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## Italy A Fast Paced Tour For Time Crunched Travelers Milan, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Rome

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**CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR DATES – FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS –  
7-10 Day ITINERARY**

### Italy for the Time Crunched Traveler

#### 8 Day Itinerary: Venice, Florence, Pisa & Rome



**Arrival Day 1 Venice: Venice**

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**Arrival into Venice Airport. Private Transfer from Venice Airport to Venice Hotel** – On arrival at Venice Airport please collect your luggage and make your way through customs and into the Arrivals hall where the Assistant will await you with a sign with your name.

Your Transfer Assistant will accompany you to the awaiting vehicle to transfer you for a very short journey to the Airport Boat House. Transfer from Venice Airport Boat House to the Hotel will be by Private Water Taxi.

Check into Hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Venice's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

## Day 2 Venice: Venice & It's 3 Principle Islands



### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.**

**Today we will explore the three principle Islands of Venice as well as enjoying an Exclusive Tour of one of the oldest and most important glass factories on the Island of Murano ...**

From the hotels private landing stage we will head with our guide and private water taxi out to the three principle islands of Venice – Murano, Burano and Torcello. During our transfer to these islands we will enjoy a wonderful introduction to Venice from our guide. We will enjoy and explore all three of the islands, meeting here the local people and learning much about their way of life, their industries (primarily glass and lace), the effect the islands have on 'mainland Venice' and we will also have the possibility to visit some of the factories and places where the lace and glass are produced to learn more about these age old techniques.

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On Murano Island we will enjoy a special behind closed doors visit to the oldest and most important glass factory on the island and an introduction to the age old tradition of Glass Blowing.

Following the tour of the islands return with your guide and water taxi back to your hotel where tour began, or to St. Marks Square where your guide has some wonderful shopping and eating advice...(Tour duration: 4 hours)



Lunch and afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Venice on your own.

Meet your private English-speaking driver and local professional guide in the lobby of your hotel for a Pre dinner tour Exploring the Minor Canals of the St. Marks District of Venice in the true Venetian Way by Gondola...

Enjoy exploring some of the most beautiful corners of the St. Marks District in true Venetian style – by Gondola. This gentle cruise will introduce you to some of Venice's most beautiful minor canals. (ride duration 35 minutes)



**Dinner Reservation at the Bistrot de Venice Restaurant at 19.15– Payment for Dinner direct to Restaurant.**

This restaurant is very famous and the recipes are typical from the Venice Renaissance of the 14th century. The ingredients are simple, but very good. It is also an important meeting point for artists: sometimes they organize poetry or literature meetings or art and photography exhibits. There is a wide selection of Italian and regional wines. The atmosphere is cosy and comfortable but trendy, the service is very good.

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**Reservation:** required. Outside seating available from April to October for up to 60 people

**Average price per person:** Euro 60 (without beverage) Accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express

**Closed:** Never (open until 1:00am during weekend)

**Air conditioning:** yes

**Speciality:** Fennel soup with gooseberries and pine nuts; Venetian classic risotto with baked quail; ravioli with ricotta cheese, almonds, herbs and spices; handmade pumpkin and cheese gnocchi in a spiced lamb ragù sauce; baked sturgeon with grapes and prunes in a sweet and sour sauce.

## Day 2 Venice: Venice - Florence

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast, you will take a Private Water Taxi Transfer from Venice Hotel to train station** – the Assistant will await you in the Hotel Lobby

Train tickets from Venice to Florence (second class and seat reservation). On arrival in Florence enjoy a sedan transfer to your hotel..

Check into hotel

After your check-in, meet your private English-speaking professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.

**Discovering Florence the Segway – way...** Enjoy gliding through the timeless streets of the Renaissance Pearl that is Florence and discover all her wonders on the coolest ride of the 21st century! As you glide through the streets and piazzas of Florence you will discuss the ideas of the Renaissance, the lives of many famous artists, the Medici family who showered Florence with countless masterpieces, and how life changed forever during this epic period of the history of Florence.

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You will discover lesser known attractions that reflect the complex and rich history of this city, granting you with an intimate experience of Florence. Your expert guides, majored in Art, History and Languages, they will delight you with their never-ending knowledge and brilliant anecdotes. The tours start from Segway Office located in **Via Dei Cimatori 9 Red**, at 3,00 pm. We will provide you with a set of headphones so you can comfortably listen to your guide. (tour duration 3 hours)



The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Venice's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

## Day 4 Venice: Venice & Pisa

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking Driver/Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour.**

**Enjoy a wonderful introduction to the famous town of Pisa with Local Expert Driver/Guide**  
– This half day tour with your Local Expert Driver/guide will take you west from Florence and

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through the Northern Tuscan Hills out to the coast to the famous town of Pisa. During the journey your Local Expert Driver/guide will not only give you a wonderful introduction to the region of Tuscany itself and the Northern Tuscan towns but also give you some great information on Pisa, its people, its highlights, the changes here during the years and its most famous landmarks. The most famous landmark of Pisa is the Leaning Tower – this can be found in the Square of Miracles along with the Duomo and Baptistery : enjoy these at leisure on own before returning to Florence. (Tour Duration: 4 hours)

**Please Note:** A Driver Guide is a single person with a double role during your touring experience. He/she is as Professional Chauffeur and Tour Manager, as well as being a knowledgeable local expert who can give you an introduction to the area you are driving through, its culture, people, towns, food and wine etc. He/she is not a guide licensed to give explanations on the interior of museums, churches or monuments.

**You will be returned to your hotel with time at leisure to enjoy Florence on your own or relax in the hotel.**

**At 4,00 pm Reservation at Accademia Gallery** – We will access the museum via a separate entrance for those with reservations

The Academy of Fine Arts, founded in 1563, was the first school established in Europe specifically to teach the techniques of drawing, painting and sculpture. The art collection displayed here was formed in 1784 with the aim of providing material for students to study and copy. The most famous work on display is Michelangelo's David (1504), a colossal nude of the biblical hero who killed the giant Goliath. Other masterpieces here include the Quattro Prigioni sculpted between 1521 and 1523 and intended to adorn the tomb of Pope Julius II.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

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## Day 5 Venice: Venice & Pisa

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel. Meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer. Private sedan transfer with English Speaking driver

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from Florence hotel to Florence train station. Train tickets from Florence to Rome (first class and seat reservation).

**On arrival in Rome**, meet your private English-speaking driver in the station for a private sedan transfer to your hotel. The most leisurely way to transfer from Florence to Rome

Check into hotel.

After your check-in and you are settled, you will meet your private English-speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel for a 2 hour bike rental in Rome so you can explore the lesser known areas of Rome.



The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore on your own.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Venice's restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes' recommended restaurant collection.

## Day 6 Venice: Venice & Vatican City

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast**, take a taxi to Vatican City. You will meet your private English-speaking professional local guide in the entrance for a very special tour.

This morning we will enjoy a very special introduction to the Vatican City and its amazing history, highlights and hidden gems with our local expert guide....

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Our Vatican experience will take us on the most amazing journey through the Vatican Museums, our entrances into which have been prearranged, and into the most beautiful and famous chapels in the world, the Sistine Chapel.

As we stroll through these amazing buildings we will not only learn about the beginning, the construction, the way of life of the locals here and the amazing power that this tiny state holds but also about the effect it has on and the relationship with neighbouring Italy.

From the Sistine Chapel, along with our local expert guide we will continue our ‘voyage through the Vatican’ by entering the ever majestic Basilica of St. Peters and discovering the secrets of one of the worlds most beautiful Basilica’s before heading out into the Piazza to discover one of the Vatican city’s most magical places.... (tour duration: 3 Hours) – taxi from/to Vatican not included

**Important: entrances to Vatican are ON REQUEST and can be confirmed only TWO months prior to tour.**



Lunch is on your own.

The remainder of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy Rome on your own or relax in your hotel.

**Dinner at leisure in one of Venice’s restaurants** – see Celebration Escapes’ recommended restaurant collection.

## Day 7 Venice: Venice

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast**, you will have a full Day completely at leisure to enjoy Rome on your own, pamper yourself with a spa day, or just relax in the hotel.

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## Day 8 Venice: Venice - US & Home

### Breakfast in the Hotel

**After breakfast**, meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of your hotel for a Private transfer from Rome hotel to Rome airport for your departure flight. Pick up from the hotel will be 3 hours before departure time



**Buon Viaggio!**

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**Optional Recommended Excursions: To add to the itinerary for a longer stay or to replace items in the itinerary with another option.**

### Private Art Visits in Florence

- A private art tour is a unique experience you will never forget. With an entire gallery at your disposal, a private guide will help you appreciate the most important treasures before you. Enjoy the opportunity to arrange exclusive private tours of the Vasarian Corridor, the Accademia Gallery and the Uffizi Gallery.

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- Along the Arno River above the Ponte Vecchio, between the Palazzo Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti sits the Vasarian Corridor, a passageway commissioned from Giorgio Vasari by Cosimo I to celebrate his son's marriage. Over 700 paintings of the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as an impressive collection of self-portraits from master painters, grace this unique Florentine gallery that features magnificent views of the city.
- Enjoy an incredible private tour of the Accademia dell'Arte gallery, renowned for its collection of sculptures by Michelangelo, including "The Prisoners," "St. Mathew" and, most importantly, the original statue of "David." Transferred from the Piazza della Signoria in 1873 to a specially designed tribune, marvel at this masterpiece in utter privacy.
- Visit the magnificent Uffizi gallery in a special and exclusive private tour. You and your guide will be alone in the gallery to discover the works that are present here. As one of the most famous museums of paintings and sculpture in the world, its collection of primitive and Renaissance paintings comprises several of the most universally acclaimed masterpieces of all time, including works by Giotto, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo and Caravaggio.

## **Exclusive Wine Experiences at the Bocelli Winery and Varramista Estate**

- Journey to the Tuscan countryside for a day trip celebrating Italian history and wine. Dating back thousands of years, the ancient city of Volterra was a powerful center during Etruscan times and its city walls and barren ravines, believed to be mining cuts, still exist. In nearby Volterra stands the winery of the tenor Andrea Bocelli's family, where you will have an opportunity to taste their crisp, white wines. Endless fields of bright sunflowers will greet you at the entrance of the Varramista estate, where nature and passion, culture and quality form a refined blend to provide fine olive oil, wines and other products for sampling and purchase.

## **Shopping with Tina Ferragamo**

- Explore Florence's finest shops and boutiques with Tini Ferragamo, the wife of the Tuscan winemaker, Salvatore Ferragamo, who is the grandson of the famed Italian fashion designer. By private car, depart the hotel for a morning shopping excursion, before venturing to a 15th century palazzo for a farm-to-table lunch at Cantinetta Antori. Afterwards, receive extraordinary access to the Ferragamo Museum and Store, featuring over 10,000 models from the footwear selection. Conclude your day with signature Bellinis from Harry's Bar.

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- Alternatively, experience a day of shopping outside of the city with Mrs. Ferragamo. Venture to Tuscany to the family-owned Il Borro estate in Arezzo, where artisanal shops in the nearby village offer exquisite, one-of-a-kind pieces. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour of Il Borro Winery, then be taken to Montevarchi to visit the only Prada outlet in Italy. Conclude your day by returning to Florence and sharing a drink at the Grand Hotel.

### Mask-Making Course in Venice

- Engage in a magical Venetian experience with a private mask-making course in Venice. Be transported to an antique Venetian mask studio, where you will choose from a selection of Carnevale masks from Venetian daily life, the theatre or modern times, to decorate. Your mask maker will explain the meaning of each one and share different coloring techniques before helping you craft your creation, which you will bring home at the end of the day.

### Guggenheim Collection Private Tour

With unsurpassed views of the Grand Canal, be accompanied by an art expert on an exclusive private visit to Venice's legendary Peggy Guggenheim collection housed in the magnificent Palazzo Venier dei Leoni. A sanctuary of 20th century art, Guggenheim was an early champion of cubist and abstract expressionism at a time when it was not collected in Europe, and notoriously purchased one painting a day on a collecting spree in 1939. Her signature museum features important early works by Pablo Picasso, Max Ernst and Jackson Pollock.

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