



Ideal Classic Tour, Flavors of Tuscany,
& the Enchanting Cinque Terre
9 nights



Summary

Italy is ready to embrace you. Immerse yourself in its beauty and allow it to change you. Soak up the sun at outdoor cafés and stroll through piazzas in Rome while sampling gelato. Admire the view as you wind around the dramatic Cinque Terre. Central and Northern Italy are covered in this escorted tour. With weekly departures every Sunday, this is an ideal base tour for Italy.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Interest: group,couples,family

Level of Comfort: 3/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: 20

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Euro.
- **Language:** Italian
- **Dialing Code:** 39
- **Recommended vaccine :** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Banks & currency exchange: Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange offices or authorized hotels

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- Day 1:** **Rome - Assisi - Siena – Florence**
In the morning departure by coach to Assisi. You will visit the mystic town of Saint Francis still surrounded by ancient walls. Visit the Basilica of Saint Francis with its early Renaissance masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue. At the end of the visit, continue towards Siena, the beautiful medieval city renowned for the Palio horse race. Proceed to Florence
- Day 2:** **Florence**
Today you will enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city, also known to be the cradle of the Renaissance. Visit the beautiful Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry of St. John, and Santa Croce, the 13th century Franciscan Church with Cimabue's famous crucifix. The balance of the day is at leisure
- Day 3 :** **Florence - Padua - Venice**
Departure to Venice by coach. Along the way you will stop in Padua, where you will visit the famous Cathedral of St. Anthony, guarded by Donatello's "Gattamelata". Continue towards Venice, and upon arrival enjoy a panoramic guided walking tour of this unique city. You will see the St. Mark's square, the Basilica of St. Mark, the Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the Prisons
- Day 4 :** **Venice**
Morning tour by boat. You will cross the lagoon with a view of the islands and reach the island of Murano where you will assist to a demonstration of glass blowing (some time will be allowed for shopping)
Afternoon at leisure
- Day 5:** **Venice - Verona - Sirmione - Como Lake – Milan**
Morning departure by motor coach to Verona. Visit of the town of Romeo and Juliet. Continue to Sirmione. Free time for lunch and tour of the town
In the afternoon, proceed to Lake Como for a panoramic tour by bus
In the evening arrival in Milan
- Day 6:** **Milan – Rome**
Morning panoramic tour of the city including the shopping gallery Vittorio Emanuele II, the Sforza castle, and the Splendid Duomo, one of the world's largest, most striking Gothic cathedrals. Travel back to Rome by bus and arrival at about 7.30pm
- Day 7:** **Rome - Montepulciano - Pienza - Siena**
Meet your multilingual tour leader and start a delightful trip through the rolling hills of the Chianti Region. Will reach the hilltop town of Montepulciano, an ancient village rich of medieval and Renaissance buildings, famous for producing one of the oldest wines of Italy, the "Nobile di Montepulciano". You will stop for a visit to a wine cellar and experience a tasting of wines and local products like ham, cheese, and salami. Proceed to Pienza, the Renaissance town built under Pope Pius II and also well-known for its pecorino cheese. The tour will proceed to Siena, where you will enjoy a visit of the old city centre. You will be walking along the medieval streets admiring splendid palaces. The sightseeing tour will end in the Piazza del Campo. This is one of the most beautiful squares in the world and site of the famous 600 years old horse-race, called "Il Palio"

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Day 8: Siena-San Gimignano-Tavernelle-Chianti-Pisa-La Spezia

Today you will depart to San Gimignano, a tiny city that has remained intact through the centuries; situated on a hilltop and famous for its numerous towers, frescoes and other art treasures. You will then proceed to Tavernelle Val di Pesa located within the Chianti Classico “Gallo Nero” region, where we will make a stop at the farmhouse La Tancia to enjoy an excellent wine tasting with light lunch. The tour continues onto PISA, where you will have free time for lunch. Early afternoon our expert tour leader will take you for a pleasant walk into the enchanting historical centre, Piazza dei Miracoli, with its famous Leaning Tower (exterior visit), The Baptistery (exterior visit) and other beautiful monuments. Proceed to La Spezia

Day 9: La Spezia-Portovenere-Golfo Dei Poeti -Cinque Terre- La Spezia

In the morning, departure by boat for an unforgettable day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most amazing and enchanting landscape in the World. During the tour, the boat will reach Portovenere and the most important villages. You will be able to stop at Portovenere, Vernazza, Monterosso and visit them at leisure.

Board the train from Monterosso and arrive in La Spezia

Day 10 : La Spezia - Carrara-Montecarlo di Lucca-Rome

Today you will visit Carrara and tour one of the impressive marble quarries carved deep into the mountain.

By visiting the quarry museum you will admire ancient tools, some sculptures and the quarryman's house. Continue to Montecarlo di Lucca, a lovely town located on the hills around Lucca. This territory is ideal for the production of top quality wine and extra virgin olive oil. We will stop and visit a farmhouse where the owners will have you taste delicious Tuscan food specialties, from olive oil to cheese, from bread to wine and of course pasta, which you will taste with different wines. Proceed to Rome and arrival in the evening

Take the scenic route over the Serra da Arrábida and savor sweeping views of the Tróia Peninsula. Catch glimpses of the castle at Sesimbra, which recall fierce medieval battles between Christians and Moors and stop in Azeitao to visit a traditional Tile Workshop. After crossing the Bridge of April 25th, you're back in Lisbon. Tonight, enjoy a spectacular panoramic view at Varanda restaurant while having a cocktail and a special farewell dinner with wine with your traveling companions

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