

(Italy Tour)

# VENICE-FLORENCE-ROME CONNECTION

**Pax:**

Min: 10 – Max: 40

**Tour Length:**

8 Days – 7 Nights

**Contries:**

Italy

**Cities:**

Venice - Florence - Rome

**Tour Introduction:**

Experience 8 days of Italy's most fascinating cities, its capital, the symbol of renaissance and the "Miracle on the water" on this comprehensive tour. On this trip you will discover the secrets of the 3 most popular Italian cities symbols in the world.

This tour is a perfect combination of guiding, educational and free time for exploration. Italy Europe Tours takes all the stress from traveling and allowed us to relax and enjoy our vacation!

**Highliths of the Tour**

**Venice** – Venice is a dream shimmering on the waters, a city of painted palaces and serene churches. This unique urban masterpiece has canals instead of streets, boats instead of buses, and ornate bridges instead of subways.

The immense wealth of the city was celebrated in art and architecture throughout the city. Over the last centuries, Venice (Venezia) switched its livelihood to a new trade: tourism.

**Florence** – The incredible art and architecture of Florence offers a true cultural experience in a country renowned for its beauty and diversity. Home at times to Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and Dante, the Romans who prophetically dubbed this city *Florentia* for "may she flourish" in 59 B.C., would have been astounded.

**Rome** – Rome (Roma), the eternal city, isn't literally eternal—it has endured for over 2,700 years, with an ambiance like no other. Embedded in centuries of history and culture, it is Ital's capital and largest city, offering far too much to see in one visit. In this city a phenomenal concentration of history, legend, and monuments coexists with an equally phenomenal concentration of people busily going about their everyday life.

**Trip Activities**

Cultural and historic sites, city exploration, museums, castles, cathedrals, ruins.

Italy Europe Tours arranges on request according to the groups's needs and specifications Sport or Music Performances, religious meetings and masses.

Explore the rich and diverse history and culture of Venice, the Florence and the "Eternal City".

**What to see**

**Things to do/Attractions**

**Venice**

San Marco's Square, San Marco's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the bridge of Sighs, St. Mary of the Friars, San Rocco, Palazzo Grasi, San Marc's Bell Tower, Academy Gallery, San Giorgio Maggiore, Ca' D'oro, Teatro La Fenice, Ca' Rezzonico, Santa Maria dei Miracoli, Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Jewish Ghetto and Museum, Correr Civic Museum,

Santa Maria della Salute, Peggy Guggenheim Collection and the oldest glass factory in Venice.

### **Florence**

The Accademia Gallery, Michelangelo's most famous work: the statue of David, Prigioni and San Matteo. The Cathedral of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Duomo with the baptistery and Giotto's tower. Dante's House, visit of Signoria Square with the old palace, Santa Croce Square with the famous Santa Croce Church and old leather factory.

### **Rome**

Roman Forum, Sistine Chapel, Capitoline Museum, Borghese Gallery, Piazza Navona, Basilica di San Pietro, Pantheon, Campo de' Fiori, Piazza del Popolo, Colosseum, Ostia Antica, Ponte Sant' Angelo, Via Condotti, the Arch of Constantine, and Trajan's Column, P.zza di Spagna, Fontana di Trevi, Via Appia, the Catacombs of San Sebastiano and San Callisto, and the Chapel of Domine.

## **Day by Day Tour Itinerary**

### **Day 1 - Departure from Home/Arrival in Milan-Verona-Venice**

Private coach transfer to Venice with a stop en route to visit Verona, Romeo and Juliet's house. Private boat transfer to your hotel. Check-in and time at leisure to explore the city.

### **Day 2 - Venice**

With our local guide the group will discover not only the major attractions, such as San Marco's Square, San Marco's Basilica, and the Doge's Palace, but we'll also get off the beaten path, or even off the path all together and into the water on a romantic gondola ride ([link](#)). A private glass bowing demonstration will be followed after the tour on Venice island.

### **Day 3 – Padua/Florence**

Private boat and coach transfer to Florence. Head back inland for a stop in the elegant city of Padua. Admire the Byzantine intricacies of St. Anthony's Basilica, and marvel at the Giotto frescoes in the great Scrovegni Chapel.

Continue south, up and over the Apennine Mountains, to the Renaissance city of Firenze. Check-in and stroll along the shopping streets and will have free time.

### **Day 4 - Florence**

Meet your Local guide at the hotel for a morning sightseeing tour with our local guide to Immerse in the fascinating world of Michelangelo. The Accademia Gallery in Florence attracts visitors from all over the world to gaze upon masterpieces by famous artists, especially Michelangelo's most famous work - the statue of David. Other important works of art by Michelangelo include Prigioni and San Matteo. Afterwards the tour will continue to Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Duomo with the baptistery and Giotto's tower. Continuation through the medieval district of Florence to see the Dante's House, visit of Signoria Square with the old palace. The tour will end in Santa Croce Square with the famous Santa Croce Church, Mausoleum of Florence.

Private leather work demonstration by an historical leather shop.

### **Day 5 - Rome**

Private coach transfer to Rome. Around the round Lake Trasimeno, where Hannibal prevailed over Roman soldiers, to the Assisi of St. Francis. See the Saint's tomb and the tiny ascetic cell in which he worshipped.

A fast afternoon's trip down the highway brings you to the "Eternal City" of Rome.

### **Day 6 - Rome**

Coach and Sightseeing tour of Piazza Venezia you can admire the impressive monument dedicated to King Victor Emanuel II and the unknown soldier.

Continue on foot to the famous Piazza del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo, from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum.

Your coach will then continue to view the Circus Maximus and the Pyramid of Caius Cestius. Your guide will take you inside the Basilica which was built over the burial place of the Apostle of the Gentiles and is one of five churches considered to be one of the great ancient basilicas of Rome.

Your last stop on the tour is the Colosseum where you can conclude the tour, or return to your hotel. This tour does not go inside the Colosseum, however your guide has plenty of artistic and historical information about it to share with you.

### **Day 7 - Rome**

Coach and Sightseeing tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Explore the world's smallest country, its largest church and an impressive collection of fine art. The Vatican is one of the most interesting and breathtakingly beautiful sites in the world.

In 1508, Michelangelo was commissioned by Pope Julius II della Rovere to repaint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. This is where you can see one of his most well known frescoes, the Last Judgement. This fresco covers the entire end wall of the chapel, and is one of the highlights for visitors to the Sistine Chapel.

The Vatican Museums can be overwhelming to the first time visitor so allow your experienced guide show you some of the major attractions, as well as some of the lesser known spots, and share with you the history, architecture, and politics of the Vatican. However, the Vatican is not just gold, pomp and stateliness! It has a history full of dark tales of deceit and even lust! A world of discovery awaits you.

### **Day 8 - Departure/Bye Bye Italy**

Private coach Transfer to Airport.

### **We include in this tour:**

#### **ACCOMMODATION – 7 NTS**

2 nights accommodations in Venice central located hotel

2 nights accommodations in Florence central located hotel

3 nights accommodations in Rome central located hotel

All hotels are 3 star or Superior Tourist Class Hotels

Students will be in triple or double rooms and adults will be in double rooms

Single rooms reservation available with surcharge.

#### **MOTORCOACH & PROFESSIONAL GUIDES**

Luxury air-conditioned motor coach transportation during tour.

Professional tour guides for sightseeing tours as per itinerary.

Services of an Italy Europe Tours representative/Tour Guide.

#### **ADMISSIONS/VISITS/PANORAMIC TOURS**

**Venice:** Guided tour to include the Doge's Palace (AD), St. Mark's Basilica, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Square.

**Florence:** Guided tour to include the Accademia (AD), Cathedral, Signoria Square, Santa Croce Basilica, Piazza Santa Croce and private leather work demonstration by an historical leather shop.

**Rome:** City tour to include the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Roman Forum and Colosseum (AD), Vatican Museums (AD) and St. Peter's Basilica.

*AD= Admissions*

#### **BREAKFAST/DINNERS**

Breakfast (8) at hotel each morning

Meals based on 3 courses, drinks not included.

#### **We do not include in this tour:**

**Venice:** [Link Excursions & Extra Services](#)

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**Rome:** [Link Excursions & Extra Services](#)