

Portrait of Italy from the Amalfi Coast to Venice

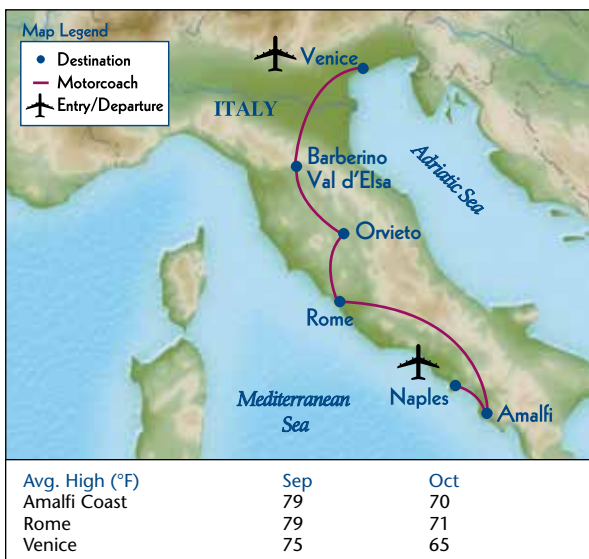
16 days for \$5,274 total price from Detroit

(\$4,795 air & land inclusive plus \$479 airline taxes and fees)

From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this wide-ranging tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art, and beautiful natural scenery. You'll especially appreciate the small size of your group as you stay in unique accommodations in the Tuscan countryside and in a medieval village.



We spend three nights on the stunning Amalfi Coast, with its sheer cliffs, turquoise seas, and classic Mediterranean landscape.



Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Stunning Amalfi Coast • Ruins at Pompeii • Amalfi Coast cruise • Rome sightseeing, including St. Peter's Square, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, Forum • Pastoral Umbria, the "green heart" of Italy • Italian cooking demonstration • Visit to the walled city of Assisi • Comprehensive Tuscany sightseeing: San Gimignano, Siena, Florence • Local wine tasting • Timeless Venice • Three-night stays in intimate small hotels in Amalfi, Tuscany, and Umbria

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Naples		
2-4	Amalfi	Hotel San Francesco	First Class
5-7	Rome	Empire Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
8-10	Orvieto (Umbria)	Grand Hotel Italia	First Class
11-13	Barberino Val d'Elsa (Tuscany)	Villa San Filippo	First Class
14-15	Venice	Carnival Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
16	Depart Venice for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Naples, Italy

Day 2: Arrive Naples/Amalfi Coast After arriving in Naples this morning, we travel to the storied Amalfi Coast, a popular resort and our base for exploring Italy's Campania region. We dine at our hotel tonight, as we will throughout our stay here. *D*

Day 3: Ravello This morning we experience this breathtaking coast by sea as we cruise from our hotel to Amalfi Center (weather permitting). Here we enjoy a brief tour of the region's largest town then have lunch on our own. Next we ascend to mountaintop Ravello, with its spectacular gardens and coastal views. *B,D*

Day 4: Pompeii/Amalfi Coast/Sorrento Our full-day excursion begins in Pompeii, the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 CE but not excavated until 1748. After a tour and lunch on our own here we embark on a breathtaking drive along the winding Amalfi Coast road high above the azure Mediterranean – with stops for photos and in Sorrento along the way. We return to our hotel late afternoon. *B,D*

Day 5: Amalfi Coast/Montecassino/Rome En route to Rome today we visit the town of Montecassino, whose Abbey is the mother church of the Benedictine

order and a center of medieval art. A German stronghold during World War II, the hilltop Abbey was destroyed by Allied bombing then rebuilt as a replica of the 17th-century original. We tour the Abbey, then continue on to the Eternal City. We arrive at our well-located hotel mid-afternoon; our tour director will lead an informal walk of the nearby area. *B*

Day 6: Rome This morning we tour the heart of ancient Rome: the 55,000-seat Colosseum, built in 72 CE to stage gladiator spectacles; and the temples of the Forum, ancient Rome's political and legal center. The afternoon is free to explore on our own; the possibilities endless: shopping along the fashionable Via Veneto; sipping *espresso* in beautiful Piazza Navona; seeing the Pantheon, the city's best preserved ancient building; tossing a coin into Trevi Fountain; or visiting any number of renowned museums and churches. *B*

Day 7: Rome Another morning of touring followed by a free afternoon. Today we visit the Vatican for a tour of St. Peter's Square and Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican Museums. Highlights include Michelangelo's *Pieta* in St. Peter's, considered one of the greatest sculptures of all time; his frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, now restored to its original glory; and art-filled St. Peter's itself, the most important church in all Christendom. *B*

Day 8: Rome/Orvieto Leaving Rome, we travel north through a pastoral landscape of gentle agricultural land bounded by mountain wilderness and dotted with traditional villages and medieval hill towns. Mid-afternoon we reach Orvieto, perched high on a plateau above a vineyard-clad plain. After we check in at our hotel in the heart of the city's medieval quarter, our tour director leads us on an informal walking tour. Tonight we attend a simple cooking demonstration followed by dinner at Zepelin Restaurant. *B,D*

Day 9: Orvieto This morning we embark on a guided walking tour of this dramatically set city. We visit the medieval *Duomo* featuring a frescoed chapel by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli's masterpiece, *The Last Judgment*. Next we explore the formerly secret passages of Parco delle Grotte, a labyrinth of underground caves used since Etruscan times. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *B*

Day 10: Orvieto/Assisi Today's excursion is to Assisi, considered a gem of an Umbrian town with inviting plazas, abundant flowers, buildings of white marble, and a pervasive medieval air. We visit St.



Timeless Venice

Clare Church and the renowned Basilica di San Francesco, the burial place of St. Francis and a sacred pilgrimage site. Inside are Giotto's priceless frescoes, *The Life of St. Francis*.

There's time on our own to stroll the fountain-splashed *piazas* and to enjoy local

specialties for lunch. We also visit Deruta, known for its prized hand-painted Majolica ceramics. *B*

Day 11: Orvieto/Siena/Tuscany Continuing our journey, today we visit walled Siena, whose ochre-colored buildings and ancient ramparts evoke the city's



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— JOHN IRELAND

medieval past. Fan-shaped Piazza del Campo is one of Europe's greatest public squares; its *Duomo*, one of Italy's finest. We set out on a guided walking tour that includes an inside visit to the *Duomo*, housing masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello, then have free time for lunch on our own and to explore as we wish. *B,D*

Day 12: Florence A living monument to the Renaissance, Florence is the crown jewel of Tuscany. We discover this splendid city on a full-day excursion that includes a morning walking tour. Then we visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's sublime *David*, as well as his pieces for the papal tombs; and the revered *Duomo*, with its stupendous dome by Brunelleschi. This afternoon is free to enjoy Florence as we wish. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 13: San Gimignano We encounter classic Tuscany today as we visit the hill town of San Gimignano, known for the 13 watchtowers that have left its skyline virtually unchanged since medieval times. Later we visit a local winery and enjoy a tasting before returning mid-afternoon to our lodgings, where we have time to relax before tonight's dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 14: Tuscany/Venice Leaving Tuscany today, we travel through the Veneto region to Venice, which, along with its lagoon, is a UNESCO site. We arrive early this afternoon; the remainder of the day is free to explore this wondrous city on our own. *B*

Day 15: Venice This morning we take a guided walk through vast St. Mark's Square and surroundings. Our afternoon is free to explore Venice independently; tonight we bid "*arrivederci*" to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 16: Depart for U.S. We depart early this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*



We visit St. Peter's Square and Basilica on Day 7.

Tours Depart: September 11, 2021

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

New York	\$4,974
Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,174
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,274
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,374
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$479, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,095. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure. All 2021 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

Post-Tour Extension

September 26-28, 2021

Venice – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price

Single Supplement: \$325

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Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Carnival Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

Your Tour Price Includes

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- 14 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
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