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April 27 – May 6, 2027



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10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Orvieto, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Chianti Winery & Cooking Class, Venice, Murano Island

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mediterraneo Hotel, Rome
Days 4, 5	Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia
Days 6, 7	Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence
Days 8, 9	Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, April 27, 2027 Overnight Flight Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art, and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Wednesday, April 28, 2027 Rome, Italy Begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers during a welcome dinner featuring regional specialties. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, April 29, 2027 Rome On a guided tour of the Vatican Museums,* explore the extensive Papal palace housing priceless artifacts from ancient Egypt, classical Greco-Roman statuary, and works by great Renaissance masters. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling and brilliant *Last Judgment*. Next, wander through the towering columns of St. Peter's Basilica, a daring feat of human artistry and engineering. Admire the baroque spirals of Bernini's altar canopy and gaze up at Michelangelo's dome – still the tallest in the world. Return to the hotel mid-afternoon. The evening is yours. Perhaps you'll join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, indulging in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. (B)

Day 4: Friday, April 30, 2027 Rome - Orvieto - Perugia Depart Rome today en route to the iconic hill town of Orvieto. As you approach, its distinctive profile rises on the horizon, crowned by the facade of its famous cathedral. Delve into the local scene, exploring Orvieto's rich history and Etruscan heritage. Perhaps you'll pause to savor a glass of its renowned *Orvieto Bianco*, a wine that has delighted popes and nobility since the Renaissance. Then, you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. With free time to explore, consider wandering along the *Corso*, Perugia's main street, where gothic facades are lined with shops and restaurants. (B)

Day 5: Saturday, May 1, 2027 Perugia - Assisi - Perugia This morning, travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Then, enjoy free time to wander among the rose-hued stone buildings of this medieval hill town. This afternoon, journey into the surrounding Umbrian countryside, where olive groves blanket the hillsides, and visit a traditional *frantoio* (olive mill) where olives are pressed each November.** Learn about the region's trees and oil-making methods, sample a variety of extra virgin olive oils produced at the mill, and enjoy dinner in the serene setting of the grove. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, May 2, 2027 Perugia - Cortona - Florence Head through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills to the Etruscan city of Cortona. Perched on the side of a hill, take in the ornate facades and gothic architecture. Peek at the adjacent Lake Trasimeno, situated off in the distance. You might recognize the city as the charming setting for the book and film *Under the Tuscan Sun*. End your day in Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 7: Monday, May 3, 2027 Florence This morning, experience Florence's cultural treasures on an extensive walking tour, passing by the Duomo, the Baptistery, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Piazza della Signoria. The rest of the day is yours to explore this veritable open-air museum. Perhaps you'll join an after-hours tour of the 14th-century *Certosa* monastery, followed by dinner featuring local wines, Tuscan food, and live entertainment. (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, May 4, 2027 Florence - Venice Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of a 12th-century castle, learn about Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch.



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(See registration form for consent.)

This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the Apennine Mountains toward the Po River Valley. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. (B, L)

Day 9: Wednesday, May 5, 2027 Venice See Venice from the water and take a boat*** to Murano Island. At a glass-blowing demonstration, discover the secrets of this ancient art up-close and marvel at the one-of-a-kind designs. Make your way to the historic center of Venice and see the Castello district

with a local expert. End in St. Mark's Square, taking in the basilica and the opulent facade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is yours. Consider an optional tour featuring Venice's most famous pastime - a serenaded gondola ride. This evening, celebrate the end of an unforgettable trip with a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 10: Thursday, May 6, 2027 Venice - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close in Venice this morning. (B)

Experience It! Assisi

Experience the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Here you'll discover a blend of Roman ruins, winding medieval streets, and beautiful churches that make this a must-see destination. Once a pilgrimage site and historical treasure, Assisi offers you the chance to return to another time. With a history that stretches back to 1000 B.C. (predating the Roman Empire), the town rests among the gently rolling hills of Umbria. Marvel at the Basilica of San Francesco, find an out-of-the-way shop, look out at the stunning landscape, or sit and relax at a quiet café.

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Per Person Rates: \$1,199.00 USD double, \$1,599.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Oct 28, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation and mandatory drop-off and pick-up points, especially in historic areas such as Rome, Vatican City, Orvieto, Assisi, Cortona, Florence, and Venice. All these areas require navigating large crowds, extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel. For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable, well broken-in walking shoes.

To complete the visit of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's Basilica, you must be able to walk and stand on your feet for a total of 5 hours with only 1 break (approximately 20 minutes). There is no seating available during the tour and no air conditioning in the museum, which is often overcrowded. The amount of walking varies according to the crowds on the day of your visit, but you must expect to be walking a minimum distance of 2.6 miles (4.2 kilometers) in addition to climbing down about 120 steps to exit the Vatican Museum and up another 30 steps to reach St. Peter's Basilica.

In Florence, you must be prepared to stand on your feet and walk for 3 hours with only 1 restroom stop. There is no seating available during the walking tour. You will be walking around very crowded areas. The streets are cobblestone, with narrow sidewalks. Some streets are pedestrianized but many others allow cars, motorbikes, and small public transportation vehicles. To complete your sightseeing tour, you should expect to walk a minimum of 1.4 miles (2.3 kilometers), plus 1.1 miles (1.7 kilometers) to return to the hotel at the end of the guided tour.

Venice is not accessible to vehicles and requires navigating large crowds, narrow streets, and climbing over multiple bridges with steps up and down. The included sightseeing will take place with a mix of motorboat rides and walking. There will be 3 motorboat rides, each lasting 20-30 minutes. The walking tour requires the ability to walk and stand for 90 minutes, covering approximately 1.2 miles (1.9 kilometers) and a climb up and down of approximately 100 steps. Agility is required to board the gondola boats if participating in the optional tour.

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Proper dress (covering your knees and shoulders) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

*The Vatican Museums dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations. Please note, the Vatican Museums are not available on Sundays and on Catholic holidays. Due to the unpredictable nature of the events schedule at the Vatican, on certain dates it may be necessary to visit the Vatican Museums at a different time and on occasion, you may experience higher than average wait times for entry. As a result of heightened security measures, it is forbidden to enter these

sites and museums with handbags and backpacks larger than 16 x 14 x 6 inches (40 x 35 x 15 cm). While cloakrooms are available, they are not secured and in some instances your tour group may not be exiting from the same area you entered. There is no air conditioning in the museum.

**Olives are picked over a period of approximately 45 days. The exact starting and ending day depends on the weather and can vary from mid-October to mid-December.

***On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi. Most museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to reduce waiting in line, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence. On the day you transfer to Florence, you can expect to arrive at the hotel around 4:30 p.m. The following day, you can expect your included tour of Florence to conclude by 1:00 p.m. If booking tickets for one of the above museums, allow yourselves 30 minutes to reach them from your hotel and/or the end point of your walking tour.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are always smaller in size and the beds are cot-sized.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will depart from Venice airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of October 21, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 27, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until October 28, 2026.

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