Impressions of Italy: The Amalfi Coast & Tuscany

ROME • SORRENTO • CHIANCIANO • MONTECATINI

PRE-TRIP OPTION:
4 nights in Rome, Italy

Day 1 / Depart U.S.

HOTEL Hotel Victoria or similar

INCLUDED TOURS Sorrento, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast

OPTIONAL TOUR Capri

Day 2 / Rome, Italy

HOTEL Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 3-7 / Sorrento

HOTEL Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto or similar

INCLUDED TOURS Sorrento, Pompeii, Amalfi Coast

OPTIONAL TOUR Capri

Day 8-10 / Chianciano

HOTEL Grand Hotel Le Fonti or similar

INCLUDED TOURS Montecassino Abbey, Pienza, Cortona

OPTIONAL TOUR Pisa

Day 11-15 / Montecatini

HOTEL Ercolini e Savi or similar

INCLUDED TOURS Siena, Montecatini, Florence, Vinci

OPTIONAL TOUR Pisa

Day 16 / Montecatini • Return to U.S.

POST-TRIP OPTION:
4 nights in Venice, Italy

IT'S INCLUDED

- Choose to purchase Grand Circle's airfare, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements
- Accommodations for 14 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- 25 meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 17 included features: 11 guided tours and 6 exclusive Discovery Series events: Olive oil mill visit • Home-Hosted Dinner • Italy & the Camorra discussion • Local cheesemaker visit • Tuscan vineyard visit • Italy’s Lucciole discussion
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)
- Gratuities on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next Grand Circle trip—an average of $249

16 Days from $5005 tour with airfare from Richmond

15 Days from $3595 tour Only

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size
- A maximum of 42 travelers, led by a local Program Director

Pacing
- 4 locations in 16 days, including 1 single-night stay in Rome

Physical Requirements
- Walk 2-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs
- Three days of this trip may require 3-4 miles of walking and 3-6 hours of optional physical activity
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
- Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, and public transportation that requires ability to stand up and hold handles while vehicle is in motion
- Public transportation including bus, train, boat, and funicular

Climate
- Daytime temperatures typically range from 55-95°F all year round
- May-August are the warmest months—temperatures in July and August may reach up to 105°F with high humidity
- November-April weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time, including snow in Chianciano and southern Tuscany from December-February

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 / Depart U.S.
Depart U.S. this evening for Rome, Italy.

Day 2 / Rome, Italy
You’ll be greeted at the airport by a Grand Circle representative who will assist you to your hotel where you’ll be joined by fellow travelers who took our optional pre-trip extension to Rome, Italy. Gather together with your Program Director, then enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.
D—Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 3 / Rome • Sorrento
After breakfast, set off for Sorrento.
EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
On the way to Sorrento, you’ll tour a local olive oil mill, then savor a light lunch and tasting of the extra virgin iconic Italian product.

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.
B,L,D—Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto or similar

Day 4 / Sorrento • School visit • Home-Hosted Dinner
This morning, get to know Sorrento during a walking tour. You’ll also have the chance to meet the region’s young residents at the Santa Maria della Pieta School (when in session), which receives contributions from Grand Circle Foundation.

Day 5 / Sorrento • Pompeii
Discover the ancient town of Pompeii on an included half-day excursion. Buried by an eruption from Mount Vesuvius centuries ago, the restored archaeological site offers a unique snapshot into ancient Roman life.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Later this afternoon, learn about the Camorra crime syndicate and their impact on the Campania region during an *Italy & the Camorra* discussion with a local expert.
B—Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto or similar

Day 6 / Sorrento • Amalfi Coast
After breakfast, depart for a full-day tour of the beautiful Costiera Amalfitana (Amalfi Coast), sure to be a highlight of your stay in Sorrento.
This evening, dinner will be on your own.
B,L—Grand Hotel Cesare Augusto or similar

Day 7 / Sorrento • Optional Isle of Capri tour
Make your own discoveries in Sorrento. Or join our optional tour to the beautiful Isle of Capri. This evening, dinner will be on your own.
B,L,D—Grand Hotel Excelsior or similar

Day 8 / Sorrento • Piana delle Orme museum • Chianciano
Say goodbye to Sorrento this morning, then travel to Tuscany. En route, stop at Piana delle Orme, a history museum set amidst the lush environs of an *agriturismo* landscape. Here, you’ll find exhibits about 20th century Italian history, including its role in World War II, rural civilian life, and agricultural innovations.
After an included lunch, continue your journey to the Tuscan town of Chianciano where you’ll check into your hotel and enjoy an included dinner there tonight.
B,L,D—Grand Hotel Excelsior or similar

Day 9 / Chianciano • Pienza & the Orcia Valley
This morning, you’ll visit Chianciano’s Etruscan Museum. Then explore the Renaissance village of Pienza and enjoy a scenic drive through the Orcia Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Next, visit a local cheesemaker to sample local fare during a light lunch.
Return to Chianciano for dinner on your own.
Your itinerary continued

B,L—Grand Hotel Excelsior or similar

Day 10 / Chianciano • Cortona
After breakfast, explore Cortona, one of Tuscany’s loveliest hillside villages, where you’ll have time for lunch on your own. Return to Chianciano, with the afternoon free for making your own discoveries.
Dinner is at a local restaurant this evening.
B,L—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 11 / Chianciano • Siena • Montecatini
After breakfast, check out of your hotel and head to the medieval walled city of Siena. A rich and powerful city during the Middle Ages, today’s Siena still retains much of its past glory. The 334-foot slender Italianate tower of the Town Hall soars from the rim of the Piazza del Campo, an inclined, central square that is one of the most beautiful in all of Italy.

During our excursion, you’ll have some free time to explore on your own before lunch at a local restaurant.

Afterwards, you’ll depart for Montecatini and arrive in time for an orientation walk. Dinner will be on your own.
B,L—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 12 / Montecatini
Today, explore the elegant Art Nouveau spa district, including a visit to Tettuccio Spa. Next, depart for Montecatini Alto—a beautifully preserved medieval city and the original settlement of Montecatini. After lunch on your own, descend back into the main part of town via funicular. Please note: The interior of Tettuccio Spa is not available during the months of November and December.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Stop at a local vineyard to see how Tuscany’s famous wine gets made, and then sample some local vintages for yourself during an included light buffet dinner and wine tasting.
B,D—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 13 / Montecatini • Florence
Explore legendary Florence today. After a morning walking tour, which includes a stop at the Basilica of Santa Croce, where Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo, and other historic figures are laid to rest, you’ll enjoy the afternoon on your own to find lunch and make your own discoveries. Tonight, return to Montecatini for dinner on your own.
B—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 14 / Montecatini • Optional Pisa tour
Enjoy a day of leisure today, making independent discoveries in Montecatini or simply unwinding at your hotel.

Or, join us on an optional tour to the city of Pisa—famous for so much more than its iconic Leaning Tower.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT
Early this evening, take part in a fascinating and controversial discussion of Italy’s lucciole (fireflies, an Italian term for prostitutes) and the effects of legalized prostitution on society.
B—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 15 / Montecatini • Vinci
Visit the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci today, including a trip to Museo Leonardiano, the museum of Leonardo da Vinci. Here you’ll admire its collection of da Vinci’s works, including drawings and models of his many inventions. Later, lunch and the rest of the afternoon is on your own.

Gather with your fellow travelers this evening for a Farewell Dinner.
B,D—Ercolini e Savi or similar

Day 16 / Montecatini • Return to U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or begin your post-trip extension in Venice, Italy.
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TAILOR YOUR VACATION WITH OUR OPTIONAL TOURS

Isle of Capri Day 7, $140 per person

Pisa Day 14, $145 per person

Optional tour prices include gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers, are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication, and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.

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YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.
Depart the U.S. this evening for Rome, Italy.

Day 2 • Rome, Italy
Upon arrival in Rome, you’ll be met at the airport and assisted to your hotel. Then, embark on an orientation walk of your new neighborhood. Later, enjoy a Welcome Briefing with your fellow travelers and Program Director at your hotel.

Dinner is on your own.
Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 3 • Rome
This morning you will discover the city of Rome on an included walking tour.
Lunch and the remainder of day is yours to discover Rome at your own pace. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant.
B,D—Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 4 • Rome • Optional Rome of the Caesars tour
The day is yours in Rome. This morning, join an optional half-day tour of the Rome of the Caesars, which takes you to the great ruins of the Roman Empire: the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. Please note: Due to limited space, this optional tour must be reserved at least 120 days prior to departure and cannot be booked onsite.
Optional tour: $95 per person
B—Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 5 • Rome • Optional Vatican Museums & St. Peter’s Basilica tour
Explore Rome at your own pace today. Or, join us for an optional tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter’s Basilica.
Optional tour: $110 per person
B—Hotel Victoria or similar

Day 6 • Rome • Optional Roman Ghetto & Trastevere tour
Continue your own discoveries today, enjoying an afternoon of independent exploration, with lunch and dinner on your own. Or, join an optional morning tour of the Roman Ghetto—the oldest Jewish settlement in Europe—and the bohemian neighborhood of Trastevere.
Early this evening, you’ll meet the travelers who arrived today and begin your Impressions of Italy: The Amalfi Coast & Tuscany vacation.
Optional tour: $ per person
B

This extension may not be available on all departures. Select departures feature similar accommodations. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details.

IT’S INCLUDED

• Accommodations for 4 nights
• 5 meals: 4 breakfasts and 1 dinner
• 1 included tour: Rome
• Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your extension and all optional tours
• Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director
• All transfers

FEATURING HOTEL

Hotel Victoria Superior First Class • Rome, Italy
Located in the heart of Rome overlooking the Villa Borghese Park, Hotel Victoria features indoor and outdoor pools, health club, and restaurant. Each air-conditioned room includes a TV, wireless Internet access, and refrigerator.

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YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 • Montecatini • Ferrara • Venice
Depart Montecatini today, stopping on your way to Venice in the medieval walled city of Ferrara. A local guide will take you on a walking tour, after which you’ll have time for independent exploration.

Upon arrival in Venice this afternoon, you’ll check into your hotel then join your fellow travelers for an orientation walk of the neighborhood. You can inquire at the Hospitality Desk for suggestions on where to enjoy dinner on your own this evening.
UNA Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 2 • Venice • Optional Twilight Dinner with Gondola Serenade
After breakfast, embark on a walking tour, visiting the famous Piazza San Marco (St. Mark’s Square). Enjoy the afternoon to make your own discoveries. This evening, join us for an optional Twilight Dinner with Gondola Serenade.
Optional tour: $125 per person
B—UNA Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 3 • Venice • Burano Island
After breakfast, join a full-day visit to the colorful fisherman’s island of Burano, where you’ll also visit a traditional lace maker. Lunch and dinner are on your own.
B—UNA Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 4 • Venice
Pursue your own interests in Venice. Or if you like, join your Hospitality Desk representative after breakfast this morning on an elective walking tour of “Hidden Venice,” seeing parts of the city most visitors pass by.
Lunch is on your own, and the rest of the day is yours for making more discoveries.
This evening, gather together with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner.
B,D—UNA Hotel Venezia or similar

Day 5 • Venice • Return to U.S.
After breakfast, you’ll transfer to the airport for your flight home.
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IT’S INCLUDED

• Accommodations for 4 nights
• 5 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 dinner
• 3 included tours: Ferrara, Venice, Burano
• Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers on your extension and all optional tours
• Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director
• All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL

UNA Hotel Venezia Superior First Class
• Venice Italy
Conveniently located near St. Mark’s Square, UNA Hotel Venezia features a café and laundry service. Each room includes a private bath with hair dryer, telephone, wireless Internet, refrigerator, coffee-making facilities, cable TV, safe, and minibar.

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DEPART FROM: 5/18/19
Richmond $1410

Deposit: $350 per person.
Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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