



ITALIAN TREASURES: ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Europe, Italy



8 days from AU\$17,255 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Explore the Vatican Museums in the early morning hours, and view the Sistine Chapel, at this cooler, less-crowded time of day
- Set out on a walking tour of Florence, visiting the Accademia to view great works, such as Michelangelo's *David*, led by a local art specialist
- Dine at a farm-to-table restaurant in Florence, savour a wine tasting in Tuscany, and try your hand at pizza-making in Rome for a well-rounded sampling of Italy's culinary delights
- Enjoy exclusive access to an architectural restoration project in Florence that is supported by A&K Philanthropy



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Rome, Italy

Arrive in Rome, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your Resident Tour Director for dinner.

Hotel de la Ville | Meals: D

Day 2: Rome | Essence Of The Eternal City

This morning, begin with early access to the Vatican Museums, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. After lunch, discover the Eternal City, starting at the Palatine Hill, where your local guide brings to life the city's origin. Pass the Arch of Constantine to visit the mighty Colosseum, opened in AD 80.

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Day 3: Rome | Artistic Masterpieces

Today, explore the Montemartini Museum, set in a building that once housed Rome's first electric power station, to view a grand collection of classical statues depicting early Roman life, all displayed in thought-provoking juxtaposition with the extraordinary industrial architecture surrounding them. Pause in Rome's Eataly emporium to taste local specialties. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure. Later, get a hands-on feel for an Italian culinary tradition, when you take part in a pizza-making class in a top Roman neighbourhood pizzeria.

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Day 4: Florence | Tuscan Landscapes & Wine Tasting

Drive to Florence, roaming through the sun-splashed Tuscan countryside. Along the way, stop at a distinctive winery for a guided tasting of Brunello di Montalcino and a light lunch. Continue to Florence and check in to your historic hotel in the city centre.

Hotel Savoy | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Florence | Accademia & Farm-to-Table Dinner

Walk the lively streets of Florence with your local guide, an art specialist, who accompanies you to fascinating sites, including the Accademia, where you behold striking masterworks such as Michelangelo's incomparable David. Next, visit the Cappella di San Luca of the Basilica della Santissima Annunziata to meet with a restorer working on the precious Renaissance art, a project supported by Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy. Then, indulge in a delectable, hands-on Tuscan cooking experience at the Florence University of the Arts. Start with a lecture on Tuscan culinary masterpieces followed by a cooking class on favourite Tuscan dishes that completes this mouth-watering Chef's Table moment.

Hotel Savoy | Meals: BD

Day 6: Florence | Mountain Views & Wondrous Mosaics

Today, cross the Appennines by express train to the valley of the Po and onward to Venice. Upon arrival, Ride Like a Local in a water taxi along the Grand Canal, and then board a gondola for a quintessential Venetian experience. Break for lunch, before visiting St. Mark's Square; St. Mark's Basilica, beholding its mosaics; and the Doge's Palace. Later, check in to your hotel.

Baglioni Hotel Luna | Meals: BL

Day 7: Venice | Design your Day

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Visit one of the City's Last Gondola Workshops** to learn about this time-honoured boat-building craft.
- **Marvel at the Textile Weavers of Tessitura Bevilacqua** and take a walking tour of Venice's historic Jewish ghetto.
- **Explore Sites Featured in Famous Films**, visiting the shooting locations of scenes from *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, *The Italian Job* and others.

Follow up your exciting experience with an afternoon at leisure, free to relax or further explore the city. Tonight, savour a Scenic Sundowner overlooking the Venetian Lagoon, setting the mood for your farewell dinner.

Baglioni Hotel Luna | Meals: BD

Day 8: Depart Venice

Transfer by boat to the airport and depart.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 7.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke tailor-made journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Hotel de la Ville, Rome



This enchanting hotel is nestled in the heart of Rome, just around the corner from the iconic Spanish Steps. Hotel de la Ville know how to do ultimate luxury, promising sweeping views of Rome and a range of bespoke guest benefits. Step into ancient history at the Colosseum or hold hands with your loved one and set off on a romantic stroll to Trevi Fountain, located only ten minutes from the hotel.

The property is comprised of three *palazzi* that are joined into one complex, creating a secluded, intimate atmosphere. Accommodation is offered across a range of rooms and suites. Rooms include plush beds, a walk-in shower, complimentary wifi and an in-room bar. Suites feature spacious sleeping and areas as well as a terrace or balcony with panoramic views of Rome. Décor is elegant and showcases the signature talents of expert designers Olga Polizzi and Tommaso Ziffer. Expect bold flashes of colour complemented with fine furnishings.

With high-end designers such as Tiffany & Co., Chanel, Gucci and Prada nearby along with a host of local eateries, it's easy to live luxuriously in Rome. After enjoying days of discovery in the big city, while away the evenings away from the hustle and bustle. Indulge in a treatment at the wellness centre, enjoying access to a hydromassage pool, Kneipp path, steam room, salt room and sauna. Head to Mosaica or Da Sistina for a

delicious fine-dining experience or unwind over handcrafted cocktails in the Julep Herbal & Vermouth Bar.

Why we like it

- The bar and terraces showcase incredible views of the city's rooftops
- Julep Herbal & Vermouth bar offer bespoke cocktails using only the freshest ingredients
- The hotel is ideally located for many of Rome's best sights
- **Our top tip:** escape the busy city with a private yoga session in the state-of-the-art wellness centre

Hotel Savoy, a Rocco Forte Hotel, Florence



The five-star Hotel Savoy offers luxury and style in the heart of Florence. Located on the Piazza Repubblica, close to Florence's renowned landmark, the Duomo, the hotel is just a short walk from the Uffizi Gallery and the Ponte Vecchio. The Rocco Forte Savoy is the ideal base from which to visit the key attractions of this beautiful and historic city.

Styled by Olga Polizzi, the Hotel Savoy's elegant décor is contemporary Italian in style with subdued neutral tones and tasteful fabrics throughout.

Each one of the Hotel Savoy's 88 rooms and 14 suites are decorated in understated, almost minimalist style, but brought to life by carefully chosen ceramics, artworks and fabrics. Crisp linen sheets adorn the beds and the floors are parquet. Special mosaics decorate the bathrooms and quirky prints of shoes are on the walls throughout the hotel - a charming reminder of Florence's many artisans.

Why we like it

- Hotel Savoy is ideally situated for exploring Florence, in the centre of the city on the Piazza della Repubblica
- Irene Restaurant and Bar, Hotel Savoy's new Florentine bistro, offers wholesome and seasonal Tuscan cuisine with the finest local wines. Open-air dining on the Piazza della Repubblica is available during the summer.
- The Savoy has a state of the art fitness centre with views over Florence
- The hotel offers a range of facilities and activities designed specifically for children
- For a family of four, we recommend staying in an Executive Room which can connect to a Classic room for the children

Baglioni Hotel Luna, Venice



Location is everything. Metres from both Piazza San Marco as well as the fluvial toing and froing of the San Marco Basin and Grand Canal, Luna Hotel Baglioni offers the quintessential Venetian experience. An exceptional breakfast awaits you in the frescoed grandeur of the Salone Marco Polo; fuel for the body and mind before embarking on a day of hardcore sightseeing or people watching. The unfeasibly helpful staff will direct you to museums, galleries, boutiques or restaurants, whatever floats your gondola!

Why we like it

- The oldest hotel in Venice
- Salone Marco Polo is a glamorous destination for breakfast, with its Tiepolo-school frescoes
- Murano chandeliers, rubella fabrics on the walls and warm parquet floors add interest
- Stay in the San Giorgio Terrace Suite during Carnevale, with great views and plenty of inside and outside space
- Close to Piazza San Marco

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 12, 2024 - Jul 19, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$17,255 pp	AU\$6,455	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 27, 2024 - Oct 4, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Oct 4, 2024 - Oct 11, 2024

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Oct 11, 2024 - Oct 18, 2024

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