



## Itinerary

### Italian Vistas

Feb 27, 2022 - Mar 10, 2022

#### Pre Night: Mediterraneo Hotel



Hotel Mediterraneo, a 4-star hotel in the historic center of Rome, was designed in 1938 by Mario Loreti, and is located on the highest of Rome's seven hills, the Esquilino. The Hotel Mediterraneo was designed in the grand European style. Its interior design is inspired by a monumental and understated luxury. The lobby is adorned with marble busts of Roman Emperors and mosaics. The decoration is accented by precious woods and marbles, and a sea motif occurs throughout the hotel. The Hotel Mediterraneo is one of the best examples of Art Deco in Rome.

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



Welcome to Rome. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and Italian wines.

##### Hotel

Mediterraneo Hotel  
Rome

##### Culinary

Dinner

##### Weather

High 13°  
Low 4°  
Rain 2"

#### Day 2: Rome - Classical Rome City Tour



Discover the city on a locally guided tour of Classical Rome, passing by the Baths of Caracalla as well as the remains of the ancient Circus Maximus. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. Meander through Rome's Renaissance district and visit the mythic Pantheon and Piazza Navona before getting a taste of gelato at a local ice-cream parlor. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner, where talented performers entertain you with folk songs and arias.

##### Hotel

Mediterraneo Hotel  
Rome

##### Culinary

Breakfast

##### Weather

High 13°  
Low 4°  
Rain 2"

#### Day 3: Rome



Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Rome's cultural treasures. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to offer suggestions. Consider an optional trip to Vatican City to tour the Vatican Museums\* and St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, consider strolling through the Borghese Gardens for views of the city's skyline or meander through Rome's bohemian Trastevere district.

##### Hotel

##### Culinary

##### Weather

## Day 4: Rome - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast



Journey to the brilliant Bay of Naples, where charming villages are built into hillsides above the blue sea. Soak in 2,000 years of history at the excavated ruins of Pompeii with a local guide. Continue to the scenic resort town of Sorrento and take some time to explore the city independently. You may wish to visit the Duomo, a Romanesque cathedral with inlaid woodwork, a famous local Sorrento craft. End your day on the breathtaking Sorrento Coast.

### Hotel

Hotel Michelangelo  
Sorrento

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 16°  
Low 7°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 5: Sorrento Coast - Isle of Capri - Sorrento Coast



Take a boat to the enchanting Isle of Capri.\*\* Upon arrival, admire the island's iconic scenery on a panoramic cruise, passing by the steep cliffs, endless small caves, and the famous Faraglioni rocks, jutting out of the water. Spend time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation, and outdoor cafés before returning to the Sorrento Coast.

### Hotel

Hotel Michelangelo  
Sorrento

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 16°  
Low 7°  
Rain 1"

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## Day 6: Sorrento Coast - Florence



Head through Tuscany, with its landscape of vineyards and olive groves. Experience Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance." Home to Italy's best art and architecture, here you'll visit the Academy Gallery\* to see Michelangelo's renowned sculpture of David. Tonight, enjoy regional Italian cuisine at a local restaurant.

### Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo  
Florence

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 16°  
Low 4°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 7: Florence



Embark on a locally guided tour of Florence, highlighting the Piazza del Duomo and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria and stand in awe before the imposing Palazzo Vecchio. The rest of the day is yours. Consider an optional excursion to the 14th century Certosa monastery, featuring an after-hours tour and dinner in a popular Tuscan restaurant.

### Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo  
Florence

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

High 16°  
Low 4°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 8: Florence - Pisa - Venice



Visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa to discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo (Cathedral), and the famous Leaning Tower. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines and specialties. Next, cross the Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges.

### Hotel

Nh Venezia Santa Lucia  
Venice

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

### Weather

High 12°  
Low 4°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 9: Venice - Murano Island - Venice



Embark on a boat trip\*\*\* to Murano Island for a glass-blowing demonstration. When you return, step off the beaten path and see for yourself how the locals live. Explore the Castello district with a local expert, walking canal by canal through the narrow streets all the way to St. Mark's Square. Admire the stunning Basilica and the ornate façade of the Doge's Palace. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime.

### Hotel

### Culinary

### Weather

## Day 10: Venice - Verona - Stresa, Lake Maggiore



Depart Venice for Verona, and stroll the streets that were the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District, your home for the next two nights, and admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore.

### Hotel

Regina Palace Hotel  
Stresa

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 13°  
Low 1°  
Rain 3"

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## Day 11: Stresa - Choice on Tour - Isola Dei Pescatori



Today, it's your choice! Take a boat across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, where you'll join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace\*\*\*\* -OR- cross into Switzerland and hike the Simplon Pass for a taste of the Swiss Alps, admiring the Simplon Hospice dominating the landscape. Tonight, travel by boat to Isola dei Pescatori\*\*\*\*\* for a farewell dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery.

### Hotel

Regina Palace Hotel  
Stresa

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 13°  
Low 1°  
Rain 3"

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## Day 12: Stresa - Tour Ends



Your Italian adventure comes to a close today.