

## COACH TOUR - ITALIAN DISCOVERY - 9N/10D



### ITINERARY

Italian Discovery:  
10days Tour (Trafalgar)

Wine regions, floating cities and historic capitals. Six of Italy's best known cities are explored, in this regional feast of beauty and culture.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...seeing the sights of Bologna with our knowledgeable expert, learning why so many towers sprung up in the city in the Middle Ages, and about the romantic legend behind the famous Kissing Towers.



Trip Itinerary

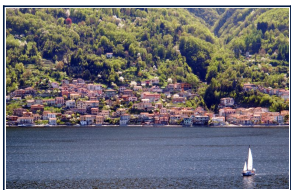
Day 1 : ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Relax after your journey or perhaps take a stroll through this historic city. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers later for a Welcome Reception. An evening orientation drive will take you to admire the view of the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica - a perfect start to your Italian Discovery.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Cicerone





#### Day 2 : ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist begins at the Vatican Museums. Trafalgar has priority early access as an official partner of the Vatican Museums allowing entry before other Tour Operators and the general public. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and more peaceful. Visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your tour continues with views of ancient Roman sites and see Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. Visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own or simply relax and watch the world go by.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast



#### Day 3 : ROME - FLORENCE

Drive north through picturesque scenery to the Renaissance city of Florence in Tuscany. Your Local Specialist reveals Florence's rich cultural heritage during your walking tour. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. View the marble Duomo and the famous Baptistery renowned for its bronze doors with relief sculptures. View the ancient Ponte Vecchio, one of the most famous landmarks in Florence. Afterwards explore on your own or shop for high quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery. This evening enjoy a memorable Be My Guest dining experience in a Tuscan villa situated on an organic olive-oil estate overlooking the Tuscan Hills.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Hotel : Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

#### Day 4 : FLORENCE - PISA - TURIN

A short journey brings you to Pisa and the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. There's time for photos before you continue past the marble quarries of Carrara and the resorts of Portofino, Rapallo and Genoa. In Turin see the Antonelliana building and the Piazza San Carlo during your orientation tour.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Concord

**Day 5 : TURIN - LAKE COMO - MILAN**

From Turin via Lake Como you arrive in Milan. Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of the city's spectacular sights including the Galleria, the Gothic Duomo and the renowned La Scala opera house.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner with wine

Hotel : Starhotels Business Palace

**Day 6 : MILAN - VERONA - VENICE (2 NIGHTS)**

Stop in Verona where Shakespeare based his most famous play, to view Juliet's balcony and the 2,000 year old Roman arena still in use today. Continue across the Veneto plains to the magical city of Venice.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner with wine

Hotel : Viktoria Palace

**Day 7 : VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

View the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine Basilica on your cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square. Stop at Giudecca Island to visit a traditional glassblowing workshop for a Cultural Insight into this ancient art form. Spend free time afterwards as you wish. Relax in a café, shop for souvenirs or take an Optional Experience to one of the islands in the lagoon.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

**Day 8 : VENICE - FERRARA - BOLOGNA**

Visit Ferrara, a city of artistic importance during the Renaissance. Arrive in Bologna - famous for its university, architecture, fine sausages and hams. Your Local Specialist shows you the sights including Neptune's fountain, the Kissing Towers and Piazza Maggiore. Don't forget to sample the excellent local cuisine.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Una Bologna

Day 9 : BOLOGNA - ASSISI - ROME

Cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Enjoy a walking tour of St. Francis' hometown with a Local Specialist. Visit the magnificent Basilica and see the tomb of St. Francis who founded the Franciscan Order in Assisi in 1208. Later travel south towards Rome passing the scenic hilltop town of Orte. Tonight join your companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner with wine.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Sheraton Parco De Medici

Day 10 : DEPART ROME

Say 'arrivederci' to your newfound friends at the end of your memorable Italian holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Rome, Florence, Milan, Bologna and Assisi

Orientation of Turin and Venice

Visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, the Roman Colosseum, the medieval city of Ferrara and St. Francis Basilica in Assisi

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, beautiful Lake Maggiore, the Gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony in Verona, the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica and the Kissing Towers in Bologna

Dining

9 hot buffet breakfasts.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

- ☐Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
  - ☐Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation
  - ☐Hand-picked Insider Experiences
  - ☐Optional Experiences and free time
  - ☐All portorage and restaurant gratuities
  - ☐Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
  - ☐An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
  - ☐All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
  - ☐VIP entry to many sights
  - ☐Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Airport Transfers