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Day 1 | Ciao Rome



2025 marks a Jubilee Year, a momentous Roman Catholic event celebrated every 25 years, turning Rome into a centre of celebration between December 24, 2024, and December 31, 2025. As festivities unfold, itineraries may be adjusted to ensure you make the most of your time as you visit the Eternal

Indulge all your senses in the imperial city of Rome, your introduction to a memorable encounter with Italy that will have you returning for more. Spend your afternoon relaxing after your journey, or explore the ancient city streets before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Day 2 | Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City



Your encounter with Rome begins in the Holy See as we Dive Into Culture with a visit to the Vatican Museums in the company of a Local Specialist to admire the masterpieces that have been collected by Popes throughout the centuries. Gaining fast-track admission, you will admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Crossing the Tiber, you'll venture into Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus, once the site of thrilling chariot races, and visit the Colosseum. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Rome. Admire the spectacular palaces and piazzas, the Spanish Steps or the Trevi Fountain.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Piazzas and Fountains - Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic centre, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Roman Evening with Dinner - Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Roman Delights with Dinner - Tonight, relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine, soaking up Rome's unique atmosphere in a characteristic trattoria with drinks and music.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

Day 3 | Journey to the Floating City of Venice



This morning, you'll venture north through the valley of the Tiber into the green and golden landscapes of Umbria. Pass the hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto, travelling past Tuscany's terraced olive groves and across the Apennine Mountains, bound for Venice, the 'Oueen of the Adriatic'.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Gondolas & the Grand Canal - Join us for a breathtaking cruise by private water taxi along Venice's Grand Canal. You'll admire the magnificent palazzi, catching a glimpse of the Rialto Bridge and St. Mark's Square. Later on, you'll glide gracefully on a gondola along Venice's dreamy, narrow waterways. Adult: 93.00 EUR

Day 4 | Onwards to Verona



Cruise by private launch into the heart of Venice this morning, where you'll see the city's most celebrated sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the ornate Doge's Palace. Next, witness first-hand the intricate craft of glassblowing vour MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience helps to preserve this precious Venetian tradition for generations to come. Beyond their talent and skill, admire the exquisite pieces Venice is famous for, perhaps choosing to take one home as a souvenir to remind you of this special visit. Soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice before continuing to Verona, explore the home of Shakespeare's ill-fated lovers Romeo and Juliet.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Leopardi

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Venice's Secrets - Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll discover tucked away squares and back streets local Venetians use to side-step the tourist throng and give you a sense of authentic life on the island of Venice.

Adult: 50.00 EUR

Discover Verona - During a leisurely walking tour our Local Specialist will bring the elegant streets and piazzas of Verona to life. Highlights include views of the mighty arena, the intricately carved tombs of the powerful Scaligeri family and the medieval market place.

Adult: 38.00 EUR

Day 5 | Admire Pisa and on to Florence



Your first stop today is Pisa's UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles, where you will have the opportunity to view the Leaning Tower before travelling on to Florence. Explore the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Medici dynasty, whose penchant for beautiful art and architecture created one of the world's cultural centres. Tonight, enjoy a Be My Guest experience set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Grand Mediterraneo

Day 6 | All Roads Lead to Rome



We join a Local Specialist today to delve into the rich medieval and Renaissance history of Florence. Our sightseeing tour will take us to the Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. Wandering through the narrow streets we encounter the Multi-coloured marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, a spectacular feat of engineering from the Middle Ages that is today lined with jewellers. Our journey continues through Umbria to the valley of the Tiber River and back to Rome. Toast to a memorable holiday with newfound friends at dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Grand Tiberio

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia - Enjoy an insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, 'David'. We'll visit the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection, where you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of our Local Specialist.* Adult: 62.00 EUR

*The Accademia is not available on Mondays due to weekly closure day.

Discover Palazzo Vecchio - Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With your Local Specialist you'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred" dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello. Adult: 49.00 EUR

Day 7 | Farewell Rome



After breakfast, it's time to say a fond arrivederci to Rome, Italy and your travel companions as you return home with wonderful memories of this magnificent destination.

Meals: Breakfast