



"ITALY IS A DREAM THAT KEEPS RETURNING
FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE."

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Highlights of Italy (North)

12 DAYS

Delivering the perfect blend of Italy's finest mainland attractions, Highlights of Italy (North) features the vibrancy of its iconic cities, the tranquillity of the Lake District, the beauty of the Riviera and the splendour of Tuscany's winding roads, hilltop towns and vineyards. The tour offers a delicious blend of popular sites, secret treasures and unforgettable experiences. From cruising Lake Como, absorbing the breath-taking views of Cinque Terre or wine tasting in Montalcino, every day will be an absolute highlight.



Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Experience Italy's northern 'must see' cities, the Lake District, Cinque Terre and Tuscan villages.
- > 11 nights in exquisite 4 and 5-star hotels.
- > 11 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D).
- > Guided sightseeing of Venice, Lake Como, Milan, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Siena and Florence.
- > Lunch in Cinque Terre at a stunning seaside restaurant.
- > Visit a cheese farm for a tour and tasting near Pienza.
- > Lunch and wine tasting at a renowned winery in Montalcino.
- > Entrance to Doge's Palace, Saint Mark's Basilica rooftop, Villa Carlotta, Milan Cathedral, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Siena Cathedral and its Piccolomini Library and Accademia Gallery.
- > Visit 7 UNESCO World Heritage Listed sites including Venice, Verona, Cinque Terre, the Piazza dei Miracoli Pisa, Siena, Pienza and Florence.
- > Deluxe VIP transport including boat excursions in Lake Como and Cinque Terre.
- > Arrival transfer on the first day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

TOUR FOCUS



Natural
Beauty



Art &
Architecture



Towns &
Villages



Bellagio, Lake Como

DAY 1 Venice

Welcome to magnificent Venice! Upon arrival, transfer to your spectacular hotel before spending the rest of the day absorbing the breath-taking views of this amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed city.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Sina Centurion Palace 5-star or similar

DAY 2 Venice (B, L)

Enjoying a morning walking tour of the main Venetian sites including Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs, Piazza San Marco, Saint Mark's Basilica and the Rialto Bridge, followed by a welcome lunch.

The afternoon and evening are free to explore at leisure. Perhaps stroll the maze of alleyways and iconic canals, experience a gondola ride or visit Murano's renowned glass factories.

DAY 3 Venice – Verona – Lake Como (B)

Depart Venice for the historic fortified town of Verona, recognised with a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for its preserved architecture over 2000 years and Romeo and Juliet's balcony. Enjoy time for independent exploration before continuing to Lake Como, renowned for its picturesque natural beauty and spectacular mountain scenery. The evening is yours to relax and enjoy your stunning luxury lake-side hotel.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Grand Hotel Victoria Concept & Spa 5-star or similar



Cinque Terre



Arno River & Ponte Vecchio at night, Florence



Tuscany

DAY 4 Lake Como (B)

Enjoy a morning guided exploration of Lake Como commencing with its most famous residence, Villa Carlotta. The 17th century villa features luxurious interiors and an exquisite 17-acre garden decorated with sculptures, stairs, fountains and over 500 species of plants. Continue to Bellagio, often described as the most beautiful village in Italy for its spectacular mid-lake location, promenade planted with oleanders and lime trees, hotels decorated with shades of peach and cream and the towns cobbled alleyways. The rest of the day is at your leisure to perhaps visit the village of Varenna or Bellagio's Villa Melzi D'Eri.

DAY 5 Lake Como – Milan – Santa Margherita (B)

Depart Lake Como for bustling Milan for a short orientation guided tour that includes Piazza del Duomo, Milan's Cathedral, the stunning Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery and the streets of Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga in Milan's upscale fashion district. Afterwards, enjoy time for an independent lunch before continuing to the idyllic Italian Riviera town of Santa Margherita for a 3-night stay in an amazing luxury seaside hotel.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Grand Hotel Miramare 5-star or similar

DAY 6 Santa Margherita – Cinque Terre – Santa Margherita (B, L)

Experience the picturesque Cinque Terre by boat, train and on foot with our local guide. These stunning villages with their colourful houses, narrow streets and miniature squares, cling to the rugged Riviera coastline and are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The day includes an organised lunch in Vernazza with a wonderful seaside view.



Dine at Vernazza's famed Belforte Restaurant in an 11th century castle serving delicious seafood with magnificent views overlooking the sea.

DAY 7 Santa Margherita (B)

Today you have the entire day to enjoy at your leisure. Return to Cinque Terre to walk between the towns; venture along the Riviera to Portofino, renowned for its picturesque harbour and boutique shops; hike in Portofino National Park; or simply relax in beautiful Santa Margherita.

DAY 8 Santa Margherita – Pisa – Lucca – Tuscan retreat (B)

Depart for a quick visit of Pisa's Piazza del Duomo and Leaning Tower before continuing to the enchanting town of Lucca, famous for its historic centre and medieval towers. Enjoy a guided orientation sightseeing tour before continuing to your magnificent Tuscan retreat.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Castel Monastero Resort 5-star or similar

DAY 9 Tuscan retreat – Pienza – Montalcino – Tuscan retreat (B, L)

Today enjoy an excursion to Pienza and Montalcino travelling through the beautiful Tuscan countryside, recognised with a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for its cultural landscape. Commence with a cheese tasting and tour of a local cheese farm. Continue to Pienza, one of Tuscany's most picturesque villages with time to stroll its charming streets.

Finish with a visit to Montalcino, famed for its vineyards that produce Italy's most prestigious Brunello di Montalcino wine. Here, indulge in a lunch and tasting at a renowned winery before returning to your amazing hotel to relax and enjoy this magnificent countryside retreat.

DAY 10 Tuscan retreat – Siena – Florence (B)

Depart for Siena for a guided tour of the old town, famous for its cuisine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio, a famous horse race held twice a year. Visit the main sites including Siena Cathedral and the amazing frescoes in the Piccolomini Library, the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the Palazzo Pubblico and the Torre del Mangia. Afterward, continue to Florence to freshen up and enjoy an evening at leisure.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Hotel L'Orologio Florence 4-star or similar

DAY 11 Florence (B, D)

Delight in a guided walking tour of Florence, a paradise for art lovers and a tribute to the Renaissance. Visit the main sites including the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, Piazza Signoria, the Baptistery, Giotto's bell tower, the Basilica of San Lorenzo and Accademia Gallery. Afterwards, you have the afternoon to take advantage of Florence's famous shopping including its leather goods, artwork and antiques, before regrouping for a special closing tour dinner.



For an unforgettable evening, dine at the exclusive 5-star SE-STO Restaurant with magnificent views over Florence.

Order from the a la carte menu as you please.

Departures and Pricing

2024			2025		
STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*	STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*
Venice	Florence	Twin Share per person	Venice	Florence	Twin Share per person
7-May-24	18-May-24	\$10,990	6-May-25	17-May-25	\$11,590
11-Jun-24	22-Jun-24	\$10,990	10-Jun-25	21-Jun-25	\$11,590
2-Jul-24	13-Jul-24	\$10,990	1-Jul-25	12-Jul-25	\$11,590
30-Jul-24	10-Aug-24	\$10,990	29-Jul-25	9-Aug-25	\$11,590
10-Sep-24	21-Sep-24	\$10,990	9-Sep-25	20-Sep-25	\$11,590
24-Sep-24	5-Oct-24	\$10,990	23-Sep-25	4-Oct-25	\$11,590
Single Supplement		\$5,600	Single Supplement		\$5,800

* All prices are listed in AUD. Prices in other currencies are available on our website.

DAY 12 Florence (B)

If you are not extending your stay with us in Florence, Umbria or Rome, or joining us for a back-to-back tour experience in the Amalfi Coast or Puglia, your tour ends on hotel check-out.



GRAND HOTEL MIRAMARE

SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

STAY 3 NIGHTS

- > An exquisite 5-star property with origins to 1903. Its iconic white façade, classic interiors, stunning location with panoramic seaside views and perfectly manicured gardens makes for a luxuriously and comfortable seaside stay.
- > One of the most luxurious hotel properties in Santa Margherita and the entire Italian Riviera.



A Beautiful Croatia and Highlights of Italy (North)



B Highlights of Italy (North) and Naples & The Amalfi Coast

Extend your stay

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- A Beautiful Croatia** Small Group Journey (11 Days)
 - > Complement Italy with a popular pre-tour through Croatia with our Beautiful Croatia Small Group Journey.
 - > Covering the full length of Croatia including Dubrovnik, Hvar, Split, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Istria including Rovinj.

Priced from \$7,690 pp. Explore more on page 43.

Emilia-Romagna Regional Discovery (6 Days)

- > Continue for a gastronomy adventure into Emilia-Romagna to visit producers of Italy's most important foods such as prosciutto, Modena balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese. Also visit Antica Corte Pallavicina for a Michelin star lunch.
- > The region also boasts the medieval towns of Bologna and Ravenna that played significant roles in Italy's history.

Priced from \$5,245 pp. Explore more on page 67.

POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Rome City Break (5 Days)

- > Extend your stay with a post-tour option to explore Rome's Colosseum, St Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel.
- > Enjoy a day trip to Pompeii with lunch on a charming farmstead.

Priced from \$3,495 pp. Explore more on page 70.

B Naples & The Amalfi Coast

Small Group Journey (7 Days)

- > Continue your discovery into the south to experience Italy's historic capital Rome, ancient Pompeii, the breath-taking beauty of the Amalfi Coast and Caserta's Royal Palace.
- > Enjoy lunch at a local farmstead and in the clifftop town of Ravello, visit Capri and taste the famous local speciality 'Limoncello' at a lemon grove.

Priced from \$5,890 pp. Explore more on page 19.