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Period: TBC

Total days: 11 days / 10 nights

Destination: Roma – Amalfi Coast - Florence – Venice

Group: Julie Marchese (11 people)

ILT Travel Consultant: Giulio Abbate

Flight: TBC

DAY 1 ROME

Upon arrival your personal assistant will pick you up at the **airport gate** and help you with the border and the luggage belt. Your private Mercedes will wait for you outside the airport gate to drive you at the hotel in Rome.

Today you will discover Rome by yourselves. Start the tour from the city center to discover the monuments and the palace of the Baroque period: **Piazza Navona**, the **Pantheon**, the **Trevi Fountain** and **Piazza di Spagna.**

The **dinner** will be served at a Michelin guide restaurant with an astonishing view on the Colosseum (dinner not included).

Overnight in Rome.

4 stars hotel: Fortyseven www.fortysevenhotel.com

5 stars hotel: Hotel D'Inghilterra https://www.starhotelscollezione.com/it/i-nostri-hotel/hotel-d-inghilterra-roma/ (extra cost + 100 euro per night)

Optional: After dinner discover the "Gianicolo" a hill with a unique view on all Roma. Where the Italians use to go with their lovers. A place surrounded by stars and love.

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DAY 2 ROME

Today, you will meet your personal driver and guide at the hotel lobby to visit the world's smallest country and the center of the Catholic World – **Vatican City.** Visit the impressive **St. Peter's square and Church**, and explore Vatican Museums, Raffaello's rooms and the Sistine Chapel.

In the afternoon you will visit continue to discover Rome with your professional guide. Start the tour from **Michelangelo's Campidoglio** (Capitoline Hill) where you can look out over the Roman Forum area, then continue to Imperial Forums and the ruins of **Colosseum**.

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Optional activity: you will enjoy a breakfast at Vatican Museum before the opening hours.

Optional activity: you will enjoy an exclusive visit of Vatican Museum after the opening hours.

Optional tour: you will attend at the Pope audience (only on Wednesday)

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Optional tour: bike tour in Rome. You will ride along one of the oldest streets of Rome, via Appia. You will discover the city during an unconventional tour.

Optional activity: Bulgari experience. You will go to **Via Condotti,** the most important shopping street in Rome for the Bulgari experience: you will be welcomed into the historic boutique on Via Condotti and accompanied inside the Domus Bulgari the new private space designed by Peter Marino.

Optional activity: you will discover the beauties of Rome by Vespa or Fiat 500. It seems like it will be the '50 Dolce Vita along the main roads of Rome.

Optional tour: on the way your will stop in Tivoli to visit **Villa d'Este and Vila Hadrian.** Villa d'Este takes its name from the Cardinal Hippolyte II d'Este (1509-1572) who lived in the villa when was appointed Governor of Tivoli by Pope Giulius III. The villa was originally built by Pirro Ligorio for Ippolito d'Este, it is one of the most important villa of the Renaissance, it is famous all over the world for its beautiful fountains and the beauty of its Italian Garden. From Villa d'Este we going to see the ruins of the beautiful villa of **Hadrian's Villa.** The Villa takes the name from the emperor Publio Elio Adriano (117-138 A.D.) and we will admire some extraordinary ruins of the villa, such as the Pecile, the Martime Theatre and the Canopo, the most fascinating place of the entire villa.

Optional tour: Today you will do an excursion with your personal guide to the **Castelli Romani**, an isolated group of small villages rising from the Roman countryside famous for the beautiful landscape,

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the food and the wine. The first village to visit is Castel Gandolfo, and its palace (Pope's summer residence). You will continue to Lake of Albano and Grottaferrata, Frascati, Ariccia. During the tour you will taste good wines and typical food like Porchetta and Pecorino**.**

Optional tour: you will enjoy a full day around Ciociaria. You will stop to visit one of the most important symbols of the history of the Ciociaria area: **Casamari Abbey,** a medieval monastery.You will visit also other two charming medieval tows called **Boville and Veroli.** They are two pearls of this area. Here you can see atmosphere of the past walking along the old walls and the medieval nobles palaces.

You will reach **Montecassino Abbey**, one of the most important and old abbey in Italy. It has a massive abbey located on the top of a mountain and it has charming cloister and staircase.

Optional activity visit of Borghese Gallery.

Optional activity: visit of Dioclezianum Stadium located under the Navona Square.

Optional tour: In the afternoon you will discover how the **real Italian Gelato is made.** Take a tour and class of the oldest Italian ice-cream shops and make your own gelato.

DAY 3 ROME

This morning your personal driver will pick you up to enjoy a **cooking class** with market tour. You will learn how to cook the best Italian food. The class begins with a visit to Rome's famous **Esquilino** market, where you'll start learning about the rich traditions of Roman food, and select the fresh, seasonal ingredients you'll be using in the cooking lesson. Then you go in a professional kitchen where, you will learn how to prepare the dishes or pizza making. Lunch included.

Free afternoon.

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DAY 4 ROME - POMPEII – AMALFI COAST

This morning your private driver will take you to Amalfi coast.

On the way to you will stop in **Pompei** for a guided visit of the "scavi" and will recount the historical facts of this important city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in the morning of the August 24th 79AD. During the guided walking tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the Forum that was the center of religious and economic life, the Casa del Fauno, one of the largest, and most impressive private residences in **Pompeii,** the Termopolium a sort of ancient inns where the foreigners arrived in Pompeii could eat and buy wine, the Lupanare, famous for the erotic paintings. The eruption preserved exactly how it was this important town of approx. 20.000 inhabitants completely covered in 30 feet of volcanic ash. We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes.

In the afternoon your personal driver will transfer you to Amalfi coast.

Overnight in Amalfi coast.

4 stars hotel: Palazzo Marzoli www.palazzomarzoli.it

5 stars hotel: Villa Franca (Positano) www.villafrancahotel.it (extra cost + 480 euro per night)

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Optional tour: you will meet your personal English-speaking guide to start a tour of Naples from Piazza del Gesù, one of the most beautiful squares. You will visit the cloister and the astonishing **Church of Santa Chiara.** Walking down the famous street of **Spaccanapoli**, you will reach Piazza San Domenico where you can taste Naples' typical pastry, the sfogliatella, with a legendary espresso. Back through the Decumano, you will arrive at Piazza San Gaetano and we visit the excavations of San Lorenzo. Finally, reach the Cathedral and the Chapel of the Treasury that contains the holy blood of San Gennaro, the patron saint of the city of Naples.

DAY 5 AMALFI COAST

This morning after breakfast your personal driver will let you enjoy a half day around the **Amalfi Coast.** Drive along the UNESCO World Heritage listed Amalfi Coast on 'state route 163' – a masterpiece of human engineering.

Following the natural outlines of Europe's most spectacular coastline, you will drive through picture-perfect villages, such as Praiano, Furore, Conca dei Marini and verdant cliffs dotted with waterfalls.

Overnight in Amalfi coast.

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Optional activity: On the way you will taste 2 typical local products: **Limoncello and Mozzarella.**

You will visit a Cheese factory to learn more about the production and taste Mozzarella! An expert will explain you how mozzarella is making and you will try to make it one with your hands!

You will continue to visit a Limoncello factory to learn more about the production and taste this typical product!

Optional activity: cooking class of Pizza to discover how a real Neapolitan pizza is made!

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DAY 6 AMALFI COAST – CAPRI – AMALFI COAST

This morning you will meet your personal driver to reach the pier by private transfer to take a ferry boat to reach **Capri island**. You will enjoy a visit of the island famous for its designer shops and chic hotels. Visit Marina Grande and the village of Anacapri, located 1,800 feet above sea. Afterwards continue to the main town of Capri, where you can visit La Piazzetta, the Gardens of Augustus and look across Faraglioni, and the distinctive rocks. In the afternoon your personal driver will take you to the pier in Capri to board a ferry back to Amalfi Coast.

From here your personal driver will wait for you to transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight in Amalfi coast.

Optional tour: you will rent a Vespa to enjoy the island by yourselves.

Optional tour: you will enjoy the island by private boat and professional English speaking skipper. You will relax on board admiring the amazing coast. You will stop for a bath before reaching Capri pier.

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DAY 7 AMALFI COAST – CIVITA - FLORENCE

Today your personal driver will transfer you to Florence. On the way, you will stop to visit an extraordinary Etruscan towns with your guide. In northern Lazio, you will cross a narrow bridge to the fascinating hill town of **Civita di Bagnoregio.**

Overnight in Florence.

4 stars hotel: Firenze Number Nine hotel and Wellness www.firenzenumbernine.com

5 stars hotel: Lungarno www.lungarnocollection.com (extra cost + 508 euro per night)

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DAY 8 FLORENCE

This morning at the hotel lobby you will meet your personal guide to discover the city. Your historical walking tour starts from **Repubblica square** - the heart of the city, and stroll through streets, alleys of the medieval quarter to Palazzo del Bargello (exterior visit only) and Piazza della Signoria, where sculptures beckon. Continue to Santa Croce Church (Basilica of the Holy Cross), famed as the "Westminster Abbey of Florence". It is a gorgeous Florence church with frescoes by Giotto, architecture by Brunelleschi and houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and other Tuscan cultural giants. Next, visit the **Accademia Gallery** with the famous Michelangelo's masterpiece: The David. You are able to view the museum's other unique pieces, including a room dedicated to Michelangelo. Continue walking along the Medici Chapels (exterior view only) and Basilica di S. Lorenzo, church of the once influential Medici Family (exterior view only). Finally arrive at Piazza del Duomo and marvel at the vast Cathedral before stepping inside to admire the interior's intricate Gothic details.

Overnight in Florence.

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Optional tour: you will continue the visit to **Uffizi Gallery,** one of the most beautiful and famous museums in the world boasting a hall of fame of the most important artists of all times: Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Caravaggio and many others.

Optional tour: This morning you will meet your personal guide to enjoy a bike tour along the beautiful streets of Florence. Enjoy a relaxing and **educational bike tour in Florence.** Our professional guide will show you all the most important monuments of the town and you will ride through the unknown spots and medieval narrow streets. You will admire Santa Marina Novella, Pitti Palace, Saint Frediano, the Old Bridge, the Uffizi square and more districts around the old town center. After the tour you will taste a delicious ice cream in the Oltrarno.

Optional tour: you will meet your personal expert guide to discover the world of the made in Italy in Florence. Florence is famous for the production of **leather and jewelleries** in particular near Ponte Vecchio. Your personal guide will escort you to visit laboratories of Florentine artisans where you will see the final products but also you can admire the ancient techniques of processing.

Optional tour: you will attend at workshop of the **creation of perfume's fragrance.** You will create your personal fragrance according your preferences and following the suggestions of the master.

Optional tour: in the amazing piece of paradise in the center of Florence is located the **Boboli garden** park. Here your personal guide will lead you through the amazing fountains, statues and monuments, belonged to the De' Medici family, and it represents the major example of Italian garden. After you will walk to Bardini Garden, connected to Boboli, characterized by amazing sculptures, fountains and flowers, especially more than 60 types of hydrangea located in the Rondò Belvedere. From the square you will watch a breath-taking panorama of Florence.

Optional tour: Florence is not only a town full of art and architecture, but the majority of its cultural heritage is up to the culinary experience. Indeed, **the eno-gastronomic** aspect of the town is dated to the Renaissance period. You will enjoy a **gourmet tour,** an astonishing experience through the food and art Florentine culture. After the visit of historic center, you will see the famous local market of San Lorenzo, where you will taste most of delicious and typical food of Tuscany. Then you will discover the charm of several Florentine churches and will enjoy a pleasing wine tasting, garnished with great regional cold

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cuts. Your professional guide will lead you through the story of the most important wine producer's families of Florence. The tour will end with the tasting of two "poor" dishes related to the Florentine culinary tradition.

Optional activity: you will visit **THE MALL OUTLET.** It is one of the biggest Italian shopping mall with the most important fashion brands (Gucci, Ferragamo, Montclair, Tod's…) for a shopping day. We can add also a personal shopper who will teach you more about brands, colors and Italian fashion.

DAY 9 FLORENCE –VENICE

Today you will meet your personal driver to reach Venice train station to a fast train to Venice. Outside Florence train station you will meet porter service to help you with luggage to reach the train. At Venice train station you will meet porter service and assistant along your platform to help you with your luggage to private boat to reach your hotel.

Upon your arrival in Venice you will board a private boat to reach your hotel.

In the evening you will enjoy a leisurely **gondola ride** through the canals of Venice. Following your **Gondola cruise,** you will discover the unusual reality of this atypical city and in the meantime, you will relax, with the boat gently floating on the water, the ride will end on the balcony of your restaurant.

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Overnight in Venice.

4 stars hotel: Cà Pisani www.capisanihotel.it

5 stars hotel: Danieli www.starwoodhotels.com (extra cost + 281 euro per night)

DAY 10 VENICE

This morning your guide will wait for you at the hotel lobby. Start your private walking tour of the city. Venice's charm lies both in its unique civil engineering achievements, and in the harmony of Eastern and Western artistic styles that have flourished here over the centuries. Your tour highlights some of the major sites that define the look and history of Venice, and includes visits to **Doges Palace, St Mark's Basilica and St Mark's square**. In the afternoon you will take a ferry boat with your guide to visit **Murano** to see how the famous glass making is made along with an expert glass connoisseur who will lead you through the closed doors of a glass master's private studio. (option: have a private boat).

Overnight in Venice.

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Optional tour: This morning our guide will wait for you at the hotel lobby. Start your private walking tour of the city to discover the Venice of the Venetians through its most typical districts: **Rialto** with its famous bridge and the colourful animated fish and fruit market.

Optional activity: Meet a master carpenter at **"squero", the site where gondolas are made**.

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy a rowing class with a professional expert to became a real gondolier per one day!

Optional activity: In the evening you will attend an opera show at Palazzo Barbarigo - Minotto . It will be an unique operatic experience in the rooms of the 17th century Palazzo Barbarigo - Minotto, a beautiful Grand Canal mansion in San Marco. The palace is quite spectacular with six state rooms which are enriched in the first half of the 1700s by artists whose importance is still recognized today.

Optional activity: you will attend an Opera show at Arena of Verona (it depends on the Arena schedule from late June to early September)

Optional tour: This morning you will meet your personal guide at the hotel lobby to witness a demonstration of how **Carnival Masks are made at the workshop** (made of papier-mâché) **in Giudecca** district

DAY 11 VENICE

This morning your private boat and assistant will wait outside the hotel to take you to Venice airport to catch your flight back home.

- **Services included in the itinerary:**

1) Hotels as in the itinerary with breakfast included. Standard double room. City tax not included.

2) Private Van 16 seats, NCC Professional English speaking driver, free internet wifi on board. All parking and access fees.

Day 1) Transfer from airport to hotel

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Day 2) Transfers

Day 3) Transfer to/from cooking class

Day 4) Transfer from Rome to Amalfi coast with stop in Pompeii

Day 5) Half day

Day 6) Transfer from hotel to pier and from pier to hotel in Amalfi

Day 7) Transfer from Amalfi coast to Florence with stop in Civita

Day 8) No service

Day 9) Transfer from hotel to train station in Florence

Day 10) No service

Day 11) No service

3) Professional guides, English speaking.

Day 1) VIP welcome Rome airport FCO

Day 2) Full day

Day 3) No service

Day 4) 3 Hours

Day 5) No service

Day 6) No service

Day 7) Half day

Day 8) Full day

Day 9) No service

Day 10) Full day

Day 11) No service

Other services included in the itinerary:

4) Entry tickets for the museums and other attractions and services as in the itinerary. No queue, VIP access when available, all tax.

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4) All tax, VAT

5) VIP assistant at arrival in Rome airport

6) N 1 Italian sim card with free local call and sms, Free 4G internet

7) 24 hours phone assistance in English

8) Ferry boat for Capri excursion roundtrip

9) Ferry boat for Murano excursion

10) High speed train tickets from Florence – Venice in Economy class

11) Gondola ride in Venice

12) Fast train tickets from Florence to Venice in Economy class

13) Private boat from the train station to hotel in Venice

14) Private boat from Hotel to airport in Venice

15) Cooking class with market tour and lunch included in Rome

Total price

2.980 euro per person

Note: All prices shown may be subject to change and must be confirmed at the booking. Price is based on a 10 people group + 1 FOC

Payment details: 30% in advance, at the booking. The difference is paid one month before the departure.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations made beyond 90 days will qualify for a full refund less a €100 administration fee, any nonrefundable deposits to third party vendors on behalf of the traveler, plus credit card charges if applicable. Thereafter, per person cancellation fees are: Any cancellation made between 90 days to 60 days prior to trip will qualify for a 50% refund. No refund will be issued for cancellations within 60 days of departure. Air packages and air tickets are subject to cancellation policies imposed by the airlines. Hotels and tickets are not refundable rates.

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