



Itinerary

Treasures of Italy

Apr 16, 2020 - Apr 24, 2020

Pre Night: Sina Villa Medici



Located near Piazza Santa Maria Novella, the Grand Hotel Villa Medici is a refined boutique hotel with tasteful 18th century–inspired decor. The two restaurants serve traditional Tuscan fare, with more formal dining at Lorenzo de’ Medici and a relaxed setting at the Conservatory, a popular lunch spot.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Your adventure takes you through rolling landscapes, savory wines, delicious food and stunning architecture...this can only be Italy.

Day 2: Florence, Italy - Tour Begins



Welcome to Florence, the “Cradle of the Italian Renaissance.” This evening join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local specialties.

Hotel

Sina Villa Medici
Florence

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 68°
Low 46°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Florence



A cultural tour showcases the beautiful city of Florence. A local Florentine guide highlights many of the city’s priceless treasures, including the Piazza del Duomo, which is the center of religious life in medieval Florence; see the impressive Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and the spectacular gilded bronze doors of the Baptistery dedicated to St. John. Spend the afternoon exploring this fascinating city on your own.

Hotel

Sina Villa Medici
Florence

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 68°
Low 46°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Florence



Start your day with a trip through the Tuscan countryside. Arrive at a historic winery with its very own 12th-century castle in the heart of the Chianti region. Learn about Tuscany's famous wines, enjoy a tasting and savor a lunch filled with regional specialties. Later, return to Florence where the remainder of your day is at leisure.

Hotel

Sina Villa Medici
Florence

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 68°
Low 46°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Florence - Lucca - Italian Riviera



Our first stop today is Lucca, a walled city since medieval times. Known as the city of one hundred churches, Lucca is also the home of Puccini, the great opera composer. Join a local expert on a tour of this historic gem's mix of Roman, medieval and Renaissance architecture, featuring a visit to the 11th-century Cathedral of San Martino with its multitude of architectural styles and artistic masterpieces. Then see the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro (Amphitheatre Square), Lucca's main thoroughfare - the Via Fillungo, and the Piazza Napoleone. Continue on to the Italian Riviera with its spectacular landscapes marked by rugged cliffs, turquoise coves and pastel seaside towns. Spend the remainder of your afternoon independently exploring the Riviera's delightful blend of beachside resorts and old world charm.

Hotel

Excelsior Palace Hotel
Rapallo

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: Portofino & Cinque Terre



Get your camera ready for fantastic photo opportunities as you board a boat* to glamorous Portofino, one of the most famous spots on the Riviera. Take in the town's colorful harbor, dotted with fishing boats and yachts set against a backdrop of pastel-colored buildings. Continue to the Cinque Terre and spend the day exploring its rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards. Travel by rail through this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Your Tour Manager is on hand to help plan the remainder of your day and make the most of your time here.

Hotel

Excelsior Palace Hotel
Rapallo

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 7: Italian Riviera - Lake Orta - Stresa



Depart the Italian Riviera for the lakes region. Visit Lake Orta and take a boat* to Isola di San Giulio. Stroll the grounds of this charming island with its working convent and experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort. End your day in Stresa, on the shores of Lago Maggiore.

Hotel

Grand Hotel Des Iles Borromees
Stresa

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 62°
Low 40°
Rain 4"

Day 8: Stresa



Today it's your choice! Cruise on scenic Lago Maggiore, passing small islands, elaborate villas and historic palaces before pausing to visit the town of Pallanza -OR- visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally-produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. This evening, a boat transports you to your farewell dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands.

Hotel

Grand Hotel Des Iles Borromees
Stresa

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 62°
Low 40°
Rain 4"

Day 9: Stresa - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.

Post Night: Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees



The Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees is situated in a park facing the beautiful Lake Maggiore with a view of the Borromee Islands and the surrounding Alps. The facade of the hotel is considered one of the best examples of the Belle Époque style in the region. All 175 guestrooms are equipped with all modern-day amenities.