. Check in to your hotel for a two-night stay and set out to explore the city. (Overnight in Florence) B

DAY 4

Florence

Belmond Villa San Michele, Italy, dome

Spend a full day at leisure in Florence today. Your vacation includes skip-the-line passes to the Uffizi Gallery, home of famous Renaissance masterpieces such as Botticelli's 'Birth of Venus' and Michelangelo's 'Doni Tondo.' You will also be able to discover the city's rich history and culture with a knowledgeable guide on a walking tour through the pretty, winding streets of the city. This evening, be sure to sample some authentic Tuscan cuisine, including a glass of wine from the hills that surround the city. (Overnight in Florence) B

DAY 5

Florence to Rome

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and catch the train directly to Rome. Check in at your hotel for a two-night stay and head out to get your bearings in the 'Eternal City.' Italy's capital boasts a wealth of history on every street,

which you'll be able to explore at your own leisure and on a walking tour of the city's ancient history, including skip-the-line entrance to the Colosseum. (Overnight in Rome) B

DAY 6

Rome

After breakfast this morning, spend the whole day unearthing the ancient and modern wonders of the Italian capital. Discover the city's catholic heritage and Michelangelo's phenomenal ceiling with a skip-the-line tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Come the evening, why not wander to the Trevi Fountain to throw your coins into the famous water. Don't miss the chance to try authentic, ice-cold Italian gelato, either! (Overnight in Rome) B

DAY 7

Your Journey Ends in Rome

Check out of your hotel in Rome this morning and continue your onward journey. Speak to one of our Rail Vacation Specialists about extending your vacation, perhaps by traveling south through Italy to the Italian Riviera and Naples by rail. B