

LUXE ITALIA: FROM RUINS TO RIVIERA

11 NIGHTS

DATE: MARCH 2 - 13, 2026





INTRODUCTION

On this tour to Italy, you won't have to worry about a thing — except enjoying the journey.

No need to decide where to go or what to do — we've planned it all for you. From historic cities to picturesque countryside, every detail has been carefully curated so you can simply relax and immerse yourself in the Italian experience.

This itinerary is designed for your comfort: no exhausting transfers, just a perfectly paced adventure through Italy's most iconic destinations — Rome, Florence, Venice, and more. Expect breathtaking architecture, world-famous art, charming piazzas, and of course, delicious cuisine — from handmade pasta to Tuscan wines.

In your free time, you'll wander cobbled streets, sip espresso in ancient cafés, admire Renaissance masterpieces, and enjoy scenic views of the Italian countryside.

Our accompanying guide will be with you from the moment you arrive in Rome, helping you make the most of your free time, organize optional activities, assist with daily questions, and share fascinating stories about Italy's history, culture, and local life.

» Rome » Pompeii » Sorrento »
» Positano » Amalfi » Florence »
» Pisa » Lucca » Venice



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

11 NIGHTS

Day 1 Arrival at Fiumicino Airport, meet your assistant, and
Mar 2 transfer to the city center hotel.

Day 2 Guided tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum, and
Mar 3 Palatine Hill. Afternoon visit to the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Optional self-guided walk to Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, and Spanish Steps.

Day 3 Guided winery visit and tasting in Frascati, with lunch.
Mar 4 Scenic drive through Grottaferrata and Castel Gandolfo.

Day 4 High-speed train to Naples, guided Pompeii tour, pizza-
Mar 5 making class with Mt. Vesuvius views. Continue to Sorrento.

Day 5 Explore Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello. Optional: Villa
Mar 6 Rufolo or Cimbrone. Limoncello tasting at lemon grove.

Day 6 Transfer to Florence via Naples and high-speed train.
Mar 7 Optional walking tour and steak dinner.

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- Day 7** Guided tour of Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, and Uffizi.
Mar 8 Free afternoon. Optional: Wine dinner in the countryside.
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- Day 8** Visit Pisa's Leaning Tower and Duomo. Walk through Lucca, farm lunch with wine tasting.
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- Day 9** Train to Venice, water taxi transfer, and guided walking tour. Optional gondola ride.
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- Day 10** Tour St. Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace.
Mar 11 Afternoon boat tour to Murano and Burano.
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- Day 11** Free time in Venice. Optional mask workshop or farewell dinner.
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- Day 12** Private water taxi to Venice Airport. Arrivederci Italia!
Mar 13

ROME



Day 1 : Arrival in Rome: Gateway to the Past

Welcome to Rome, where every stone whispers a story. Upon your arrival at Fiumicino Airport, you're warmly greeted by your local assistant and privately transferred to your centrally located hotel. After settling in, take time to breathe in the Roman air—maybe enjoy a coffee in Piazza Navona, or stroll through cobblestone streets as golden light bathes the ancient facades.

Optional Experience: This evening, celebrate the start of your journey with a welcome dinner in a traditional Roman trattoria. Dine al fresco on classics like cacio e pepe or amatriciana, accompanied by local wine. Overnight in Rome.

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Day 2 : The Icons of Rome: Colosseum, Forum & Vatican

Start your day with a guided walk through Ancient Rome, beginning at the majestic Colosseum, where gladiators once battled. Wander the Roman Forum, once the heart of public life, and climb the Palatine Hill, birthplace of the city itself. Your guide brings each ruin to life with vivid storytelling.

After a break for lunch, head across the Tiber to the world's smallest country: Vatican City. Visit the vast Vatican Museums, gaze upon the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, and step inside the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica, with Michelangelo's Pietà just inside the door.

End the day with a scenic walk: toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain, admire the Pantheon's oculus, and rest your feet on the Spanish Steps (non-guided). Overnight in Rome.

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Day 3 : Castelli Romani: Wine, Villages & Volcanic Beauty

This morning, leave the city behind and head into the Castelli Romani, a region of ancient towns and scenic hills just south of Rome, long favored by popes, poets, and Roman nobility.

Your first stop is Frascati, a charming hilltop town renowned for its wine culture and relaxed pace of life. Meet your host at a family-run winery, where you'll take a guided stroll through the vineyards and historic wine cellars, learning about traditional winemaking techniques still in use today.

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After the visit, sit down under the pergola or in a panoramic tasting room for a leisurely multi-course lunch featuring fresh, seasonal dishes paired with the estate's own wines - typically including Frascati Superiore DOCG and a local red blend. Expect warm hospitality, homemade olive oil, and a true taste of Lazio's countryside. After lunch, enjoy a scenic drive through other Castelli Romani villages - such as Grottaferrata or Castel Gandolfo, with its views over the volcanic Lake Albano - before returning to Rome in the late afternoon. Your evening is free to explore the Eternal City at your own pace. Overnight in Rome.



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POMPEII SORRENTO



Day 4 : Southbound Journey: Rome → Pompeii → Sorrento

After breakfast, depart Rome aboard a comfortable high-speed train bound for Naples. Upon arrival, meet your private driver and continue south to the legendary ruins of Pompeii.

With an expert guide, explore this astonishing Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Walk through ancient streets, step into frescoed villas, bakeries, and bathhouses, and picture daily life before it was buried in ash.

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After your tour, take part in a hands-on pizza-making class at a local pizzeria with views of Mount Vesuvius. Learn the secrets of crafting authentic Neapolitan pizza from a local pizzaiolo, from kneading the dough to baking it in a wood-fired oven. Afterward, enjoy your freshly made creation alongside regional specialties and take in the sweeping views of the volcano that changed history. In the afternoon, continue your journey along the scenic coast to Sorrento, perched high above the sea. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and take your first walk through the lemon-scented streets of this charming town. Overnight in Sorrento.



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Day 5 : Amalfi Coast Dream: Positano, Amalfi & Ravello

Today, set out on one of the most breathtaking drives in the world - the legendary Amalfi Coast, where pastel villages cling to dramatic cliffs, and every bend in the road reveals a new postcard-perfect view.

Your first stop is Positano (view from the top only), a vertical village of cascading bougainvillea, narrow alleys, and fashion boutiques carved into stone.

Continue to Amalfi, once a powerful maritime republic, where you'll visit the striking Duomo of St. Andrew, nestled above a grand staircase in the lively central piazza. Enjoy time to shop for hand-crafted paper or savor a coffee with a sea breeze. Finally, ascend to Ravello, the quiet crown jewel of the coast. Stroll through the romantic gardens of Villa Cimbrone or Villa Rufolo (entrance fee not included), where panoramic terraces open onto an endless expanse of blue. Along the way, stop at a hilltop lemon grove producer. Learn about the cultivation of Sorrento's iconic citrus fruit and enjoy a tasting of the region's golden liqueur - sweet, tart, and unmistakably southern Italian. Return to Sorrento in the late afternoon. Overnight in Sorrento.

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Day 6 : North to Tuscany: Sorrento → Naples → Florence

This morning, bid farewell to the southern coast as you transfer from Sorrento to Naples and board a high-speed train to Florence, the beating heart of the Italian Renaissance. Upon arrival, settle into your centrally located hotel, just steps from the city's most iconic landmarks. Enjoy a relaxed walk through the historic center: pass the bustling Piazza della Repubblica, take in your first view of Brunelleschi's Dome, and cross the Ponte Vecchio, lined with centuries-old goldsmith shops (non-guided).

Optional Experience: In the evening, sit down for a memorable dinner at a local trattoria, beloved by Florentines for its rustic charm and authentic cuisine. The star of the menu: the iconic "bistecca alla Fiorentina" - a thick-cut, wood-grilled T-bone steak sourced from Tuscan Chianina cattle, served rare and traditionally shared. Pair it with a bold Tuscan red and classic sides like roasted potatoes and cannellini beans for the full experience. Overnight in Florence.

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Day 7 : Florence Unveiled: Art, Architecture & Genius

This morning, enjoy a comprehensive guided tour of Florence, beginning with the Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome, and the Baptistery's famous bronze doors (external views only). Continue through Piazza della Signoria, and into the Uffizi Gallery, where works by Botticelli, Leonardo, and Caravaggio await.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon at your own pace: sip wine in a quiet piazza, visit Santa Croce, or browse Tuscan crafts.

Optional Experience: In the evening, escape to the countryside for a wine tasting dinner at a vineyard estate, complete with sunset views and locally sourced dishes. Overnight in Florence.

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Day 8 : Day Trip to Pisa & Lucca: Towers and Tranquility

Leave the city behind this morning for a journey through the picturesque Tuscan landscape, where rolling hills and medieval towns invite you to slow down and savor every moment. Your first stop is Pisa, home to one of Italy's most iconic sights. With your guide, explore the stunning Piazza dei Miracoli, a masterpiece of white marble architecture and lush green lawns. Admire the Leaning Tower and step inside the grand Duomo and the ornate Baptistery, both rich in medieval craftsmanship and spiritual symbolism. From here, leave the crowds behind as you head into the Tuscan countryside, where vineyards and olive groves paint the hillsides.

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Stop for a leisurely lunch at a traditional farm, where you'll enjoy a homemade meal crafted from local ingredients - think pecorino cheeses, hand-rolled pasta, cured meats, and seasonal vegetables - all paired with wines produced right on the property. In the afternoon, arrive in Lucca, a beautifully preserved Renaissance town encircled by tree-lined walls. Take a relaxed walk ride along the top of the fortifications, offering sweeping views of church towers, gardens, and terracotta rooftops. Stroll through the peaceful cobbled streets, visit Puccini's birthplace, and enjoy the laid-back elegance of this often-overlooked gem. Return to Florence in the early evening with the golden light of the countryside still in your memory. Overnight in Florence.

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Day 9 : Florence → Venice: Arrival by Water

This morning, board a train traveling through the flat plains of northern Italy toward the unique city of Venice. Upon arrival at Santa Lucia Station, you'll meet your private water taxi waiting to take you along the famous Grand Canal. As you glide past historic palaces and charming bridges, you'll get your first unforgettable views of the city from the water. After checking in at your hotel, join a guided walk through Venice's narrow streets and canals in the San Marco and Castello districts. Discover hidden squares, centuries-old buildings, and quiet canals as your guide shares stories about Venice's rich history and culture.

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As the afternoon light softens and the crowds begin to thin, step aboard a classic Venetian gondola for a serene cruise through the city's quieter canals. Glide beneath low, arched bridges and past centuries-old palaces reflected in the shimmering water. Listen to the gentle splash of the oar and the occasional serenade by your gondolier, whose knowledge of Venice's secrets adds to the magic. In the evening, enjoy some free time to soak in the atmosphere and try your first Venetian meal. Overnight in Venice.

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Day 10 : Splendors of Venice & Lagoon Islands

Begin your day with a guided visit to St. Mark's Basilica, a dazzling jewel of Byzantine art. Step inside to marvel at its shimmering golden mosaics that tell biblical stories across soaring domes, and take in sweeping views of Piazza San Marco from the upper terraces. The basilica's intricate marble floors and ornate altars reflect centuries of devotion and craftsmanship. Next, explore the Doge's Palace, once the seat of Venice's political and judicial power. Wander through its grand halls and richly decorated chambers, imagining the lives of the Doges and councilors who shaped the Republic.

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After this immersion into Venice's storied past, escape the bustling city center with a scenic boat cruise to the lagoon islands. Your first stop is Murano, renowned worldwide for its exquisite glassmaking. Watch a master glassblower skillfully shape molten glass into delicate art, a craft perfected over centuries. Next, head to Burano, a vibrant island famous for its lace-making tradition and kaleidoscope of brightly painted houses lining narrow canals. Wander the charming streets, breathe in the fresh sea air, and discover artisan shops where lacework is lovingly created by hand.

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Day 11 : Day at leisure

Spend the day at your own pace, wandering the enchanting streets, browsing artisan shops, or simply soaking in the unique atmosphere of this magical city. Whether you choose to visit museums, sip espresso in a quiet piazza, or discover hidden gems off the beaten path, Venice offers endless possibilities.

Optional Experience: Venetian Mask-Making Workshop For those seeking a hands-on cultural adventure, join a traditional Venetian mask-making workshop. In an intimate artisan studio, learn the centuries-old techniques of crafting and decorating iconic Venetian masks. Your expert guide will share fascinating stories about the masks' role in Venice's Carnival and local history. Create your own beautifully decorated mask to take home - a unique souvenir and a lasting memory of your Venetian journey.

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Optional Experience: In the early evening you will enjoy a farewell “cicchetti” dinner at the cozy and authentic Cantina Canaletto, where you’ll sample a variety of Venetian small plates - perfectly paired with local wines - in a lively, convivial atmosphere Overnight in Venice.

Day 12 : Departure from Venice

After breakfast, enjoy one last glide through the canals with a private transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport. As your boat slips across the lagoon, carry with you memories of art, sea, and centuries of stories.

Arrivederci, Italia!

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Accommodation 3 nights

Hotel dei Borgognoni



Rome

On map: Via del Bufalo, 126, 00198 Roma RM, Italy



Hotel dei Borgognoni is a refined 4-star boutique hotel nestled between the Spanish Steps and the **Trevi Fountain** in the heart of historic **Rome**. Housed in a 19th-century palazzo, the hotel offers 51 elegant and soundproofed rooms, blending classic charm with modern comfort. Each room features refined décor, high-speed Wi-Fi, and marble bathrooms. Guests can enjoy a cozy lounge bar, an internal courtyard, and daily breakfast service with both Italian and international options. The hotel also provides meeting facilities, concierge services, and airport transfers upon request. With its prime location and quiet atmosphere, Hotel dei Borgognoni is an ideal base for exploring Rome's most iconic sites on foot.

Photos: Official gallery of Hotel dei Borgognoni (used for informational purposes only).

Accommodation 2 nights

Art Hotel Gran Paradiso



Sorrento

On map: Via Catigliano 9, 80067 Sorrento NA, Italy



Art Hotel Gran Paradiso is a stylish 4-star hotel set on the hills above **Sorrento**, offering breathtaking views of the Gulf of Naples and **Mount Vesuvius**. Surrounded by gardens and citrus trees, the hotel features around 100 elegantly decorated rooms and suites, each adorned with contemporary artwork and equipped with modern amenities like air conditioning, flat-screen TV, minibar, and free Wi-Fi.

Guests can relax by the outdoor pool, enjoy Mediterranean cuisine at the panoramic Toni Restaurant, or sip cocktails at the rooftop bar with sunset views. The hotel also offers a wellness center with spa services, a fitness area, and a complimentary shuttle to the town center. Its tranquil location and artistic atmosphere make it an ideal base for exploring Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast.



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Accommodation 3 nights

Cellai Boutique Hotel



Florence

*On map: Via Ventisette Aprile, 52/R, 50129
Firenze FI, Italy*



Cellai Boutique Hotel is an elegant 4-star property located in the heart of **Florence**, just steps from the city's main attractions. Designed with a refined artistic flair, the hotel features beautifully curated interiors filled with antique furniture, and vintage décor that reflect Florence's rich cultural heritage.



Each room is styled and equipped with modern comforts including air conditioning, flat-screen TV, minibar, and free Wi-Fi. Guests can unwind in the cozy lounges, enjoy breakfast in the charming rooftop garden, or relax with a book in the library-style common areas. The hotel also offers a 24-hour front desk, concierge service, and a warm, personalized atmosphere.



Its central location, artistic ambiance, and timeless charm make Cellai Boutique Hotel a perfect retreat for travelers exploring Florence's historic landmarks and vibrant streets.

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Tel: 443 541 4491

Accommodation 3 nights

Hotel Saturnia & International



Venice

*On map: Calle Larga XXII Marzo, 2398, 30124
Venezia VE, Italy*



Hotel Saturnia & International is a historic 4-star hotel located in the heart of **Venice**, just a short walk from St. Mark's Square and La Fenice Theatre. Family-owned since 1908, the hotel combines traditional Venetian elegance with modern comforts.



The property features decorated rooms and suites, many with classic Murano glass accents and elegant furnishings. Amenities include air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, minibars, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy a rich breakfast, relax at the rooftop terrace, or dine at the renowned on-site restaurant, which serves refined Venetian cuisine in a charming setting.



With its prime location, timeless character, and attentive service, this hotel offers a warm and authentic Venetian experience, perfect everyone looking to immerse themselves in the city's unique atmosphere.

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THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDE

CAREFULLY PLANNED



- 11-night accommodations in 4-star hotels across Rome, Sorrento, Florence, and Venice.



- Daily breakfast and city taxes at all hotels



- Porterage (in/out) at all hotel stops
- Meet & Greet at Rome FCO airport
- All private transfers by bus and boat as per itinerary



- High-speed train tickets:
Rome → Naples
Naples → Florence
Florence → Venice
- Licensed English-speaking guides and assistants for all tours



Guided city tours in:

- Ancient Rome & Vatican Museums (with entrance fees & headsets)
- Pompeii (with entrance fee, headsets & pizza class) Florence including Uffizi Gallery
- Pisa & Lucca (with entrance fees and wine lunch)
- Venice (with entrance fees to St. Mark's Basilica & Doge's Palace)



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Excursions to:

- Castelli Romani (with winery lunch)
- Amalfi Coast (with limoncello tasting)
- Murano & Burano (with glass factory visit & boat tickets)
- Gondola ride in Venice
- Boat transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport on departure



NOT INCLUDED

- Lunches and dinners when not mentioned
- Entrance tickets (except those specifically mentioned)
- Tips (not compulsory) and personal extras
- Anything not included under "Rates include"