



## Best of Italy 2025

Thursday, October 2– Sunday, October 13, 2025  
Insight Vacations

Join Fox World Travel and Insight Vacations on this not to be missed tour to the beautiful country of Italy. View incredible Roman antiquities, the beauty of Venetian canals, the scenes and scents of Tuscany, Renaissance Florence, and Capri's brilliant sunlight! You will experience a touch of 'la dolce vita' for the perfect tour of Italy. This customized tour itinerary has something for everyone!

### Package Inclusions:

- Round-trip air from Chicago O'Hare to Rome, and return from Naples, Italy including air taxes & fees
- Round-trip airport/hotel transfers in Rome & Sorrento to Naples (when purchasing our air-tour package)
- Hotel accommodations for 10-nights in 4-star hotels (3 nights Rome, 2 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice, 1 night Assisi & 2 nights Sorrento) including hotel service charges, taxes, and luggage handling
- Luxury air-conditioned 40-seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom for transportation and sightseeing
- Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch with wine, and 4 dinners including wine
- Headset for guided sightseeing visits and walking tours
- Escorted by a professional, local Tour Director from Insight Vacations
- Professional tour manager from Fox World Travel\*
- Customized, informative travel documents containing trip details with helpful packing and planning information

### Premium Tour Experiences Include:

- An extra night in the City of Rome is added for more exploration
- Rome: Your VIP entrance takes you into the Vatican Museums, admire the Bramante Staircase which is normally off-limits to visitors and into the Sistine Chapel. Enjoy a private guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica and continue to see Circus Maximus and hear tales of deadly gladiatorial combat inside the mighty Colosseum.
- A guided walking tour of Florence to see the Cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the 'Gates of Paradise' on the Baptistery and visit Signoria Square. View Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Gallery. Attend a leatherwork demonstration.
- See the famous "Leaning Tower" in Pisa, a perfect photo opportunity!
- Dinner in Tuscany at Machiavelli house with cooking demonstration,
- Visit to San Gimignano, considered a medieval Manhattan.
- Cruise to St. Mark's Square by private launch in Venice. Continue with seeing St. Mark's Basilica, bell and clock tower, Doges' Palace and Bridge of Sighs and witness handmade Venetian glass blowing.
- Magical Venice Tour – Grand canal cruise with a drink at St Mark's square and music.
- See the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi.
- Walk through the ancient ruins and view Mt. Vesuvius in Pompeii.

### Air & Land Package Pricing: *Based on Double Occupancy*

- \$ 8784.00 per person

### Land Only Pricing: *Based on Double Occupancy*

- \$7109.00 per person

### Single Supplement:

\$1400.00 (limited single occupancies allowed)

### Initial Deposit:

\$400.00 per person

### Final Payment:

No later than June 24, 2025

### Requirements:

A valid US passport with a minimum validity of 6 months from date of return

## Available Discounts

**Early Booking Discount:** Deposit by September 14, 2024 and receive \$300.00 off per person

**Insight Past Passenger Discount\*:** \$100.00 per person

*\*Must have traveled with Insight Vacations, Uniworld, Brendan Vacations, Trafalgar or Contiki within the last five years to qualify.*

*Discounts are subject to change at any time.*

## DAILY ITINERARY



### Day 1: Thursday, October 2 - Depart USA

Your journey begins in Chicago O'Hare, where you will board your overnight flight to Italy.

### Day 2: Friday, October 3 - Welcome to Rome

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with Classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces, and baroque churches. Upon arrival in Rome, you will be transferred to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner, a fun evening of Italian cuisine and wine.

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu GHR (or similar)

**Meal:** Dinner with Wine

### Day 3: Saturday, October 4 - VIP Vatican and Rome with a Local

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Insight has arranged special VIP entry to avoid the crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally off-limits to visitors (subject to

availability). Visit the Sistine Chapel where the Popes are elected to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pietà,' and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu GHR (or similar)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 4: Sunday, October 5 - In the Footsteps of Roman Soldiers

With our local expert, we will explore the glorious history of the Roman Empire. See the incredible Circus Maximus then enjoy priority reserved entrance ahead of the crowds, we'll hear tales of deadly gladiatorial combat inside the mighty Colosseum (subject to availability; if tickets for the Colosseum are not available, the group will visit the Forum instead, and have an in-depth walking experience around the exterior of the Colosseum). Come up close and personal with the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine then walk in the footsteps of Roman soldiers and gaze over the incredible ruins of the Forum, once the center of political, religious, and social life, while hearing tales of the mighty Roman Empire. Truly an incredible vision as history comes alive!

**Hotel:** Radisson Blu GHR (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 5: Monday, October 6 - Tuscan Hills & Medieval Florence

Travel north through glorious, peaceful Tuscan landscapes. Meet your Local Expert for a guided visit through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Niccolò Machiavelli, with a special opening of his private office where he wrote 'The Prince.' Visit the Italian garden for views of Florence's iconic domed cathedral and see the historic cellar which connects to the oldest restaurant in Italy by a secret underground tunnel. Enjoy a wonderful cooking demonstration, with superb food and wine, providing warm and genuine Tuscan hospitality.

**Hotel:** NH Firenze (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### **Day 6: Tuesday, October 7 - Florence, Birthplace of the Renaissance**

Join a local expert for a walking tour of the historic city center. A highlight is the visit to the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's monumental figure of David (subject to availability). Continue to the multi-colored marble Cathedral to see Giotto's bell tower and 'Gates of Paradise' before visiting the Piazza Della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and explore the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. After a demonstration of leather work in the very place this craft was first established, visit San Gimignano, considered a medieval Manhattan, due to its towers which dominate the skyline. Soak up the unique atmosphere of this ancient gem which has remained intact since the 14<sup>th</sup> century and today is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the evening, don't miss the chance to sample the fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and rich pastas accompanied by Chianti wine.

**Hotel:** NH Firenze (or similar)

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### **Day 7: Wednesday, October 8 - Pisa to Venice, The Queen of the Adriatic**

In the morning, journey to the coastal town of Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles as well as the baptistery, with its intricately detailed marble facade, and the colonnaded bell tower lurching behind the cathedral. Then relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, through the Emilia- Romagna region - one of Europe's most intensely farmed fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers desert the city to return to the mainland. Appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice from your centrally located hotel. This evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

**Hotel:** NH Venezia Santa Lucia Venice (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### **Day 8: Thursday, October 9 - Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima**

In the morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to an arts center and admire the age-old skill of glassblowing by skilled artisans. In the afternoon, your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded regalia of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Tonight, sit back and take it all in as private water taxis whisk you to Piazza San Marco where we have seats reserved outside a famous Venetian café, in front of a live orchestra and in view of those illuminated St Mark's sights. Our private water taxis will also take us the length of the Grand Canal, under the Rialto Bridge and back to our hotel, having seen Venice at its most magical.

**Hotel:** NH Venezia Santa Lucia Venice (or similar)

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### **Day 9: Friday, October 10 - On to Assisi**

Leave Venice and continue through the Apennines to peaceful Assisi, home of St. Francis, and one of Italy's most beautiful mountain towns, dotted with medieval churches, colorful frescoes, and shady courtyards. First, see the famous Church of St. Mary of the Angels and then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town. Step inside the huge Basilica, built in the 13th Century after St. Francis' death, where the frescoes by Giotto heralded a new era in Italian art. Arrive at your hotel, located in the heart of the medieval Old Town. Enjoy the tranquility of the historic old town during free time.

**Hotel:** Giotto Hotel Assisi (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### **Day 10: Saturday, October 11 - On to Ill – Fated Pompeii and Sorrento**

With an early start today, you will travel south passing Cassino, the scene of a fierce battle during World War II. Follow the spectacular clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. En route, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone (subject to availability). This small family run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family, who all work here. Be sure to savor the unique flavors of this rare tomato during a truly unique Farm to-Table lunch. Then visit Pompeii, once buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets to see a city frozen in time.

**Hotel:** Hotel Isabella (or similar)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch with Wine

#### **Day 11: Sunday, October 12 - Capri, the Isle of Dreams**

Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius Caesar to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in exclusive boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Weather permitting, experience the spectacular cliffs and famous turquoise waters of Capri during a relaxing cruise to the most beautiful part of the island, the

southern side. Descend to the port by funicular and board your private boat to view the beautiful grottoes and unique coastline. Return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day the day.

**Hotel:** Hotel Isabella, (or similar)

**Meal:** Breakfast

### **Day 12: Monday, October 13 - Arrivederci! Return Home**

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast. Transfer from the hotel to the Naples airport for your flight home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

*NOTE: Hotels and Daily Itinerary are subject to change.*

**Fox Professional Fee:** Package price includes a \$50.00 non-refundable Professional Fee per reservation. Fee will be charged at the time of deposit and will show as an additional payment from Fox World Travel.

**Not Included:** ETIAS Visa (when implemented), Airline flights on land-only packages, air-imposed baggage fees, gratuities for airport porters, tour guides, motorcoach drivers, meals (other than those included in the package), optional excursions, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

**Terms:** Minimum of 20 travelers required for the tour to operate and send a Fox World Travel tour manager to accompany the group. In the event the minimum number is not reached, the tour will operate with a professional, local guide in the destination. Hotels and daily itinerary are subject to change.

**Group Air:** A minimum of 10 passengers is needed for the group air. Flights are currently pending. The air-inclusive package includes air that has not yet been assigned, the identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date. Price includes approximate air taxes and fees. Air package pricing is subject to change until contracted due to the volatility of airfare costs. Checked luggage fees may apply. Frequent Flier miles may not be available to group air travel. Fox World Travel has no control over flight or equipment changes, seat assignments, delays, or cancellations. Airline tickets will be non-refundable once issued. Changes will be subject to a fee plus any fare difference. Additional restrictions may apply. Pricing and flight options from other cities available upon request.

**Insurance:** For peace of mind, we recommend purchasing travel protection insurance. Your travel advisor can discuss options with you, including medical expense coverage, pre-existing medical condition exclusion waivers, trip cancellation, trip delay, lost, delayed, or damaged baggage and more. To cover pre-existing conditions, most policies must be purchased within 14 days of making your initial deposit. Travel protection insurance prices are based on your age and the trip cost.