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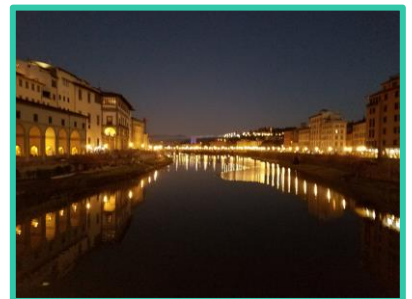
ITALY 2023



Siena – view from path



Trevi Fountain, Rome



Italy 2023 Itinerary

(subject to changes due to weather, local conditions, and traveler preferences)



Day 1 June 7 Depart for Naples

Day 2 June 8 Arrive Naples in late evening

Dinner included, overnight in Sorrento.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/rrohihi-hilton-sorrento-palace/>

Day 3 June 9 Amalfi Coast - Sorrento

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to visit the Amalfi coast for a guide tour of Amalfi and photo stop in Positano.

Free time for lunch (not included). At the end of the tour transfer back to your hotel in Sorrento.

Dinner included.

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Day 4 June 10 Sorrento - Capri

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure from the hotel with a bus to the Port of Naples where the group will embark for the amazing Island of Capri for a tour with a guide and a local Minibus.

Free time for lunch (not included)

In the afternoon, if the weather permits, time for a visit at the Blue Grotto (not included).

At designated time, transfer back by hydrofoil to the Port of Naples and return at the hotel by bus.

Dinner INCLUDED at the hotel, overnight in Sorrento.

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FD = Full Day guide

HD = Half day guide

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Day 5 June 11 Sorrento – Naples – Pompeii - Rome

After breakfast, check out and depart hotel for Rome. Before reaching Rome, we will have a guided tour through the Ruins of Ancient Pompeii.

Free time for lunch (not included)

At the end of the tour, continue to Rome, check in at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day free. (suggest Red Bus tour and late night exploring Rome).

Dinner INCLUDED at the hotel and overnight in Rome

<https://www.hotelforum.com/en/>

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Day 6 June 12 Rome – Baroque + Ancient Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning tour of Baroque Rome to see the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon (no entrance), and more.

Free time for lunch (not included)

In the afternoon, the tour will continue through Eternal City, with the visit to the Ancient Rome. We'll start with Colosseum, one of the most important monuments in Rome, then the tour will continue to the Roman Forum. At the end of the tour transfer back to the hotel.

Dinner INCLUDED at the hotel and overnight in Rome.

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Day 7 June 13 Rome – Vatican City – Siena

Breakfast at the hotel and Check out.

In the morning, transfer to the Vatican City Area for a visit to the **Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica**, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity + a visit to the **Sistine Chapel**.

Free time for lunch in ROME (not included)

After lunch depart for Siena, the city famed for the traditional Palio di Siena. Driving time approx. 3hrs.

Check in at the hotel . Dinner INCLUDED at the hotel and overnight in Siena

<https://www.montapertihotel.com/en/index>



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Day 8 June 14th Siena – San Gimignano

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning tour to learn the history of the city and explore.

After the tour, transfer in a local Winery in the area of San. Gimignano. Here you'll enjoy a soft lunch with a tasting of local wine if you wish (\$35 extra cost). In the afternoon, continue with the visit in San Gimignano then rest of the day is free.

Dinner INCLUDED at the hotel and overnight in Siena

<https://www.montapertihotel.com/en/index>



Day 9 June 15th Siena - Florence

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Drive to Florence and check in at the Farmhouse to visit the Farm and the cellars + enjoy wine tasting and appetizers. Relax, swim, have lunch, and enjoy the area until dinner and through the evening. Overnight outside Florence (farmhouse).

<https://fattorialavacchio.com/en/>



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Day 10 June 16th Florence

Breakfast at the hotel.

Our guide will help us discover this amazing city, cradle of the Renaissance, home to the Duomo with its famed Baptistry, Giotto's Tower, the Pitti Palace, Academia with Michaelangel's "David" sculpture, and the Uffizi Gallery with Italy's finest paintings. Free time for lunch (not included) and shopping then return to the Farmhouse for dinner.

<https://fattorialavacchio.com/en/>

Day 11 June 17th Florence – Lucca - Pisa

Breakfast at the hotel.



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In the morning, depart for a tour through the Tuscan countryside. We will visit Lucca with a guide, an enchanting Roman-style walled city, go to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa (no guide or entry included), the Baptistry, and the famous Piazza del Miracoli. Free time for lunch (not included) then return to the Farmhouse.

<https://fattorialavacchio.com/en/>

Day 12 June 18th Florence – Bologna - Venice

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.



Depart for Bologna and explore the City Centre on your own. If you wish, enjoy a cooking class with lunch or possible Vesta rental (not included). After lunch (not included), depart for Venice Mestre for the evening. <http://www.villafiorita.it/>

Day 13 June 19th Venice

Breakfast at the hotel.

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Leave Venice Mestre to the Tronchetto Bus Area to catch a water taxi to the Piazza San Marco. Our guide will walk us through the city and allow free time for lunch (not included). We will enjoy an afternoon boat tour to the island of Murano with both guided time and free time to search for the perfect Murano glass souvenir. Transfer back to Tronchetto and hotel. Dinner and overnight <http://www.villafiorita.it/>



Day 14 June 20th

Breakfast at the hotel then transfer to the airport for your flight home.



These wonderful hotels are reserved but availability is changing constantly. If better hotels become available (for no more cost), we may change.

COSTS – Land only (based on 25 people minimum)

The DOLLAR to Euro is strong right now. Whenever the full group is paid in full, we will lock in the euro-dollar exchange rate and cost..

Included: Airport transfers, guides where noted & escort throughout, transportation, breakfast & dinner (except Sorrento), hotels, activities & fees noted as included.

Excluded: Tips, flights, lunch, meals at airports, travel insurance, soft lunch at winery (E35), gondola ride in Venice (E250 per gondola, seats 5 travelers), Bologna cooking class & lunch (E70), Blue Grotto in Capri (E45), Murano lagoon tour (E35) dinners in Sorrento, luggage portorage, tips. **We will pay for these items before the trip. Tips are \$120 per person which will be paid before the trip.**

FLIGHTS – See website for flight details.

DEBBIE'S NOTES

The tour is through AIT. Though it isn't the cheapest available, we know that all the details will be well managed and we are not on our own. We will see most of Italy and hope to see the Milan area when we go to Switzerland in another year. This will be a full vacation with some educational value, not as intense or busy as our Holy Land tours. It will be warm and is at the start of the tourist season but it meets the schedule & interests of the majority of those who shared their desire to go to Italy. I won't be doing a lot of prep work with you but we'll talk about what to wear, pack. etc. **Andiamo!** (Let's go!)

NEXT STEPS

AIT will soon provide a registration form.

When you submit the form:

1. Get Debbie a check payable to America Israel Tours for the \$750 non-refundable deposit or for the full amount to hold the dollar cost OR
2. If you note on the form that you wish to pay by credit card, AIT will contact you to obtain your credit card information to pay either the deposit or the full amount.
3. Pray for our plans and travelers! We'll get together soon!