

**Itinerary Specially prepared for
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Venice – 3 nights



ACCOMMODATION MADE INDEPENDENTLY

Wednesday, January 4th 2023

Arrival in Venice airport private transfer to hotel

- After customs meet your private concierge and together reach the pier to take your private boat to your hotel.

Afternoon at leisure for self-exploration

Thursday, January 5th 2023

Private boat tour to Murano Island (4 hours) – early afternoon gondola ride

- Meet your private English-speaking assistant in the lobby of the hotel and head to Murano Island by private boat
- Entrance fees to be paid on spot
- 30 minutes private gondola ride

Murano Island: The Wonders of Murano Glass

It is not exactly known when glass making began, however it was confined to Murano by a law passed in 1291. Since then, Murano glass has been known all over the world for its craftsmanship, imagination, creativity and originality. Just as it has been done for centuries, Murano glass is still made by hand with a team of artisans known as a “piazzà” who work around the glass master seated in his “scagno” as he directs and works the glass with his team. Your guide will pick you up at the hotel with a private boat and will take you to Murano to see how this famous glass is made. Your

assistant will lead you behind the doors of the various glass masters' studios where you will have the opportunity to see how the different techniques are used to make sculptures, drinking glasses and chandeliers. Then you will visit a factory showroom where you can order and purchase customized pieces at whole sale prices, all with the guarantee that you are buying **hand-made Murano glass**.

In the early afternoon You'll also enjoy your awaiting Gondola. The magic of this unique city will come alive as you glide by gondola down the shimmering Grand Canal and float quietly down inner canals spanned by tiny romantic bridges - you will get lost in this beautiful labyrinth of land and water. Taking a gondola ride in Venice gives you a completely different perspective of the city than exploring it on foot. They have been a tradition in Venice for centuries. Initially used to transport goods down the narrow canals of Venice, today gondolas are primarily used for sightseeing and ceremonial functions.

Friday, January 6th 2023

Private walking guided tour of St Mark's Square (3 hours) – afternoon Hidden Venice tour

- Meet your English-speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel
- Golden Basilica and Doge's Palace entrance fees are included

St Mark's Square

The guide will meet you for the walking tour that explains the historical background of Venice. While visiting St. Mark's square, with the **Golden Basilica** (inside) and the **Doge's palace** (inside), you will see some of the most admired and well-known monuments and architectural jewels. The Doge's Palace is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture with vast council chambers and delicately decorated residential apartments. The interior is filled with works by artists such as Titian, Veronese, Tintoretto, Vittoria and Tiepolo. Finally, you will have a short walk to the **Bridge of Sighs** that connects Palazzo Ducale to the 16th-century Priggione Nove (New Prisons). Its improbable popularity is due to British libertine Lord Byron (1788–1824), who mentioned it in one of his long narrative poems Childe Harold's Pilgrimage. Condemned prisoners were said to sigh as they passed through the enclosed bridge and glimpsed the beauty of the lagoon. Now the sighs are mainly from people trying to dodge the picture-snapping masses!

After a leisurely lunch continue your tour with your English speaking guide to discover the hidden Venice on a 2 hour guided tour of Hidden Venice, to explore the fascinating but lesser know alleyways and narrow streets not far from San Marco. You can admire the churches and monuments that testify to the long tradition of the Venetian history and culture, seeing the many different architectural styles that have evolved over the centuries, from late Byzantine to Gothic, from Lombard to Renaissance through to Baroque.

Rome – 3 nights



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Friday, January 6th 2023

Concierge Rail Venice/Rome

- Meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel for the transfer to Florence train station
- 2nd class train tickets from Florence to Rome included
- On arrival in Rome, meet your driver and head to your hotel

After a relaxing breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to **Vernice**. Catch a high-speed train to Rome, then check in to your hotel.

According to legend, Rome was founded by brothers Romulus and Remus in 753 B.C.E. atop Rome's Palatine Hill. The long-time center of the powerful Roman Empire, Rome boasts nearly 3,000 years of architecture, history, and culture. These days, Italy's capital is considered one of Europe's top cities thanks to its ancient monuments, incredible art masterpieces, and cosmopolitan vibe. It's a center for fashion with buzzing food culture and has a growing nightlife scene.

Visitors and locals wanting to soak in the sunshine flock to the beautiful Giardino degli Aranci, the city's vibrant orange tree gardens on Aventine Hill, or relax in the lush greenery of the Villa Borghese Gardens.

Saturday, January 7th 2023

Group guided tour of the Coliseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill



- Meet your driver at your hotel and proceed to the Vatican
- **Inclusions:** one-way transportation, professional English-speaking guide, entrance fees, headsets

Ancient Rome

Enjoy priority entrance to the Colosseum. Take an informative tour led by expert professional guides.

After pick up at your hotel you will reach the Archeological area with no stress, ready to get the most complete tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. Access the Palatine Hill with no line and discover the hill where Rome was founded at the beginning. Then reach the Colosseum and be amazed by this monument that is the symbol of Rome in the world. The Amphitheater created to entertain ancient Roman citizens with bloody shows of gladiators, animals and cruel games, is now one of the most fascinating landmarks of the City. Then, walk on the original path of ancient Rome along the Via Sacra and see the Temples of Vesta, Antonino and Faustina, the ancient Basilica Julia and Aemilia and dream about the glorious past of the Roman Empire. Unforgettable!

Sunday, January 8th 2023

Rome - Pompeii – Rome

- Meet your driver at your hotel and proceed to Pompeii
- Private vehicle at disposal for full day (approx. 11hrs)
- 2 hours guided tour with private guide in Pompeii
- Entrance fees included

Set off today for your new amazing experience and enjoy a visit to the fantastic ruins of **Pompeii** Upon arrival you will be met by your local English-speaking tour guide for 2 hours visit. This fascinating historical site now provides us with a rich history of life at the time of the Roman Empire. You will have the chance to see how the **ancient Romans** lived and admire the level of civic progress and artistic skills they had reached so many years ago. After the fall of the **Roman Empire**, such levels of progress were only reached in the 17th and 18th century. Enjoy leisurely lunch up to 1 hour (payable locally) before returning to Rome.

Monday, January 9th 2023

Rome – Florence – Rome

- Meet your driver at your hotel and proceed to Rome train station and return
- 2 class train tickets Rome Florence and return
- Private guide in Florence for 3 hrs

After a leisurely breakfast meet your driver and head towards the Rome train station to catch the train to Florence

Upon arrival at the Florence Santa maria Novella train station meet your private English-speaking guide and commence your 3 hours guided tour of the city

Today you will get the chance to have a wonderful overview of Florence; not just the cradle of the Renaissance but showcasing 2000 years of history. The city's Roman origins are still very much in evidence of its grid pattern of streets. The tour will start at the **Duomo**, in the very heart of the city. Here you will see the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, with Brunelleschi's dome (the first to be built since the Pantheon in Rome) the Baptistery with Ghiberti's legendary bronze doors and Giotto's great Campanile. A short walk from here will bring you to the **Piazza della Signoria**, the political heart of the city. The square is dominated by the **Palazzo Vecchio**, begun in 1299, to house the Signoria, the highest tier of the city's republican government. Standing in front of it is a copy of Michelangelo's David, for this is the space it was designed to occupy, the symbol of the power of the city. By the end of the tour, you should have a solid idea of the history of the city.

Tuesday, January 10th 2023

Depart Rome

Private transfer to Rome airport

*** End of the services ***

The price includes:

Inclusions:

- American buffet Breakfast
- Private transport by Minivan transfers with bags and Sedan for sightseeing (1 suitcase and 1 carry-on bag allowed per person)
- Basic English-speaking driver for stated transfers
- Expert local English-speaking guides for stated sightseeing
- Entrance fees to all stated sights and museums
- All the tours and activities listed in the itinerary
- Gondola ride
- Train tickets
- The services of the Concierge including welcome at the airport, telephone monitoring at each hotel and reconfirmation of arrangements with all service providers.
- Vehicles, drivers, guides available for the stated amount of sightseeing as applicable, i.e. 3-4 hours for half day tours and up to 9 hours for full day tours, starting from the time indicated in the itinerary
- All taxes
- 24-hour emergency contact service

Exclusions:

- All air travel and associated costs
- City taxes
- Lunches and dinners unless otherwise stated
- Gratuities
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the “Inclusions” list above.

Please note...

- All rates are subject to reconfirmation if an actual booking is made
- Accommodation is subject to availability unless otherwise stated
- No actual reservations have been made yet unless stated

Terms and conditions

- **Upon confirmation** a non-refundable deposit of 30% is required. The remainder of the tour cost is payable 45 days prior your arrival in Italy. If the reservation is made within 45 days of departure, the entire tour price must be paid at the time of confirmation.
- **All the cancellations** received between the date of booking and 45 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit.
- **Cancellations** received 44 - 30 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 45% of the tour price.
- **Cancellations** received 31 - 8 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 80% of the tour price.
- **Cancellations** received 7 days or less prior to departure will be subject to 100% of the tour price.
- **PAYMENT METHOD:** Payments May be made by the following methods:
- Credit card **(no credit card fee)**
- Bank transfer
- **Organizer:** The tourist services and/or package of the contract are organized by Customized Srl Limited liability company situated in Via Bruno Maderna 7 – 30174 Mestre / Venezia - Italy — Tel +39 041 5041037.
- **This contract is regulated** by the dispositions according to the art.2 n.1 legal decree no. 111 of 17 March 1995 in performance Directive the EEC 314/90 and from the international conventions in matter and the convention of Brussels of the 20 April 1970.
- **Responsibility of the organizer:** The responsibility of Customized S.r.l. in comparisons of the travelers for eventual endured damages because of the lacked or inexact fulfillment of the obligations expected from this agreement, is regulated from the laws and the international conventions recalled to "the Organizing" paragraph. It excludes in any case the responsibility of Customized S.r.l. in case the non-fulfillment complained from the traveler depends on the traveler itself.
- **Hotel Classification:** The category of Hotels supplied by Customized S.r.l. is the official category of the local authorities, based on the standard established in each mentioned country.
- **Baggage:** The Baggage travels to risk and responsibility of the traveler and Customized S.r.l. is not responsible at all for the eventual damage, lose and/or theft of the luggage. The baggage transported during the transfers by the vehicle provided by Customized S.r.l. will take advantage directly on the stipulated insurance policy of the transport company.