Best of Italy Tour - Globus® Italy Escorted Tours

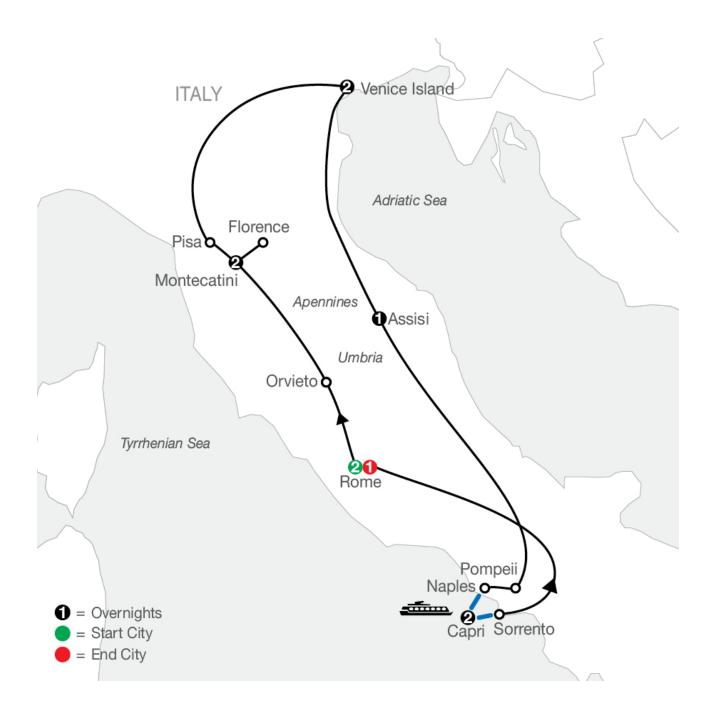
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Layered like a slice of decadent tiramisu, Italy's classic coffee and cocoa dessert, this satisfying tour of Italy is filled with its sweetest cities for a rich and rewarding vacation. How do you top the history, wonder, and charisma of Rome? With the world-class art of Florence, the alluring romance of Venice, the quiet serenity of Assisi, the historical fascination of Pompeii, and the pure indulgence of Capri. The satiating fun continues as you enter the vine-clad Tuscan hills famous for its signature Chianti wine—and speed across the glittering Bay of Naples to the citrus-scented town of Sorrento renowned for its locally produced Limoncello liqueur. You'll have the opportunity to snap creative photos at the Leaning Tower of Pisa and devour more magnificent architecture—and artful cuisine—throughout this multi-tiered tour of Italy.

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Notes:

This tour requires walking on uneven terrain, especially at archaeological sites, which may pose a challenge to guests with physical limitations or reliant on mobility devices such as wheelchairs.

For operational reasons, schedule changes for the Rome program cannot be excluded.

Meals

Full buffet breakfast daily, 5 three-course dinners

Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALYWelcome to Rome! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Dinner

Day 2

ROMEWhen in Rome ROME Guided sightseeing includes the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pietà. Visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Free time this afternoon and evening.*

Breakfast

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TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDARY LIVES Stand in awe and wonder amid one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements in the Sistine Chapel. Hear how in 1508, a young Michelangelo was commissioned by Pope Julius II to decorate the chapel's ceiling – a request not welcomed by the 33-year-old sculptor. Michelangelo's 4-year project was indeed one of physical pain and psychological distress, while painting from scaffolds high above the sanctuary floor. Nevertheless, he created what is considered the most famous ceiling in the world, depicting the Creation of Adam in striking fresco style.

Day 3

ROME-ORVIETO-MONTECATINIMiracles and Men of the Cloth ROME Scenic drive en route to Orvieto.*

ORVIETO An orientation tour includes the cathedral with free time to visit San Brizio Chapel. Enjoy free time for lunch before departing for Montecatini.

Breakfast

199 mi / 320 km

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TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORY & MYSTERY Orvieto's Cathedral is perched atop a volcanic hill in stunning style that features a large rose window, golden mosaics, and massive bronze doors. Inside, its

frescoed chapels are adorned with spectacular works such as the Judgement Day, the coronation of Mary, the Pietà created by the great artist Scalza, and a spectacular organ with 5,585 pipes. Here, a blood-stained relic cloth is stored in the Chapel of the Corporal, remembrance of the 1263 miracle of Bolsena – when a priest who doubted his faith witnessed the Communion Host begin to bleed onto the altar cloth.

Day 4

MONTECATINI. EXCURSION TO FLORENCEItalian Beauties FLORENCE Guided sightseeing includes Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, at the Academy of Fine Arts, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," and Signoria Square.

Taste a traditional gelato. Free time this afternoon.

Breakfast A Dinner

81 mi / 130 km

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES After seeing some of the world's most magnificent architecture and Rennaissance masterpieces in Florence, your day gets even sweeter with a mouth-watering masterpiece in the birthplace of Italian gelato. We can thank the actual Renaissance man - designer and architect Bernardo Buontalenti - who invented gelato in 16th-century Florence. Created with less fat and less air than commercial ice cream, gelato is a dense, creamy, frozen confection served in a multitude of tastes. Not an easy decision in how you'll fill your cup or cone!

Day 5

MONTECATINI-PISA-VENICE ISLANDThe Tilted Tower PISA See the Leaning Tower en route to Venice. Free time for dinner.

Breakfast

249 mi / 400 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ART & ARCHITECTURE See architecture gone askew from the viewpoint of the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa. Take the ultimate selfie in front of the Leaning Tower with a tilt of the head or other popular poses to commemorate your visit to this hub of European medieval art in Pisa's beautiful piazza.

Day 6

VENICE ISLANDBenvenuti a Venezia VENICE ISLAND Take a private boat ride on the canals. Guided walking tour to see St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs followed by a glassblowing demonstration. Free time this afternoon and evening.

Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Locals simply call Piazza San Marco "la piazza." As paired with the smaller Piazzetta, it forms the social, religious, and political hub of Venice, which Napoleon called "the drawing room of Europe." St. Mark's Basilica dominates the square, offering visitors a spectacular view of the great arches, marble embellishments, and the Romanesque carvings of its façade. Also gracing the square is Doge's Palace – a masterpiece of Venetian Gothic architecture. The enclosed Bridge of Sighs, connecting the palace with the prison, is named for the prisoners breathing in their last view of the Rio di Palazzo on their walk to the prison's interrogation rooms.

Day 7

VENICE ISLAND—ASSISIMedieval Marvels Scenic drive through the Apennine Mountains en route to Assisi.

ASSISI Guided walking tour includes St. Clare's Church and St. Francis' Basilica.

Breakfast A Dinner

267 mi / 430 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ICONIC FOOTSTEPS Walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi with a visit to the Basilica named after the deacon, friar, and mystic, who became one of the most venerated religious figures in Christianity. Revered for his love of the Eucharist and the Earth, Francis found communion with God through nature here in this Italian village where he lived and died. Marvel at the magnificent frescoes by Italian master Giotto that adorn the Basilica where the Saint is buried.

Day 8

ASSISI-POMPEII-NAPLES-CAPRITime Standing Still in Pompeii POMPEII Join a guided walking tour of the excavations.

NAPLES Embark on a jetfoil ride to the island of Capri.

CAPRI Take a funicular ride from the harbor to Capri village.

Breakfast A Dinner

292 mi / 470 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

LEGENDS & LORE The fascinating archaeological site of Pompeii is a treasured glimpse into Roman life near the Bay of Naples. This once thriving and sophisticated Roman city was consumed by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., with its residents and structures buried beneath inescapable ash and stone. See the preserved site of excavated ruins that reveal remarkable frescoes, artwork, and artifacts within its streets and the dwellings of the people who perished here.

Day 9

CAPRICoves & Cliffs on the Clear Blue Sea CAPRI Guided sightseeing includes 🌉 a visit

famous Villa San Michele. 🌉 Take a scenic cruise (weather permitting) around the island.

Free time this afternoon and evening.

Breakfast

LOCAL FAVORITE

PICTURE PERFECT Visit stunning Villa San Michele perched high above the breathtaking Bay of Naples. Swedish physician Axel Munthe dedicated much of his life to the construction of the villa and surrounding gardens. His masterpiece, the Story of San Michele, recounts of his wish for a "house open to the sun and wind and the voice of the sea, like a Greek temple, and light, light, light everywhere!" Follow your visit to the villa with a spectacular cruise around the isle of Capri.

Day 10

CAPRI–SORRENTO–ROMEArrivederci, Roma CAPRI Embark on a jetfoil ride to Sorrento. SORRENTO Enjoy free time.

ROME Join a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast A Dinner

174 mi / 280 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURAL GEMS Just as the sirens of Greek mythology lured sailors to the rocky shores of Sorrento, we are drawn to its alluring panoramas, bistros, and boutiques. Take a seat in a sidewalk cafe to peruse the picturesque panoramas on the Bay of Naples.

Day 11

ROMESafe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

Breakfast

Tour Director

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ALDO MODEO PATTI

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

"I am a proud Italian with a passion for the arts, the history, and the natural, beautiful scenery of this country. I enjoy showing everyone Italy through my eyes. After many years as a Tour Director, I have gotten the nickname "Renaissance Man" from passengers on my tours."



SABINA KULENOVIC

Escorting tours for more than 20 years

"I was born in Sarajevo, in a multicultural environment, but grew up and live in Italy. Writers have said: "One life is not enough to discover all the treasures that Italy hides," I'm still working on it, and I take the passengers with me on this extraordinary exploration. We do this through the people we meet, through the language and dialects we listen to, through the traditional food we eat, through the cities, medieval little towns and amazing landscapes that surround our journeys... when we go back home we are not the same, there is so much new to share and talk about!"



Accommodations

MONTECATINI

CROCE DI MALTA

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

VENICE ISLAND

CARLTON ON THE GRAND CANAL
Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class
Free Wifi
ASSISI
GRAND HOTEL ASSISI
Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class
Free Wifi
CAPRI
WEBER AMBASSADOR
Hotel as shown or similar
First-Class
Free Wifi
ROME
ALBANI

Hotel	as	shown	or	similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information. Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under) \$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD) \$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD) \$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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