

# Easy Pace Italy

Feast on an authentic Italian meal in the Tuscan hills, cruise to Venice's Piazza San Marco by private boat and join a Local Expert in Pisa.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY



4.7/5



Guest Review Rating



## DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/epitaly](https://www.insightvacations.com/epitaly)

Trip code: E803/W803

## DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**  
**Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome**

**TRANSFERS:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

**WELCOME:** Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

## DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including 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. Afterwards, visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Later, cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome with your Local Expert. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and visit the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

## DAY 3 | ROME AT LEISURE

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, buried in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, to visit one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. With your Local Expert, stroll into a 2,000-year-old town revealing fascinating discoveries preserved in time. With the dormant volcano of Vesuvius and panoramic views of the Bay of Naples in the background, you have a few treats in store along the way and then return to Rome, passing the formidable Abbey of Montecassino, one of the greatest shrines of Christendom and the site of an epic battle in 1944. As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a pavement café in the Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? **(B) (RS)**

## DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Journey through the rolling green hills of Umbria into Tuscany and Florence, Italy's Renaissance capital with its art and architecture displayed everywhere. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café. **(B) (RS)**  
**Hotel: Roma, Florence**

## DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Indulge yourself this morning in exploring Florentine luxury goods. Learn about the craft

**INCLUDED MEALS:** Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

**RELAXED STARTS:** (RS)

**HOTELS:** On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

involved in the local leatherwork during a demonstration and be entranced by the intricate creations of the goldsmiths art. Admire the rolling green hills of Tuscany and the impressive medieval towers of San Gimignano on an optional experience this afternoon. Dine with your fellow travelling companions tonight. **(B) (D) (RS)**

#### DAY 6 | PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, baptistery 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) (D) (RS)**

#### 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 has elegant Venetian touches and views over an unforgettably romantic city. **(B) (L)**

**Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice**

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

Your private boat takes you on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the architectural history of Venice from the

13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and 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<sup>®</sup> Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. 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) (RS)**

#### DAY 9 | VENICE AT LEISURE

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 café sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish? Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

#### DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

**TRANSFERS:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.



## HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

### Premium Experiences

**Rome** | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

**Vatican** | Visit the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

**Florence** | *Insight Choice* Stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe, or see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

**Pisa** | See the marble baptistery, 11<sup>th</sup>-century cathedral and famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles.

**Venice** | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

**Venice** | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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### Premium Dining

**Rome** | Embrace the Lazio region's rich culinary heritage during a delightful dinner experience.

**Tuscany** | Visit Il Poggio to learn about organic olive and grape farming. Then enjoy a tasting and sit down to a fabulous dinner of Tuscan specialties, complemented by stunning views.

For all inclusions see tour page online.