

### Day 01: Arrive Rome

Arrive Rome. After customs and immigration, transfer to hotel on own. Check in at hotel (*standard check in time is 1400 hrs*). Evening free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Rome.

### Day 02: Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a guided tour of Rome. Late afternoon take a tour of Vatican City. Overnight in Rome.

#### Colosseum and Ancient Rome Tour:

Step back in time to the glorious days of Ancient Rome and imagine how life was in days gone by as you visit the city's most iconic monuments.



#### Highlights

- Skip the line entry
- Visit the Colosseum in the company of an expert guide
- Head up Oppian Hill for spectacular views over the ancient city

We begin our tour on Oppian Hill, one of the famous "Seven Hills" that offers great views of the Colosseum, the most famous of all Rome's landmarks and the centre of the ancient city. Walk

down the hill taking in the surrounding vistas towards the Colosseum. Here we skip the line and fast track past the crowds to start our guided tour. As you explore the remains of this wonderful Amphitheatre, your official guide will bring the scene to life with exciting recollections of days long ago, when Gladiators fought for their lives in front of baying crowds.

Moving on we shall make a short stop at the Arch of Constantine, which spans the Via Triumphalis, the route taken by Emperors when returning to the city in triumph. From here we go to the most famous of Rome's hills, Palatine Hill. Have your camera ready for the superb views of the Forum and Nero's Circus Maximus where spectacular chariot races were held. Then we go down to walk along the Via Sacra or Sacred Way which crosses Forum and was part of the ceremonial route taken by the Emperors.

Our tour ends with a visit to the temple where we find the altar dedicated to Julius Cesar and where today visitors still lay flowers and light candles.



#### Afternoon Vatican City Tour:

Enjoy this afternoon tour of the treasures of the Vatican, including the Sistine Chapel and the Basilica of St. Peter.

The tour begins by coach passing through Piazza della Repubblica with the Fountain of the Nymphs and following the ancient Aurelian walls which once surrounded the ancient city. From Piazza del Popolo where you will see an Egyptian obelisk dating back to the time of Ramses II. Finally, on arrival at the Vatican Walls, your guide will then lead you into the Vatican Museums taking the beautiful Spiral staircase and continuing through the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of

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the Geographical Maps before arriving in the famous Sistine Chapel with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo, at the end of the tour time free to visit the St. Peter's Basilica.

### Day 03: Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast day free at leisure or take an optional tour to Naples and Capri. Overnight in Rome.



### Naples and Capri Tour:

Leaving Rome in a southerly direction you take the Highway of the Sun crossing the fertile Roman countryside and the area known as Castelli Romani. Approximately halfway along the highway you will be able to see the Benedictin Abbey of Montecassino, noted for the famous battle and its complete destruction during the Second World War. Arriving in Naples you will board the jet boat for the 45 minute crossing to Marina Grande, the port of Capri. Here you will then board motor boats to reach the Blue Grotto (available and included only

from 01st April to 31st October) If weather condition will allow from 01st November to 31st March to get to Blue Grotto, payment will be on the spot (euro 28.00 pp). Mini buses are then used for a panoramic drive to reach Anacapri, situated at 280 metres above sea level from where you will have a wonderful view of the Bay of Naples. After lunch in a local restaurant, you will have some free time to take unforgettable photographs and purchase local products before returning to Marina Grande to board the boat back to Naples. Entering the port of Naples, don't miss this opportunity to admire the splendid Maschio Angioino (a fortress of the 12th century), the Certosa of San Martino and the Royal Palace. After disembarking you will then take the coach for return journey of approx. 3 hours, back to Rome. Return to vicinity of your hotel.

### Day 4: Rome - Venice

Check out and proceed to Venice.

Afternoon:

### Gondola Tour :

With this excursion you can see Venice from a different perspective, and take part of its magical atmosphere. Gondolas accompanied with local musicians float along the fascinating Gran Canal...the glittering images of the sumptuous palaces in the water will remain forever in your memories.

Overnight stay at hotel.



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### Day 5: Venice

Morning: Breakfast at the hotel.

Afternoon:

#### EXCURSION TO MURANO - BURANO – TORCELLO :

After sailing past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, the Public Gardens, the tip of Sant’Elena and the Lido famous beach resort, the boat arrives at Murano, known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. Here you have 40 minutes for a visit to one of the factories, and discover the magic of glass. The second stop will be at the picturesque island of Burano, famous not only for its lace, but also for the fishermen’s houses painted in bright colours. The stop will last about 30 minutes. After a short sail, you’ll reach Torcello, the earliest centre of civilization in the lagoon. Only the cathedral with its magnificent mosaics and the church of Santa Fosca remains as testimony of its former glory. This stop lasts about 30 minutes. Then the boat will make its way back to St. Mark’s Square.



Overnight at Hotel.

### Day 06: Venice - Florence

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to train station to take the train to Florence. Arrive Florence and transfer to hotel on own. Evening proceed for a walking tour of Florence. Overnight in Florence.

#### *Walking Tour of Florence:*

The best way to explore Florence and all her magnificent architectural treasures is on foot along with the expert knowledge of a local guide to ensure you discover all the history and secrets of this fabulous city.



Meet your guide at the historical heart of the city at Loggia del Bigallo on the Piazza Duomo to begin your discovery of the iconic monuments that surround this religious heart of the city: the Duomo Cathedral with its spectacular dome by Brunelleschi; the unusual octagonal Baptistery of San Giovanni and its Porta del Paradiso (“Gates of Paradise”); and the beautifully decorated Giotto bell tower.

Next we stroll down the Via Calzaioli to admire the gothic splendor of the Orsanmichele Church decorated around the outside with 14 famous tabernacles of patron saints. Moving on to the Mercato della Paglia (Straw Market) look out for the 17th century bronze statue of a wild boar and rub his nose for good luck! Our walk continues onto the oldest bridge in Florence, the romantic Ponte Vecchio where the street is lined with jewellery shops. Just a short way from the bridge we arrive at the Piazza Signoria, surrounded by an array of stunning masterpieces such as the Loggia dei Lanzi with its wide arches that are home to an open air museum filled

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with many famous sculptures such as Cellini's Perseus. As the political hub of the city we can also admire the incredible Palazzo Vecchio and its beautiful crenellated tower which is city's town hall.

#### Day 07: Florence

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast proceed for a day trip to Pisa. Overnight in Florence.

#### Day trip to Pisa:

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Head out early and into the picturesque surroundings of the Arno Valley. With a bold blue sky overhead, and rich expanses of land flanked by rolling hills, it is a region filled with splendour. On your ride, hear commentary about the history, art, and landscape of the area. Upon arrival to Pisa, walk through the bright and lively streets and squares of the old town. Visit the many wonderful monuments in and around the cathedral area, as you delve deeper into an impressive history.



Of course, no trip to Pisa is complete without a visit to the famous leaning tower. Grab your camera and take a few candid shots with the tower, a popular pastime with visitors to this great city. Tour the fantastic ornate facades that line the streets of Pisa. Gaze in amazement at the lovely, almost fairy-tale like architecture of your surroundings. Take a break and enjoy a relaxing cup of coffee at a street cafe and let the sights and sounds of this charming city come alive before you.

A pleasant day taking in the wonder of an intriguing city, your time spent in Italy's Arno Valley and city of Pisa will leave you with memories for years to come.

#### Day 08: Florence

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast morning free at leisure. Afternoon proceed for a tour to Chianti. Overnight in Florence.

#### Wonders of Chianti:

Lose yourself in the natural splendour of the Tuscan scenery, by far one of the most romantic and beautiful regions in the Italian peninsula.



#### Highlights

- Stroll around the medieval town of Monteriggioni
- Taste local Chianti wines and olive oil
- Tour a Tuscan wine estate and cellar

This relaxing tour invites you to discover the gorgeous Chianti region of Tuscany and **explore the iconic fortress of Monteriggioni and Castellina** in Chianti. Forget all

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about your day to day worries and leave all stress behind, back in the distant hustle and bustle of the big cities, as you enjoy a day in the purest charm of natural surroundings.

When you arrive in Monteriggioni, you will be able to enjoy a leisurely stroll through its quaint stone streets and search for the many little shops that specialise in typical Tuscan products. However, if you are not in a shopping mood, you can always sit down at an elegant cafe and relish some of the good old Italian coffee and gelato.

The tour continues with a visit to a charming wine estate. Here you will take part in a **guided tour of the wine cellars** in order to learn all there is to learn about the fascinating wine producing process. To top the experience off, it's then time for a tasting. **Try some of the magical wines produced in these cellars** paired with samples of sliced cold meats, bruschetta and salami. What's more, the tour also includes a second tasting of olive oil and wine in another nearby cellar. A day in paradise!

#### **Day 09: Florence - Milan**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to train station to take the train to Milan. Arrive Milan and check in at hotel. Evening free to explore the city on own. Overnight in Milan.

#### **Day 10: Departure**

Breakfast at hotel. Post breakfast check out and transfer to airport on own to take the flight back to India.

**End of Tour.**

**Hope the above meets your requirements. We would be keen to help you with any further requirements / customizations as required.**

**Happy Journey to You!!!**

**Thanks & Regards  
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