



# BEST OF ITALY

**13 days - 2 countries**

Code: ITBO

FROM **US\$2550** PP\*  
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Add a dash of 'issimo' to your love affair with Italy as you explore its captivating landscapes, culture, and the mouth-watering flavours that have inspired its residents to coin the phrase: "First we eat, then we do everything else..." Your Italian discovery made ever more delectable amidst the lemon scents of Sorrento, Renaissance romance in Florence and imposing Rome.



## YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

**12 nights**  
Hotel accommodation**19 meals**  
12 hot buffet breakfasts  
7 dinners (including Be My Guest)**On-trip transport**  
All transport shown  
(including return Capri cruise)  
All transfers shown

## YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

### BE MY GUEST

Join Signor Tellì for an exclusive dinner and 'bei tempi' at his family run restaurant on the secluded Isola Madre island on Lake Maggiore

### AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION

Just a few minutes' walk from the Vatican, Il Cantico features original period features and old Franciscan hospitality. Enjoy a stay at the romantic Grande Albergo Ausonia & Hungaria which opened in 1907 on the exclusive Lido di Venezia

### CULTURAL INSIGHT

Follow in the footsteps of Michelangelo and da Vinci when visiting the Vatican Museums. Ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

### LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence



For more Insider Experiences, look for this symbol

## YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Rome ▶ Pompeii ▶ Capri ▶ Assisi  
▶ Florence

Orientation of Venice ▶ Milan

Visit St. Peter's Basilica ▶ the Sistine Chapel  
▶ Vatican Museum ▶ the Colosseum in Rome  
▶ the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino  
▶ the excavations at Pompeii ▶ St. Francis  
Basilica in Assisi ▶ picturesque Lake Como  
▶ the medieval city of San Gimignano


Cruise to the beautiful Isle of Capri ▶ private  
launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

View the Benedictine Abbey in Monte Cassino  
▶ Juliet's Balcony in Verona ▶ the Byzantine  
St. Mark's Basilica in Venice ▶ the Gothic  
Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan  
▶ the Leaning Tower of Pisa ▶ the Duomo in  
Florence

See the ancient sites of Rome including Circus  
Maximus

## ITINERARY

- Arrive Rome (2 Nights)**     
 Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Spend the rest of your day relaxing or take a leisurely stroll around the city. Join your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception. Enjoy an orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica and other sights - a great introduction to this beautiful city. **(WR)**   
 **Hotel: Una/Il Cantico Authentic Accommodation**
- Rome Sightseeing**     
 Your included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** begins at the Vatican Museums. Experience a **Cultural Insight** in the Vatican when you ascend the smooth and step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante. Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his famous Pietà. Your tour continues in ancient Rome. See the Circus Maximus where chariot races were held and visit the impressive Colosseum. There's time afterwards to explore the city on your own, or simply relax and watch the world go by. **(BB)**
- Rome > Cassino > Pompeii > Sorrento (2 Nights)**     
 Visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino and view the Benedictine Abbey. Your **Local Specialist** tells you all about the devastation caused by the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79 during your walking tour of Pompeii. Arrive later at your hotel in Sorrento where you dine tonight. **(BB, DW)**   
 **Hotel: La Residenza/Johanna Park**
- Isle of Capri Excursion**     
 Witness the intricate art of inlaid woodwork, a **Cultural Insight** for which Sorrento is famous. Later embark on an included excursion by ferry to the Isle of Capri. Visit Capri Town and other sights during your tour with a **Local Specialist**. Spend time exploring this lovely island on your own. **(BB)**
- Sorrento > Assisi**     
 Assisi is a mystical town perched on the slopes of Mount Subasio overlooking the peaceful Umbrian landscape. Under the protection of St. Francis this city is still enclosed by medieval ramparts. Your **Local Specialist** takes you on a walking tour which includes a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, famous for its frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. Spend time afterwards exploring on your own and shopping for souvenirs. Dine at your hotel this evening. **(BB, DW)**   
 **Hotel: Cenacolo Authentic Accommodation**
- Assisi > Verona > Venice (2 Nights)**     
 Today enjoy the glorious countryside and historic architecture of the Emilia Romagna region. This area is also renowned for its cuisine such as tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Travel to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, to admire the Roman arena and Juliet's Balcony. Arrive later in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(BB, DW)**   
 **Hotel: Grande Albergo Ausonia and Hungaria Authentic Accommodation**
- Venice Orientation**     
 Savour the unique sights and sounds of Venice as you cruise by private launch to visit some of the attractions of this unique city. Enjoy a **Cultural Insight** into the Venetian tradition of glass making before seeing the sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Spend free time seeing the sights of your choice. You might like to cruise across the lagoon to the Island of Burano and enjoy a delicious meal. **(BB)**

- Venice > Milan > Lake Maggiore (2 Nights)**   
 Cross the plains of Lombardy to Milan, the global capital of design and fashion. View the Duomo, La Scala Opera house and the famous Galleria during your orientation. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB, DW)**   
 **Hotel: Simplon**
- Lake Como Excursion**     
 Travel to the beautiful Lake Como with free time to explore or simply soak up the scenery. This evening take a private boat to an island on Lake Maggiore for a special **Be My Guest** dinner experience. **(BB, BG)**
- Lake Maggiore > Pisa > Florence (2 Nights)**   
 Cross the Plains of Lombardy, the forested Apennine Mountains, and pass by Genoa to Pisa. View the extraordinary Leaning Tower before arriving in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Tonight you might like to sample some local Tuscan cuisine. **(BB)**   
 **Hotel: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo/ Adler Cavalieri**
- Florence Sightseeing**     
 Your **Local Specialist** brings the city's rich history to life during your walking tour. View the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio and visit Piazza della Signoria. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo. Spend free time exploring or shop for high-quality leather and gold. **(BB)**
- Florence > San Gimignano > Rome**   
 This morning stop at the Tuscan hill town of San Gimignano which is famed for its medieval architecture and towers. The historic centre of the town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then return to the capital city. This evening in Rome join your Travel Director and new friends for a Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)**   
 **Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**
- Depart Rome**   
 Say 'arrivederci Roma' at the end of your memorable holiday in Italy. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

## MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

**Airport transfers:** On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

**Cruise Connection:** This trip starts or ends in a popular cruise port, so you can combine a cruise with a more in-depth guided holiday in Europe.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$93 per person.

**WiFi:** See page 254 for details.

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

- Autumn, Winter, Spring (WTBO):** Departures marked in the price panel are subject to change in price, discount and hotel. Prices and discounts will be confirmed in May 2017.
- Festive Celebrations:** Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for these departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the Festive Season.
- Special Rate Solo Rooming:** These departures include 25-100% discount on our standard single supplement. Please see website for pricing

## TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP					
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share			
TU	11 APR	SU	23 APR	FR	18 AUG	WE	30 AUG	3050
FR	14 APR	WE	26 APR	FR	20 AUG	FR	01 SEP	3050
SU	16 APR	FR	28 APR	TU	22 AUG	SU	03 SEP	3095
TU	18 APR	SU	30 APR	WE	23 AUG	WE	04 SEP	3095
FR	21 APR	WE	03 MAY	FR	25 AUG	WE	05 SEP	3095
SU	23 APR	FR	05 MAY	SU	27 AUG	FR	08 SEP	3095
TU	25 APR	SU	07 MAY	TU	29 AUG	SU	10 SEP	3175
FR	28 APR	WE	10 MAY	WE	30 AUG	MO	11 SEP	3175
SU	30 APR	FR	12 MAY					
TU	02 MAY	SU	14 MAY	FR	01 SEP	WE	13 SEP	3275
WE	03 MAY	MO	15 MAY	SU	03 SEP	FR	15 SEP	3275
SU	05 MAY	WE	17 MAY	TU	05 SEP	SU	17 SEP	3225
FR	07 MAY	FR	19 MAY	WE	06 SEP	MO	18 SEP	3225
TU	09 MAY	SU	21 MAY	FR	08 SEP	WE	20 SEP	3225
WE	10 MAY	MO	22 MAY	SU	09 SEP	FR	22 SEP	3225
FR	12 MAY	WE	24 MAY	TU	12 SEP	SU	24 SEP	3225
SU	14 MAY	FR	26 MAY	WE	13 SEP	MO	25 SEP	3225
TU	16 MAY	SU	28 MAY	FR	15 SEP	WE	27 SEP	3225
WE	17 MAY	MO	29 MAY	SU	17 SEP	FR	29 SEP	3225
FR	19 MAY	WE	31 MAY	TU	19 SEP	SU	01 OCT	3225
SU	21 MAY	FR	02 JUN	WE	20 SEP	MO	02 OCT	3225
TU	23 MAY	SU	04 JUN	FR	22 SEP	WE	04 OCT	3225
WE	24 MAY	MO	05 JUN	SU	24 SEP	FR	06 OCT	3225
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FR	30 JUN	WE	12 JUL	SA	25 NOV	TH	07 DEC	2550
SU	02 JUL	FR	14 JUL	SA	02 DEC	TH	14 DEC	2550
TU	04 JUL	SU	16 JUL	FR	08 DEC	WE	20 DEC	2550
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FR	07 JUL	WE	19 JUL	TH	21 DEC	TU	02 JAN	2625
SU	09 JUL	FR	21 JUL	SA	23 DEC	TH	04 JAN	2950
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WE	26 JUL	MO	07 AUG	SA	17 FEB	TH	01 MAR	2575
FR	28 JUL	WE	09 AUG	SA	24 FEB	TH	08 MAR	2575
SU	30 JUL	FR	11 AUG					
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WE	02 AUG	MO	14 AUG	SA	10 MAR	TH	22 MAR	2575
FR	04 AUG	WE	16 AUG	SA	17 MAR	TH	29 MAR	2575
SU	06 AUG	FR	18 AUG	SA	24 MAR	TH	05 APR	2895
TU	08 AUG	SU	20 AUG	FR	30 MAR	WE	11 APR	2895
WE	09 AUG	MO	21 AUG					
FR	11 AUG	WE	23 AUG	SU	01 APR	FR	13 APR	2895
SU	13 AUG	FR	25 AUG	TU	03 APR	SU	15 APR	3125
TU	15 AUG	SU	27 AUG	WE	04 APR	MO	16 APR	3125
WE	16 AUG	MO	28 AUG	SU	11 APR	WE	18 APR	2950
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**Single Supplement (add to price above):** US\$690 p.p.  
**Exceptions** from 27-Jun to 22-Aug: US\$630 p.p.  
 from 28-Oct to 17-Mar-18: US\$550 p.p.

**Triple Discount (deduct from price above):** US\$110 p.p.  
**Exceptions** from 28-Oct to 17-Mar-18: US\$80 p.p.

ITALY AND COMBINATIONS

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