



ITALIAN TREASURES: ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Europe, Italy



8 days from AU\$19,510 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 cooking school 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



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.

Hotel de la Ville | Meals: BL

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.

Hotel de la Ville | Meals: BD

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 housed within. 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 mouthwatering Chef's Table moment.

Hotel Savoy | Meals: BD

Day 6: Venice | Mountain Views & Wondrous Mosaics

Today, cross the Apennines by express train to the valley of the Po and onward to Venice. Upon arrival, cruise 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.

The St. Regis Venice | 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.

The St. Regis Venice | 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
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- 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

The St Regis Venice



Boasting one of Venice's most prestigious addresses, this St Regis looks out onto some of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Watch gondolas and speedboats glide by on the waters of the famous Grand Canal from the front of the hotel. Behind it lies the Calle XXII Marzo, brimming with cutting edge designer boutiques and contemporary art galleries. What's more, Piazza San Marco is just 4 minutes' walk from the front entrance.

After a big day of exploration, unwind in your elegant bedroom which is equipped with every modern convenience and decorated in restful hues. Throw open your windows for the most extraordinary views over this ancient Italian city which has captured the hearts of many a traveller over the centuries.

For some well-deserved rest and relaxation, indulge in a pampering treatment at the spa or visit the 24-hour exercise room. Later, spoil yourself with a classic cocktail at the intimate bar followed by a delicious meal on the outdoor terrace overlooking Venice.

For any reservations or to arrange further bespoke experiences such as a tour of San Marco led by an expert art historian, take advantage of your St Regis butler, a treasured hallmark of this five-star hotel.

Dates & Pricing

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

May 9, 2025 - May 16, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Jun 6, 2025 - Jun 13, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Jun 20, 2025 - Jun 27, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Jul 11, 2025 - Jul 18, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Sep 19, 2025 - Sep 26, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Sep 26, 2025 - Oct 3, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Oct 3, 2025 - Oct 10, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

Oct 17, 2025 - Oct 24, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$19,510 pp	AU\$8,410	AU\$0	Available

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