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#### HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION?

Call Railbookers 1-888-829-3040 to speak with one of our knowledgeable Rail Experts to book your perfect rail vacation, call your local travel agent or visit our website to submit an online request at www.railbookers.com

#### WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU REQUIRE AT THE TIME OF BOOKING?

All passenger first and last names, and all dates of birth, are required at the time of booking. Certain train providers will require passport information.

#### **CAN I CUSTOMIZE MY TRIP?**

Absolutely. We can add hotel nights to give you extra time to explore your destination, or add in additional destinations to help you discover new ones! We can also add transfers for ultimate ease and convenience and have an extensive range of sightseeing options so you can make the most of your trip. Just speak with our Rail Experts and we'll start creating the perfect rail vacation for you.

#### CAN YOU RECOMMEND THE MOST SCENIC ROUTE TO GET TO MY **DESTINATION?**

We're always advocates of taking the scenic route! With so much to see from the train windows on all our rail vacations, you're in for a treat. If there's a different route you could take for some extra special scenery, we'll be excited to let you know!

#### CAN I TAKE A RAIL VACATION THAT YOU OFFER IN REVERSE?

Yes! We can offer a reverse option on any of our itineraries. If you are already planned to be in one destination and would like to visit cities on one of our packages in a different order or start/finish in a different location, please call us and speak with a Rail Expert.

#### CAN I UPGRADE TO FIRST-CLASS RAIL ON SOME OR EVEN ALL OF MY TRAIN JOURNEYS?

You certainly can. We know that many of our customers like to upgrade some or all of their train journeys to first-class. Upgrading will give you a larger seat, more legroom and even a meal and drinks on certain routes. To find out more, please speak with one of our Rail Experts who will tell you the advantages of first class on your specific route.

#### WHERE ARE YOUR HOTELS LOCATED?

Our hotels are centrally located within each city we offer. Most are within a short distance of local sights and/or your railway stations.

#### **HOW MUCH LUGGAGE CAN I BRING?**

In general, each passenger can take two items of luggage plus one personal item. There are no weight restrictions - just remember you'll need to carry everything!

#### WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS?

After we receive full payment, travel documents will be sent to you approximately 21 days prior to your departure.

#### **CAN I ADD ON ADDITIONAL** SIGHTSEEING OR ADDITIONAL **HOTEL NIGHTS?**

Yes, you can add additional sightseeing activities and/or hotel nights to most existing rail vacation packages we offer. When you speak with a Rail Expert, request an explanation of the upgrade options to your vacation package as you wish. Additional charges may apply.

#### AM I ABLE TO TRAVEL ON MY CHOICE OF DATES?

There are no set departure dates with our vacations. with the exception of private train journeys such as the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Most trains will run every day, which means our vacations do too!

#### **CAN I CHOOSE MY TRAIN TIMES?**

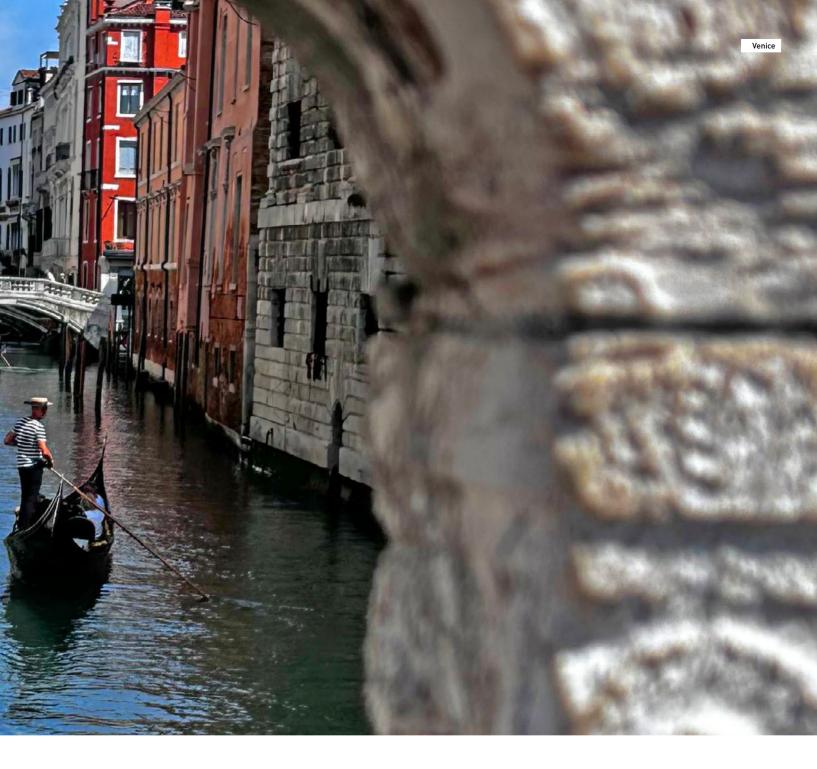
Our packages don't have set departure times, and if there is a train running when there are multiple trains a day, your Rail Expert will be able to talk you through the different departures. If there's a particularly convenient time or a departure that will ensure you catch the best scenery, we'll be sure to recommend it.

#### HOW LONG BEFORE THE TRAIN **DEPARTS SHOULD I BE AT THE** STATION?

With the exception of Eurostar, which has a 45-minute check-in time, there is no official checkin required for train journeys in Europe or North America. Of course, we always recommend arriving at the station in plenty of time.



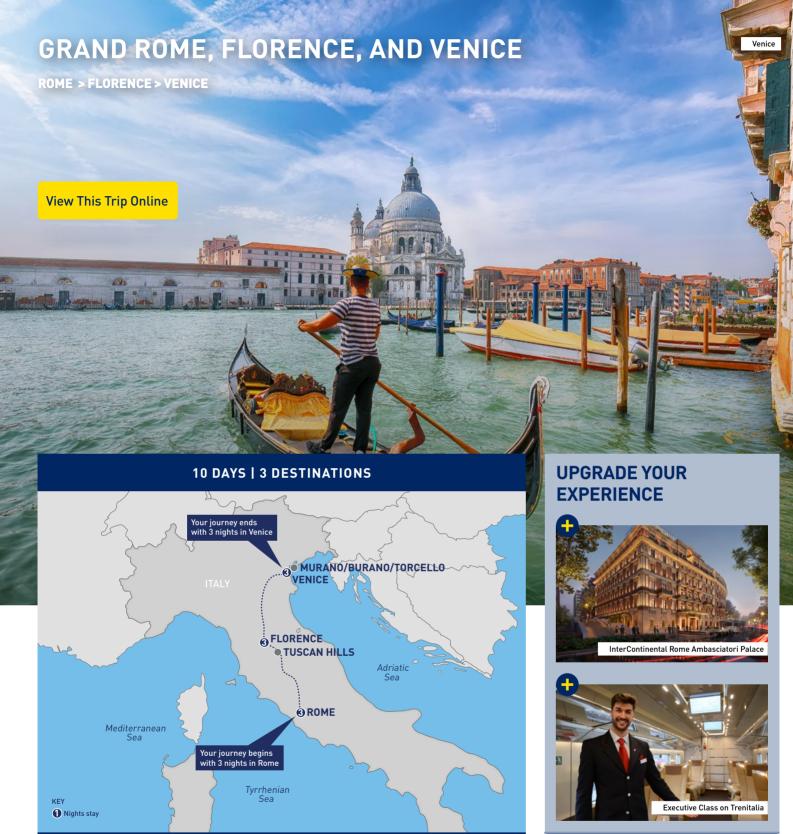
History whispers in Rome's Colosseum, romance blooms in Tuscan vineyards, and taste buds sing with fresh pasta and truffle feasts. Discover la dolce vita: iconic cities, charming villages, and a masterpiece in every corner.











#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- First-class rail travel
- 3-night stays with breakfast in Rome, Florence, Venice
- Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel tour
- Underground Colosseum Tour, Arena Floor
- Skip-the-Line tickets for Uffizi, Accademia Galleries
- Afternoon cooking class in Florence
- Tuscany day trip, wine tasting from Florence
- Venice gondola ride
- Murano, Burano, Torcello Islands tour in Venice

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.

## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

From Venice head over to Lake Como for an additional night or two.



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ROME**

Arrive in Rome and check into your centrally located hotel for a 3-night stay. Take the remainder of the day to explore the wonders of Rome. Be sure to see the Trevi Fountain illuminated at night—the Baroque architecture is spectacular.

#### **DAY 2: SIGHTS OF ROME**

After breakfast, embark on a small group tour of Vatican City, touring St. Peter's Basilica and marveling at Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Spend the afternoon independently exploring more of Rome's iconic sights such as the Spanish Steps, Pantheon, and Colosseum. The "Eternal City" has hundreds of artifacts, churches, and monuments to

#### **DAY 3: COLOSSEUM TOUR**

Enjoy an exclusive small group tour of the Colosseum this morning with access to areas normally closed. Walk through where gladiators once fought and take in views of the arena floor. Afterwards, stroll through the Roman Forum and climb Palatine Hill for panoramic views. The remainder of the day is free to further explore

#### **DAY 4: TRAVEL TO FLORENCE**

After breakfast, take a relaxing train ride to Florence. Upon arrival, check into your centrally located hotel. Start exploring the Renaissance architecture and browse the Uffizi Gallery using your skip-the-line tickets. In the evening, fuel up on Florentine cuisine and gelato, considered the best in the world.

#### **DAY 5: MORNING AT THE ACCADEMIA**

Visit the Accademia Gallery this morning to admire Michelangelo's iconic statute of David using your skip-the-line pass. The remainder of your afternoon is spent learning authentic Tuscan cuisine during a hands-on Italian cooking class, enjoying the fruits of your labor for dinner.

#### **DAY 6: GUIDED TUSCANY DAY TRIP**

A full day excursion through Tuscany includes visiting the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa. Afterwards, enjoy lunch and wine tasting at a local winery in Chianti. Wander the medieval streets of San Gimignano before concluding your trip in Siena, returning to Florence in the evening.

#### **DAY 7: TRAVEL TO VENICE**

After breakfast, journey to Venice via train. On arrival, check into your luxury hotel located in the heart of the city. Spend the afternoon exploring St. Mark's Square and surrounding squares, or visit the Gallerie dell'Accademia art gallery. In the evening, cruise along the famous canals on a magical gondola ride.

#### **DAY 8: MURANO & SURROUNDS**

Board a boat this morning for a guided tour of Murano, Burano, and Torcello islands. Watch a glass-blowing demonstration in Murano. Return to Venice and spend the afternoon freely exploring the twisting streets and alleys, popping into local cafes and boutiques.

#### **DAY 9: FREE DAY IN VENICE**

Spend your final day independently exploring this beautiful water-bound city. Wander hidden back streets, cross bridges, and sail through canals. Admire ornate architecture and maybe spot Venetian masks and glass creations. Later, toast the end of your journey over an alfresco final dinner.

#### **DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM VENICE**

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. If you wish to extend your Venetian vacation, our experts can assist with additional arrangements. Otherwise, continue independently with the rest of your travels home from magical Venice filled with unforgettable memories of Rome, Florence and the dreamy floating city.

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



7 Davs

Trip Details



6 Davs

Trip Details









#### London to LONDON • Paris direct on Eurostar English Channel **PARIS** Travel through the stunning Swiss Alps along the Simplon Pass **GENEVA** Bay of Biscay **OVENICE** MILAN **OFLORENCE** Adriatio Your journey ends with 2 nights in Rome **O**ROME Mediterranean Sea **Tvrrhenian** Nights stay

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Rail travel in Standard Premier/First class.
- Total of 7 nights' stay with breakfast across four cities: Geneva, Venice, Florence, and
- Walking tour, entrance to Doge's Palace, and gondola tour in Venice.
- Uffizi Gallery tour and city tour in Florence.
- Imperial Rome tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum.
- Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel tour in Rome.

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Add a night in Milan or on Lake Como before heading over to Venice.



#### **DAY 1: LONDON TO GENEVA**

Your journey begins in London, where you'll board the Eurostar to Paris. From there, you'll change trains and continue to Geneva. Upon arrival in Geneva, you'll check into your hotel and then spend some time exploring this cosmopolitan city. Stroll along Lake Geneva, one of Switzerland's most breathtaking lakes. Beside the Jetée des Eaux-Vives, the breakwater enclosing Geneva's harbor, watch the Jet d'Eau shoot a stream of water more than 450 feet into the air. In the old town, visit the Cathedral of Saint-Pierre before making your way to Place du Bourg-de-Four, possibly the oldest square in Geneva, and enjoy a delicious dinner and an aperitif.

#### **DAY 2: GENEVA TO VENICE**

After breakfast, you'll board Trenitalia from Geneva to Venice. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and then start exploring all the iconic sights and attractions this city has to offer. Use your included gondola tour to cruise along the scenic canals. Discover the city's hidden gems and gorgeous architecture, wander the cobblestone streets, or relax at an outdoor trattoria with authentic cuisine and some award-winning wine.

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORING VENICE**

Start your day with breakfast and then continue enjoying the sights, sounds, flavors, and experiences of Venice! The highlight of today will be your included walking tour. You will also have skipthe-line access to Doge's Palace and The Golden Basilica, two of the city's most popular landmarks. Spend your evening at your leisure.

#### **DAY 4: VENICE TO FLORENCE**

This morning, have breakfast before checking out of your hotel and catching a high-speed train to Florence, Tuscany's capital. When you arrive, check into your hotel and set out to get to know this alluring city. Use your included Uffizi Gallery tour to admire the works of Raphael, da Vinci, Botticelli, and Caravaggio. This evening, be sure to sample some authentic Tuscan cuisine, including a glass of wine from the hills that surround the city.

#### **DAY 5: EXPLORING FLORENCE**

Have breakfast and then use your included Florence city tour to visit all the quintessential sights and crowd-pleasing attractions that draw people here from around the world. Lounge in the Piazza della Signoria and Loggia de' Lanzi (just in front of the Palazzo Vecchio) and see the Fountain of Neptune. Have lunch in San Lorenzo-maybe a Florentine "panino con lampredotto" sandwich? Another worthwhile stop is Ponte Vecchio, the most photographed bridge in the city.

#### **DAY 6: FLORENCE TO ROME**

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and catch the train directly to Rome. Check in at your hotel and head out to get your bearings in the 'Eternal City.' Italy's capital boasts a wealth of history on every street, which you'll be able to explore at your own leisure and during an Imperial Rome tour of the Roman Forum and the Colosseum

#### **DAY 7: EXPLORING ROME**

After breakfast this morning, spend the whole day unearthing the ancient and modern wonders of the Italian capital. Discover the city's catholic heritage and Michelangelo's phenomenal ceiling with a skipthe-line tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Come the evening, why not wander to the Trevi Fountain to throw your coins into the famous water. Don't miss the chance to try authentic, icecold Italian gelato!

#### **DAY 8: DEPARTURE FROM ROME**

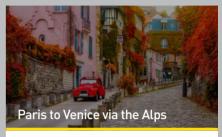
Check out of your hotel in Rome this morning and continue your onward journey. Speak to one of our Rail Vacation Specialists about extending your vacation, perhaps by traveling south through Italy to the Italian Riviera and Naples by rail.

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



6 Days

Trip Details



7 Davs

Trip Details









#### 15 DAYS | 6 DESTINATIONS



#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Rail travel as per itinerary
- 1-night stay with breakfast: Milan
- 2-night stay with breakfast: Como, Florence
- 3-night stays with breakfast: Venice, Sestri Levante, Rome
- Multi-day Venice Vaporetto Pass
- Walking tour of Doge's Palace & Golden Basilica (Venice),
- Florence (walking tour & Uffizi Gallery),
- Multi-day sightseeing tour in Rome

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.

## **UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE**





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Enjoy a fun cookery lesson in Florence and add a day trip to Tuscany.

#### **DAY 1: MILAN**

Arrive in Italy's fashion capital. The day is yours to explore independently, discovering ornate Duomo cathedral, art galleries, quaint cobbled streets, and charming courtyards, picturesque canals and bustling public squares. Overnight hotel included.

#### **DAY 2: MILAN TO LAKE COMO**

Catch the train through stunning Lombardy scenery to Lake Como. Surrounded by the snow-capped Rhaetian Alps, dramatic hills and flower-filled orchards, Lake Como will take your breath away with its natural beauty. Overnight hotel gives you time to soak it all up.

#### **DAY 3: LAKE COMO**

Take a boat tour aboard the historic ferry sharing insights into grand villas once owned by famous artists and authors or cruise islands dotted with villas and gardens. Alternatively, hike scenic trails and admire postcard-perfect villages. This evening, dine lakeside before overnighting.

#### **DAY 4: LAKE COMO TO VENICE**

Board comfortable trains through Verona, Vicenza, and Padua arriving in la Serenissima, as Venice is known. Bag-drop and check into your canal-side hotel. Spend the afternoon exploring iconic Piazza San Marco and dazzling architecture independently or take a sunset gondola ride.

#### **DAY 5: VENICE**

Embark on an enlightening morning tour including Doge's opulent Palace revealing how the most serene Republic of Venice once ruled the waves. Marvel at luminous mosaics within ornate Golden Basilica. Afterwards, travel to Murano for a glassblowing display and picturesque Burano's colorful houses before overnighting.

#### **DAY 6: VENICE**

The day is yours to get delightfully lost wandering ancient narrow alleyways, bridges, and piazzas. Admire ornate facades, sip an Aperol Spritz in the Campo Santa Margarita, stroll Rialto markets. and linger among locals in hidden squares. Hop vaporettos to remote islands for new perspectives on this architectural masterpiece.

#### **DAY 7: VENICE TO SESTRI LEVANTE**

Wind along the coastline arriving in the idyllic fishing town harbouring crystalline beaches and pastel-hued buildings framing the bay. Relax the afternoon away on soft sands watching yachts drift by before exploring the historic center. Overnight with views overlooking the Mediterranean.

#### **DAY 8: SESTRI LEVANTE**

Meander the seaside promenade dotted with cafés, fishing boats, and seafront restaurants. Inhale the fresh air admiring panoramas toward the Cinque Terre. Ascend to higher ground visiting the Gualino Castle ruins and 12th-century church with remarkable mosaic floors. Savor dinner of freshlycaught seafood.

#### **DAY 9: SESTRI LEVANTE**

Discover narrow lanes within the historic heart housing quaint squares and fountains. See how time has stood still for centuries within seaside churches. Head to the harbor promenade as the sun sinks into the sea, colors dancing upon calm waters. Reward your explorations with pizza or pasta by the beach.

#### **DAY 10: SESTRI LEVANTE TO FLORENCE**

Board morning trains winding through the lush Val di Magra valley past imposing Apuan Alps en route to Pisa. Witness the iconic Leaning Tower before continuing to Renaissance jewel Florence, 'cradle of the Italian Renaissance'. Check into your centrally located hotel, then meander cobbled streets taking in outstanding architecture, landmarks, and charm.

#### **DAY 11: FLORENCE**

Embark on a morning tour including the Uffizi Gallery boasting works by Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, and Botticelli. Admire the Duomo's ornate facade and climb to the dome's highest viewpoint for 360° panoramas. Afterwards, wander Piazza della Signoria and vibrant San Lorenzo Market. Dinner overlooking the Arno is the perfect introduction to Tuscan cuisine.

#### **DAY 12: FLORENCE TO ROME**

Journey through verdant countryside arriving in ancient Rome, Italy's cosmopolitan capital. Soak up history, culture, and glorious architecture dating back 25 centuries. Check into your centrally located hotel for an initial stroll along Via Condotti and the Spanish Steps before refueling with gelato.

#### **DAY 13: ROME**

Freely access all major attractions without queues with your included multi-day tour pass. Marvel at the Colosseum, Baths of Caracalla, and catacombs. Wander forums where Caesar and emperors once held court. Admire Renaissance masterpieces and the Sistine Chapel within atmospheric Vatican City. Sample iconic dishes like carbonara or gricia for

#### **DAY 14: ROME**

Revisit everything that took your breath away or uncover hidden gems. Admire Piazza Navona's fountains or shop boutiques along Via del Corso. Perhaps sip an Aperol Spritz watching the world go by from a Campo de' Fiori café. After taking final photos in Piazza di Spagna, toast this unforgettable journey over a farewell trattoria feast.

#### **DAY 15: DEPART ROME**

Checkout of your hotel after breakfast, continuing travels throughout Italy independently or return home with lifelong memories created while discovering these iconic destinations across culturally rich and scenically stunning landscapes by efficient, comfortable rail, You've experienced la dolce vita to the fullest over this two week exploration!



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



6 Davs

Trip Details



7 Davs

Trip Details









## Your journey begins with 1 night in Zurich Glacier Express **O** ZURICH from Zermatt to St. Moritz CHUR • OST. MORITZ **ZERMATT 2** Bernina Express from St. Moritz **GORNER GRAT TIRANO MILAN OVENICE** Day trip to Gornergrat Your journey ends with 2 nights in Venice Adriatic Sea Mediterranean Sea Nights stay

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Rail travel as per itinerary
- 1-night stay with breakfast: Zurich & St Moritz
- 2-night stay with breakfast: Zermatt & Venice
- Gornergrat railway day trip from Zermatt
- Private Gondola ride in Venice
- Private water transfer in Venice (hotel to airport)

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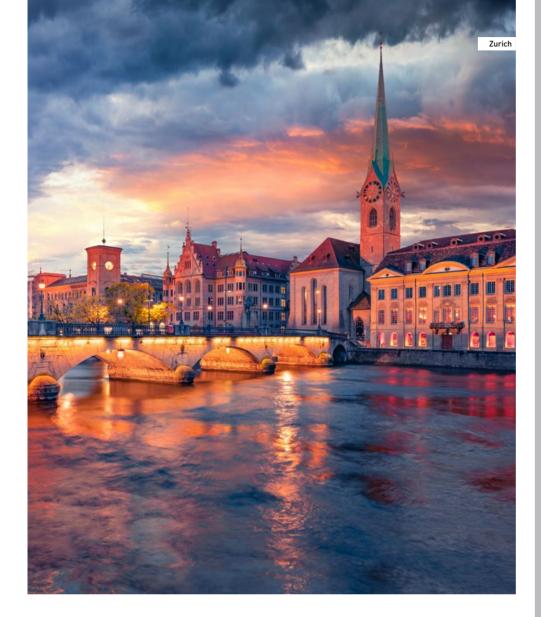




## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Add an extra night on Lake Como from Milan before continuing on to Venice.



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ZURICH**

Check into your hotel and spend the remainder of the day exploring Zurich's historic Old Town at your leisure. Wander cobbled lanes taking in landmarks and enjoy dining at local restaurants. Overnight

#### **DAY 2: ZURICH TO ZERMATT**

Catch the train through the picturesque Swiss countryside to the idyllic village of Zermatt, nestled at the foot of the iconic Matterhorn. Check into your hotel for a two night stay, then spend the evenings sampling traditional regional cuisine such as raclette or fondue.

#### **DAY 3: GORNERGRAT RAILWAY**

Ride Europe's highest open-air railway up to 3000m for exhilarating panoramas encompassing the mighty Matterhorn and surrounding alpine landscapés. Hike scenic trails or experience a virtual flight over the mountains before returning downhill. Overnight in Zermatt.

#### **DAY 4: THE GLACIER EXPRESS**

Experience one of the world's greatest rail journeys aboard the panoramic Glacier Express from Zermatt through numerous mountain passes and viaducts to the refined lakeside town of St Moritz. Check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

#### **DAY 5: ST MORITZ TO VENICE**

Board the spectacular Bernina Express, crossing the highest alpine passes through dramatic landscapes and a palm-lined Italian valley. Upon arrival in Milan, transfer between stations to continue your journey via Venice to your hotel in the floating city itself for two nights.

#### **DAY 6: EXPLORING VENICE**

Spend the day independently navigating the labyrinth of waterways, bridges, and squares on foot or by vaporetto. Admire lavish architecture, wander alleys and relax in hidden piazzas. This evening cruise like royalty on an included private gondola journey.

#### **DAY 7: DEPART VENICE**

After breakfast, a private boat will transfer you from your hotel to the airport to continue your travels. Farewell to this fairytale itinerary which showcased the beauty of Switzerland and northeastern Italy through efficient rail connections between iconic destinations

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



5 Days

Trip Details



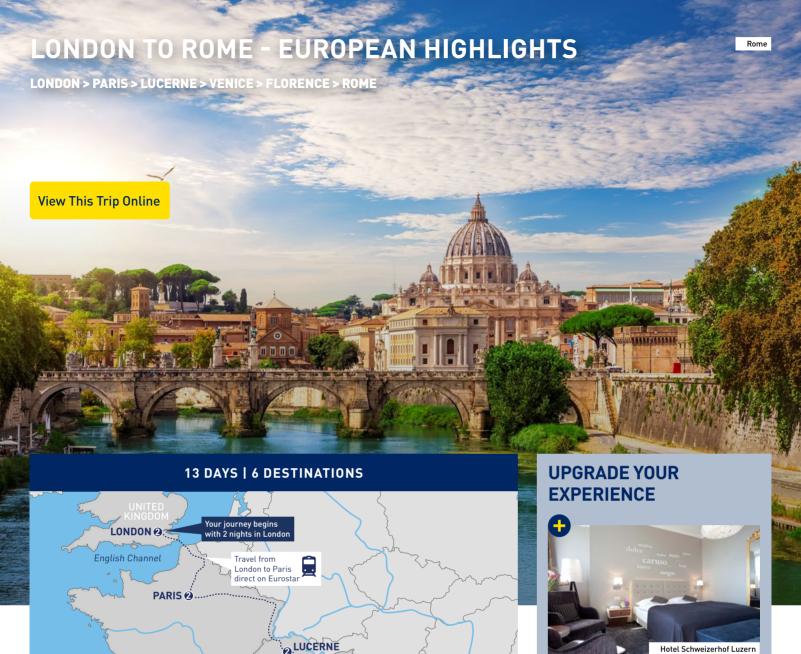
6 Days

Trip Details









# Hotel Schweizerhof Luzern **Executive Class on Trenitalia**

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

Bay of

KEY

Nights stay

- Rail travel as per itinerary.
- Total of 14 nights' stay with breakfast in six cities: London, Paris, Lucerne, Venice, Florence, and Rome.
- Sightseeing River Pass and admission to The View from The Shard in London.
- Seine River sightseeing cruise and skip-theline admission to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
- Gondola ride and skip-the-line admission to Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica in

**OVENICE** 

**2** ROME

Adriatic

FLORENCE

Tyrrhenian Sea

- Walking tour and skip-the-line admission to Michelangelo's David in Florence.
- Skip-the-line admission to Sistine Chapel, Colosseum and Vatican Museum, and a halfday walking tour in Rome.

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.

MILAN

Your journey ends with 2 nights in Rome

Mediterranean

## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Add a day trip to Tuscany from Florence.



#### **DAY 1: LONDON**

Upon arrival in London, get to know the city during your included hop-on, hop-off River Pass. This is the best way to get an introduction to London as you can see Big Ben, The London Eye, Tower Bridge, and more along the River Thames. With the freedom to get on and off at any of the four piers, you can explore the city at your own pace.

#### **DAY 2: LONDON**

Start your day with an amazing perspective of the city. Use your included admission to The View from The Shard! It's not only the tallest building in London, but in Western Europe. From the top, enjoy 360-degree views from one of the three viewing platforms. Spend the rest of the day and evening exploring on your own.

#### **DAY 3: LONDON TO PARIS**

Travel from St Pancras station to Paris onboard Eurostar. On arrival, get settled then enjoy your sightseeing cruise along the Seine River. Relax as you take in views of iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, and the Louvre.

#### **DAY 4: PARIS**

Use your skip-the-line admission ticket to the Eiffel Tower and discover the first and second levels at your own pace while admiring sweeping views of the city below. We recommend spending the remainder of your day experiencing the crowd-pleasing, must-experience moments and captivating hidden gems throughout Paris.

#### **DAY 5: PARIS TO LUCERNE**

Catch a train from Paris to Basel, then connect from Basel to Lucerne. This Swiss city features beautiful bridges, sunlit plazas, a well-preserved Old Town, pastel-colored houses, and serene waterfront promenades. Let's just say it was made for exploring.

#### **DAY 6: LUCERNE**

Today's guided tour of Lucerne will bring you to all the best cultural and historical landmarks. See the Musegg Wall, Chapel Bridge, charming streets and squares, and learn all about the city's history.

#### **DAY 7: LUCERNE TO VENICE**

Board the train from Lucerne to Milan, then change trains to Venice. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and begin exploring this European paradise on your own. Venice rewards travelers who get away from the traditional tourist track and explore its quaint neighborhoods and alleyways.

#### **DAY 8: VENICE**

No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola ride along the labyrinth of narrow canals. Enjoy your included ride and discover the secrets of the city as you pass beneath bridges and experience palazzos and popular sites. Later, use your skipthe-line admission to Doge's Palace and St. Mark's

#### **DAY 9: VENICE TO FLORENCE**

Catch a Trenitalia train directly to Florence. We recommend checking out Giotto's Bell Tower, Baptistery of Saint John, or the Medici Chapels and Crypt. Alternatively, you can simply relax at your hotel or stroll around town with some delicious

#### **DAY 10: FLORENCE**

See Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Gallery with your skip-the-line admission, then enjoy a three-hour walking tour of Florence with an expert guide. You'll see all the famous sights, including the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and Uffizi Square.

#### **DAY 11: FLORENCE TO ROME**

Travel from Florence to Rome, Upon arrival, check in at your hotel. Come the evening, be sure to visit the Trevi Fountain and throw in a coin or two. The architecture is quite spectacular when lit up at niaht.

#### **DAY 12: ROME**

During your tour of Rome, you will experience the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Then, enjoy your walking tour of Ancient Rome, which includes a visit to the Colosseum. Don't forget to have your photo taken with one of the modern gladiators outside!

#### **DAY 13: DEPARTURE FROM ROME**

Check out of your hotel and continue with your onward travels. This marks the end of your memorable journey through some of Europe's most iconic cities. From the bustling streets of London to the romantic canals of Venice, and the historic wonders of Rome, this trip offers a taste of the diverse cultures, histories, and landscapes that make Europe so special. Whether you're marveling at the masterpieces of the great artists, cruising down a serene Swiss lake, or throwing a coin into the Trevi Fountain, the memories of this trip will stay with you for a lifetime. Safe travels!

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



8 Davs

Trip Details



7 Davs

Trip Details









## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

Mediterranean

KEY

Nights stay

- Rail travel as per itinerary
- 2-night stays with breakfast in Rome, Venice and Florence

CINQUE TERRE ()

- 3-night private apartment stay in Cinque Terre
- Tour Doges Palace and Golden Basilica in Venice, Accademia Gallery and Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Vatican Museums, San Peter's, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum and Roman Forum in Rome
- Private gondola ride in Venice

ROME

- Meet and Greet service and 3-day card in Cinque Terre
- Evening wine tasting and pesto making course in Cinque Terre

Adriatic

• Private boat transfer from airport to hotel in

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Your journey ends with 2 nights in Rome





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Extend your time in Venice and discover the islands of Murano, Burano, and Torchello.

**Ø** FLORENCE



## DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN VENICE

Welcome to Venice! Make your way to the airport jetty for your private boat transfer to your hotel. Cruise down the Grand Canal and once settled, head out to enjoy this remarkable city. Explore the small alleys and bridges over the countless canals, and the ancient Cannaregio district is a great spot for local restaurants for dinner.

#### **DAY 2: VENICE**

Start your day at St Mark's Square for a small group tour to the Doges Palace, and mesmerizing Golden Basilica. Following this, it's a guided walking tour through the quieter lanes and alleys, where you will see some architectural gems and historical buildings. In the afternoon, enjoy a private gondola ride.

#### **DAY 3: VENICE TO FLORENCE**

Take a highspeed train to Florence. Once checked in at your hotel, visit the iconic San Lorenzo market, a great place for traditional goods as well as an authentic Tuscan lunch. In the afternoon, stroll along the banks of the Arno, and perhaps head over to the glorious Pitti Palace, home to the famous Medici family.

#### **DAY 4: FLORENCE**

A fascinating day of sightseeing lies ahead today, with two great tours. First is a small group tour of the world-famous Accademia gallery, home to some of the most important paintings and sculptures including Michelangelo's David. In the afternoon, enjoy a wonderful information-guided tour of the streets of Florence, ending with priority access to the fascinating Uffizi Gallery.

#### **DAY 5: FLORENCE TO CINQUE TERRE**

From Florence, take the train to La Spezia, then change for a short and wonderfully scenic regional train ride to Manarola. You will be met and shown to your own apartment. In the afternoon, venture to an ancient wine cellar in Manarola for a warm welcome, and tastings of local wines and nibbles.

#### **DAY 6: CINQUE TERRE**

Today is a day to spend as you please, be it hiking the famous coastal path and enjoying the breathtaking views, riding the local train visiting each of the five gorgeous villages, or simply relaxing in your apartment and living life like a local.

#### **DAY 7: CINQUE TERRE**

Following a leisurely morning, enjoy an hour learning the secrets to a true Italian speciality – Pesto. Using a pestle and mortar you will be guided through the heritage of this local speciality, and of course, get the chance to sample some together with some local Focaccia and a glass of Cinque Terre wine.

#### **DAY 8: CINQUE TERRE TO ROME**

Hop on the local train to La Spezia, then continue along the coast to Rome. Once checked in, head out to enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace. Explore the riches of the Barberini Museum, visit the ancient Pantheon, or enjoy an aperitif on the elegant Piazza Navona before dinner.

#### **DAY 9: ROME**

Make your way to the Vatican in the heart of the city for a tour of the vast Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and San Peter's. In the afternoon, make your way over to the Colosseum for a guided tour of the famous amphitheatre, then walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans once more with a guided stroll around the Roman Forum.

#### **DAY 10: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN ROME**

Check out of your hotel and make your way to the airport for your flight home.

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



10 Days

Trip Details



9 Days

Trip Details











#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Standard class rail travel throughout the journey.
- Total of 13 nights' stay with breakfast in seven cities: Rome, La Spezia, Florence, Bologna, Verona, and Milan.
- Sightseeing tour of the Roman Forum and Colosseum in Rome.
- Pizza, Focaccia, Bread & Breadsticks course in La Spezia.
- Local food tour with tastings in Bologna.
- Gelato, Risotto, and Pasta cooking lessons in Verona.
- Cinque Terre train card for exploring the five villages.
- Day trip to Tuscany with lunch and wine tastings.
- Skip-the-line tickets for the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.

## **UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE**





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Extend your stay in Milan to include a private day trip to Lake Como

#### **DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS** IN ROME

Welcome to Rome! Explore the city's attractions and landmarks. In the evening, dine like a local. Try classic Pasta alla Carbonara, Carciofi alla Romana (artichokes cooked in olive oil), Suppli (bite-sized snacks filled with mozzarella cheese), or Coda alla Vaccinara (traditional oxtail stew).

#### **DAY 2: ROME**

Walk in the footsteps of gladiators at the famous Colosseum and stroll through the ruins of the Roman Forum. The rest of your day is at your leisure, why not stop for a delicious Italian treat in one of the pretty cafés by the Trevi fountain or order a delicious platé of Cació e Pepe pasta at a trattoria near the Pantheon?

#### **DAY 3: ROME TO CINQUE TERRE**

Head to the train station this morning and embark on a scenic ride up the Mediterranean coast to La Spezia. With its proximity to the five villages of Cinque Terre, La Spezia is the perfect home base for your two-night stay. Using your Cinque Terre Rail Card, take as many of the short, few-minute train rides as you want between Riomaggiore, Manarola, Vernazza, Corniglia, and Monterosso, before settling on one to enjoy a delicious dinner. The seafood in this region is a must-try!

#### **DAY 4: PIZZA & FOCACCIA COURSE**

Today you'll become a true Italian pizza chef under the guidance of your instructor! The course begins with the most important step - making the dough. After learning the art of dough-making and kneading, your chef will demonstrate making a variety of pizzas, bread, and focaccias, where you'll get to choose your own delicious toppings, fresh from this morning's market run. Once you enjoy your well-deserved lunch, the day is yours to continue exploring the Cinque Terre region.

#### **DAY 5: CINQUE TERRE TO FLORENCE**

Upon arrival, check into your hotel and get settled in before stepping out and getting to know the sprawling metropolis. After exploring the famous Uffizi Gallery with your skip-the-line ticket, head over to the Mercato Centrale, which features two floors of vendors selling everything from meat to cheese to coffee. Come dinner, why not try the famous Bistecca alla Fiorentina (the Tuscan steak) with some local wine?

#### **DAY 6: DAY TRIP TO TUSCANY**

Set off on a guided day trip to Tuscany's most captivating destinations today. Explore the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, the medieval charm of Siena, the ancient hilltop town of San Gimignano, and the scenic landscapes of Chianti. Whilst in Chianti, you'll have the chance to tour a rustic winery on the slopes of the Tuscan hills and enjoy a typical Tuscan lunch enriched by a tasting of good

#### **DAY 7: FLORENCE TO BOLOGNA**

Have breakfast then travel on your own to the train station for your 30-minute ride to Bologna. After checking into your hotel, stroll along the ancient arcades that line the main streets and visit the Axinellid and Griselda towers, two of the most visited landmarks in the city. For an off-the-beatenpath experience, go see the canals. Not many people know about them, but Bologna has canals that resemble the ones found in Venice! One of the best is the Canaled Dell Moline, which you'll find near Via Paella.

#### DAY 8: LOCAL FOOD TOUR

Bologna is the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, and many people claim that it is also Italy's gastronomic capital. It's nickname? La Grassa or "the fat one." Join your local food walking tour where you will taste your way through this incredible city. Learning all the history along the way with your expert guide, trying Italy's best meats, cheeses, and of course, the Bolognese that the city is famous for. Afterwards, why not visit age-old markets where you can buy freshly made pasta and handmade mozzarella?

#### **DAY 9: GELATO-MAKING COURSE IN VERONA**

After breakfast, it's time for a short train ride over to Verona. There's a reason why travellers call Verona Italy's most underrated gem. Check out Casa di Giulietta at 23 Via Cappello, the supposed home of Shakespeare's Juliet. Right around the corner, you'll find Piazza delle Erbe, one of Italy's most picturesque squares. The top of Torre dei Lamberti offers incredible views of the entire city and surrounding landscape. In the late afternoon, head to the local cooking school for a short lesson on the art of one of Italy's most well-known desserts, gelato! Follow along with your expert chef, taking notes in the cookbook given to you so you can repeat these recipes when you return home. After the lesson, enjoy tastings of your delicious creations.

#### **DAY 10: RISOTTO & PASTA COOKING LESSON**

Eat a light breakfast this morning, because you've got one of the best cooking lessons on the itinerary today! Nestled amidst the picturesque beauty of this charming city, this experience offers a handson journey into the heart of Italian gastronomy. Under the guidance of skilled local chefs, learn the art of crafting creamy risotto, meticulously stirring Arborio rice to perfection with a medley of flavours. Then, delve into the intricate world of pastamaking, as you knead and shape fresh dough into tantalizing forms, from silky tagliatelle to plump ravioli

#### **DAY 11: VERONA TO MILAN**

Your last destination in Italy is Milan, only a guick train ride from Verona. Enjoy a day leisurely exploring the Duomo, the Galleria, or any of the other popular sights in Italy's fashion capital. Be sure to cross any remaining dishes off your culinary bucket list before heading home tomorrow, if there are any left!

#### **DAY 12: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS** IN MILAN

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and continue with your travels.



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



8 Davs

Trip Details



5 Davs

Trip Details









## Day trip to Tuscany from Florence FLORENCE Q TUSCANY Adriatic Mediterranean Private transfers ROME @ between Naples and Sorrento Spend 2 nights in Sorrento Tyrrhenian Sea before returning to Naples airport **NAPLES O SORRENTO** 1 Nights stay

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Enjoy 14 nights' stay with breakfast across Venice, Florence, Rome, Sorrento, Taormina, and Catania.
- Travel in standard class rail throughout your
- Benefit from private airport transfers in Venice and Catania.
- Experience a guided tour of Pompeii during your transfer from Naples to Sorrento.
- Take a gondola ride in Venice and a day trip to Tuscany from Florence with wine tasting.
- Explore the Colosseum and Roman Forum in Rome, and discover Capri and the Blue Grotto.
- Participate in a local market tour and cooking class in Taormina.
- Embark on a Jeep tour of Mount Etna from Catania.

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Add a day trip to Tuscany from Florence.



#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN VENICE**

Upon arrival at Venice airport, meet your driver for a private ride to your hotel. Stroll down the banks of the shimmering canals and discover the magnificent architecture that lines the cobbled streets and squares. In the evening, relax at an outdoor trattoria by the sparkling lagoon, or head to Harry's Bar to try a delectable Bellini.

#### **DAY 2: VENICE**

Spend a full day exploring Venice. Discover the city's hidden gems and highlights as you take an iconic, relaxing gondola ride through the historic canals. Don't miss Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica, two of the city's most popular monuments.

#### **DAY 3: VENICE TO FLORENCE**

After breakfast, make your way to the train station for your journey to Florence. Once settled in, enjoy a famous gelato as you stroll through the city's lively piazzas. Admire the charming views along the River Arno and cross the city's oldest bridge, the 14thcentury Ponte Vecchio.

#### **DAY 4: FLORENCE & TUSCANY**

Your full-day excursion through Tuscany begins with a tour of Pisa, admiring the famous Tower of Pisa. Afterwards, drive to a rustic winery in Chianti and enjoy a delicious Tuscan lunch and wine tasting. Your afternoon includes strolling through the medieval village of San Gimignano and the cobblestone streets of Siena.

#### **DAY 5: FLORENCE TO ROME**

Head to the train station after breakfast for a short train ride through the countryside to Rome. Start exploring Europe's largest open-air museum. Rome is home to hundreds of ancient artifacts, architecture, beautiful churches, and Basilicas such as St Peter's and St Martin's.

#### **DAY 6: ROME**

On your guided tour today, walk in the footsteps of gladiators at the famous Colosseum and stroll through the ruins of the Roman Forum. The rest of your day is at your leisure, why not stop for a delicious Italian treat in one of the pretty cafés by the Trevi fountain?

#### **DAY 7: ROME TO SORRENTO VIA NAPLES & POMPEII**

Your journey to the Amalfi Coast begins with a train from Rome to Naples, where your private driver will meet you at the station. Along the coastal drive to Sorrento, you'll stop at the ruins of Pompeii for a few hours exploring the preserved city before continuing to your Sorrento hotel.

#### **DAY 8: CAPRI AND THE BLUE GROTTO**

Set sail for Capri, a scenic island off the coast of Naples, known for its stunning beauty, luxurious atmosphere, and impressive cliffs. After exploring the island, experience the Blue Grotto, a sea cave on the island's coast, famous for its intense blue light, caused by the sun shining through an underwater opening (weather permitting).

#### **DAY 9: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS** IN CATANIA

After breakfast, your driver will pick you up at your Sorrento hotel, bringing you to Naples Airport for your flight home.

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



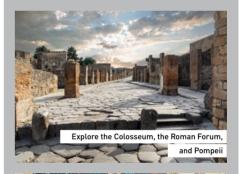
6 Days

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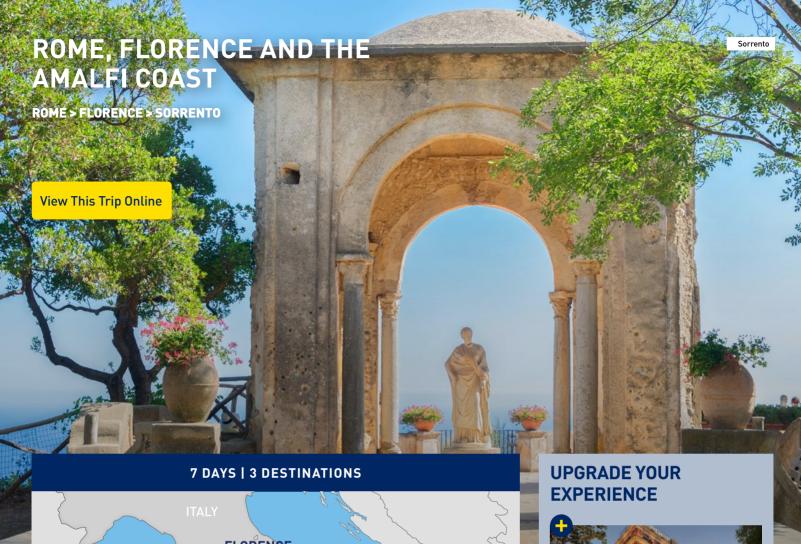
9 Davs

Trip Details









## FLORENCE Adriatic Sea Your journey begins in Rome ROME 2 **NAPLES 2**SORRENTO Tyrrhenian Sea Your journey ends in Sorrento with an airport transfer to **Naples** Mediterranean Sea 1 Nights stay

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Rail travel as per itinerary
- · 6 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Sightseeing tour of Imperial Rome including the Colosseum and Roman Forum
- Sightseeing city tour in Florence including the Accademia Gallery
- Sightseeing tour of Amalfi Coast including Positano and Ravello
- Private transfers from Naples Station to Sorrento Hotel and from Sorrento Hotel to Naples Airport

For a complete list of inclusions and up-to-date version of this itinerary, please visit our website.





## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

From Venice head over to Lake Como for an additional night or two.



#### **DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN ROME**

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival, check in at your hotel for a three-night stay. Come the evening, be sure to visit the Trevi Fountain and throw in a coin or two. The architecture is quite spectacular when lit up at night.

#### **DAY 2: ROME**

Your Imperial Rome tour will take you to the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Don't forget to have your photo taken with one of the slightly more modern gladiators outside!

#### **DAY 3: ROME TO FLORENCE**

Travel by train directly to Florence. Take a stroll across the Ponte Vecchio (the oldest and most famous bridge over the Arno River) and check out Piazzale Michelangelo for stunning views of the city. Visit Mercato Centrale for delicious cuisine and wander the Boboli Gardens. Be sure to enjoy some fine Italian cuisine.

#### **DAY 4: FLORENCE**

Embark on your city tour of Florence today. You'll have the opportunity to visit all the most popular, crowd-pleasing attractions and landmarks the city has to offer, including the famous Accademia Gallery. Later, why not enjoy some gelato as you stroll through the Florence's lively piazzas?

#### **DAY 5: FLORENCE TO SORRENTO**

Travel through the Italian countryside from Florence to Naples weaving through the Tuscan countryside, through the Eternal City of Rome and onwards to the capital of Campania, Naples. From Napoli Centrale train station, our included private transfer will drive you along the coastline to your hotel in from Naples to Sorrento.

#### **DAY 6: AMALFI COAST DAY TRIP**

Experience the unforgettable beauty of the Amalfi Coast on your tour today with an expert guide. You'll enjoy over 40 miles of unparalleled views of the Méditerranean coastline as well as all the small towns and villages of Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello. With plenty of free time to explore at your own pace and an expert guide along the way, this is the ultimate experience.

#### **DAY 7: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN SORRENTO**

Check out of your hotel, and your private transfer will bring you to Naples Airport for your flight home. Want to extend your journey to another destination? Just ask your Rail Expert!



#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



6 Days

Trip Details



9 Days

Trip Details









## Spend 2 nights onboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express, traveling between Rome, D'VENICE Venice and Portofino PORTOFINO Adriatic Sea Depart Portofino for an overnight journey to Rome and your final night Mediterranean **O ROME** Tyrrhenian 1 Nights stay Your journey begins with your first 2 nights in Rome Nights onboard La Dolce Vita Orient Express

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Rail travel as per itinerary.
- 3 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast in Rome.
- 2 nights of all-inclusive accommodation onboard The La Dolce Vita Orient Express in Deluxe class.
- Rome Station.
- Private Transfer from Rome Station to Rome Hotel.
- Small-group walking tour of Rome with the Roman Forum and Colosseum.
- Culinary Food Tour in Rome at Night.

## **EXPERIENCE**



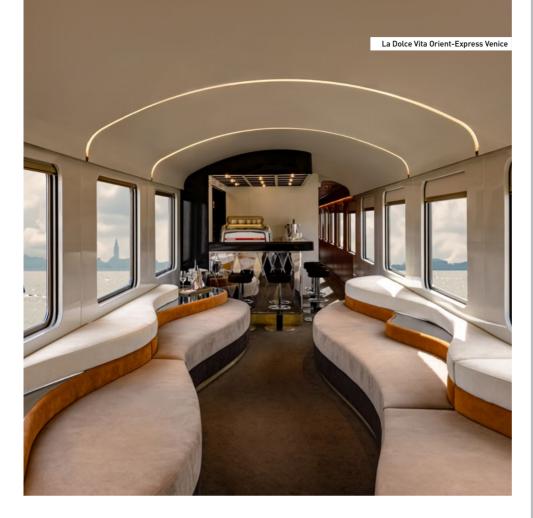


## **OUR EXPERTS** RECOMMEND

Looking to extend your trip? Why not add on

Why not continue on to the Amalfi Coast from Rome?

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#### **DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS** IN ROME

Welcome to Rome! Make your way to your hotel and check in for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is yours at leisure - the perfect opportunity to stroll through the city and visit some of the key spots! Why not head over to Trevi Fountain for a chance for some good luck, followed by a walk around the Pantheon and across to the Spanish Steps. End your first day with a taste of one of Rome's specialties - Cacio E Pepe! (Overnight in Rome)

#### **DAY 2: ROME**

After breakfast, make your way over to the Colosseum for a guided tour of the famous amphitheater, then walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans once more with a guided stroll around the Roman Forum. These amazing ruins were for centuries the center of day-to-day life in Rome. (Overnight in Rome)

#### **DAY 3: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD** LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT EXPRESS

Embark on the iconic La Dolce Vita Orient Express train, marvel at the Dimorestudio adornments, relish an exquisite Italian lunch in the Dining Car. and indulge in a classic gourmet Teatime. Cherish each moment, allowing yourself to drift into contemplation. The La Dolce Vita Orient Express pauses in Venice at Santa Lucia Station to offer an exclusive "Private Palace in Venice" encounter. The itinerary includes private explorations of the historical sites of the Serenissima and an exclusive canal boat excursion. As night descends, relish a solitary tour of Saint Mark's Basilica, a magnificent sanctuary, this time devoid of tourists! At midnight, transition from Venice to Portofino. (Overnight onboard Orient Express)

#### **DAY 4: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD** LA DOLCE VITA ORIENT EXPRESS

Following a breakfast break, the La Dolce Vita Orient Express reaches Santa Margherita Ligure station. From there, proceed to Portofino, an enchanting village imbued with the charm of fishermen and vibrant pastel hues, where an air of happiness pervades. The schedule encompasses an aperitif at one of Portofino's charming bars with a view of the bay, followed by lunch at a renowned establishment from the Dolce Vita era. Return aboard the Orient Express, reveling in the panoramic vistas of the Gulf of Tigullio and its enchanting landscapes. Farewell, Portofino. The expedition persists within the train. The Dining Car echoes with the melodic notes of the piano, while cocktails and Italian wines infuse life into the evening. (Overnight onboard Orient Express)

#### **DAY 5: ROME**

Breakfast is served. Take your last photos before arriving at Rome San Pietro station then a final stop at Rome Ostiense station. Make your way to your hotel and check in for a final overnight stay - the perfect opportunity to check off any final bucket list attractions you may not yet have had a chance to visit. In the evening, enjoy a tour of Rome by night - the perfect way to end your trip by soaking up all the authentic Italian delicacies of the ancient city. (Overnight in Rome)

#### **DAY 6: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN ROME**

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and continue with your travels. If you would like to extend your vacation to another city, just ask your Rail Expert and we can help you make all the arrangements.

#### YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE



6 Davs

Trip Details



8 Davs

Trip Details







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