



## Timeless Italy (PEI) 2024

12 Days 10 Nights

### Itinerary

#### DAY 1 USA - MILAN

Board your international flight bound for Milan, eager to begin our Italy discovery.

#### DAY 2 ARRIVE IN MILAN

Arrive in Milan, Italy's capital of commerce, fashion and media. Meet tour guide at airport and transfer to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure, so you can explore the city as you choose. If you are interested, you may book on site to join an optional tour to the charming city of Lugano and visiting Lake Como.

Hotels :★★★★ Crowne Plaza Milan-Linate or Similar

Optional Tours & Extras :Switzerland Lugano & Lake Como : \$49 pp

#### DAY 3 MILAN - VERONA - VENICE

This morning, we take a walking tour of Milan. Marvel at the Milan Cathedral and world-renowned La Scala Opera House which faces a statue of the genius Leonardo da Vinci. Next, stroll inside the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the world's oldest shopping arcades. Afterward, depart for Verona famed as the fictional setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Straddling the River Adige, Verona was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 2000 and is filled with timeless monuments. Upon arrival, view the highlights of the city's fascinating monuments, including the Juliet's House. Later, journey to Venice. Stay overnight in Padova and enjoy dinner at hotel.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner at hotel

Hotels :★★★★ Crowne Plaza Padova or Similar

#### DAY 4 VENICE

Called La Serenissima or the "most serene", Venice is like no other city. Mostly built on water, this canal-woven city brims with palaces and churches that reflect its one-time domination of trade between Europe and the Orient. Take a boat ride to the island of Murano to see a fascinating glass-blowing demonstration at the Murano

Glass Factory, and then ride a ferry\* to the city to view the "Bridge of Sighs". Next, stroll around the vast St. Mark's Square and wonder at stunning St. Mark's Basilica. Afterward, consider a serenaded gondola ride along the stunning Grand Canal, to appreciate the grand palazzos lining the water.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★ Crowne Plaza Padova or Similar

Optional Tours & Extras :Venice Gondola Ride & Serenade: \$61 pp

#### **DAY 5 VENICE – REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO – RAVENNA**

Have your camera ready as we drive across the Apennine Mountains to the tiny Republic of San Marino, entirely encircled by Italy. Enjoy a walking tour, beginning at Saint Francis' Gate; stroll along the charming street Via Basiliculus until we reach Piazza del Titano, a bustling square located amid San Marino's UNESCO-listed Historic Center. Continue along Via Eugippo, past Crossbowmen's Quarry and Loggia, then absorb the breathtaking views overlooking the Adriatic Sea and Mount Titano from the lookout point. Walk to the beautiful historic square of Piazza della Libertà and finish the tour at Basilica of Saint Marinus. Later continue to Ravenna, pause in this historic city, eulogized for its glorious Byzantine mosaics and as the seat of the Papacy in the 5th century. Enjoy an orientation tour to explore the Piazza del Popolo and Dante's Tomb, and adore the famous mosaics. Other attractions include its downtown basilicas and baptisteries.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★ NH Ravenna or Similar

#### **DAY 6 RAVENNA – FLORENCE – MONTECATINI**

Today, head for Florence, known as the birthplace of the Renaissance. Take a walking tour, seeing its spectacular Duomo - one of the world's largest cathedrals. Admire the bronze doors of the octagonal Baptistery before touring Santa Croce Basilica and the marvelous Piazza della Signoria, Lastly, contemplate the panoramic views from Michelangelo Square. Tonight, stay over at the handsome spa town of Montecatini.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner at hotel

Hotels :★★★★ Grand Hotel Croce di Malta Wellness & Golf or Similar

#### **DAY 7 MONTECATINI – PISA – SIENNA – ASSISI**

This morning, travel to Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower. Later, we make our way to the alluring Tuscan city of Siena. Once a major adversary to Florence, Siena's charm lies in its medieval buildings and rich Gothic art. Embark on a walking tour of the city, left relatively untouched for centuries. Afterward, travel to Assisi, here join our orientation tour of the past home of St. Francis, taking in UNESCO-listed jewels such as the Basilica of St. Francis and other Franciscan sites. Later, walk the city streets with your guide, marveling at the Roman ruins and medieval relics.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★ Dal Moro Gallery Hotel or Similar

#### **DAY 8 ASSISI - POMPEII - SORRENTO**

A highlight of your vacation comes today with a visit to Pompeii\*. In 79 AD, this flourishing city was destroyed by a massive volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Afterward, drive to Sorrento, a colorful cliff-top town overlooking the sparkling Bay of Naples. Enjoy an orientation tour of its center, characterized by buzzing streets, cafe-lined piazzas and tempting restaurants.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★ Towers Hotel Stabiae Sorrento Coast or Similar

Optional Tours & Extras :Sorrento Musical Theater Show: \$54 pp

#### **DAY 9 SORRENTO - CAPRI ISLAND - SORRENTO**

Start today with a ferry ride\* to the island of Capri, Italy's most glamorous seaside getaway. Arrive at Marina Grande and enjoy a Capri sightseeing tour showcasing its white hillside houses, charming squares and narrow alleyways, all favored as holiday haunts by Italy's jet set. If weather permits, perhaps take an optional tour to the azure waters of the Blue Grotto and later, visit Capri's second city, Anacapri, tucked high into the hills.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★ Towers Hotel Stabiae Sorrento Coast or Similar

### DAY 10 SORRENTO - AMALFI COAST EXCURSION (OPTIONAL) - ROME

Take time at leisure this morning. Unwind at the deluxe hotel or elect for our optional drive to Amalfi Coast and excursion to Amalfi town. Be ready to be blown away by the jaw-dropping Amalfi Coast, as we drive its coastal road around cliffs dotted with picturebook towns. Pass through romantic Positano and explore the picturesque lanes of Amalfi. Later, head for the "Eternal City" of Rome, a treasure trove of historic monuments and artistic riches.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★ Holiday Inn Rome Eur Parco dei Medici or Similar

Optional Tours & Extras :Amalfi Coast Excursion: \$149 pp

### DAY 11 ROME

Today is dedicated to the UNESCO World Heritage Site that is Rome. Start at the resplendent Vatican City, home of St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest church at 18,000 square yards. Outside, admire sublime St. Peter's Square. Next, contemplate the elegant Old City and explore the majestic Colosseum, scene of many bloody gladiatorial contests, and the ruins of the Roman Forum. We also admire the Spanish Steps and toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to see more of Rome's riches and attend an Italian Farewell Dinner this evening.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★ Holiday Inn Rome Eur Parco dei Medici or Similar

### DAY 12 ROME - USA

Leave this unforgettable country on board your international flight, arriving home later today.

Included: Breakfast

### DATE & PRICES

All prices are listed per person (based on double occupancy).

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| Sep 18, 2024 – Sep 29, 2024 | 2500          | \$4000         | \$800            |
| Oct 16, 2024 – Oct 27, 2024 | 2400          | \$3900         | \$800            |

\* Advertised land only package prices do not include any air tickets

\* To view the airfares for different gateways please click the "Book Now" button on your desired departure date and then choose the gateway from the dropdown list

\* Airfare prices included the fuel surcharge and taxes but do not include seat assignment fees and any baggage fees. Please contact the airline directly to choose your seats and make the payment if there is any

\* Air carrier and routing are at the sole discretion of Peony Tours

\* For child (2-11 yrs) rates, please refer to [Reservation](#)

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