

10 Days/9 Nights
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BEST OF ITALY (BY RAIL) ROME - FLORENCE - VENICE

This is the classic "Grand Tour" of Italy with visits of Rome, the Eternal City, Florence, the grand city of the Renaissance, and Venice, famed for its canals and the Piazza San Marco. Better still, these three cities feature some of our favorite hotels, sightseeing, and fine dining. Best of all, with this tour you have plenty of free time to explore, shop, or relax without feeling rushed.

ACCOMMODATIONS

3 Nights Rome | 3 Nights Florence | 3 Nights Venice

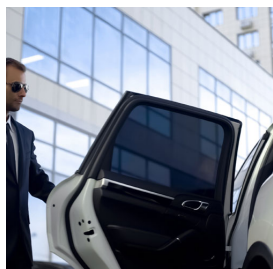
INCLUSIONS

- Small Group Panoramic Tour of Rome by Driving Escort 3 Hours
- Small Group Morning Walking Tour of Florence With Academy Entrance 3 Hours
- Private Gondola Ride 30 minutes
- Private Arrival and Departure Transfers per City
- Rome Il Piccolo Mondo Restaurant One 3 course Dinner
- Florence Ristorante Trattoria Angiolino Ai 13 Arrosti One 3 course Dinner
- Venice Ristorante Carpaccio One 3 Course Dinner
- Daily Breakfast



Day 1 ARRIVE ROME:

You'll be met coming out of baggage claims and passport control by your driver holding a sign with your name on it for your private transfer from Fiumicino airport to your hotel in central Rome.



Private Transfer - Rome Fiumicino Airport to Rome Hotel

Duration: 1 Hour

You will be met at the Rome Fiumicino airport by an English speaking driver. You will then be escorted to your Rome hotel.



Rome - Aleph Rome Curio Collection - Standard 3 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Elegant, Traditional *Location:* Via Veneto

Nearby Attractions: Piazza Barberini, Spanish Steps, Piazza di Spagna, Trevi Fountain, Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, Coliseum, Castel Sant'Angelo, Vatican Museums

Welcome to Aleph Rome Hotel, set in the heart of the city. Once a bank headquarters, the hotel has been fully renovated while maintaining the authentic Cipollino marble and charming architecture. Walk to the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Villa Borghese, or shop the luxury Italian brands along the Trident streets. There's a wealth of beautiful sites and museums nearby including the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Vatican Museum.

Day 2 ROME:

After breakfast, meet your driver for your Panoramic Rome Tour. Your English speaking driver acquaints you with all the main monuments, including St. Peter's Square, the Colosseum, the Forum, Piazza Navona, Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain. Tonight you'll dine with reservations at a traditional Roman restaurant.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



Small Group Panoramic Tour of Rome by Driving Escort - 3 Hours

Duration: 3 Hours *Category:* City Tour *Tour Type:* Car/Bus Tour

A panoramic drive through Rome during which your driving guide will show you the highlights of the Eternal City. You will see some of the highlights of the Eternal city: the Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo with its churches and monuments, Piazza Venezia with its impressive monument dedicated to King Victor Emanuel II and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the beautiful Piazza Navona with its fountains. The city tour will continue to the Pantheon, originally a pagan temple converted into a Christian Church. You will then reach the Trevi Fountain, where the legend says you must throw a coin if you wish to insure your return to the Eternal City



Rome - Il Piccolo Mondo Restaurant - One 3-course Dinner

Category: Food and Drink *Tour Type:* Meal

Enjoy a three course meal at a historical restaurant where seasonal products, organic and farm to table, high quality ingredients, local fish and prime cuts of meat are the backbone of our restaurant.

Day 3 ROME:

After breakfast, you have the day at leisure, or you can choose from a number of optional tours that are sure to excite and inform.

(Breakfast)

Day 4 ROME TO FLORENCE:

After breakfast, you have a private car transfer to the rail station for your travel by rail to Florence in first class, reserved seats. Upon arrival in Florence, you are met on the platform at the rail station by your driver for a private transfer to your hotel.

(Breakfast)



Rail Transportation



Private Transfer - Rome Hotel to Termini Rail Station

Duration: 30 Minutes

You will be met in the lobby of your Rome hotel by an English speaking driver. You will then be escorted to the Rome Termini rail station.



Day 4 FLORENCE:



Private Transfer - S.M. Novella Rail Station to Florence Hotel - Day

Duration: 25 Minutes

You will be met at the Santa Maria Novella Rail Station in Florence by an English speaking driver. You will then be escorted to your Florence hotel.



Florence - Hotel Degli Orafi - Classic

3 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Boutique, Traditional *Location:* Florence Historical center

Nearby Attractions: Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, Pitti Palace, Piazza del Duomo
Located in a prestigious building with parts dating back as far as the 12th century, the Hotel Degli Orafi sits in the center of Florence, facing the famous Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. It offers a warm and hospitable atmosphere, with a welcome drink provided for every guest upon arrival.

Day 5 FLORENCE:

After breakfast, your walking tour will start from Piazza della Signoria, a beautifully preserved square where the guide will show you its highlights among which are the Loggia dei Lanzi arcade and Palazzo Vecchio. By walking through the medieval streets of this renaissance city, you will reach Piazza del Duomo, with the magnificent Duomo Complex. The final tour destination is the Academy Museum, where, among other masterpieces by Michelangelo, you will admire the statue of David, a symbolic representation of Florentine Renaissance art.

(Breakfast)



Small Group Morning Walking Tour of Florence - With Academy Entrance - 3 Hours

Duration: 3 Hours *Category:* City Tour, Historical *Tour Type:* Walking Tour

Walk through the medieval streets of this renaissance city and explore Piazza del Duomo, with the magnificent Duomo Complex among others. The tour will end at The Academy Museum.

Day 6 FLORENCE:

After breakfast, you have the day and afternoon at leisure before dinner in a traditional Tuscan trattoria this evening.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



Florence - Ristorante Trattoria Angiolino-Ai 13 Arrosti - One 3-course Dinner

Category: Food and Drink *Tour Type:* Meal

Angiolino serves typical Tuscan dishes and is located near the Church of the Holy Spirit in Oltrarno. It has a pleasant old Florentine tavern atmosphere and attentive service.

Day 7 FLORENCE TO VENICE:

A private transfer will take you to the Florence rail station to catch your train to Venice. Upon arrival at Santa Lucia station, your host will meet you on the platform and escort you to the private boat for transportation to your Venice hotel. En route, you will be oriented to the main sights along the Grand Canal then personally escorted into your hotel.

(Breakfast)



Rail Transportation



Private Transfer - Florence Hotel to S.M. Novella Rail Station - Day

Duration: 25 Minutes

You will be met in the lobby of your Florence hotel by an English speaking driver. You will then be escorted to the Santa Maria Novella Rail Station in Florence.



Venice, the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is uniquely built with over 100 small islands in a large lagoon separated with canals, linked by bridges and with no roads! Grand palaces, canals and bridges are on the sightseeing list, but allocate some time to explore. Let your sense of adventure kick in as you discover the home of Marco Polo. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Venice by private motor launch along the Grand Canal where you'll admire wide ranging architectural styles embracing the Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods. Avanti arranges authentic experiences like a private morning market tour followed by a cooking lesson where you'll choose a meat or a fish menu. Enjoy a private half day excursion in the Venetian lagoon where you will visit the islands of Murano, known for the glass blowing furnaces, and Burano famous for the laces.

Day 7 VENICE:



Private Transfer - Venice S. Lucia Rail Station to Venice hotel - Day

Duration: 20 30 Minutes

You will be met at the Venice S. Lucia Rail Station by an English speaking escort. You will then be escorted to your Venice hotel.



Venice - Ca` di Dio - Standard

3 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Contemporary *Location:* Arsenale Neighborhood, known as the Contemporary Art District

Nearby Attractions: Arsenale, Giardini della Biennale, Piazza San Marco, Ponte de Rialto

Boutique Venetian hotel tucked away from the crowds of Venice yet only a short walk to major sites.

Day 8 VENICE:

After your breakfast, you have your morning and early afternoon at leisure before enjoying an iconic and fun gondola ride through the canals of Venice.

(Breakfast)



Private Gondola Ride - 30 minutes

Duration: 30 Minutes *Category:* Authentic/Local, City Tour, Eco/Nature *Tour Type:* Boat Tour

Enjoy a private gondola ride for your party through the canals of Venice! This is the quintessential way to see Venice and an experience you will never forget.

Day 9 VENICE:

After breakfast, you have your entire day at leisure to shop, explore on your own, or take advantage of an optional tour. This evening you'll enjoy a delicious dinner in one of our favorite Ristorantes.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



Venice - Ristorante Carpaccio - One 3-Course Dinner

Category: Food and Drink *Tour Type:* Meal

The restaurant serves Venetian and international cuisine.

Day 10 DEPART VENICE:

After your breakfast, a private boat, driver, and escort will meet you at the appointed time in your hotel's lobby for a transfer to either the Venice rail station or airport to continue to your next Avanti destination!

(Breakfast)



Private Transfer - Venice Hotel to Venice Airport - Day

Duration: Average 45 60 Minutes depending on hotel location and water levels

You will be met in the lobby of your Venice hotel by an English speaking driver. You will then be escorted to Venice airport.

***Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change*