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## Escape in Italy

(6 nights/7 days)

*Shared travel*

Romantic adventures in Venice and Rome!

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

*From exploring Venice's iconic landmarks like Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica, to enjoying a romantic gondola ride and savouring local cuisine, followed by discovering Rome's ancient wonders including the Colosseum and Vatican, each day of your Italian adventure promises unforgettable experiences!*



### ITINERARY

#### *Day One – Welcome to Venice!*

On your first day in Venice, your private transfer will whisk you to your hotel for check-in. After settling in, you are free to explore the city with your 3-day pass, granting access to a wide range of attractions. Begin by visiting the majestic Doge's Palace, where you can marvel at its stunning architecture and historical significance. Next, head to the iconic St. Mark's Basilica, where a pre-booked visit will allow you to skip the lines and delve into its intricate mosaics and awe-inspiring interiors. Pause for a coffee at a charming café in Piazza San Marco, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and watching the world go by. In the evening, enjoy a romantic gondola ride through Venice's enchanting canals, drifting



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past historic buildings and under picturesque bridges. Cap off the night with a drink at a cozy bar along the Grand Canal, basking in the serene beauty of the city illuminated by night.

### *Day Two – Explore Murano Burano!!*



On the second day, after a delightful breakfast at your hotel, embark on an island tour of Murano, Burano, and Torcello. In Murano, marvel at the renowned glassmaking demonstrations, learning about the intricate techniques that have been perfected over centuries. Next, visit Burano, famous for its vibrant, colorful houses and exquisite lace-making traditions. Finally, explore the historic charm of Torcello, with its ancient churches and serene landscapes. Return to the main island in the evening and take some time to explore Venice's main attractions, such as the iconic Rialto Bridge, where you can admire the bustling market and stunning views of the Grand Canal. As the day winds down, indulge in a sumptuous dinner at one of Venice's charming restaurants, savoring the local cuisine and atmosphere.

### *Day Three – Your last day in Venice but still a lot to explore!*

Your final day in Venice begins with a captivating Venice City Tour, where you will discover the "Hidden Venice" and its lesser-known treasures. Wander through quaint alleyways, visit hidden squares, and uncover the secrets of this magical city. After a leisurely lunch at a traditional trattoria, take a guided tour behind the scenes of the historic Teatro La Fenice, learning about its storied past and magnificent architecture. Follow this with a scenic Grand Canal tour, where you can relax on a vaporetto and take in the stunning views of palaces and landmarks lining the canal. Spend your evening shopping for unique souvenirs and Venetian crafts in the local boutiques, making the most of your last moments in this enchanting city. Conclude your stay with a final dinner at a trattoria, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences of your three-day Venetian adventure.



### *Day Four – Welcome to Rome!*

Take the morning train from Venice to Rome. At



Rome's train station, you'll be warmly welcomed into a private transfer, ensuring a comfortable journey to your Grand Hotel Palace Rome. After check in, begin your exploration of Rome with the Big bus Rome – Hop On/Hop Off tour, which offers 2 days of unlimited access. This is an excellent way to see the main landmarks and attraction, including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon and more. With your Rome explorer city pass you will enjoy free access to the Vatican, one of the city's most iconic sites. Explore the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and marvel at the Michelangelo's masterpiece on the ceiling, and St. Peter's Basilica. Take a leisurely break for coffee or a drink to soak in the atmosphere. At the end of the day Relax and indulge in the luxurious accommodations of the Grand Palace Hotel Rome.

### *Day Five – Gastronomy and Ancient Wonders!*

In the morning embark on a culinary journey tour. This shared tour immerses you in the local food culture, showcasing hidden eateries and traditional dishes that make Rome's culinary scene truly special. In the afternoon enjoy a shared tour to explore the renowned Colosseum and Archaeological Park of Rome. Experience the awe-inspiring history of this ancient amphitheater and its surroundings. Admire the grandeur of ancient Roman architecture and soak in the history of the gladiators and the emperors who ruled here. Before you head to the hotel enjoy a delightful cocktail in one of Rome's chic cafes-bars. Return to the comfort of the Grand Palace Hotel for another night's rest.

### Day Six – A Day in Tuscany!

After your breakfast, embark on an enchanting journey to explore two of Italy's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, head to Siena, a city renowned for its stunning medieval cityscape. Immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant culture as you stroll through the narrow, winding streets, before reaching the remarkable square of Piazza del Campo. After absorbing the sights and sounds of Siena, make your way to a charming local estate for a delightful wine and food tasting experience. Here, savour 8 different types of wine and a delectable selection of local salami, cheese, ribollita vegetable soup, and the exquisite lasagna with truffle. With your palate thoroughly pleased, continue your journey to the picturesque town of San Gimignano. Encircled by 13th-century walls, this small village retains a captivating medieval atmosphere. Admire the town's 12 medieval towers, earning it the nickname "Town of Fine Towers". Conclude your day of exploration and culinary delights with a serene drive back to Rome, reflecting on the rich heritage and flavors experienced throughout this unforgettable day.



### Day Seven – Leisurely exploration and Departure, "Arrivederci Roma"

Enjoy a leisurely morning to explore more landmarks, take photographs, and collect souvenirs to remember your incredible luxury escape in Italy. Take a leisurely walk around the Piazza Navona or throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to Rome. Check out from the hotel and take your time to savor your final moments in the city before your transfer take you to the airport.

## INCLUSIONS

- Private transfer from Venice Airport – Venice Hotel (Mercedes Car or similar)
- Venice pass for 3 days
- A standard class train ticket from Venice to Rome
- Private transfer from Rome train station – Rome Hotel (Mercedes Car or similar)
- Hop On/Hop off for 2 days
- Go city Pass - Rome Explorer Pass 2 days
- Shared Food Tour, AM
- Shared Tour to Colosseum & Archaeological park of Rome, PM (small group - max 15)
- Shared Full Day Tour in Tuscany - Siena & San Gimignano (small group)
- 3 nights accommodation in Venice at a centrally located 4\* hotel - Ca'dei Proverbi Suites
- 3 nights accommodation in Rome at a centrally located 5\* hotel – Grand Hotel Palace Rome
- Breakfast daily

## Pricing

Valid for travel till December 2024  
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*14 days cancellation policy applies, thereafter full cancellation charges (100%) will apply.*

from €1,680.00 EUR

Prices are nett, per person based on sharing a Twin / Double. Subject to availability.

*This itinerary can be fully customized.*