GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

VENICE & ROME • SIENA & FLORENCE • CINQUE TERRE & AMALFI COAST

THE OFFER

Romance, beauty and La Dolce Vita - Italy is a destination that inspires and delights! From classical cities to sparkling coastlines, explore the best of Italy on this incredible 17 day grand tour.

Enjoy unforgettable days venturing through some of Italy’s most iconic cities and picturesque seaside villages. Experience the romance of Venice with a local guided tour of Piazza San Marco. See how the locals like to holiday at the resort towns surrounding Lake Garda, the largest Italian lake. Take a boat ride to the stunning Cinque Terre coastline to enjoy quaint seaside fishing villages, and enjoy local cuisine. Stop for a photo at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Visit classical Florence, known for its world-famous, centuries-old art and architecture. Journey through the scenic Tuscan countryside, visit the beautiful medieval town of Montepulciano, explore the magnificent ruins of Pompeii under the watch of Mount Vesuvius, travel along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, and so much more. Includes return international flights, 14 nights accommodation, 14 meals including daily buffet breakfast, English-speaking tour leader and more.

17 DAY GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

$4899

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Day 1 Australia - Venice, Italy
Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Venice, Italy. Fly with Emirates, Etihad Airways, Finnair, British Airways or Cathay Pacific to name a few (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Welcome to Venice
Upon arrival into Venice be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Hotel Amadeus, Venice
Meals included: None

Day 3 Venice Morning Sightseeing Tour - Afternoon at Leisure
After breakfast enjoy a locally guided tour of Venice (approx. 2 hours) – one of the most romantic cities in the world. The tour starts from the magnificent Piazza San Marco, (St Mark's Square) the centre of Venetian life. The Basilica of San Marco and the Palazzo Ducale - the symbolic monuments of the Republic - stand on the background of the square. Inside the church admire the beautiful decorations and the magnificent Byzantine mosaics. Continue walking to the Rialto Bridge, one of the most beautiful bridges and symbols of the town. Afterwards enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure to perhaps meander through the myriad of narrow water lined streets, bridges and canals.

Hotel Amadeus, Venice
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Venice - Lake Garda - Dossobuono (approx. 125km day)
Today depart to Lake Garda, the largest Italian lake which is surrounded by mountains and is well known for its water sports and outdoor activities. It has both old charming villages and modern day towns. Enjoy some of the small resort towns located around Lake Garda like Peschiera del Garda and Sirmione. Sirmione is one of the most popular holiday resorts on the shores of Lake Garda. The small historic town is located on the tip of a long peninsula protruding from the southern shore of the lake. It also has thermal springs and was a spa destination even in Roman times. Continue onto Dossobuono for the night.

Hotel West Point, Dossobuono (Lake Garda Area)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Lake Garda - Cinque Terre - La Spezia (approx. 250km day)
After breakfast check out and depart to La Spezia to embark on a boat to Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre is a string of centuries-old seaside villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline. Enjoy a full day to discover the beautiful villages of Monterosso, Vernazza, Manarola and Rio Maggiore. Enjoy the unique atmosphere of this place, colourful houses and vineyards that cling to steep terraces, harbours that are filled with fishing boats and “trattorias” (typical restaurants) which turn out seafood specialties along with the Liguria region's famous sauce, pesto.

Hotel NH La Spezia, La Spezia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 La Spezia - Pisa - Florence (approx. 150km day)
This morning, journey to the Renaissance city of Florence, making a stop at Pisa along the way. Take time to stroll through the parklands that surround the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and try to capture that perfect photo! Afterwards continue to Florence, which was the centre of medieval European trade and finance and is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance. Enjoy an orientation walking tour this afternoon, and take in the wonderful panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. It boasts glorious vistas over the red roofs, Arno River and ancient city walls out towards the surrounding countryside. From here continue to walk around Florence's many highlights, including the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno, the Piazza del Duomo and Campanile Tower.

The Gate Hotel, Sesto Fiorentino (Florence Area)
Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 7 Florence Free Day
Today enjoy a free day at leisure in the beautiful city of Florence. Continue to explore the historical sights of the city or perhaps take in a spot of shopping - the choice is yours.
The Gate Hotel, Sesto Fiorentino (Florence Area)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Florence - Siena - Montepulciano - Chianciano Terme (approx. 155km day)
Today continue your Italian journey through the Tuscan countryside to Siena. On arrival, with your tour leader, enjoy a walk through the narrow cobbled streets to Piazza del Campo, where the annual Palio horse race takes place. See the 14th century Town Hall with its slim Mangia Tower and then see the hilltop Cathedral.
This afternoon head to Montepulciano, a medieval town of rare beauty. The city, full of elegant Renaissance palaces, ancient churches, charming squares and hidden corners, boasts vast panoramas of the wonderful Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana Valleys that surround it. It is also surrounded by vineyards and is well known for its red wine, "Rosso di Montepulciano". Afterwards continue onto Chianciano Terme, a famous thermal baths destination.
Cristallo Hotel, Chianciano Terme
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Chianciano Terme - Assisi (approx. 95km day)
After breakfast depart to Assisi. Along the way cross the River Tevere, and enjoy the beautiful Italian countryside before stopping to see St. Maria of the Angels Church. The basilica was constructed in the Mannerist style between 1569 and 1679 and encloses the 9th century little church. The Papal Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi is the mother church of the Roman Catholic Order of Friars.
Cristallo Hotel, Assisi
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Assisi - Pompeii - Sorrento Area (approx. 420km day)
This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel, before continuing the journey to Pompeii (entrance included). Explore this magnificent archaeological site, of the city that was buried from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. It remains practically intact, as a testimony to the life of a commercial city of ancient Rome. Afterwards continue to the beautiful seaside Sorrento area, the gateway to the Amalfi Coast.
La Panoramica Grand Hotel, Castellammare di Stabia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Amalfi Coast (Ravello, Minori & Maiori) (approx. 50km day)
Today enjoy the Amalfi Coast, a 50km stretch of coastline along the southern edge of Italy's Sorrentine Peninsula. It's a popular holiday destination with sheer cliffs and a rugged shoreline, dotted with small beaches and pastel coloured fishing villages. The coastal road between the port city of Salerno and cliff top Sorrento winds past grand villas, terraced vineyards and cliffside lemon groves. Today stop and explore some beautiful villages like Ravello, Minori and Maiori.
La Panoramica Grand Hotel, Castellammare di Stabia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Island of Capri - Sorrento Walking Tour
This morning transfer to the Sorrento pier and depart by hydrofoil to Capri, the dream island in Italy's Bay of Naples. Famed for its rugged landscape, upscale hotels and shopping, from designer fashions to limoncello and handmade leather sandals. Explore the narrow alleyways, browse in the exclusive boutiques and enjoy the wonderful sea views. In the late afternoon, after a day of island life, you will be transferred back to Sorrento. Here you will enjoy a walking tour of this handsome cliff-top resort town, wedged on a ledge between the mountains and the Mediterranean. It's as well-located for regional sightseeing as it is a pleasant place to stay and stroll beautiful landscapes.
La Panoramica Grand Hotel, Castellammare di Stabia
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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Amalfi Coast (Amalfi & Positano) (approx. 60km day)
Today you will enjoy an Amalfi Coast excursion by boat. Depart from Salerno and head to Amalfi and Positano. Amalfi is an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape, it’s a town in a dramatic natural setting below steep cliffs. Positano is a cliffside village and the coast’s most picturesque and photogenic town.

La Panoramica Grand Hotel, Castellammare di Stabia
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Sorrento Area - Rome (approx. 260km day)
Enjoy breakfast, before travelling to Rome. Upon arrival check in to the hotel and then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in the capital city of Italy! Perhaps explore the many Roman Empire ancient ruins like the Forum and the Vatican City.

Black Hotel, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Rome Sightseeing Tour
Today take part in a locally guided tour of imperial Rome (approx. 3 hours). See the Colosseum (entrance not included), in the same square, you can also admire the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus. Continue to the Roman Forum (entrance not included), the biggest archaeological area in the world - in the heart of Rome. Arriving at the top of Capitole Hill, today the seat of City Hall, you can admire the beautiful square designed by Michelangelo Buonarroti that houses the Palazzo Conservatori and the Palazzo Nuovo. Afterwards, continue down Capitole Hill and arrive directly into Venice Square, where you will be astonished by the Vittoriano, the biggest European monument. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Black Hotel, Rome
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Rome, Italy - Australia
After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Australia. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 17 Arrive in Australia
Please note, some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.
17 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS
- Discover the iconic cities and landscapes of Italy
- Wander through the cobbled streets of Venice on a locally guided walking tour
- See the icons of Rome on a locally guided walking tour
- Discover Lake Garda, the largest Italian lake
- Stop for a photo at the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Discover the beautiful medieval town of Montepulciano
- Be amazed by the magnificent Pompeii archaeological site
- Admire the stunning Cinque Terre coastline
- Enjoy a free day at leisure in Florence
- Travel through the gorgeous Tuscan countryside
- See Piazza del Campo on a walking tour of Siena
- Spend the night in Chianciano Terme, a famous thermal baths destination
- See the Papal Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi
- Visit some beautiful villages along the Amalfi Coast
- Discover the picturesque Island of Capri at leisure
- Travel along the Amalfi Coast from Sorrento to Salerno by boat
- Explore Sorrento on a walking tour

TRANSPORT
- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

FLIGHTS
- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

ACCOMMODATION
- 14 nights in hotel accommodation

DINING
- Enjoy 14 meals including daily buffet breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS
- English speaking tour leader
- English speaking local tour guides (day 1 & 15)
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Parking and check point fees
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**BOOKING INFORMATION**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

**Please Note:** all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

**OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 18th September 2019.

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

**Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of $670 applies.

**Departure Dates (2018)**

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

**Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth.

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**FLIGHTS**

**Full Service Airline(s) Used**

Air France, KLM, Finnair, Etihad Airways, Alitalia, Emirates, British Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air Berlin, Thai Airways, Korean Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Air China, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

**Arrive early in Venice, Italy**

$200 per person, subject to availability.

**Please note:**
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

**Stay behind in Rome, Italy**

$200 per person, subject to availability.

**Please note:**
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

**Stopover Packages**

Twin share: $450 per person/each way.

Solo Traveller: $700 each way.

**Locations:**

* Singapore

Includes:
- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

**Please note:**
- An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

**Flight Class Upgrades**

- Premium Economy: Starting from $2899* per person.
- Business Class: Buy now for $6999 per person.

**Please note:**
- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

**ACCOMMODATION**

**Accommodation Used**

3-4 Star (self-rated):

- Venice: Hotel Amadeus
- Dossobuono (Lake Garda Area): Hotel West Point
- La Spezia: Hotel NH La Spezia
- Sesto Fiorentino (Florence Area): The Gate Hotel
- Chianciano Terme: Cristallo Hotel
- Assisi: Cristallo Hotel
- Castellammare a Stabia (Sorrento Area): La Panoramica Grand Hotel
- Rome: Black Hotel

**Please note:** rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra Nights**

- Venice, Italy (Pre Tour): $460 per room including breakfast.
- Rome, Italy (Post Tour): $180 per room including breakfast.

**Please note:** extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

**Maximum Room Capacity**

3 people (subject to availability).

**Child Policy**

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 2 years old
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and over.
Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share
No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Bedding Configuration
Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms
Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 50 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities
Customers wishing to do any particular sightseeing where entrance fee's may apply, are strongly advised to book these tickets online in advance, in order to avoid the queues.

EXCLUSIONS
- Visa fees and requirements (Not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport for stays up to 90 days)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping €5 per person/day payable to the tour leader on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Mandatory City Taxes: approx. €33 (approx. $50 AUD) payable on tour (please note pricing is subject to change)
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please Note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

The warmest weather is from June to September, when temperatures range from 20°C - 30°C. By the end of August, all of Italy has typically hit its peak in terms of temperature – and that means September often includes gloriously hot days followed by cool nights. In October, the temperatures are cooler and range from 11°C -22°C.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:
Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is €5 per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a standard level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

Please Note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes
This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.
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- 1st Change - $100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - $250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure $350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure $500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error
- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.