



ITALY HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020 WITH PANDA TRAVEL

THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ITALY'S HIGHLIGHTS-STARTING FROM THE HISTORICAL TREASURES IN ROME...

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - July 22: ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY: Welcome to Rome! You will transfer to your hotel and the remainder of the day is at your leisure

Day 2 - July 23: ROME: Today is your day to walk and explore Rome on your own; At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions, and enjoy a welcome dinner at the rooftop restaurant of your hotel overlooking the city. (D)

Day 3 - July 24: ROME. EXCURSION DAY: WITH your Local Guide, visit the VATICAN MUSEUMS & SISTINE CHAPEL with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment; monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE & BASILICA to see Michelangelo's Pietà; Onto a unique experience: w/ a guided visit of the PAPAL PALACE in Castel Gandolfo, former summer residence of the popes and, since 2016, a museum that is open to the public; PLUS visit the BARBERINI GARDENS. (B)

Day 4 - July 25: ROME: Guided sightseeing includes a visit of ST. PETER IN CHAINS; see Michelangelo's famous Moses; visits to the ancient COLOSSEUM & ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. **An optional walking tour** is available to further explore Rome's famous sites. (B)

Day 5 - July 26: ROME-PISA-FLORENCE: A short ride to Pisa to take the traditional picture pushing back the amazing Leaning Tower, 180 feet high and at least 12 feet out of the perpendicular. Continue to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance." (B)

Day 6 - July 27: FLORENCE. EXCURSION TO SIENA: Check out the impressive medieval walls & walk through ancient, narrow lanes to the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo: the site of the bi-annual Palio, Siena's spectacular medieval-style horse race; Continue through vine-clad hills to hilltop San Gimignano with medieval houses / towers, visible from far away; Then, a WINE TASTING of the famous Chianti wine plus dinner at Verrazzano Castle before returning to Florence. (B,D)

Day 7 - July 28: FLORENCE: Meet your Local Guide - then, it's onto the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS to see Michelangelo's celebrated David; Continue your walking tour thru the historic center & take in the magnificent cathedral, admire Giotto's Bell Tower & the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise." ; Be sure to visit sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE, and the SANTA CROCE BASILICA with the tomb of Michelangelo. Later, you may wish to shop for Florentine leather goods and gold jewelry, sold by the ounce. Tonight is your chance to taste

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the culinary delights at a fine Tuscan restaurant. (B)

Day 8 - July 29: FLORENCE-VENICE ISLAND. EXCURSION TO BURANO: A spectacular drive thru the wooded Apennine Mountains brings you to Venice, a magnet for romantics & art lovers from around the globe; Join an unforgettable Venetian LAGOON CRUISE to the picturesque fishing village of Burano, renowned for its bright pastel-colored houses, lace-making and traditional fishing boats- still used by the island's inhabitants. Tonight, is an opportunity to try Venetian specialties in one of Venice's restaurants. (B)

Day 9 - July 30: VENICE ISLAND: Enter in style by PRIVATE BOAT to ST. MARK'S SQUARE; Meet your Local Guide for a walking tour including visits to the byzantine ST. MARK'S BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE, & the BRIDGE OF SIGHS; Watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER design delicate objects in an age-old tradition. You will have Time to wander through the little streets or take an optional gondola ride (B).

Day 10 - July 31: VENICE ISLAND-VERONA-MILAN: VERONA, the medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, see Juliet's balcony and The Arena, well-preserved pink marble 1st Century Roman amphitheater, where gladiators fought & now the magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Then, onto the dynamic city of Milan, Italy's World Business Center (B)

Day 11- August 1: MILAN: Your guided walking tour: visit to the SFORZESCO CASTLE GROUNDS & MUSEUM; admire the glass-domed GALLERIA, the famous Scala Opera House, & the stunning Gothic Duomo; YOUR. Afternoon at leisure to explore Milan's famous shopping streets at your own pace; Tonight, a farewell dinner has been prepared at one of Milan's fine restaurants - our Arrivederci, Italia! (B,D)

Day 11: August 2: MILAN: Your Visit ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

ROME: [LF] Welcome dinner at the rooftop restaurant of your hotel overlooking Rome; guided sightseeing, visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica, [LF] St. Peter in Chains with Michelangelo's Moses, the Colosseum, and the Roman Forum

CASTEL GANDOLFO: [LF] Guided visit of the Papal Palace and the Barberini Gardens

PISA: Marvel at the legendary Leaning Tower

SIENA: Walking tour including Piazza del Campo

SAN GIMIGNANO: Orientation

VERRAZZANO CASTLE: Wine tasting and dinner

FLORENCE: Guided walking tour, visit Michelangelo's David and Signoria Square, and Santa Croce Basilica

BURANO: Lagoon cruise and island visit

VENICE: Private boat ride; guided walking tour, visit St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs; glassblower demonstration

VERONA: Walking tour including Juliet's balcony and the Arena

MILAN: Guided walking tour, visit the Sforzesco Castle grounds & museum, and the Galleria; farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Headsets throughout the tour.

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