

NOW JOURNEY | COMPLETE DETAILED ITINERARY

Italy's Great Cities

Essential Journey | 10 Days

Venice to Rome

A focused Italian story through Venice, Florence, Tuscany and Rome, thoughtfully paced and hosted by a dedicated Tour Captain.

10 days Thoughtful pacing	Venice to Rome Complete route	8-12 guests Maximum 16
Tour Captain Hosted throughout	Classic or Deluxe Two hotel collections	From \$7,379 per person Per person, double occupancy

What this guide includes

Every day of the Journey, the experiences included each day, independent-time possibilities and important planning guidance. Daily sequencing, transportation and hotel assignments can vary by departure, local conditions and availability; final travel documents confirm the details for your Journey.

START PLANNING MY JOURNEY

Your complete 10-day itinerary

The Journey is arranged as a sequence of meaningful days, with included experiences balanced by room to wander, linger and make Italy feel personal.

DAY 1

Welcome to beautiful Venice

VENICE · ARRIVAL BY WATER & OPENING DINNER

Begin in signature Now Journey style with a warm arrival welcome and included private water taxi transfer from Venice Marco Polo Airport to the hotel in the heart of San Marco. Check in, refresh, and let Venice begin gently.

Later, meet your Tour Captain for a Discovery Walk through Piazza San Marco, the Campanile, the Grand Canal and the practical rhythms of the Journey. That evening, gather for a Venetian opening dinner with regional Italian cooking, wine and premium beverages included.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Included arrival support and private water taxi
- Tour Captain-led Discovery Walk
- Opening dinner in Venice
- Two nights with breakfast

DAY 2

Venice: the story begins

SAN MARCO · ART, POWER & GONDOLAS

With our expert local guide, explore Venice's hidden corners and layered history as you visit St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the historic prisons, and the Bridge of Sighs. The day reveals Venice not as a postcard, but as a republic shaped by power, intrigue, faith and extraordinary beauty.

Later, enjoy an included gondola experience through the city's quiet canals, accompanied by live musicians. Your Tour Captain can point you toward a favorite local restaurant for an optional dinner afterward.

INCLUDED TODAY

- St. Mark's Basilica and Piazza San Marco
- Doge's Palace, historic prisons and Bridge of Sighs
- Guided Venetian history and context
- Gondola experience with live musicians

DAY 3

Onward to Florence

FLORENCE · RAIL, ORIENTATION & TUSCAN DINNER

After breakfast, Venice gently fades behind you. A private boat transfer brings you to Venezia Santa Lucia, where you board a comfortable high-speed train bound for Florence—a seamless transition from lagoon light to Renaissance stone.

On arrival, your Tour Captain leads a Florence Discovery Walk through the heart of the city, including Giotto's Campanile, the Baptistery, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio. That evening, gather for a hosted Tuscan dinner with regional specialties, local wines and premium beverages.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Private boat transfer to Venice train station
- High-speed rail to Florence
- Florence Discovery Walk
- Welcome to Florence dinner

DAY 4

Birthplace of the Renaissance

FLORENCE · DAVID & INDEPENDENT TIME

Florence comes alive through art, architecture and story. Enjoy skip-the-line entry to the Accademia to see Michelangelo's David, then continue through the historic center with your guide: Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery, the Gates of Paradise, Piazza della Signoria and Piazza della Repubblica.

The afternoon is intentionally open. Wander, shop, linger over lunch, visit Santa Croce, climb the Duomo, explore the Uffizi or choose a privately arranged museum experience.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Accademia Gallery and Michelangelo's David
- Florence historic center and Renaissance landmarks
- Expert local guiding
- Free afternoon with optional museum experiences

DAY 5

Tuscany: flavor and tradition

SAN GIMIGNANO, WINE COUNTRY & CORTONA

Rolling hills and cypress trees guide you into the Tuscan countryside. Begin in San Gimignano, famed for its medieval skyline and artisan streets, with a toast of Vernaccia, the town's signature white wine.

Then settle into a family-run Tuscan estate for a guided cellar visit, curated tasting and leisurely farm-to-table lunch. Continue to Cortona, where your Tour Captain handles check-in before leading a gentle Discovery Walk into the historic center.

INCLUDED TODAY

- San Gimignano visit and Vernaccia toast
- Winery visit, tasting and countryside lunch
- Scenic drive through Tuscany
- Cortona Discovery Walk and Apericena

DAY 6

Cortona: slow moments and simple pleasures

TUSCANY · A DAY SHAPED AROUND YOU

Enjoy a full day at leisure in Cortona. Make it as quiet or active as you wish: a long piazza morning, a walk through vineyards, a cooking class, horseback riding, a Siena day trip, a monastery visit or time exploring Cortona's upper streets and Etruscan layers.

Your Tour Captain will help shape the day around your style. The evening remains open for a final Cortona dinner or an unhurried night in one of Tuscany's loveliest hill towns.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Full free day in Cortona
- Tour Captain recommendations for dining and pacing
- Two nights in the Cortona hotel collection
- Optional Cortona experiences available

DAY 7

The road to Rome

OLD ROME · PANTHEON TO CAMPO DE' FIORI

Continue south toward the Eternal City. After arrival and check-in near the Pantheon, your Tour Captain leads a Discovery Walk through the heart of Old Rome.

Begin with the Pantheon, then continue through Piazza Navona, Campo de' Fiori and Largo di Torre Argentina. That evening, gather for a hosted welcome dinner featuring the flavors of Lazio.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Comfortable journey from Cortona to Rome
- Old Rome Discovery Walk
- Pantheon, Piazza Navona and Campo de' Fiori context
- Welcome to Rome dinner

DAY 8

Vatican City privileged access

VATICAN MUSEUMS · SISTINE CHAPEL · ST. PETER'S

With privileged entry, explore the Vatican Museums, stand beneath Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, and continue into St. Peter's Basilica and Square. Your guide brings context to the art, ritual, architecture and living pageantry of Vatican City.

The afternoon and evening are open. Explore Trastevere, Campo de' Fiori, a hidden wine bar or a quieter Roman corner with suggestions from your Tour Captain.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Vatican Museums guided experience
- Sistine Chapel
- St. Peter's Basilica and Square
- Afternoon and evening at leisure

DAY 9

Imperial Rome

COLOSSEUM · FORUM · FAREWELL DINNER

Set out through Rome's ancient heart, where ruins and modern life share the same streets. Visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum with admission and guiding included, then trace the shape of empire through Palatine Hill, Capitoline Hill, triumphal arches and views toward Trajan's Market.

Tonight, join your Tour Captain for a special Farewell to Rome dinner—a final hosted evening to reflect on the canals, masterpieces, hill towns and ancient stones gathered along the way.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Colosseum guided experience
- Roman Forum and ancient city context
- Capitoline Hill and imperial landmarks
- Farewell to Rome dinner

DAY 10

Arrivederci Italy

ROME · DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast is included this morning if your departure timing allows. Guests ending in Rome may request departure guidance for Rome Fiumicino or Ciampino Airport, and extra nights can often be arranged when available.

For many travelers, Rome becomes the perfect finale: a final espresso near the Pantheon, one more walk through ancient streets, and the feeling that the essential Italian story has come full circle.

INCLUDED TODAY

- Breakfast included, schedule permitting
- Rome departure guidance
- Optional extra nights when available
- Easy independent extension possibilities

Optional moments, never obligations

Independent time is part of the design. These possibilities can be shaped around your interests and availability.

FLORENCE

Art & architecture

Consider the Uffizi Gallery, the 463-step Duomo climb, Santa Croce, or the Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens.

CORTONA

A Tuscan day your way

Choose a cooking class, countryside ride, Siena day trip, Le Celle monastery, ancient Cortona walk or privately guided Assisi visit.

ROME

Another layer of the city

Explore Trastevere, the Baths of Caracalla, hidden wine bars or the evocative ruins of Ostia Antica.

PERSONALIZED

Designed around you

Tell your Journey Designer what you love most and we will help shape independent time without overfilling the Journey.

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