

## TRIP START DATES

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

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**EASY PACE**  
ACTIVITY LEVEL: **LEISURELY**

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

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER<sup>®</sup>

**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

Home-Hosted Welcome Dinner in Rome.  
• Highlight Dinner at the Vatican • Lunch at Fico food theme park • Dinner at il Poggio • Celebration Dinner in Venice.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice.

Visit Pisa.

City tours of Florence and Rome, both with Local Experts.

# EASY PACE ITALY

*"Guests are always charmed by Roberto, our Local Expert in Pisa. He is a fantastic storyteller and linguist. He blends history and fun facts in a rapid-fire delivery that mesmerises everyone."*

– **Bradford, Travel Director**

AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND



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BASILICA,  
VATICAN  
CITY



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## DAY 1 WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

*At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a uniquely Roman Welcome Dinner. Get to know your travelling companions over a relaxed evening of dinner and wine, as you join your local host for a truly Italian, home-cooked meal. (DW)*

**Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.**

## DAY 2 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with your Local Expert.

Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum.

In the afternoon, enjoy special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece.

*Dine in the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato and enjoy incredible views of the cupola of St. Peter's during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (DW)*

## DAY 3 ROME AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Spend another day enjoying Rome at your own pace. Stroll to the boutiques of the Via del Corso and Via Nazionale or visit the elegant designer stores near the Spanish Steps. Perhaps take an Optional Experience south to the ill-fated town of Pompeii? As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a sidewalk cafe in the Piazza Navona and enjoy the pageant of life all around you. (B)

## DAY 4 ON TO FLORENCE

**Relaxed Start.** Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. (B)

**Hotel Roma, Florence.**

## DAY 5 FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

**Relaxed Start.** Explore Florence 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. Walk on to the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry to see Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Famous for the quality of its luxury goods like gold and leather, Piazza Santa Croce is also the perfect spot to see the basilica. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure. (B)

## DAY 6 PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

**Relaxed Start.** After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, baptistry and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral.

*Visit the organic farm il Poggio and join a guided walk, exploring olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fine wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (DW)*

## DAY 7 ON TO VENICE

*Today we travel through the Emilia-Romagna region, and stop to sample the flavours of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine.*

Take the autostrada east to Venice. Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel gazes out over the Giudecca Canal and an unforgettably romantic city skyline. (B) (LW)

**Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.**

## DAY 8 VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

**Relaxed Start.** Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded facade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills.

This afternoon there is plenty of time to explore the museums, galleries and churches or browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge. (B)

## DAY 9 VENICE AT LEISURE

**Relaxed Start.** Who could refuse another day to take in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city? Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. Maybe visit some of the 90 churches housing masterpieces of Venetian art or explore the modern artworks in the Guggenheim? Perhaps relax at a canal-side cafe sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish?






Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals.

*This evening, stroll past the entrance doors of the famous Opera House to La Fenice restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (DW)*

## DAY 10 ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)

## KEY

-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  Central Hotels + Nights
-  Place Visited
-  Optional Place Visited



## 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.



**TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT** Travel by gondola and be serenaded on the canals of Venice. (Photo by @skinnylynn, Day 9, Venice)



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