



# 12-Day Italian Luxury: Amalfi Coast, Rome, Florence & Venice

"THE BEST OF ITALY WITH THE BREATHTAKING AMALFI COAST"

Period: All year - Best from April to October

Total days: 12 days/ 11 nights

Destinations: Amalfi coast - Rome - Florence - Venice

Price per person: from USD 9 500

# Day 1 Arrival in Rome and travel to Amalfi coast



## Welcome in Italy!

Italy land of love, art and food welcomes you

Enjoy your staying in Italy!

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**Italy** Italy, Italy, Italia



# Private transfer from Rome airport to the hotel in Amalfi coast - Mercedes Class E

This morning your personal driver will pick you up at Rome airport to reach your hotel in Amalfi coast.

He will wait for you outside the airport with a welcome board with your names written on it.

Check in at the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.



Stazione Fiumicino Aeroporto



Positano - 5 Stars hotel - Villa Franca

Classic room

Breakfast included - City tax not included



**Hotel Villa Franca** 

# Day 2 Amalfi coast



## Full day - Amalfi coast panoramic tour - Mercedes Class E

Today your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel to drive around the Amalfi Coast. Pick up at the hotel.



#### Amalfi coast panoramic tour

Drive along the UNESCO World Heritage listed **Amalfi Coast on 'state route 163'** – a masterpiece of human engineering. Begin with Positano, jewel of southern Italy's iconic Amalfi Coast then proceed to **Amalfi**, once the Capital of the Maritime Republic and admire its 12th-century Cathedral. Followng the natural outlines of Europe's most spectacular coastline, you will drive through picture-perfect villages, such as **Ravello** and verdant cliffs dotted with waterfalls. This celebrated city has been a destination for artists, musicians, and writers over the ages, including Virginia Woolf and Richard Wagner. Stroll through its splendid gardens, charming churches, and admire the most glorius panoramas in Europe.



Amalfi Coast Campania, IT



Amalfi Coast - Limoncello & Mozzarella experience

On the way, you will taste 2 typical local products: **Limoncello and Mozzarella.** You learn more about the production and taste Mozzarella! An expert will explain you how mozzarella is making and you will try to make it one with your hands! You will learn more about the production of Limoncello and taste this typical product. An expert guide leads you step by step, providing you with knowledge of the basic principles of cultivation and production before you enjoy a tasting of these local products.



Amalfi Coast Campania, IT



## Amalfi coast - Optional tours (not included)

- You will visit a local winery where you will learn more about wine production. Hectares covered with centennial
  grapevines, where ancient traditions are sustained by hard work. You will walk through the vineyards and taste a light
  lunch made with products grown directly by the winery owners, it will be paired with a guided tasting of DOC wine of
  the Amalfi Coast.
- Drive the Italian style! Enjoy an unforgettable experience. Drive a **vintage car** by sea and under the sky. Go back to the past driving the famous and popular Fiat 500 cabrio, Alfa Romeo Spider or many others.
- You will stop in oil olive factory to learn more about the production and you will taste this local product.
- You will enjoy a cooking class with a professional chef in Amalfi coast. You will learn how prepare typical dishes of this
  area. Lunch included.
- You will have the opportunity of making your own pizza following the suggestion of a pizzaiolo. From how to have the
  best pizza-dough to making your great Pizza (with the farm tomatoes, basil and mozzarella-cheese) in a wood-fired
  oven.Y ou will learn how to prepare the pizza dough with your own hands, using creativity to top it, bake it and finally
  taste your masterpiece.
- You will meet with your hiking guide to begin the famous "Path of the Gods" trek. The Path of the Gods connects
  Agerola, a village on the hills of the Amalfi Coast, to Nocelle, a hamlet of Positano perched on the slopes of Mount
  Pertuso. The name is enough to make us understand the spectacular nature of the path: follow it in the direction that
  goes from Agerola to Nocelle in order to walk slightly downhill and have wonderful views of the coastline right along to
  Capri (weather permitting).
- You will enjoy an easier but as much spectacular path. Start your route "Passeggiata dell'Amore" starting from Furore
  to Praiano. An itinerary between sky, sea and land through the characteristic Mediterranean vegetation.
- You will enjoy a trekking path "Sentiero dei Limoni" the village is set in one of the most fascinating places on the Amalfi Coast, kissed by the sun in a panoramic position on the promontory that divides the beautiful cities of Maiori and Minori. The difficulty is medium-low although in both directions, divided along the route and in particular at the start, there are several stairs to climb and descend (about 400 in each direction).
- You will spend a half day in Ravello to visit Villa Cimbrone and Villa Rufolo with its suggestive gardens and view on the Gulf.
- You will board your private boat to enjoy a half day of cruise around the beautiful Amalfi coast.
- You will visit two extraordinary sites in the surroundings of Pompeii with your private guide. This tour will lead you into
  the most extraordinary places in the archaeological area of Vesuvius: the villas at Stabiae and the Villas of Poppea at
  Oplontis. When Vesuvius erupted on 24 August AD 79, it engulfed the two flourishing Roman towns of Pompei and
  Herculaneum, as well as the wealthy villages of Oplontis and Stabiae. These locations give you the unique opportunity
  to enjoy the fantastic inner of Roman villas and some of the most interesting artifacts found in the area.

# Day 3 Day trip to Capri from Amalfi coast



## Capri boat tour with ITAMA 38 - 12 MT

Get on board an elegant speedboat with an English speaking expert skipper to discover the most loved island in the world. Visit the Blu Grotto and admire the Faraglioni rocks, swim and snorkel in the clear waters.

Visit the most beautiful spots of Capri, such as the White Cave, the Natural Arch, the **Faraglioni**, one of the most romantic and evocative sceneries of Capri.

There will be several stops for swimming and snorkeling and a relaxing break to have a tasty snack and drink.

Includes: English speaking skipper, snacks and fresh drinks, snorkeling equipment and beach towel.

Don't forget: swimsuit, sun hut, sunscreen.

**Please note:** the Blue Grotto entrance fee of 15 € pp is not included. The entrance fee is to be payed cash (to be paid directly there), this visit is optional, you can visit it or decide with the sailor not to visit it. The Blue Grotto can be closed in case of the bad weather conditions.

A powerful and luxurious speedboat with private cabin, wc, spacious padded sundeck, and comfortable sofas.



## **Capri - Optional tours (Not included)**

- you will meet your personal driver to enjoy Capri by a cabrio car.
- private guide to enjoy the **archeological and Roman villas** around the island. Villa Jovis, Villa San Michele, Krupp way, Augustus garden, Blue grotto
- Fortini trekking tour in Capri (4 hours)
- You will enjoy a half day **trekking tour** in Capri, one of the most spectacular walks of Capri: **The Fortini Path**. A path that runs along the sea from the Blue Grotto to the Punta Carena lighthouse between rock frames, sculptural headlands and bays as deep as fjords with turquoise waters. On the way there are the three forts that once served to defend Capri: Orrico, Pino and Mesola.

# Day 4 Travel to Rome from Amalfi coast



### Private transfer from Amalfi coast to Rome - Mercedes class E

Transfer from the hotel in Positano to the the hotel in Rome with a stop in Pompei. Pick up at the hotel.



## Pompei on the way to Rome - Guided tour

On the way to Rome, you will stop in **Pompei** to enjoy a guided visit of the "scavi". You will learn more about the historical facts of this important city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in the morning of the August 24th 79AD. During the guided walking tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the Forum that was the center of religious and economic life, the Casa del Fauno, one of the largest, and most impressive private residences in **Pompei**, the Termopolium a sort of ancient inns where the foreigners arrived in Pompeii could eat and buy wine, the Lupanare, famous for the erotic paintings. The eruption preserved exactly how it was this important town of approx. 20.000 inhabitants completely covered in 30 feet of volcanic ash.

Please note: We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes.



## Area Archeologica di Pompei

Piazza Porta Maria Inferiore 7, Pompei, Campania, Italia, 80045 +39 081 857 5347



## Rome - 5 Stars hotel - Hotel d'Inghilterra

Superior room

Breakfast included - City tax not included

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## Hotel d'Inghilterra

Via Bocca di Leone 14, Roma, Lazio, Italia, 00187 +39 06 699811



### Rome - 5L Stars Hotel - De Russie, a Rocco Forte hotel

Classic room

Breakfast included - City tax not included

The Hotel de Russie is a luxury five-star hotel located in the heart of the beautiful city of Rome between the Spanish Steps and Piazza del Popolo on the Via del Babuino. The hotel is within easy walking distance of Rome's key attractions, fashion houses and Via Condotti. The Vatican City, with St Peter's and the Sistine Chapel, is just a ten-minute walk from the Hotel de Russie while Piazza Navona and the Trevi Fountain are also within easy access.

The hotel has 120 bedrooms including 34 suites with the Nijinsky Suite with a magnificent private terrace. The walls, which are deliberately just painted, are all in very delicate and restful pastel hues, as is the upholstery. There are various types of bathroom, but they are all in marble or marble mosaic. The bathroom designs range from the classical to the contemporary, but in all cases the most classical materials are used. Easy Connect broadband service to the internet is offered from every guest room.

The most unique luxury hotel in Rome, Hotel de Russie provides a stunning feature - extensive, terraced gardens, the "Secret Garden", so called because hidden behind the building which overlooks Via del Babuino which provide a tranquil oasis amidst the bustle of central Rome where you can dine alfresco at "Le Jardin de Russie" Restaurant or enjoy a peaceful stroll. Soft lights have been put to complete the beauty of the garden, which will host during the spring and summer the open "Stravinskij Bar".

The hotel also has one of Rome's best health clubs and spa with a hydropool, jacuzzi, sauna, Turkish steam bath, beauty treatments and gym.

Whether visiting Rome on business or pleasure, Hotel de Russie's picturesque gardens and spa facilities combined with impeccable service will provide you with a complete escape and allow you to experience the very best of Rome.

#### For 2023:

- · Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- · Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability
- · Complimentary Wi-Fi



Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte hotel

## Day 5 Rome



Private transfer from the hotel to the Vatican City - Mercedes Class E Pick up at the hotel.



#### Rome - Early breakfast at Vatican Museums - Guided tour

This morning, you will meet your personal driver and guide at the hotel lobby to enjoy an early **breakfast at Vatican**Museums and you will have the chance to visit the Museums before the general opening.

Have the Vatican to yourself on this **exclusive early morning tour** that whisks you through closed doors for a buffet breakfast in the peaceful Pinecone Courtyard, before.

Feast on an Italian-American breakfast buffet of cooked-to-order eggs, meats, cheeses, muffins, croissants, fresh fruits, cereals, and pancakes made by the Vatican's pancake chef.

You will visit the **world's smallest country** and the center of the Catholic World – Vatican City. Visit the impressive **St. Peter's square** and **Church**, and explore Vatican Museums, **Raffaello's rooms** and the **Sistine Chapel**.

Have breakfast in the **Pinecone Courtyard**, alongside one of the Vatican Museums' most beautiful works of modern art, and experience tranquility rarely seen by Vatican visitors. Follow your guide to explore the Vatican Museums.

See rooms such as the **Hall of Maps**, **Gallery of the Tapestries**, and the **Gallery of the Candelabra**. Your guide will bring works of art to life, pointing out things you would have missed on your own.



Vatican City Vatican City, 00120



#### Vatican Museums



# Private transfer from the Vatican City to city center - Mercedes Class E

Pick up at Vatican City.



- 3 hr - Central European Time

## Rome - Private guided golf-cart tour (3 hours)

Today you will admire the best of the eternal city from a unique and unforgettable perspective, aboard a golf-cart.

Note: Pick up and drop off at the hotel.

Today you will enjoy the tour passing through the Colosseum, Circus Maximus and Arch of Constantine and reaching Avventine Hill. Michelangelo's Campidolio square, Mouth of Truth, Capitol Hill and Emporer Trajan forum and Column • Spectacular View of the Roman forum. Enjoy also a Panoramic view of Rome at the orange tree garden.



## Private transfer from the city center to the hotel - Mercedes Class E

Pick up in the city center.



## Rome - Vatican - Optional tours (Not included)

- Enjoy an exclusive visit of Vatican Museum after the closing hours.
- Visit to the Vatican Gardens
- You will attend the **Pope audience** (only on Wednesdays)
- Enjoy unparalleled views of Rome climbing up the 320 steps to St Peter's Dome.
- Enjoy a visit of the Vatican necropolis underneath the Basilica, where is located the tomb of St. Peter

# Day 6 Rome



# Private transfer from the hotel to the local market. - Mercedes Class E

Pick up at the hotel.



## Rome - Local market tour and cooking class with a professional Italian chef

You will meet your chef at Campo de' Fiori to peruse the **local market**. The market is a feast, in and of itself, for the senses: vibrant shades of greens, deep purples, and glowing reds are sprinkled throughout the displays. Not to mention the perfunctory aromas emanating down each aisle. Luckily, a wonderful chef will keep you focused on choosing the right ingredients for your very own 4-course meal. The state-of-the art kitchen is just a short walk from the market. Here, you are greeted with prosecco and antipasti to tide you over while you slice, dice, roll, and whisk your meal to perfection. You will create and feast upon a delicious **homemade pasta**, a savory main course, one elegant side dish, and a dessert that puts the cherry on top of your experience. The final meal is hosted in a dining room where you can bask in the moment of your creation's reveal before dining on it. Carefully selected local wines accompany your exquisite meal to give you a truly Roman experience.



Piazza Campo de' Fiori



# Private transfer from the cooking school to the Colosseum. - Mercedes Class E Pick up at the hotel.



## Rome - Colosseum underground tour

In the late morning you will enjoy a Colosseum **underground tour.** The visit will introduce you to the monument in its entirety to enjoy all its beauties: from behind the scenes to the most scenic points of the splendid Roman amphitheater. An ancient Roman who went to the Colosseum to watch the games could only be fascinated by the spectacular nature of the events. Exotic animals and gladiators suddenly appeared in the dust of the stage, through hidden hatches. The viewer was captivated by special effects and an impeccable organization made possible by the presence of a system of service and work environments: a real backstage.

Imagine a confined, chaotic and dimly lit place, full of machinery, props and cages of ferocious animals. Slaves and gladiators hurried through the corridors to prepare for the show. From the stands came the muffled cry of the spectators who flocked to the amphitheater to be entertained and fascinated.



Private transfer from the Colosseum to the hotel - Mercedes Class E Pick up at the Colosseum.

# Day 7 Reach Florence by train from Rome



Private transfer from the hotel to the train station in Rome - Mercedes class E Pick up at the hotel.



## Fast train from Rome to Florence

Take the fast train from Rome Termini to Florence Santa Maria Novelle.

Tickets in first class.



Stazione Ferroviaria Roma Termini



Firenze Stazione Di Santa Maria Novella



**Private transfer from Florence train station to the hotel - Mercedes class E** Pick up at the train station.



# Florence - 5 Stars Hotel - Lungarno

Lungarno room

Breakfast included - city tax not included



**Hotel Lungarno** 

# **Day 8 Florence**



Florence - Renaissance Art and Architecture with Accademia and Uffizi Gallery - Guided tour

Discover the the heart of the city. You will stroll through streets, alleys of the medieval quarter to Palazzo del Bargello (exterior visit only) and Piazza della Signoria, where sculptures beckon. Continue to Santa Croce Church (Basilica of the Holy Cross), famed as the "Westminster Abbey of Florence". It is a gorgeous Florence church with frescoes by Giotto, architecture by Brunelleschi and houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and other Tuscan cultural giants. Next, visit the **Accademia Gallery** with the famous Michelangelo's masterpiece: **The David**. You are able to view the museum's other unique pieces, including a room dedicated to Michelangelo. Continue along the Medici Chapels (exterior view only) and Basilica di S. Lorenzo, church of the once influential Medici Family (exterior view only). Finally arrive at Piazza del **Duomo** and marvel at the vast Cathedral (exterior visit only). You will continue to the visit to **Uffizi Gallery**, one of the most beautiful and famous museums in the world boasting a hall of fame of the most important artists of all times: Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Caravaggio and many others.



**Florence** 



Galleria Dell'accademia



Galleria Degli Uffizi



## Florence - creation of perfume's fragrance

You meet your guide in the hotel lobby after the meal, eager to embark on a distinctive excursion for your sense of smell by visiting a perfumer's workshop. The hidden perfumeries around the city pay homage to the days of the Renaissance when scientists funded by the Medici family attempted to understand the ways humans can extract scents from plants. The perfumer's workshop is located inside a 18th-century palace and holds up to 1,500 ingredients to produce nearly any aroma imaginable, and some scents that are hard to imagine. The elegant interior blends a contemporary aesthetic with the historical context of the art and architecture. Your guide offers you a number of fragrances to sample. You inhale deeply, listening to the instructions in an attempt to detect the different layers creating an excellent perfume.



**Florence** 



#### Florence - Optional tours (not included)

- you will meet your personal guide to enjoy a bike tour along the beautiful streets of Florence. Enjoy a relaxing and
  educational bike tour in Florence. Our professional guide will show you all the most important monuments of the
  town and you will ride through the unknown spots and medieval narrow streets. You will admire Santa Marina Novella,
  Pitti Palace, Saint Frediano, the Old Bridge, the Uffizi square and more districts around the old town center. After the
  tour you will taste a delicious ice cream in the Oltrarno.
- You will meet your guide to stroll around Florence to visit the **Accademia Gallery**, with the famous Michelangelo's masterpiece: The David. You are able to view the museum's other unique pieces, including a room dedicated to Michelangelo.
- You will continue to the visit to Uffizi Gallery, one of the most beautiful and famous museums in the world boasting a
  hall of fame of the most important artists of all times: Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, Caravaggio
  and many others.
- you will meet your personal expert guide to discover the world of the made in Italy in Florence. Florence is famous for
  the production of leather and jewelleries in particular near Ponte Vecchio. Your personal guide will escort you to visit
  laboratories of Florentine artisans where you will see the final products but also you can admire the ancient techniques
  of processing.
- you will attend at workshop of the **creation of perfume's fragrance**. You will create your personal fragrance according your preferences and following the suggestions of the master.
- in the amazing piece of paradise in the center of Florence is located the **Boboli garden** park. Here your personal guide will lead you through the amazing fountains, statues and monuments, belonged to the De' Medici family, and it

- represents the major example of Italian garden. After you will walk to Bardini Garden, connected to Boboli, characterized by amazing sculptures, fountains and flowers, especially more than 60 types of hydrangea located in the Rondò Belvedere. From the square you will watch a breath-taking panorama of Florence.
- Florence is not only a town full of art and architecture, but the majority of its cultural heritage is up to the culinary experience. Indeed, **the eno-gastronomic** aspect of the town is dated to the Renaissance period. You will enjoy a **gourmet tour,** an astonishing experience through the food and art Florentine culture. After the visit of the historical center you will see the famous local market of San Lorenzo, where you will taste most of delicious and typical food of Tuscany. Then you will discover the charm of several Florentine churches and will enjoy a pleasing wine tasting, garnished with great regional coldcuts. Your professional guide will lead you through the story of the most important wine producer families of Florence. The tour will end with the tasting of two "poor" dishes related to the Florentine culinary tradition.
- you will visit **THE MALL OUTLET.** It is one of the biggest Italian shopping mall with the most important fashion brands (Gucci, Ferragamo, Moncler, Tod's...) for a shopping day. We can also add a personal shopper who will teach you more about brands, colors and Italian fashion.
- you will enjoy a mini cruise of 60 minutes along the Arno to visit Florence not in a usual prospective. You will reach the
  meeting point called "barchetto". From here a local "barcaiolo" will ride the gondola while your guide will tell colorful
  local anecdotes, explaining the bridges, majestic palaces. Sit back and enjoy the cruise as you ride beneath the Ponte
  Vecchio, and then admire it and the Uffizi Gallery, Palazzo Corsini and gorgeous Santa Trinita Bridge from midriver. At the end of ride you will enjoy typical Italian "aperitivo": a glass of chilled wine.

# Day 9 Tuscany countryside roundtrip



## Full day in Tuscany countryside - Mercedes class E

Pick up at the hotel.



#### **Tuscany Countryside - hot air ballon experience**

This early morning you will enjoy a **hot air balloon ride**. You will fly above the beautiful hills of Chianti at the early hours of the morning.

Discover the rolling fields of Tuscany from a unique aerial perspective with a luxury hot air balloon ride. After getting picked up from your hotel, head to the starting point where you will receive a quick safety briefing before take-off. If you wish, you can help with the aeration of the balloon before entering the cart for your flight.

During your **1-hour flight**, you will sail at heights varying from 500 feet to 3000 feet, depending on the wind of that day. Admire the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany and see gentle hills dotted with pretty Italian villages, cypress trees, dominant castles, and abundant vineyards, olive groves and orchards. Upon landing, toast your experience with a glass of **sparkling wine** and **light breakfast**.

Flight routes and taking off locations are subject to flying conditions.



## **Tuscany**



#### Tuscany countryside - Wine experience in Chianti area - 5 wines

You will reach a **winery** in **Chianti** area to enjoy a wine tasting. Enjoy a unique and exclusive experience guiding you through the production process from vine to **wine**. The visit begins in front of the vineyards, where you will be welcomed by one of our experts who will introduce you to the **Chianti Classico** area, and the history of the Estate. The experience will continue with the tour of our **wine cellar**, where the vinification and wine ageing processes take place. At the end of the tour, your host will guide you through a private tasting featuring a selection of 5 wines selected, and the Extra-Virgin Olive Oil served with Tuscan bread and artisan cheese.



#### **Tuscany countryside - Optional tours (Not included)**

• You meet up with your "Searching Truffle" an expert Truffle-gatherer of the San Miniato hills, and his inseparable dog, you will lead for a walk in the woods with them. It's the opportunity to discover this "treasure" hidden in the woods of San Miniato and the dog's training methods. After the walk, some experts will explain to you the working processes and

- uses of truffle, then a wonderful **tasting lunch** of Truffles in a real truffle factory, where it is possible to understand better why this incredible product of the Earth is called the "White Gold" and taste a **wonderfullunch of local food** based on **truffle ingredients**.
- In Tuscany Ape Tuk Tuk was used by people who lived in small villages, where streets were narrow, or to take goods
  from the farms. Today you can enjoy a special Ape Tuk Tuk tour of Tuscany countryside or in Florence. A wine tasting
  will be served. You can also ride around your Tuscany with a vintage Fiat 500, with an Italian Vespa or a supercar
  like Ferrari or Lamborghini.
- Transfer to **Montepulciano**, one of the most characteristic and intact medieval cities in Italy which, from a height of 605 meters above sea level, offers amazing views over the surrounding hillsides. You will explore the wonderful town center of Montepulciano. Continue the drive to a vineyard for a wine taste and lunch. In the afternoon stop in another vineyard for another wine taste.
- Visit Lucca, which is the only old town in Italy entirely surrounded by walls which are still very well preserved. Visit the San Frediano church, with its magnificent thirteenth-century mosaic representing Christ in Majesty. Then, explore the Piazza del Anfiteatro, the most beautiful square of Lucca passing by elegant shops of Via Filungo through small medieval streets. End in the Duomo which houses the famous Volto Santo and the splendid llaria del Caretto sarcophagus, a masterpiece of Jacopo della Quercia. Passing Piazza Napoleone, we finally arrive at Piazza San Michele, the central civic square of Lucca since Roman times.
- Marble Experience allows you to discover the many attractions of charming Carrara, one of Tuscany's jewel towns, and visit an authentic, working, marble of Carrara quarry in the mountains with the privilege of private transportation, private guide assistance and an exciting mountain-side adventure aboard a rumbling Jeep.
- with your guide you will visit Pisa. Start your tour with a walk alongside the Medieval walls up to the entrance gate: Porta Santa Maria. From here you will see a unique panorama of Piazza dei Miracoli with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. You will visit the interiors of the Cathedral a masterpiece of Romanesque art. Besides the Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli houses other buildings of historic artistic value such as the Baptistery and the Monumental Graveyard. At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: The Leaning Tower.
- Have a guided tour of Arezzo the strongest and richest of the Etruscan towns. The next stop is Cortona, one of the
  oldest cities in Tuscany, also famous for the movie "under the Tuscany sun".
- Enjoy the **IGT Super Tuscan Wines** around Tuscany countryside. You will visit two wineries **Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Winery**, one of Tuscany's most historic and respected estates, and **Antinori** or **San Felice**.
- Enjoy half day in a Tuscany villa for a private cooking class.
- Enjoy a full day hiking in the Tuscany countryside hills. Stop for a visit to an olive oil mill and olive oil tasting and a boutique winery. Light Tuscan lunch with wine tasting.
- Enjoy an half day or full day **horse riding** around Tuscany. Available in different area and with different horses. With or without a guide.
- Join the locals, feel the blood-rush, and experience authentic Tuscan excitement at il Palio di Siena: a bareback horse
  race in Medieval times. Watch the historic parade, admiring the bedecked horses and Sienese in period costume, enjoy
  a delicious buffet and refreshments on a private terrace or a dedicated window in one of the splendid noble palaces
  overlooking the square. The race takes place only twice a year, on July 2 and August 16.
- Discover the authentic fishing villages of the **Cinque Terre**, **Five Lands**. This 5-mile stretch of beautiful rocky coast takes its name from the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. With our guide you will have the opportunity to visit 3 or 4 villages in one day with a combination of **easy walks**, **train rides** and a **boat trip**.
- You will enjoy a horse riding excursion along Chianti hills. Following an expert you will admire along a lush
  vineyards, thick shady woods and olive groves and catch breathtaking unforgettable views. At the end of your ride
  enjoy a delicious typical Tuscan light lunch paired with excellent Chianti of course!

# Day 10 Reach Venice by train from Florence



#### Private transfer - Mercedes class E

Transfer from the hotel to Florence train station. Pick up at the hotel.



Take the fast train from Firenze Santa Maria Novella to Venezia Santa Lucia.

Tickets in first class.



Stazione di Venezia Santa Lucia



Firenze Stazione Di Santa Maria Novella



## Venice - Private assistant at the train station and porter service

Upon your arrival at Venice train station you will meet your assistant. She will escort you to the private boat to reach your hotel.



### Venice - Private boat transfer from the train station to the hotel



#### Venice - Gondola ride with serenade

You will enjoy a leisurely **gondola ride** through the canals of Venice. Following your **Gondola cruise,** you will discover the unusual reality of this atypical city and in the meantime, you will relax, with the boat gently floating on the water. with serenade. The ride will end on the balcony of your restaurant.



## Venice - 5 Stars Hotel - Baglioni Hotel Luna

Classic room

Breakfast included - City tax not included

The completely refurbished 5-star Luna Hotel Baglioni is situated on a quiet street just off the Piazza San Marco and on a small canal opposite the Royal Gardens. A private berth allows gondolas and water taxis to pull up to the entrance of the hotel. Marco Polo Tessera Airport is 40 minutes by water taxi, directly to the hotel landing. On the site of what has been a hotel since the Middle Ages, it dates from 1118 as the former home of the Templar Knights, while living in the "Serenissima" Republic and later as "Locanda della Luna" since 1574. The present building has been completely refurbished both inside and outside.

The hotel's 91 air-conditioned rooms and suites are traditionally decorated with original period-style furniture, fabric-covered walls and chandeliers. Some have balustraded terraces with views over either the side canal or the Grand Canal.Guestrooms feature safe deposit boxes, satellite television, radio, minibar and telephones.Bathrooms are equipped with hairdryers, plush towels, shaving mirror, telephone and attractive amenities.

The award-winning Canova restaurant is recognized as one of the finest in all Venice and offers a sumptuous selection of traditional Venetian dishes and wines, in an ambience of refined elegance. The exquisite Marco Polo Ballroom serves full buffet breakfast amidst 18th Century painting and frescoes of the Gianbattista Tiepolo school. The Venetian-style bar overlooks the small canal beside the hotel.

Excursions and guided sightseeing tours are available and can be arranged through the Concierge Desk. St. Mark's Square is just a few steps away and shopping is also close by. Small meetings can be held in the refined meeting saloons.

#### For 2023:

- Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Daily breakfast for up to two guests per bedroom served in Marco Polo Ballroom
- · Complimentary Wi-Fi



### **Baglioni Hotel Luna**



#### Deluxe room

Breakfast included - City tax not included

Overlooking the Grand Canal, The Gritti Palace boasts one of the most enthralling views of the lagoon city, spanning from the island of San Giorgio Maggiore past Punta della Dogana and the Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection.

This Luxury Collection Hotel is a historical treasure where heritage and culture have blended with renewed Venetian style. With attentive service, a delectable culinary experience, and new avenues for relaxation and pleasure, The Gritti Palace is a refined version of its iconic self.

The epitome of luxury, the Gritti Signature Suite Collection showcases the hotel's rich historical past. The Gritti Palace features 61 luxurious guest rooms and 21 sumptuous suites, including suites with impressive canal views which reflect the intimacy of a private residence and provide a truly distinctive experience that uniquely captures the heritage of the palace and the cultural and artistic roots of the city.

All suites, the Palazzo Canal View Suites, the Patron Canal View Suites and the Heritage Suites, were designed by Chuck Chewning of Donghia and feature treasures such as hand blown Murano glass, archival historic fabrics, the finest Italian marbles, and rare books and objects that are unique to The Gritti Palace. Every suite is a work of Venetian art in itself, with the latest technology, sumptuous beds and spacious bathrooms.

#### DINING

#### THE GRITTI TERRACE

Stretching along the waterfront, The Gritti Terrace is a popular place for an informal late lunch, afternoon tea, or a glass of champagne until 6pm from April to October, while indulging in the spectacular views of the Grand Canal and its famous gondolas.

#### **LONGHI BAR**

With its exquisite etched Venetian mirrors and 18th century paintings, the Longhi Bar features some of the best Bellini, Negroni and Martini cocktails in Venice, an outstanding soufflé menu, as well as a Venetian Cicchetti experience, ideal for sharing and late-night lounging.

#### **CLUB DEL DOGE**

Tribute to Venetian culinary traditions with creations that reflect the authentic Venetian gourmet cuisine and a renewed attention for seasonal ingredients. The atmosphere is casual chic during the day, with a selection of seafood delicacies, and formal during the evening.

#### **RIVA LOUNGE**

Tailored around the materials used in the design of the Riva Yacht, the Riva Lounge on the iconic Gritti Terrace is a place where connoisseurs gather and enjoy indigenous cocktail creations, like The Riva Cocktail, and light lunch during summertime.

## **SERVICES**

## **GRITTI SPA by SISLEY**

The Gritti SPA branded by Sisley Paris creates an intimate and unique ambiance in which to experience the ultimate in relaxation and personalized wellbeing.

## For 2023:

- · Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability
- · Complimentary Wi-Fi

The Gritti Palace, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Venice



## Venice - Guided tour

This morning our guide will wait for you at the hotel lobby. Start your private walking tour of the city to discover the Venice of the Venetians through its most typical districts: **Rialto** with its famous bridge and the colourful animated fish and fruit market. You will continue your private walking tour of the city. Venice's charm lies both in its unique civil engineering achievements, and in the harmony of Eastern and Western artistic styles that have flourished here over the centuries. Your tour highlights some of the major sites that define the look and history of Venice, and includes visits to **Doges Palace**, **St Mark's Basilica and St Mark's square**.



Venice



## Venice - Carnival masks workshop

You will enter the heart of the most authentic Venice; one of the last artisan shops, where a master mask maker works papier-mâché according to the ancient traditions of masked masters of the 1300s. You will enjoy a **carnival mask workshop** (made of papier-mâché) where you will be able to unleash your creativity and live a unique experience, fully immersing yourself in the centuries-old tradition of Venetian artisans, whose works of art are known and appreciated all over the world.



**Venice** 



## Venice - Murano, Burano & Torcello - Guided tour by private tour

You enjoy a charming private boat tour of the islands of the most famous islans of the Venetian Iagoon. Murano, **Burano and Torcello,** known all over the world for their characteristic landscape, craftsmanship and history. **Murano,** famous by its 700 century-old tradition of **blown glass art**. Here you will observe a glassblower create a work of art before your very eyes. You will continue to visit **Burano,** famous for the **lace making** and its **colorful fishermen's houses.** You will then visit **Torcello,** a true jewel of the Venetian lagoon with the oldest church in the whole area: the **Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta** with its Byzantine mosaic.



Murano



Burano



Museo Di Torcello



#### **Venice - Optional tours (Not included)**

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  Venetians through its most typical districts: Rialto with its famous bridge and the colourful animated fish and fruit
  market. Taste tapas-like "cicchetti" and see some of the historical highlights along the way.
- you will visit Murano by ferry boat, one of the most famous islands of Venice, enjoying the enchanting scenery of the Venetian lagoon. Murano is an island made famous by its 700 century-old tradition of blown glass art. You will visit a glass factory to observe a glassblower create a work of art before your very eyes. You will admire the beautiful array of jewelry, sculpture, and tableware, then you will pick out your favorite one to purchase as a souvenir. Afterward, you will enjoy a picturesque and leisurely walk to the 12th century Cathedral of Saints Maria e Donato and step inside to see beautiful Romanic architecture and a well-preserved mosaic.

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- with your personal guide, you will reach a master carpenter at "squero". The squero is a typical Venetian shipyard where small boats such as gondolas, pupparini, sandoli, sciopòni and other boats typical of the Venetian lagoon tradition are created, built and repaired. During the visit you will be shown the characteristics of these particular Venetian boats and the processing techniques. Lo squerarolo works by hand as in the past, without the support of written projects and customizing each boat tailored to the buyer. Each master has his own secrets.
- Rowing lesson Today you will learn the basic stroke for rowing in the bow. You will attend a demonstration and then you will try it too, with the boat still moored. You will depart, with each rower taking turns and getting acclimated to the stoke as we glide along a wide, quiet canal. You will cross into the expansive, open lagoon, where you will be encouraged to try rowing a poppa steering the boat yourself at the stern, just like a gondolier. Then, you will return back through the evocative side canals back to the drop-off point. You will have you the possibility to experience the rich heritage of this unique rowing style first-hand!
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  immersing yourself in the centuries-old tradition of Venetian artisans, whose works of art are known and appreciated all
  over the world.
- In the evening you will attend an opera show at Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto . It will be an unique operatic experience
  in the rooms of the 17th century Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto, a beautiful Grand Canal mansion in San Marco. The
  palace is quite spectacular with six state rooms which are enriched in the first half of the 1700s by artists whose
  importance is still recognized today.
- Journey through the life and work of one of the world's great artists and inventors at the **Leonardo da Vinci Museum** in Venice.
- Make your stay in Venice memorable by visiting the **La Fenice Opera House**. enjoy a real Opera in the one of the best theatre in the world. Ask for shows season
- you will enjoy a visit at the Peggy Guggenheim Collection on the Grand Canal of Venice. The Peggy Guggenheim
  Collection is the personal collection of the legendary patron of the arts Peggy Guggenheim., a niece of Solomon R.
  Guggenheim. It includes major holdings of Cubism, Abstraction, Surrealism, early American Abstract Expressionism,
  and postwar European and American painting and sculpture. Artists comprise masterpieces by Jean Arp, Umberto
  Boccioni, Alexander Calder, Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, René Magritte, Joan Miró, Pablo Picasso, Jackson
  Pollock, Germaine Richier, Gino Severini, Clyfford Still, and Emilio Vedova, among others.
- It is possible to organise also a private visit and a a special (romantic) dinner at the museum after the closing time.
- Get an impressive view of Venice and its network of canals from the top of the famous spiral staircase of the Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo.
- Enjoy a panoramic **private cruise around** the St. Mark's Square basin at sunset. Taste a typical Venetian spritz aperitif on board as you admire the breathtaking views of the city of Venice and it's surrounding islands.
- Go behind the scenes of the **Doge's Palace** and discover the **secret itinerary** of the rulers of the Venetian Empire. See the secret archives, offices, and torture chambers, as well as the palace attic and top-security prison cells.

# Day 12 Venice



After breakfast, you say a fond farewell to Italy and prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery.

Thank you



## Venice - Private assistant at the train station and porter service (Departure)

At Venice your departure you will meet your assistant at the hotel lobby. She will help you to board a private boat to reach the airport.



## Venice - private boat transfer from the hotel to the airport

You will meet your private boat that transfer you from the hotel to the airport.

## **Information & Documents**



## Services included in the itinerary:

- · Hotels as in the itinerary, breakfast included, city tax included.
- · Private Mercedes car, NCC Professional English speaking driver, free internet wifi on board.
- Day 1) Transfer from the airport to the hotel in Positano
- Day 2) Full day
- Day 3) No service
- Day 4) Transfer from the hotel in Positano to the hotel in Rome with a stop in Pompei
- Day 5) N.3 transfers
- Day 6) N.3 transfers
- Day 7) N. 2 tranfers
- Day 8) No service
- Day 9) Full day
- Day 10) Transfer from the hotel to Florence train station
- Day 11) No service
- Day 12) No service
- · Professional guides, English speaking.
- Day 1) No service
- Day 2) No service
- Day 3) No service
- Day 4) Half day
- Day 5) Full day
- Day 6) Half day
- Day 7) No service
- Day 8) No service
- Day 9) No service
- Day 10) No service

## Day 12) No service



## Other services included in the itinerary:

- Entry tickets for the museums and other attractions and services as in the itinerary. No queue, VIP access when available, all tax.
- · All taxes and VAT (except for the city tax)
- 24 hours phone assistance in English
- . N. 1 sim Italian sim card
- Private assistant at arrival and departure in Venice
- Gondola ride
- · Private boat from the train station to the hotel in Venice
- · Private boat from the hotel to the train station in Venice
- · Fast train from Florence to Venice in first class
- · Fast train from Rome to Venice in first class
- Mozzarella and Limoncello experiences
- · Ferry boat tickets for Capri roundtrip
- · Private boat excursion in Capri
- · Private boat for Murano excursion
- Truffle hunting with lunch
- Wine experience in Chianti area
- · Cooking class with market tour and lunch included