

Classical Italy

8 Nights/10 Days



DAY 1

Rome



Departure via scheduled air service to Rome, Italy

DAY 2

Rome



Arrive in Rome

Meet your Q Events Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer into Rome. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, including stops at Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight



Rome - Popes, Vandals, the Borgias and Napoleon, Garibaldi, Michelangelo and Mussolini and, of course, the ancient Romans themselves all have left their physical and spiritual mark on Rome, but though she keeps the glory of an ancient day about her, she remains a wellspring of creative energy; in short, she really is the Eternal City

DAY 3

Rome



Breakfast at the hotel

Half-day guided tour of Imperial Rome, including entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla, and Palatine Hill

Lunch on own

Afternoon free at leisure

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 4

Rome



Breakfast at the hotel

A half-day guided tour of Religious Rome includes Vatican City, the home of the Pope and the center of Roman Catholicism, as well as the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel (featuring Michelangelo's Ceiling Frescos and The Last Judgment) and St. Peter's Basilica

Lunch on own

Afternoon free at leisure

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 5

Rome / Siena
/ Montecatini



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Montecatini via Siena. A guided walking tour of Siena includes the famous Piazza del Campo (famous for its harmony and the famous horse races during the festival Palio delle Contrade), the Town Hall, built in the 13th century, and the Duomo (cathedral). Walking through the streets of Siena reminds one of the glorious Renaissance and the rich history of this city Lunch on own Continue on to Montecatini in the late afternoon for dinner and overnight



Montecatini is a characteristic medieval village, abounding in historical events culture and illustrious personages. The Montecatini of today, a suggestive outdoor masterpiece, does not retain the image of a sole period. Instead, it is witness to a historical parable of intense experiences, filled with dark moments, almost total destruction and splendor

DAY 6

Florence



Breakfast at the hotel

A half-day orientation tour of Florence includes the Piazza della Signoria, a lovely square in the heart of the city, towered by the lofty Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the Ponte Vecchio, the bridge across the Arno. See the Baptistery with Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, the Campanile, and entrance to the Duomo and the Accademia, the Academy of Fine Arts, to see Michelangelo's original David and other sculptures by the great master (using the whisper system)

Lunch on own

Afternoon free at leisure

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 7

Montecatini / Cremona / Venice



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Venice

En route, stop lively Bologna, with its many nicknames: "the learned one" referring to its famous university, "the red one" referring to the color of the roofs in the historic district, and "the fat one" referring to its irresistible cuisine, is our first stop today. Here we see the two famous leaning towers and the Main Square located in the heart of historic Bologna and surrounded with the Basilica of San Petronio and Medieval buildings. We will hear about the city's historic university, the "Nourishing Mother of the Studies", according to its Latin motto, which is the oldest one in the world.

Lunch on own

Continue on to Venice for dinner and overnight



Venice is eternally preoccupied with the contemplation of its own beauty. Founded on marshes, it rose to dominate the Adriatic and hold the gorgeous East in fee. At the height of her power in the 16th century, Venice was a wealthy city-republic glorying in feasts & pageants, reveling in the splendor of her painting, sculpture and architecture. Those days of glory are gone, but her art survives and the grace and refinement remain. A visit to Venice will fill your soul.

DAY 8

Venice



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to the main island of San Marco via public boat. A morning walking tour includes St. Mark's Square, with entrance to incredibly rich Basilica of St. Mark and the Doge's Palace where the powerful and prosperous dukes of Venice ruled their far-flung empire at its height during the 15th century

Lunch on own

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Venice

Evening dinner and overnight

DAY 9

Venice / Verona / Milan



Breakfast at the hotel

Morning transfer to Milan. En route, stop on Verona (of Romeo and Juliet fame) for a guided tour that includes the Casa di Giulietta (Juliet's House) with its famous Balcony in the inner courtyard

Lunch on own

Continue to Milan for evening Farewell Dinner and overnight

DAY 10

Depart for home



Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Milan's airport for the return flight home