



Itinerary

Reflections of Italy

Sep 25, 2019 - Oct 4, 2019

Pre Night: Mediterraneo Hotel



Hotel Mediterraneo, a 4-star hotel in the historic center of Rome, was designed in 1938 by Mario Loreti, and is located on the highest of Rome's seven hills, the Esquilino. The Hotel Mediterraneo was designed in the grand European style. Its interior design is inspired by a monumental and understated luxury. The lobby is adorned with marble busts of Roman Emperors and mosaics. The decoration is accented by precious woods and marbles, and a sea motif occurs throughout the hotel. The Hotel Mediterraneo is one of the best examples of Art Deco in Rome.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Welcome to Italy, a land rich in history, culture, art and romance. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins



We begin in Rome, the "Eternal City." Upon arriving, perhaps a trip to Vatican City, with an optional tour to the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica,* will be on your personal sightseeing list. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies and fine Italian wines.

Hotel

Mediterraneo Hotel
Rome

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 83°
Low 61°

Day 3: Rome



This morning, a locally guided tour of Classical Rome will allow you to discover famous sights such as the Baths of Caracalla, the legendary Aventine and Palatine Hills, the ancient Circus Maximus, and the Arch of Constantine. During an in-depth visit to the Colosseum, your guide recounts its rich history. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Hotel

Mediterraneo Hotel
Rome

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 83°
Low 61°

Day 4: Rome - Assisi - Perugia/Assisi



Ease your way into the local culture as your Tour Manager shares a few key Italian phrases. Travel to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Take in the old-world atmosphere on a guided walking tour of the old city, including the Basilica of St. Francis. Then you're off to medieval Perugia, the historic capital of Umbria. Behold one of the grandest squares in Italy – the Piazza IV Novembre – and delight in the medieval palaces and ornate cathedrals.

Hotel

Sangallo Palace Hotel
Perugia

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 78°
Low 56°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Perugia/Assisi - Siena - Florence



A scenic journey through Tuscany's graceful low-lying hills brings you to the mystical city of Siena. Delight in its narrow Gothic streets, magnificent palaces and historic Piazza del Campo. After a walking tour with a local expert, take some time to explore the medieval corners of Siena. You are sure to find many surprises among its shops and outdoor cafés. Later, arrive in Florence – the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance" – visit the world-famous Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's incredible statue of David. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo
Florence

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 81°
Low 58°
Rain 3"

Day 6: Florence



This morning, during your cultural tour of Florence enjoy views of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Church of Santa Croce. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy this fascinating city on your own.

Hotel

Starhotels Michelangelo
Florence

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 81°
Low 58°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Florence - Venice



Start your day with a visit to a historic winery in the heart of the Chianti region. In the shadow of its 12th-century castle, learn about the winery's famed Tuscan wines and enjoy a chef-led cooking class. Next, sit back and savor regional delicacies during a delicious lunch. This afternoon, journey through central Italy, crossing the wooded Apennine Mountains toward the Valley of the Po. Enchanting Venice awaits with 117 tiny islands and its latticework of 150 canals and 400 bridges.

Hotel

Hotel Carlton On The Grand Canal
Venice

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 64°
Low 50°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Venice - Murano Island - Venice



See Venice from the water as we board a boat** bound for Murano Island for an up-close glass-blowing demonstration. Discover the secrets of this ancient art and marvel at the intricate designs of each one-of-a-kind piece. Then we make our way to St. Mark's Square where it's your choice! Join a local expert on a walking tour of this famous square to view the stunning Basilica and visit the impressive Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs -OR- go off the beaten path to explore the Castello Sestiere district with a local expert; get to know authentic Venice and see for yourself how the locals live as you walk canal by canal through the narrow streets lined with churches and historic buildings. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently.

Hotel

Hotel Carlton On The Grand Canal
Venice

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 64°
Low 50°
Rain 3"

Day 9: Venice - Milan Malpensa



Today you travel to Milan. Take in some of the city's amazing sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the Opera House La Scala and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo*** – this magnificent Gothic cathedral is the third largest church in Europe. Later, perhaps you will indulge in some shopping at the "Quadrilatero della Moda," Milan's high-fashion district. Continue to Milan Malpensa for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable trip.

Hotel

Crowne Plaza Milan Malpensa
Malpensa

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 64°
Low 46°
Rain 3"

Day 10: Milan Malpensa - Tour Ends



Your journey comes to a close in Milan Malpensa this morning.