

# ITINERARY TREASURES OF ITALY

STARTING ROME 22 JUNE 2020

ENDING VENICE 2 JULY 2020



Isle of Capri

## **DAY 1 MON 22 JUN 2020 - WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME**

Rome is the former religious, political and commercial heart of a vast empire. You will be met on arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport with transfers departing for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 17:30, before getting to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)  
Hotel: Romanico Palace or similar, Rome

## **DAY 2 TUE 23 JUN 2020 - VIP VATICAN AND ROME WITH A LOCAL**

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your VIP visit includes fast-track entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica before enjoying some free time. Later, enjoy a leisurely walking exploration to see the Trevi Fountain and Pantheon with a local. Then there is time to relax and absorb the atmosphere of Piazza Navona. (B)

## **DAY 3 WED 24 JUN 2020 - ANCIENT POMPEII AND THE ISLE OF CAPRI**

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii, walking with

a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century. Enjoy a refreshing lemon granita. Continue to the Bay of Naples and board your hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri. In brilliant sunshine, enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. (B)  
Hotel: La Residenza or similar, Capri

## **DAY 4 THU 25 JUN 2020 - Relaxed Start THE ISLE OF DREAMS**

Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the luxuriant Caesar Augustus Gardens for views of the Faraglioni rocks. The afternoon is yours to explore as you wish or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Amalfi Coast and Positano? As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)

## **DAY 5 FRI 26 JUN 2020 - THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE**

Descend to the port by open-top taxi and take the hydrofoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B, DW)  
Hotel: Londra or similar, Florence

**DAY 6**

**SAT 27 JUN 2020 - FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE**

With your Local Expert, walk through the historic center and visit the Accademia Gallery, to see Michelangelo's masterpiece, David. View the multi-colored marble cathedral, Giotto's bell tower and the baptistery, adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria and stroll onto Piazza Santa Croce, famous for its basilica and the quality of its luxury goods. (B)

**DAY 7**

**SUN 28 JUN 2020 - THE CINQUE TERRA AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA**

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat and spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, to admire the colorful houses. (B, DW)

Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena or similar, Santa Margherita

**DAY 8**

**MON 29 JUN 2020 - LAKE MAGGIORE**

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands? Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B, DW)

Hotel: Simpson or similar, Baveno, Italian Lakes

**DAY 9**

**TUE 30 JUN 2020 - TO VENICE WITH WINE AND VERONA ALONG THE WAY**

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Journey to Verona and walk with your Travel Director to see Juliet's balcony and the Roman Arena before continuing to Venice. (B)

Hotel: Molino Stucky or similar, Venice

**DAY 10**

**WED 1 JUL 2020 - VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA**

Cruise to a traditional arts center on Giudecca Island to delight in the skillful art of glassblowing. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Take your seat on a gondola and be serenaded through the myriad of beautiful canals, passing water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. Meet a local fisherman who will talk to you about his life on the canals. (B, DW)

**DAY 11**

**THU 2 JUL 2020 - ARRIVEDERCI VENICE**

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)

**LAND ONLY RATE:**

**\$4975** per person based on double occupancy

**\$1130** Single Supplement

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