



PERSONALLY CURATED SMALL GROUP & PRIVATE JOURNEYS

EUROPE 2017|18



ULTIMO

9 Days

The Ultimo tour is designed to enrich your senses, encompassing remarkable handpicked locations across 8 exhilarating nights, venturing along both the iconic and less-trodden paths to give you a richer, more authentic experience. Immerse yourself in Italy's iconic cultural treasures, indulge in the finest wines of Tuscany's vineyards and explore the historical ruins of an ancient world. Incorporating access to famous sites, leisure time to satisfy your adventurous spirit, deluxe transport and quality 4 and 5 star hotels, the Ultimo tour is an experience to be savoured.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- > Visit 'must see' Italian cities of Rome, Florence, and Venice with selected Tuscan towns.
- > 8 nights in exquisite 4 and 5 star hotels.
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L), 1 dinner (D).
- > Guided sightseeing in Rome, Siena, Florence and Venice.
- > Guided tour of the Accademia Gallery.
- > Lunch at a Tuscan winery.
- > Wine tastings in Tuscany's renowned wine regions of Montepulciano and Montalcino.
- > Entrance fees to Colosseum, Roman Forum, Accademia Gallery, St. Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace.
- > Deluxe transport.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.

DAY 1 Rome

Bienvenuto! Welcome to historic Rome, Italy's capital and the epicentre of the ancient world and the idyllic starting point for the Ultimo tour. Upon arrival, relax as we transfer you to your sensational hotel. Here, freshen up and enjoy the remainder of the day and evening to stroll to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain or absorb the energy of Rome's nightlife.

Overnight: Hotel Splendide Royal 5 star or similar

DAY 2 Rome (B)

Enjoy a private morning tour of ancient Rome including the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill. Our guide will meet you in the hotel and we shall proceed as a local using public transport.

The afternoon is at your leisure, giving you the enticing options of exploring St Peter's and the Sistine Chapel, strolling the gorgeous canopies of the Villa Borghese gardens or shopping on Via Del Corso.

Overnight: Hotel Splendide Royal or similar

DAY 3 Rome – Montepulciano – Tuscan retreat (B, L)

Depart Rome and head North into Tuscany. Visit the charming town of Montepulciano, built on a sloping and narrow limestone ridge with one of the most impressive main piazzas in Tuscany, before indulging in lunch paired with wine tasting. Afterward, continue to our Tuscan retreat to freshen up and relax or perhaps partake in an optional Tuscan cooking class to learn the culinary secrets of the region.

Overnight: Castel Monastero Resort & Spa 5 star or similar

DAY 4 Tuscan retreat – Siena – Montalcino – Tuscan retreat (B)

Transfer to Siena for a guided morning tour of one of Italy's most enchanting cities. While Florence saw its greatest flourishing during the Renaissance, Siena's artistic glories are earlier and Gothic. The medieval centre bristles with majestic buildings, such as the Palazzo Comunale in il Campo (the main square), while its plethora of churches and small museums harbour a wealth of artwork. Enjoy time for an independent lunch and stroll around before continuing to the Montalcino region (famous home of Italy's Brunello di Montalcino wine) for a tasting at a popular vineyard.

Overnight: Castel Monastero Resort & Spa or similar



Tour offered in reverse direction

PRIVATE JOURNEY

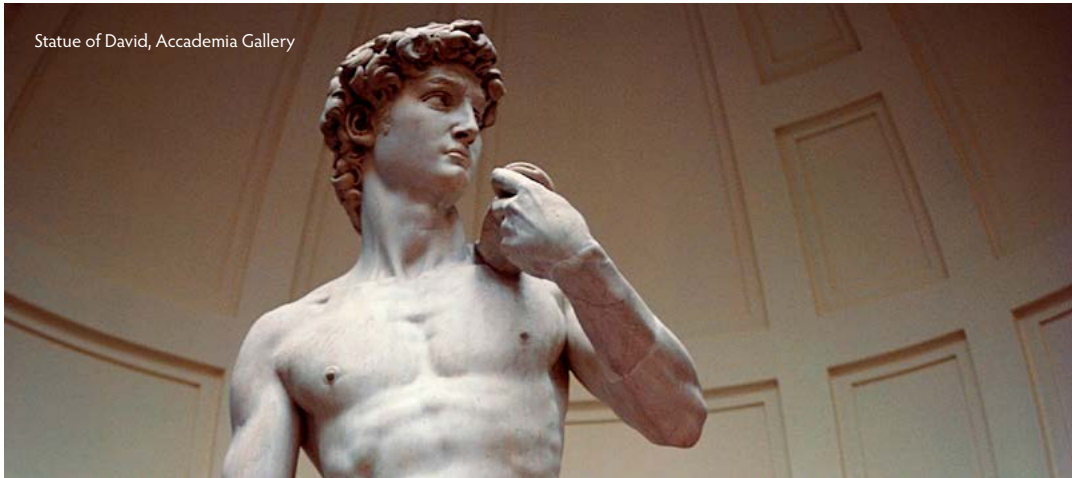
This tour may be taken any time as a private journey.



Montalcino, Tuscany



Statue of David, Accademia Gallery



Venice



DAY 5 Tuscan retreat – San Gimignano – Florence (B, D)

Travel through the stunning Chianti countryside to San Gimignano, famous for its medieval architecture and surviving 13th century towers, which, with its hilltop setting and encircling walls, form an unforgettable skyline. Enjoy time to climb the towers and relax in San Gimignano's quaint Piazzas before continuing to Florence. On arrival, have time to freshen up with an afternoon to enjoy at your leisure before enjoying a magnificent dinner.

Overnight: Hotel Brunelleschi 4 star or similar

DAY 6 Florence (B)

This morning, meet your local guide to enjoy a wonderful walking tour of Florence. Along the way, you'll discover the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Giotto's Campanile, the Baptistery with the Gates of Paradise and the Accademia Gallery, that houses Michelangelo's masterpiece – the Statue of David – as well as his 'Unfinished Prisoners'. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to perhaps visit the Uffizi Gallery – which hosts some of the most important works of Italian and Florentine artists. Alternatively, indulge in Florence's fantastic shopping including its reputable leather goods, central market and world famous gelato boutiques.

Overnight: Hotel Brunelleschi or similar

DAY 7 Florence – Venice (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure for last minute shopping or sightseeing possibilities. In the early afternoon, step aboard the 2-hour fast train to Venice, an amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed city, built on 118 islands with 150 canals and 400 bridges! Check into your wonderful hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Overnight: Palace Bonvecchiati 4 star or similar

DAY 8 Venice (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a morning guided tour of Venice including the Rialto Bridge, the Grand Canal, the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Basilica and entry into the Doge's Palace to witness legendary paintings by Tintoretto, Veronese and Bosch.

The afternoon and evening are at your leisure to explore the winding canals, enjoy an iconic gondola ride or browse the city's artistic glass, leather goods, antiques and jewellery stores.

Overnight: Palace Bonvecchiati or similar

DAY 9 Venice (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your ongoing journey.

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