

Itinerary & Optionals

DAY 1 WELCOME TO ROME

Ciao Roma! 'The Eternal City' opens its doors for an unforgettable At Leisure jaunt through Tuscany and two millennia of culture, history and fiery Italian verve. Spend the afternoon exploring the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Embark on an orientation drive past Rome's iconic and unexpected highlights, including views of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus, once the site of exhilarating chariot races which attracted thousands of enthusiastic spectators.

MEAL(S)	HOTEL
Welcome Reception	Barcelo Occidental Aurelia

DAY 2 JOURNEY TO THE TUSCAN HILLS

Our journey through Rome begins in the centre of Christendom, where we join a Local Specialist on an included sightseeing tour to visit St. Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's much-admired Pietà. This afternoon, we enjoy a leisurely drive through the scenic Tuscan hills to the thermal spa resort of Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy and your home for the next six nights.

MEAL(S)	HOTEL
Breakfast	Columbia

DAY 3 EXPLORE RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Your Local Specialist will reveal the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, consider visiting the Ponte Vecchio bridge, one of the city's most famous landmarks and lined with goldsmiths and jewellers. This is a legacy of the 16th-century decree which mandated that only jewellers and goldsmiths be allowed to ply their trade on the bridge. Later, learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold.

MEAL(S)
Breakfast
Dinner

DAY 4 MONTECATINI YOUR WAY

Relax in the soothing waters of Montecatini Thermal Spa on your day at leisure or join an Optional Experience to Cinque Terre, whose quaint pastel-hued villages cling to the rugged Ligurian cliffs.

MEAL(S)
Breakfast

DAY 5 DISCOVER PISA AND VINCI

Journey to Pisa where we join a Local Specialist to view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble Cathedral and the ornate Baptistery, said to be the largest in Italy. We continue through Tuscany, arriving in Vinci where we'll Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist at Museo Leonardiano and gain a deeper understanding of the life of this talented master. Admire Leonardo da Vinci's machines and models, his sketches and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits during your visit. Tonight, Connect With Locals at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia where you'll enjoy dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience surrounded by vineyards and olive groves.

MEAL(S)
Breakfast
Be My Guest

DAY 6 OFF TO SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO

Saunter through the beautifully preserved medieval city of Siena to see the 13th-century marble Cathedral and the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo which hosts the biannual Palio horse race. We venture to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its towers. Enjoy some free time strolling through its narrow lanes and shopping for locally-produced delicacies and hand-painted Tuscan pottery - the alluring aromas of pecorino and cured meats can be found around every turn.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

DAY 7 TUSCAN LIFESTYLE EXPERIENCE

Feast your eyes on the vibrant colours and busy stalls heaving with fresh produce at a local food market where you will join a Local Specialist professional chef for a tasty introduction to Tuscan cuisine. Learn how to cook like only an Italian mamma can, selecting your fresh produce from the market and preparing lunch which you will enjoy with a delicious glass of local wine. The tastes of Tuscany still lingering after an unforgettable lunch, we return to our hotel in the Tuscan hills for the night.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

Lunch

DAY 8 ONWARDS TO ROME AND THE VATICAN CITY

Departing Tuscany, we travel south to Rome. This evening, we Dive Into Culture and enjoy a Farewell Dinner amidst the stunning Roman and Ancient Greek artistry. We'll have access to the museum before dinner and join a Local Specialist later for a guided evening tour of the Vatican Museums, including a visit to Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast

HOTEL

Farewell Dinner

Barceló Aran Mantegna

DAY 9 JOURNEY HOME

Today we bid a fond farewell to newfound friends and an epic At Leisure experience, departing Rome today. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

MEAL(S)

Breakfast