

"WE TRAVEL NOT TO ESCAPE LIFE, BUT FOR LIFE
NOT TO ESCAPE US."

ANONYMOUS



Classic Italy

9 DAYS

Classic Italy is the perfect introduction to the country's main attractions while retaining a sense of independent discovery with leisure time to satisfy your adventurous spirit. Capture the highlights of the must-see cities of Rome, Florence and Venice plus select villages in the Tuscan countryside. Over the journey, immerse yourself in Italy's iconic cultural treasures, indulge in the wines of a Tuscan vineyard and explore the historical ruins of an ancient world.



Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Visit 'must see' Italian cities of Rome, Florence and Venice with select Tuscan towns.
- > 8 nights in exquisite 4-star hotels.
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L).
- > Guided sightseeing in Rome, Florence, Siena and Venice.
- > Early morning access to the Sistine Chapel including a special breakfast in the Vatican Museum.
- > Guided tour of the Accademia Gallery.
- > Lunch and wine tasting at a Tuscan winery.
- > Entrance to the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon, Vatican Museum, Accademia Gallery, Siena Cathedral, Saint Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace.
- > Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Listed Sites in historic Rome, Siena, San Gimignano, Florence and Venice.
- > Deluxe VIP transport and premium class trains.
- > Arrival transfer on first day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

TOUR FOCUS



Archaeological
Sites



Art &
Architecture



Spanish Steps, Rome



Colosseum, Rome



Tuscany



View of piazza San Marco, Doge's Palace, Venice

DAY 1 Rome

Benvenuto! Welcome to historic Rome, Italy's capital, the epicentre of the ancient world and the idyllic starting point for your Classic Italy tour. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel to freshen up and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to perhaps stroll to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Hotel Stendhal 4-star or similar

DAY 2 Rome (B)

Enjoy a private tour of ancient Rome including the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and the Pantheon. The afternoon is at your leisure. Options include visiting the many great Piazza's of Rome including Campo de' Fiori, Piazza Navona and Piazza del Popolo.

DAY 3 Rome (B)

Today, enjoy an early morning guided tour of the Vatican Museum that includes a unique breakfast experience and special access to the Sistine Chapel, prior to the public opening and crowds. Afterward, visit St Peter's Basilica. The afternoon is available to continue your exploration of Rome. Options include lunch in the delightful Trastevere neighbourhood or shopping on Via Del Corso.

DAY 4 Rome – Florence (B, L)

Transfer to Rome train station for the fast train to Florence. On arrival, you will be met by our local Florence guide to escort you to the hotel before enjoying lunch at a trattoria. Afterward, embark on a wonderful walking tour of Florence to discover the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Giotto's Campanile, the Baptistry with the Gates of Paradise and the Accademia Gallery, that houses Michelangelo's masterpiece – the Statue of David – as well as his 'Unfinished Prisoners'.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Hotel L'Orologio, Florence 4-star or similar

DAY 5 Florence (B)

Enjoy the entire day to explore Florence at your leisure. Options include shopping at the famed Florence leather markets, a visit to the Uffizi Gallery or just stroll the pedestrian friendly streets to soak up Florence's delightful atmosphere.

DAY 6 Florence – Siena – San Gimignano – Florence (B, L)

Visit 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 began earlier and are Gothic inspired. The medieval centre bristles with majestic buildings, such as the Palazzo Pubblico, while its plethora of churches and small museums harbour a wealth of artwork. Afterward, continue to a San Gimignano winery for lunch and wine tasting followed by time to stroll the village, famous for its medieval architecture, surviving 13th century towers, hilltop setting and encircling walls. Enjoy time to climb the towers and relax in its quaint Piazzas before returning to Florence.

DAY 7 Florence – Venice (B)

Step aboard a mid-morning fast train to Venice, an amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed city, built on 118 islands with 150 canals and 400 bridges! On arrival, transfer to your wonderful hotel in time to enjoy an independent lunch and the rest of the day at leisure to explore the winding canals.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Splendid Venice – Starhotels Collezione 4-star or similar

DAY 8 Venice (B)

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. Enjoy an iconic gondola ride, browse the city's artistic glass, leather goods, antiques and jewellery stores or take an excursion to the islands of Murano and Burano to marvel at the work of master craftsmen.

DAY 9 Venice (B)

Guests not extending your stay with us on another back-to-back tour experience, or a privately tailored itinerary will complete their tour on hotel check-out.

Departures and Pricing

2024			2025		
STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*	STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*
Rome	Venice	Twin Share per person	Rome	Venice	Twin Share per person
27-Apr-24	5-May-24	\$5,690	26-Apr-25	4-May-25	\$5,990
1-Jun-24	9-Jun-24	\$5,690	31-May-25	8-Jun-25	\$5,990
20-Jul-24	28-Jul-24	\$5,690	19-Jul-25	27-Jul-25	\$5,990
14-Sep-24	22-Sep-24	\$5,690	13-Sep-25	21-Sep-25	\$5,990
Single Supplement		\$2,900	Single Supplement		\$3,000

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



SPLENDID VENICE – STARHOTELS COLLEZIONE VENICE

STAY **2** NIGHTS

- > This 16th century Inn has been transformed into an elegantly styled hotel that defies its star rating and now forms part of the Star Hotels Collection of properties.
- > The hotel is ideally located between the Rialto Bridge and St Mark's and boasts a roof deck with views over Venice's rooftops and bell towers, a restaurant, lounge bar and library.



Extend your stay

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Naples & The Amalfi Coast Private Journey (7 Days)

- > Complement your Classic Italy tour with a pre-tour private journey extension to the Amalfi Coast, tailored from our Naples & The Amalfi Coast tour.
- > Absorb the breath-taking views from the Amalfi Coast towns of Positano, Ravello, Sorrento, Amalfi, Capri and Naples.

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

Enchanting Puglia Small Group Journey (9 Days)

- > Stay in the Trulli houses of Alberobello and the caves of Matera, each recognised with a UNESCO World Heritage Listing.
- > Discover the ancient Roman city of Lecce, featuring baroque architecture and dubbed the Florence of the South.

Priced from \$6,290 pp. Explore more on page 23.

POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

A Slovenia Discovery Small Group Journey (8 Days)

- > Combine your Classic Italy tour with the Slovenia Discovery Small Group Journey with 2 intervening nights, recommended in Trieste.
- > The complete Slovenian experience: Ljubljana, Lake Bled, Štajerska wine region, castles, caves and the picturesque Adriatic coast.

Priced from \$5,990 pp. Explore more on page 47.

Lake Como Regional Discovery (5 Days)

- > Relax in one of Europe's most popular retreats for aristocrats and the wealthy since Roman times with its prestigious villas and villages.
- > Discover the lakeside villages such as Como, Cernobbio and Bellagio; visit the exquisite Villa Carlotta; enjoy excursions to Lake Iseo and Lake Maggiore including Isola Bella's Borromeo Palace; and cruise the crystal waters surrounded by panoramic mountains.

Priced from \$5,534 pp. Explore more on page 64.