

THE GRAND ITALY TOUR

Cities and Sites covered: Rome, Vatican, Florence, Pisa, San Gimignano, Bologna, Venice, Verona, and Milan



Vatican City

Travelling Dates:
Sep 7 – 18, 2026 (12 Days)

Tour Package Includes

FREE
Use of
Wireless
Tour Guide System



- * International Flight from Los Angeles
- * 17 Meals & Admissions as Stated
- * Visits to **SIX** UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
 - ★ Vatican City:
 - Vatican Museum • Sistine Chapel
 - St. Peter's Basilica
 - ★ Historic Center of Rome:
 - Piazza Navona • The Coliseum
 - Roman Forum • Pantheon Church
 - Trevi Fountain • Piazza di Spagna
 - ★ Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - One of the **SEVEN** Wonders of the World
 - ★ Historic Center of San Gimignano
 - ★ Venice and its Lagoon
 - ★ City of Verona
- * **TWO** Dinner Shows: Casanova and Palazzo Borghese
- * Gondola Ride in Venice
- * Gratuity for Local Tour Escort and Drivers

Price per person : \$ **6,888**

Incl. Tax & Fuel Surcharge

Single Supp: \$ **1,700**



The Coliseum



Leaning Tower of Pisa



Venice

OptionalSep 6****Honolulu → Los Angeles**

We start our vacation by boarding a domestic flight to Los Angeles and staying there overnight.

Optional: Hotel Accommodation: Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel or Similar

Day 1Sep 7****Los Angeles → Madrid → Rome**

Today we will depart for Rome, a city and special administrative division (named "Roma Capitale") in Italy. Overnight on board.

Day 2 Sep 8****Rome**

Rome lives in the present, yet no other city on Earth evokes its past as powerfully. For over 2,500 years, emperors, popes, artists, and ordinary citizens have left their mark here. The archaeological remains of ancient Rome, art-filled churches, and the treasures of Vatican City vie for your attention. However, Rome is also a wonderful place to practice the Italian-perfected art of "il dolce far niente," the sweet art of idleness. Upon arrival, an Air & Sea Travel representative will greet and escort us to our hotel.

Day 3Sep 9****Rome****(B, D)**

After breakfast, we will embark on a city tour of Rome. Our first stop will be Piazza Navona, one of the most famous and arguably the most beautiful of Rome's many squares. Next, we will visit the Coliseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre. Located in the heart of Rome, it is oval-shaped and the largest amphitheater ever built. The arena hosted spectacular public entertainment events such as gladiator fights, wild animal hunts, and public executions from 80 AD to 404 AD. We will then proceed to the Pantheon, built more than 1,800 years ago, which still stands as a testament to the grandeur of the Roman Empire. Following this, we will see the Trevi Fountain, the most famous and arguably the most beautiful fountain in all of Rome. Just a few steps north is Piazza di Spagna, known for its visually pleasing layout, featuring the monumental staircase of the famous Spanish Steps, an obelisk, and a stunning church. In the evening, we will enjoy a Show & Dinner at Casanova. The evenings at Casanova feature enchanting piano music, accompanied by a soprano and tenor who perform selections from Italian operas.

Day 4Sep 10****Rome & Vatican City****(B, D)**

Today's highlight is touring The Vatican City State, the smallest country in the world, located in Rome. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984, it is the only site to consist entirely of a sovereign state. We will begin our visit at the Vatican Museum, which houses some of the most renowned classical sculptures and important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world. Next, we'll stop at the Sistine Chapel to admire its breathtaking ceiling painted by Michelangelo. We'll then proceed to St. Peter's Square; a grand plaza located directly in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. This square is one of the most significant symbols of the Christian world and serves as the heart of Christianity. Inside St. Peter's Basilica, the largest building in Christianity and the home of the Roman Catholic Church, we will explore its stunning architecture and artwork. In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity to explore the city and lunch and dinner on your own.

Shorts or Miniskirts are not allowed for the morning tour

Day 5Sep 11****Rome – Florence****(B, D)**

Today, we will transfer to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. With signs of its glorious past, the city is often referred to as an open-air museum, attracting millions of visitors each year. In 1982, the Historic Centre of Florence was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. One of

Florence's iconic landmarks is Piazza della Signoria, an L-shaped square that showcases the city's many glorious symbols. The square is dominated by Palazzo Vecchio, originally known as Palazzo dei Priori. Built in the early 14th century in a fortress style, the Palazzo has long served as a symbol of political power in Florence.

Day 6Sep 12**

Florence

(B, D)

We will continue our exploration of this city rich in history, tradition, art, and culture. Our major attraction today is Santa Croce, the largest Franciscan church in the world. Its most notable features include its sixteen chapels, many adorned with stunning frescoes by Giotto and his pupils. As an incredibly beautiful city often referred to as "the birthplace of the modern world," Florence offers an extraordinary experience of "seeing" and "feeling" its magnificence. We will marvel at the Duomo Santa Maria del Fiore, a vast Gothic structure built on the site of the 7th-century church of Santa Reparata, towering over the city with its magnificent Renaissance dome designed by Filippo Brunelleschi. Our visit will also include the Uffizi Gallery, organized as a long labyrinth of rooms showcasing remarkable works of art displayed chronologically throughout this U-shaped Renaissance building, which was never intended to be a museum. After lunch, we will head to the Academy of Fine Arts, located in a 19th-century former customs house just outside the city center and a short walk from the Arno River and Florence's monuments. We will conclude our sightseeing tour with a stroll around the Ponte Vecchio, an everlasting symbol of Florence and the only bridge across the Arno until 1218. In the evening, prepare for a delightful dinner show at Palazzo Borghese. Musicians in period costumes will perform in a Renaissance-themed show while we indulge in fine Italian cuisine.

Day 7Sep 13**

Florence – Pisa – San Gimignano – Florence

(B, D)

Today's highlight is the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, a symbol of the entire Italian Republic. Once a maritime power rivaling Genoa and Venice, Pisa now draws its fame from an architectural project that went "terribly wrong." The Leaning Tower is one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned worldwide for its unique inclination. We will then transfer to San Gimignano, a town whose name is believed to derive from the bishop of Modena. According to legend, during the barbaric invasions, the saint miraculously appeared on the city walls and saved the town from the threat posed by Totila. In San Gimignano, we will visit Piazza della Cisterna, the most beautiful and famous piazza, which serves as the heart of the town. Our next stop is The Collegiate Church, a Roman Catholic collegiate church and minor basilica located in the Piazza del Duomo at the center of the town. Dinner will be at San Donato Fattoria, a working wine and organic vegetable farm that dates back to around 1000 AD and has been beautifully restored. After this wonderful day, we will return to Florence and stay overnight.

Day 8Sep 14**

Florence - Bologna - Venice

(B, D)

Today, we leave Florence for Venice, stopping in Bologna, the city of arcades. Bologna is a favorite among both tourists and Italians for its charm, rich history, and abundant monuments and artworks. Upon arrival, we will embark on a brief city tour. One of the main attractions is Piazza Maggiore (viewing), located in the heart of the old city, famous for the stunning Fountain of Neptune created by Giambologna. Surrounding the square are several noteworthy buildings, including the City Palace, Podesta Palace, Re Enzo Palace, and the Basilica of San Petronio, which is the world's fifth-largest church, built in the fourteenth century. We will also see the two iconic towers of Bologna, Degli Asinelli and Garisenda, which are symbols of the city. After our exploration, we will transfer to Venice, where we will take a private boat to our hotel on Venice Island. Venice is renowned for the beauty of its setting, architecture, and artwork. The entire city, along with its lagoon, is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 9Sep 15****Venice – Murano – Burano – Venice****(B)**

Venice was a significant trade center in the past. Today, we will take a boat trip from San Marco Pier to discover the Venetian islands of Murano and Burano, the two most famous islands of Venice. In Murano, you can admire the glassblowing display at a local glass factory, and in Burano, you will visit a typical lace shop. After exploring the islands, we will make photo stops at Piazza San Marco, the Bridge of Sighs, and many other artistic treasures. The Doge's Palace, built in the Venetian Gothic style, is one of the main landmarks of the city. Once the residence of the Doge of Venice—the supreme authority of the former Republic—it became a museum in 1923 and is now one of the 11 museums run by the Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia. Inside, we will see paintings by Tintoretto, Veronese, and Bosch. Next, we will visit the magnificent San Marco Basilica, known as one of the greatest and most richly adorned churches in the world, often surrounded by its legion of hungry pigeons. Finally, we will take a Gondola Ride—the best way to experience the Grand Canal, Venice's equivalent to Main Street, which winds through the heart of the city, showcasing its impressive palaces and buildings. After that, we will return to our hotel and enjoy the dinner on our own.

Day 10Sep 16****Venice - Verona - Milan****(B)**

Today's tour begins with a transfer to Milan, with a stop in Verona, the city of lovers. This visually stunning city was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status in 2000 due to its remarkable urban structure and architecture. We will visit the medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at Juliet's House. Be sure to take pictures of Juliet's Balcony and rub the shining breast of her statue for good luck! Next, we will make a photo stop at the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater where gladiators once fought. Opened on August 18, 1807, it stands as one of the city's prime examples of neoclassical architecture. After our visit, we will continue our drive to Milan, where we will stay overnight.

Day 11Sep 17****Milan****(B, D)**

In the dynamic city of Milan, we will visit the famous La Scala Opera House Museum, home to one of the most renowned opera houses in the world. Next, we'll explore the glass-domed Galleria Vittorio Emanuele and the magnificent gothic Duomo, which showcases the city's creativity and ambition. No matter how many times you've seen it, the first glimpse of the Duomo's willowy, luminescent marble spires always inspires a quiet gasp of awe. After that, we will have some free time for shopping and the opportunity to explore the city on your own. After our farewell dinner, we will return to our hotel.

Day 12Sep 18****Milan → Madrid → Los Angeles****(B)**

Today we will say farewell to Milan and transfer to the airport for our return flight to Los Angeles. Transfer to hotel and stay overnight (optional).

OptionalSep 19****Los Angeles → Honolulu**

Today, we will take a flight back to Honolulu, taking home lasting memories of this magnificent Italy trip.

We wish you a safe journey and many wonderful memories to share with family and friends! ☺

B: Breakfast | L: Lunch | D: Dinner



Remarks:

- ✦ International Airfares from Los Angeles is included
- ✦ Honolulu departure is available, please call your agent for price
- ✦ Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- ✦ Business class is available, please call your agent for price
- ✦ Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- ✦ Refer to "General Condition of Air & Sea"
- ✦ We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- ✦ Gratuity for Local Tour Escort and Drivers is included
- ✦ Tour cost is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- ✦ Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Jan 29, 2026
- ✦ It is mandatory to inform Air and Sea Travel of any existing conditions that may require medical attention or accommodations during the trip. You need to provide this information in writing in the Tour Supplemental Information section of the application. If you do not have a travel companion who can help you with your special needs, you need to talk to your agent to determine if this is an appropriate tour for you. Some tours may be too strenuous depending on your condition. Air and Sea Travel reserves the right to reject or cancel your booking. You are responsible for any cancellation penalty that this may incur.
- ✦ All travelers, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, are welcome to travel with us and will no longer be required to provide proof of pre-departure testing, except for specific countries where COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or additional documentation are required by law. Please visit or revisit the government site to verify the travel requirements. Fully vaccinated are recommended. Vaccines combined with multi-layered preventative health and safety measures will help us provide a safe and healthy vacation environment.
- ✦ As government regulations evolve, our health and safety protocols will evolve as needed to ensure compliance. This may mean different protocols from state to state and city to city based on local requirements.

Payment Policy:

CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT ONLY. A deposit of \$ 1,500 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due on **May 5, 2026**. In the event balance payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a service fee for cancellation.

Cancellation Policy:

- **May 6 to Jun 7, 2026: \$1,500 deposit per person is non-refundable
- **Jun 8 to Jul 27, 2026: 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
- **From Jul 28, 2026 to departure or withdrawal during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of the total price, and the request for other service as substitute shall not be accepted.

****Also we strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make your reservation****