



## Itinerary

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### Venice, Florence & Rome

Sep 20, 2020 - Sep 26, 2020

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#### Pre Night: Hotel Santa Marina Venice



Hotel Santa Marina, Venice is an elegant and comfortable 4-star hotel. It is located nearby to Piazza San Marco and the Rialto. Built on the walls of an old convent, Hotel Santa Marina has a splendid terrace in the centrally-located but quiet Santa Marina Square.

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#### Day 1: Venice, Italy - Tour Begins



Join us for a fabulous Italian adventure, featuring the magic of Venice, Florence and Rome. Come along with us and embrace the history, culture, art and romance of this incredible country. Welcome to Venice, often called La Serenissima (the most serene) of cities. This evening, meet your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner.

##### Hotel

Hotel Santa Marina Venice  
Venice

##### Culinary

Dinner

##### Weather

High 23°  
Low 15°  
Rain 2"

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#### Day 2: Venice



Explore enchanting Venice with its 117 tiny islands surrounded by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges. Your Venetian journey opens on Murano Island\* for a glass-blowing demonstration. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square, the city's lively hub. A local expert will guide you on a walking tour through the area highlighting St. Mark's Basilica and the Clock Tower with its famous Moors. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore the hidden spots of this charming city; perhaps you will take an optional gondola ride. The locals say the best way to get to know Venice is to "get lost" here.

##### Hotel

Hotel Santa Marina Venice  
Venice

##### Culinary

Breakfast

##### Weather

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#### Day 3: Venice - Bologna - Florence



Travel the beautiful Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions to Bologna, Italy's foodie capital. Join a local expert on a leisurely paced walking tour highlighting the culinary side of this historic city. Explore one of Bologna's oldest food markets and check out traditional food shops. Discover Bologna's culture, architecture and history as you enjoy tastings of cheese, cured meats, bread, chocolate, gelato and so much more. Later we continue to Florence – the

"Cradle of the Italian Renaissance."

### Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo  
Florence

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

### Weather

High 27°  
Low 14°  
Rain 3"

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## Day 4: Florence



Meet a local expert for an introduction to this city that is a work of art all its own. On a walking tour, your guide will highlight the Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery. You also visit the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive Palazzo Vecchio. Later, discover the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's magnificent sculpture of David. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring Florence's cultural riches.

### Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo  
Florence

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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Rain 3"

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## Day 5: Florence - Rome



Today you journey to Rome. This afternoon, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover such famous sights as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The mythic Pantheon and the Piazza Navona are also featured. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

### Hotel

Grand Hotel Palatino  
Rome

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 28°  
Low 16°

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## Day 6: Rome



Enjoy the day at leisure to bask in Rome's cultural treasures independently. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, will be on your personal sightseeing list. Gather tonight to toast the end of your Italian adventure at your farewell dinner.

### Hotel

Grand Hotel Palatino  
Rome

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Low 16°

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## Day 7: Rome - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today, leaving you with many fond memories of incredible Italy.

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## Post Night: Grand Hotel Palatino



The Grand Hotel Palatino is located in the heart of ancient Rome, only a short walk from the Coliseum and from the Imperial Forums. All 200 guest rooms are decorated in a classic style and equipped with many amenities.