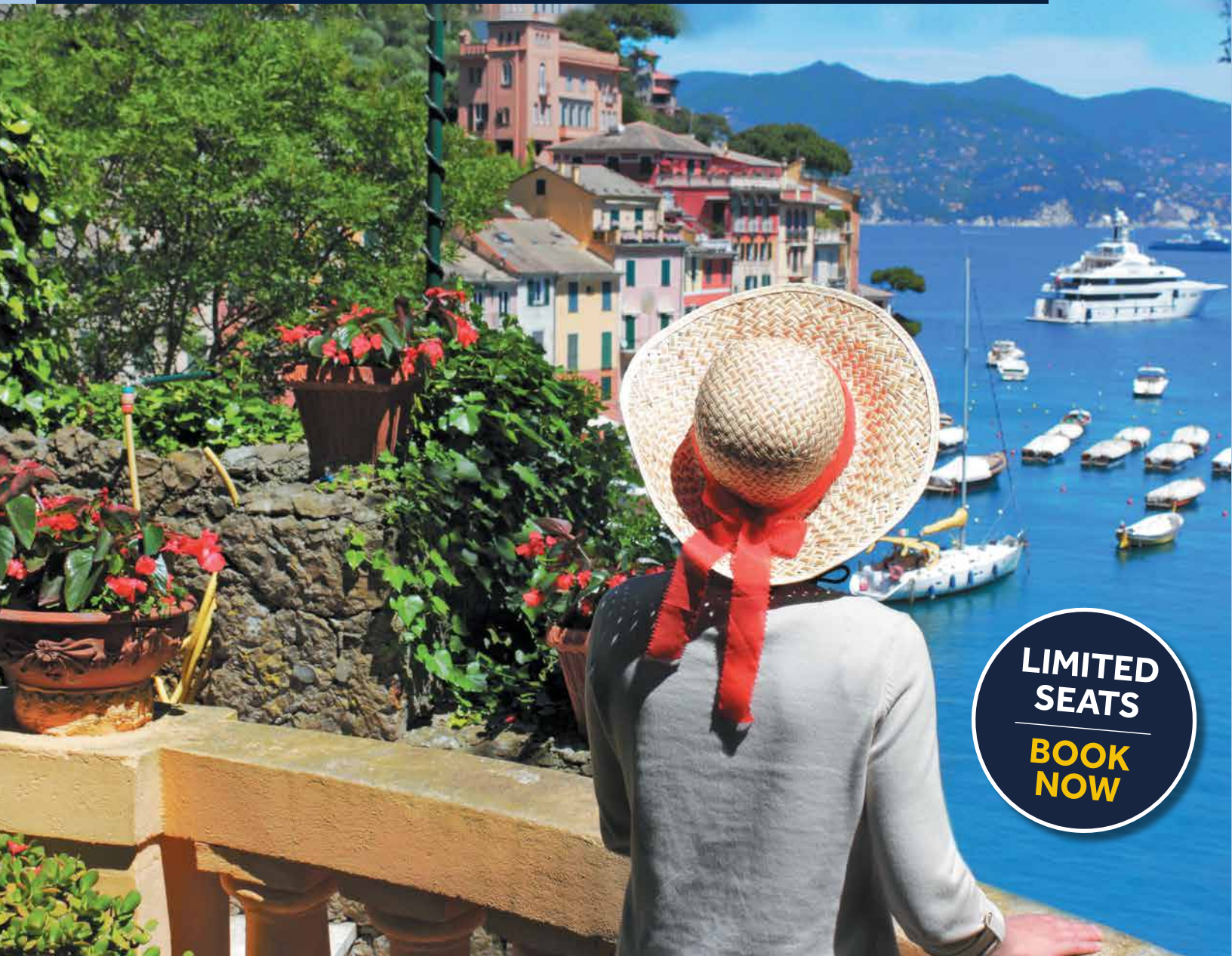


# PICTURE PERFECT ITALY

## SCENIC SETTINGS & ITALIAN GARDENS

18 Days | Departing 21 September & 28 September 2021

Celebrate Italian culture and style on this leisurely paced journey from jagged pastel-hued peaks to rolling Tuscan hills. Along the way discover hill-top towns, star-studded resorts, elegant villas and lavish gardens.



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### 👁️ INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

**Italian Lake District:** Cruise to the island of Isola Bella, renowned for its opulent palace and stunning gardens.

**Florence:** Visit the Pitti Palace, full of art treasures, and enjoy views over Florence from the Boboli Gardens.

**Tuscany:** Visit an estate, taste the wine and olive oil, then learn the art of Italian cookery.

### ☆ TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Cruise to Portofino • Cruise to the Isle of Capri

Visit Villa Carlotta in Lake Como • Uffizi Gallery in Florence

**City Tours** of Venice, Cinque Terre, Florence, Orvieto, Pompeii and Rome all with a Local Expert

See St Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace in Venice • Milan's cathedral • Orvieto's Piazza del Duomo and cathedral • the Colosseum and Roman Forum in Rome • St Peter's Basilica

### 🍴 AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Venice • Seafood Dinner on Ligurian Coast • Cooking Lesson in Tuscany • Celebration Dinner in Rome

Taste Wine and Olive Oil in Tuscany

### DAY 1: WELCOME TO VENICE.

Transfers from Venice airport depart at 09.30, 12.30, 15.30 to your hotel. Later, join your Travel Director for a welcome drink and a relaxed evening of dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel: Bauer Palazzo/Starhotels Splendid, Venice Island.

### DAY 2: VENICE & THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA.

A Local Expert introduces you to this fabled city. Standing in the iconic Piazza San Marco, admire the grand basilica and Doges' Palace. See the Grand Canal and learn about the history and culture of "La Serenissima". The rest of the day is free for independent exploration. Perhaps experience a romantic gondola ride or get a bird's eye view of Venice from one of the bell towers. (B)

### DAY 3: RELAXED START - CORTINA D'AMPEZZO AND THE DOLOMITES.

It's through the distinctive formations of the Dolomites, where rugged peaks take form of towers, belfries or domes to visit the chic ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. (B)

Hotel: Grand Hotel Savoia Genova/Faloria Spa Hotel, Cortina d'Ampezzo.

### DAY 4: FREE DAY.

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks by cable car? (B)

### DAY 5: FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO MILAN & MAGICAL LAKE MAGGIORE.

Head for magnificent Milan to see the impressive cathedral, with its façade dripping with pinnacles and spires. Now onto the enchanting Italian Lake District for three nights by the water in beautiful Baveno. (B)(DW)

Hotel: Simplon Hotel, Baveno.

### DAY 6: RELAXED START - THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS.

Take to the waters of Lake Maggiore for a delightful cruise to the beautiful Borromean Islands. Visit Isola Bella renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens. (B)

### DAY 7: LAKE COMO AND LAKESIDE LUGANO.

Spend time in Bellagio – the pearl of Lake Como! Enjoy glorious water views and explore the narrow cobblestone alleyways, filled with luxurious boutiques. Visit the romantic gardens of Villa Carlotta. Built at the end of the 17th century, the botanic haven is famous for its art and a photographer's dream come true! Next, embark on a scenic drive along the shores of the lake, past splendid villas set in the sub-tropical gardens with the Swiss Alps providing the backdrop. Cross into Switzerland to explore the fashionable resort of Lugano. (B)

Stay in picture perfect Positano

## DAY 8: PORTOFINO AND RAPALLO ON THE ITALIAN RIVIERA.

Leave the Italian Lake District and travel down the sunny, colour-splashed Ligurian coast, known as the Italian Riviera? Here, visit the exclusive fishing village of Portofino, epitome of La Dolce Vita. Admire the gaily coloured houses, browse the trendy boutiques, stay a while in the cafes on the piazzetta and watch yachts bob in the harbour. A short cruise (weather permitting) along the Ligurian coast brings your awaiting coach and onto your hotel. Fans of seafood are in for a treat at this evening's dinner. (B)(DW)

Hotel: Grand Hotel Bristol Resort and Spa, Rapallo

## DAY 9: CINQUE TERRE.

Get ready to explore the "Cinque Terre" or "five villages" which were for years only accessible by donkey. With our Local Expert we explore a couple of the fishing villages hugging the cliff-face, where there are amazing opportunities to capture great photographs. Enjoy some free time to soak up the atmosphere before returning to your hotel. (B)(DW)

## DAY 10: RELAXED START - TUSCANY.

A relaxed start this morning before continuing to your charming hotel set in the wine growing region. (B)

Hotel: CDH Hotel/Il Borgo Di Vescine, Radda in Chianti.

## DAY 11: TALES OF TUSCANY EXCURSION.

Get your camera's ready for a drive through the beautiful rolling countryside of Tuscany, past olive groves, old farmhouses, medieval towns and rows of vineyards. Visit an estate in the heart of Tuscany to taste the finest produce of wine and olive oil. Enjoy a cooking lesson where you prepare a Tuscan meal, from antipasto to dessert. Afterwards, you get to eat what you have prepared for lunch, along with a glass of the famous wine. Salute! (B)(LW)

## DAY 12: FLORENCE EXCURSION.

Today is dedicated to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join your Local Expert and enjoy commentary via your audio headsets as you walk from the Basilica of Santa Croce, where Michelangelo is buried to the Uffizi Gallery. Here we study works of art by some of the most famous masters. We reach Signoria Square, adorned with statues and fountains, here we have some free time for lunch before we visit the Pitti Palace and relax amid the formal terraces of the Boboli Gardens. (B)

## DAY 13: RELAXED START - HILLTOP ORVIETO AND TODI.

Drive to hilltop Orvieto overlooking a sea of vineyards. Sightseeing with your Local Expert shows you the Gothic Cathedral, housing Luca Signorelli's beautiful frescoes. Later we continue to our hotel in nearby Todi. (B)

Hotel: Bramante Hotel, Todi.

## DAY 14: POMPEII & THE AMALFI COAST.

Drive south to the ancient city of Pompeii, preserved by the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. Walk with a Local Expert through the cobbled streets to explore the shops, villas and temples. Continue to the exclusive artists paradise of Positano on the breath-taking Amalfi Coast – its Moorish flair and colourful houses make it one of the most photographed places in Italy. As evening descends, make the most of this beautiful setting with an imaginative dinner at a local restaurant. (B)(DW)

Hotel: Royal Hotel, Positano.

## DAY 15: EXCURSION TO THE ISLE OF CAPRI.

There is magnificent scenery at every turn as you travel along the Amalfi Coast to board your ferry to Capri – the Isle of Dreams. Arriving at the Marina Grande, ascend to Capri Town by funicular railway. There is time to browse in

the elegant shops before taking the spectacular Corniche road to Anacapri, with its magnificent views over the Mediterranean. There is free time to explore before returning to the mainland. (B)

## DAY 16: THE GARDENS OF VILLA D'ESTE AND ROME.

Drive to the UNESCO listed gardens of Cardinal d'Este. In the 16th century he diverted the River Aniene to feed hundreds of fountains for his fantasy garden which still function perfectly today! Later we arrive in the "eternal city" of Rome. (B)

Hotel: Hotel Kolbe, Rome.

## DAY 17: HIGHLIGHTS OF ROME.

Hear tales of the glory of ancient Rome as you see the Colosseum and Forum with a Local Expert. On the opposite side of the Tiber, see St Peter's Basilica, home to Michelangelo's early masterpiece the Pieta, before enjoying some last minute shopping or sightseeing. At this evenings Celebration Dinner, savour the flavours of Italy along with local wine. (B)(DW)

## DAY 18: ARRIVEDERCI ROMA.

Your memorable trip comes to an end today. Transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07.00 and 09.00. (B)



## 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE INSIGHT

### 01 INSIGHT EXPERIENCES.

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Guests are immersed in the heart and soul of a destination and its people.

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Visit two of the villages of the Cinque Terre

**TRIP PRICE**

**\$5,520**

per person twin share

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**\$1,909 per person single supplement**

**Pre-Paid Tips Option for  
Travel Director & Driver: \$185**



Soak up the unique atmosphere of Venice

**BOOKING CONDITIONS:**

**TIPS & TAXES & PORTERAGE:** Insight hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage. All tips are included for services on trip provided by dining-room waiters, chambermaids and porters at hotels.

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More than 70 days loss of deposit  
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**DOCUMENTATION:** Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure **and** documentation will be received by your travel agent including a trip itinerary, a full Hotel list and Optional Experiences list. A tree will be planted in our guests name if they choose to receive edocs or a traditional ticket wallet can be sent.

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