

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	MAR   10, 17, 24, 31
MAY   07, 14, 21, 28	APR   07, 14, 21, 28
JUN   04, 11, 18, 25	MAY   05, 12, 19, 26
JUL   02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUN   02, 09, 16, 23, 30
AUG   06, 13, 20, 27	JUL   07, 14, 21, 28
SEP   03, 10, 17, 24	AUG   04, 11, 18, 25
OCT   01, 08, 15, 22, 29	SEP   01, 08, 15, 22, 29
NOV   12	OCT   06, 13, 20, 27
DEC   21, 28	

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Winter Departures have an alternative itinerary.

📍 REGIONAL JOURNEY  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **DYNAMIC**

**8 DAYS**  
**2 COUNTRIES**  
**10 MEALS**  
**11 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES**

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

**Venice:** Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

**Vatican City:** Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

### INSIGHT CHOICE

**Florence:** Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

**Vatican City:** This evening, indulge in a special Highlight Dinner hosted inside the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum.

Welcome Dinner at L'antica Riva in Como.  
Taste wine in Florence.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit Pisa • Piazza del Duomo in Orvieto.

# ITALIAN INTERMEZZO

"I love to teach my guests the Italian phrase, 'che bello,' which means 'how beautiful!' It really sums Italy up, as everywhere you look there is beauty: in the landscape, architecture, art and fashion." – Sara, Travel Director

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



LAKE COMO, ITALY



VENICE



FLORENCE



### DAY 1 ELEGANT COMO

Welcome to Italy. After being greeted by your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport, your transfer departs at 09:30 or 12:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 and head to *L'antica Riva*, an elegant restaurant on the shores of Lake Como, known for serving delicious fresh produce. Your Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. (DW)

**Palace Hotel, Como.**

### DAY 2 VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

**Relaxed Start.** Journey through the beautiful Italian lake district, past Lakes Iseo and Garda to the floating city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your hotel offers authentic Venetian charm, as it reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B)

**Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.**

### DAY 3 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe.

While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills.

Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish or join an Optional Experience to the island of Burano, famous for its colourful houses and enjoy a delicious meal of local specialties. (B)

### DAY 4 TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Journey to Pisa and see the Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. Later, visit the 11th century cathedral and baptistry. Continue to Florence and start your explorations with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer.

With your Local Expert, admire the marble-clad Cathedral and Baptistry, and stroll around Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery filled with Renaissance sculptures.

Enjoy tasting a selection of the finest wines of Tuscany, followed by Dinner. (B) (DW)

**Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence.**

### DAY 5 FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Learn the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work. The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax and soak up the atmosphere in one of the many street cafés? Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. In the evening, enjoy an opportunity to sample the true flavours of the region with a sumptuous optional Tuscan dinner, served with local wine. (B)

### DAY 6 CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ORVIETO AND ON TO ROME

Journey to Umbria Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. In the evening, why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? (B)

**Radisson Blu GHR Rome.**

### DAY 7 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a monument to the courage of gladiators. In the afternoon, gain exclusive priority entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and visit the breathtaking Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling masterpiece.

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### DAY 8 ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** See the Duomo in Florence. (Photo by @vindiezel, Day 5, Florence)



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Explore hilltop Orvieto, in the heart of Umbria. (Photo by @billyboy22, Day 6, Orvieto)

### KEY

✈️ Join/Leave Options

🏛️ UNESCO Heritage Site

① Central Hotels + Nights

② Scenic Hotels + Nights

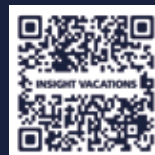
● Place Visited

🚢 Cruise



### CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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