

The Grand Tour: Venice, Florence, Siena, and Rome

Day 1 - Arrival

Arrival in Venice, transfer to the hotel, balance of day free, accommodation, dinner and overnight.

Day 2 - Venice

After breakfast, meeting with local guide in St. Mark's Square and enjoy a tour including the Basilica of San Marco, St. Mark's Square, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Free time for lunch. Free afternoon to explore the city. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 3 - Venice - Ravenna - Florence

Breakfast at the Hotel and departure for Ravenna, visit of the Byzantine mosaics. Lunch at typical trattoria. Continue to Florence, accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Florence

After breakfast at hotel, meeting with the local guide and guided tour including the Duomo, Bell Tower and Baptistery. Tour continues with the Galleria dell'Accademia Museum which houses the David by Michelangelo. Free time for lunch at San Lorenzo market. Afternoon continue the tour, seeing the Brancacci Chapels, Ponte Vecchio then end of the tour at Piazza Signoria. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner in a typical Tuscan restaurant. Overnight.

Day 5 - Florence - Chianti - Siena

Breakfast at the Hotel. Departure for Siena through the Chianti region. Stop for wine tasting and visit in Volpaia and the medieval walled town of Monteriggioni. Lunch in a local restaurant. Arrive in Siena. Dinner in a local restaurant and a passeggiata to Piazza del Campo with a taste of cantucci and ricciarelli. Overnight.

Day 6 - Siena - Rome

After breakfast at the Hotel, departure for a guided walking tour of Siena that will include: Duomo, Libreria Piccolomini, Piazza del Campo where the famous Palio horse race takes place twice a year, Contrada Museum. Lunch at leisure. Afternoon departure for Rome with a stop in Montalcino for a wine tasting, and time permitting stop also in S. Antimo Abbey, a Benedictine monastery where there is also the possibility of buying local products prepared by the monks. Late afternoon arrival in Rome. Accommodation at hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7 - Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a tour of ancient Rome: Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill. Time for lunch on own at Eataly. Afternoon continue the tour with Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Navona Square and the underground excavations of the Domitian stadium. Dinner at restaurant followed by a tour of illuminated Rome. Overnight.

Day 8 - Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a half day tour of Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and Vatican gardens. Lunch on own. Afternoon at leisure for individual activities. Dinner at hotel and overnight.

Day 9 - Rome

Breakfast at hotel. Check out and transfer to Rome airport. End of services."

Please note this itinerary can operate in reverse, starting in Rome and ending in Venice.