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# THE ITALIAN HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

## 10 days/9 nights

Driving in Italy is breath-taking and wonderful. Discover the jewels of Classic Italy with this itinerary designed so you can enjoy the beauties of Venice, Florence and Rome without leaving behind other pearls such as Padua, Ferrara, Assisi, Perugia, Naples and Pompeii. From the beginning, we will assist you from the distance making your driving smooth and pleasant. You will receive coordinates on your smartphone everyday to find your way with no difficulties. Also, you will have guided tours in many cities during your journey in Italy. Starting in **Milan** you will discover extraordinary masterpieces of art and history; see the cathedral and the Scala Opera House where you can delight your soul with some of the best operas and concerts worldwide (we can help you booking your tickets). In **Venice** continue admiring the beautiful Italian architecture and art and enjoy walking on the small alleys between the canals. Your stop in **Verona** will give you the chance to renew your testimony of love at Julia's House. Your next stop will be **Florence**, cradle of the Renaissance ending your dream vacation in "la bella Italia" visiting **Rome**, the eternal city. Come with us to Italy and live your adventure.

### DAY 1 (Friday) MILAN

Welcome to Italia!! Our local partner will welcome you at the airport and help you with the paperwork to get your rented vehicle. Then, start your journey driving to the hotel. You will have free time to make the first contact with the "la bella Italia". Accommodation.

### DAY 2 (Saturday) MILAN

After breakfast at the hotel, we will invite you to a 3-hours walking city tour. This tour will bring you into the heart of the city, to discover some extraordinary masterpieces of Italian art and history. You will start with the visit of the symbol of Milan, the Duomo cathedral. Then, you will walk the elegant Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II to reach La Scala Opera House. After the visit of the theater, a nice walk in the Brera art district, will take you to the majestic Castello Sforzesco where you will visit the courtyards and the museum with the last unfinished work by Michelangelo, the moving Pietà Rondanini. Back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, drive to Lake Como (50km), a beautiful lake surrounded by mountains not far from Milan. Visit small towns like Bellagio, cross the lake with a Ferry to Menaggio and come back to Milan from the other side. A beautiful ride on a beautiful environment. Accommodation. (B)

### DAY 3 (Sunday) MILAN – SIRMIONE – VERONA - VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel. On the way to Venice, drive until Sirmione where you will embark on a boat to tour the waters of Lake Garda where you will know points of interest such as the Villa de Maria Callas and the Caves of Catullo. If the weather conditions do not allow sailing, you can visit the town of Desenzano. Continue driving towards Verona, the hills that surround it on the northern side, determine the harmony and beauty of the landscape of the city of Romeo and Juliet. Free time to visit the old town and the house of Julia where you can leave your testimony of love. Continue to Venice (154km) where we will stay overnight. (B)

### DAY 4 (Monday) VENICE

Breakfast at the hotel. For today you will have a day ticket for the "Vaporetto", the waterbus in Venice. Embark and arrive at the Plaza de San Marcos. Panoramic visit going through the "Sestiere de San Marco" where the famous square is located, in which are placed monuments such as the Basilica of San Marco and the Torre dell'Orologio. There will be a panoramic view of the Ducal Palace, then the sad story of the Bridge of Sighs will be explained. In the afternoon, take a Vaporetto to go to the Islands of Murano and Burano, which are a visit worth. Later come back to Venice to go to your hotel or enjoy the evening walking through the small streets and visit a local restaurant for pizza or pasta. Accommodation. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**from EUR 1350.-**

Price per day EUR 135.-

Car rental for 10 days from  
**from EUR 256.- for 2-4 persons**

**2023**

**DEPARTURES ON REQUEST  
APRIL THROUGH NOVEMBER**

Upon request, you can choose any other day of the week to start the program. Please send us an E-mail or call us to check available dates. Thus, the order of the excursions /tours can vary depending on it. And if you have a group, we will be very happy to send you a special offer with bus or rental cars.

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- 9 nights in hotels of your choice category 3 \*\*\*, 4 \*\*\*\* and/or 5\*\*\*\*\*
- 9 breakfasts
- Local guides in Venice, Florence and Rome.
- Boat trip on Lake Garda, depending on weather conditions.
- Vaporetto ticket Venice for a day.
- Night transfer to Trastevere neighborhood. (return on behalf of the client)
- Local guides in Naples and Pompeii incl. fees.
- Lunch in Pompeii.
- City taxes

#### NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic Flights
- 10-days rental car in the category of your choice. We will help you with pleasure selecting the car you want.
- Parking fees at the hotels and gasoline/diesel.
- Meals or other tours not mentioned here
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters





#### DAY 5 (Tuesday) VENICE – PADOVA – FERRARA - FLORENCE

Departure to the Tuscan capital, stopping at Pádova where you will visit the Basilica of San Antonio de Padua, with the Tomb of the Saint. Free time and then depart for Ferrara, medieval city that also lived a great flowering at the time of the Renaissance, and whose urban layout makes it "the oldest modern city in the world." Free time to have lunch, (we recommend asking for Tortellini) and take a walk around the city. Departure to Florence, cradle of great artists such as Dante, Petrarca and Donatello. Upon arrival free time and accommodation. **(B)**

#### DAY 6 (Wednesday) FLORENCE

Panoramic tour of the historic center with the exterior of the Cathedral complex: Giotto's Tower, the Baptistry with the famous Gate to Paradise and the Duomo, with Brunelleschi's spectacular dome. We will continue towards La Plaza de la Signoria, which was the political heart of the Florence of the Medici. We will enjoy the most suggestive streets and squares, as well as the Plaza de la República and the Ponte Vecchio. In the afternoon drive to Pisa (83km) to visit its Lean Tower and the Baptistry. Take your time to enjoy it and take amazing pictures. On the way back, you can enjoy driving around the Tuscany and visiting towns like Lucca, Montecatini Terme and/or Pistoia. Back to Florence on time for dinner. We recommend to go to the Piazza della Signoria in front of the Palazzo Vecchio where you will find very good Trattorias for a tasty Italian dinner. You can see there a copy of the statue of David. Back to the hotel. Overnight. **(B)**

#### DAY 7 (Thursday) FLORENCE – PERUGIA – ASSISI - ROME

Departure to Perugia and visit the center with the incredible Duomo. Free time to explore some of its streets carved into the rock or we can enjoy one of its typical chocolates. Then we leave to get to Assisi and know the Basilica of San Francisco and the charm of the town. Departure to Rome. Accommodation. **(B)**

#### DAY 8 (Friday) ROME

In the morning we made a panoramic view of the city that includes as many points of interest as the Republic Square, the Cathedral of Rome, the Archaeological Rome with the Termas de Caracalla, the Circus Maximus, the Colosseum and the Forums. We will also pass through Piazza Venezia, the neuralgic center of the city, the S. Angelo Castle and the exterior of the Plaza and Basilica of San Pedro (depending on religious ceremonies). Then, you will have enough time to visit on your own the interiors of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, you will discover the magical Colosseum. Even with the explanation of the guide the traveler will not believe the architectural ingenuity of this monument. Accommodation. **(B)**

#### DAY 9 (Saturday) ROME – NAPLES – POMPEII - ROME

When we arrive in Naples, we enter the area of Mergellina, we travel by bus the promenade to Castel del Ovo and the borough Santa Lucia. Afterwards we walk through the monumental Naples where you can admire the Plebiscite Square, the Church of San Francisco de Paula, the Royal Palace, the Umberto I Gallery, the S. Carlo Theater, the Town Square and the Maschio Angioino. Lunch in a typical restaurant based on pizza. Then we continue to Pompeii, the Roman city that was buried by an eruption of the volcano in 79 AD, and we started the archaeological walk through the ancient city where we can see how was the daily life or architecture in the first imperial era. In the afternoon we return to Rome. Overnight. **(B) (L)**

#### DAY 10 (Sunday) ROME

European buffet breakfast at the hotel, and at the appropriate time, transfer to the airport by private car. End of our services **(B)**

**(B)** Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner