# **Italian Scene**

# Trip Map





# Day 1 | Arrive Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a centre of celebration between December 24, 2024, and December 31, 2025. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal City.

The 'Eternal City' has captivated travellers for centuries and you'll not be disappointed as it prepares you for an exhilarating journey across Italy. On arrival in Rome, Check in to your hotel, relax or get ready for your very own introduction to Rome. Later this evening, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead. Why not select a Choice Experience dinner in a characteristic trattoria to soak up the city's effervescent atmosphere?

Hotel: Ergife Palace

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Roman Delights with Dinner - Embrace the Roman way and live la dolce vita as the locals do with a laid-back dinner in a classic trattoria. Dive into the heart of the city's charm, indulging in authentic Italian cuisine and drinks, all while enjoying live music. It's the Italian experience you've always wanted!

**Adult: 67.00 EUR** 

Day 2 | Rome sightseeing and free time



With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Join a Choice Experience to the Roman Forum or start your day the Italian way. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Guide. Cross the Tiber to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ergife Palace

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Inside The Roman Forum - With your Local Guide, head back to Ancient Rome and stroll the same streets as Julius Caesar. Imagine the hustle and bustle of temples, markets, and basilicas in the empire's heyday. Trek down the Via Sacra, or 'Sacred Way,' eyeballing where the Roman Senate once met, and see the spot where Mark Antony delivered his "friends, Romans, countrymen..." speech. A must-do to really get the feel of Rome's glory days.

**Adult: 67.00 EUR** 

**Guided Visit to the Colosseum -** Hop on a blast from the past with your Local Guide, diving into the epic tales of the Roman Empire. Check out the Arch of Constantine up close and march where Gladiators and Roman Soldiers once ruled.

Skip the long lines with fast-track entry to the Colosseum and get ready for the inside scoop on ancient showdowns and the power of Rome, all in the very arena where history was made.

Adult: 61.00 EUR

Rome's Piazzas and Fountains - Discover the most charming areas of the city as you explore Rome's iconic piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Wander through the historic centre's narrow streets, uncovering the Eternal City's highlights and hidden treasures alike. It's Rome up close – a perfect blend of grandeur and secret charm.

**Adult: 49.00 EUR** 

Day 3 | Rome - Sorrento - Bay of Naples



The Bay of Naples beckons and our first stop is in the picture-perfect resort town of Sorrento. Pastel-hued residences cling impossibly to craggy cliffs that plunge into the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Enjoy your time soaking up the sun-drenched views. You won't need to venture far to catch the scent of the 'world's best lemons', which you'll see in abundance at the local markets. Taste some of the mouth-watering fresh produce grown locally or consider a Choice Experience to the artists' paradise of Positano, followed by a scenic drive along the Amalfi coast. The Sirens of Sorrento may be nowhere in sight, but that doesn't mean their alluring call will be possible to resist.

**Meals:** Breakfast **Hotel:** Europa

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Amalfi Coast and Positano - Join an unforgettable drive along the Amalfi Coast, the jewel of Italy's southern coastline. Dive into Positano's postcard-perfect scene: homes scattered along the cliffside village splashed in every colour of the rainbow and that iconic lineup of beach umbrellas beside vivid blue waters. This is the Mediterranean encounter you've been dreaming of.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Sorrento Countryside and Farmhouse Meal - Enjoy a beautiful drive into the Sorrentino countryside, where you'll MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® exploring the gardens of a traditional local farm. Here, you're not just sightseeing—you're making travel count. Wander through lush gardens on a tour of the lemon, orange, and olive groves. Your hosts are on hand to reveal the secrets of mozzarella and other regional cheeses. Then, it's tasting time: sample a spread of cheeses, salamis, and marinated veggies, all paired perfectly with local wine and freshly baked bread.

**Adult: 75.00 EUR** 

## Day 4 | Bay of Naples - Assisi



Enjoy the atmosphere as you explore the beautiful Bay of Naples during your free time this morning. Alternatively, choose to join an Optional Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii, buried under the volcanic ash for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted. Leaving the Bay of Naples behind, journey past Cassino and see the monastery which featured as a backdrop for some of the fiercest battles of World War II. This poignant reminder of war gives way to a place of pilgrimage, as you head north to Assisi where an orientation reveals a medieval town that has changed very little since the time of St. Francis.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Frate Sole

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Discover Pompeii** - Step back in time with a Local Guide as you tour the incredible ruins of Pompeii. Frozen in time by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in 79 A.D., this ancient Roman town offers a unique snapshot of life thousands of years ago. As you wander through streets and buildings that have stood still under volcanic ash, you'll get an up-close look at Roman life and architecture, preserved for nearly 2,000 years.

Adult: 60.00 EUR

Day 5 | Assisi - Venice (Mestre)



Your journey continues across the Apennines and through the Emilia-Romagna region, credited with being the origin of tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Before you know it, you'll have arrived in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic, where an Optional Experience will see you gliding through the city's canals in a gondola.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: II Burchiello

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Set sail on a journey that's as enchanting as Venice itself. Be whisked away by private water taxi along the Grand Canal. See the Palazzi Barbaro, Rialto Bridge and the iconic St. Mark's Square. But the magic doesn't stop there – next, you'll slip into the quieter, dreamlike waterways of Venice on a gondola. It's a glide through the heart of the city, where every turn reveals a little more of its world-renowned charm and storybook canals.

Adult: 93.00 EUR

## Day 6 | Venice orientation and free time



Embark on a cruise by private launch to bustling St. Mark's Square in the heart of Venice. Admire the most famous of Venice's 417 bridges, the Bridge of Sighs, and enjoy views of the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica. Later, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, when the extraordinary talents of glassblowers take centre stage during a visit to their workshop then consider an Optional Experience to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal with your travel companions.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: II Burchiello

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Venice's Secrets - Explore Venice's secret corners with a Local Guide, who's got the scoop on this city's maze-like streets. You're not just ticking off tourist spots; you're uncovering hidden squares and back alleys where real Venetians hang out, away from the crowds. Get ready for an insider's peek into Venice's heart—past and present. It's like sneaking through the city's back door, straight into its authentic vibe.

Adult: 50.00 EUR

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food and Drinks - Discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat, travelling to the heritage-listed fisherman's island of Burano. Known for its picturesque, Multi-coloured houses and restaurants serving up fresh seafood, this tour is a must for food lovers and photography buffs alike. Enjoy a delicious meal before cruising back to Venice, taking in magic views of the famous city as we return.

Adult: 86.00 EUR

## Day 7 | Venice - Verona - Lake Como - Milan (Sesto San Giovanni)



The plains of Veneto are all that stand between you and Verona, the tragic stage for Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the ancient Roman Arena, where concerts are still held to this day, and Juliet's Balcony, from which a fictional Juliet once called for her Romeo. Indulge in a romantic moment of your own before leaving Verona, bound for Italy's irresistible Lake District. Arriving on the shores of Lake Como, you'll see first-hand why this scenic setting has been a favourite summer retreat of the rich and famous for centuries. You could choose to board an optional cruise this afternoon to make the most of this idyllic setting. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Grand Barone di Sassi

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Discover Lake Como** - All aboard! Cruise to Lake Como, taking in the elegant villas and immaculate gardens that make this one of Italy's top lake spots. Relax and soak up the serene beauty with your Local Guide, capturing the essence of this globally acclaimed haven.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

# Day 8 | Milan (Sesto San Giovanni) - Pisa - Florence (Prato)



Pisa's white marble facades gleam in the sunshine, but it is the famous Leaning Tower that gets most of the glory when you visit this 'Field of Miracles', so named by 20th-century Italian writer and poet Gabriele d'Annunzio. Since Medieval times, the exquisite structures in the piazza have symbolised man's journey through religious life – the Baptistery representing birth, life represented by the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, and the Camposanto, death. After a short drive from Pisa, you'll arrive at your hotel near Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Tomorrow is a full day of sightseeing, so kick back and enjoy the company of your travel companions this evening at an optional dinner in the Tuscan hills.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Starhotels Vespucci

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Traditional Tuscan Countryside Dinner and Wine -** Bring your Florentine travel dreams to life with a dinner set in a picturesque restaurant, nestled among the serene pine and cypress trees. After a scenic drive through the stunning Tuscan countryside, settle down for a meal of the region's mouthwatering dishes, perfectly paired with local wines and the sweet sound of music.

**Adult: 73.00 EUR** 

Day 9 | Florence sightseeing - Rome



There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy equal to that of Florence. Your Local Specialist shares a superb commentary of the city's artistic and architectural heritage during a walking tour, which includes views of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Baptistery, the impressive Giotto's Bell Tower and the Ponte Vecchio. Visit Piazza della Signoria and squeeze in some time for shopping – Florence is particularly renowned for its high-quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery. Later, return to Rome, where your journey began. You'll have an evening alone to forge final memories with new friends or consider an Optional Experience whisking you away on one last sightseeing trip with a mouth-watering farewell dinner followed by live entertainment.

**Meals:** Breakfast **Hotel:** Ergife Palace

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Arrivederci Roma Dinner - Rome comes alive for an evening of food and celebration! Indulge in authentic Italian flavours over dinner while live entertainment fills the air with music and laughter. It's the perfect time to look back on tour highlights, share stories and toast to amazing memories you've created. This special night in the heart of Rome is the ideal way to cap off your trip – full of flavour and fun.

**Adult: 67.00 EUR** 

# Day 10 | Depart Rome



If Italy has become engraved in your heart as it did for celebrated poet Robert Browning, you'll have a hard time saying arrivederci. As the legend says, if you tossed a coin in the Trevi fountain, you will return. Until then bid your Travel Director and travel companions a fond farewell.

Meals: Breakfast