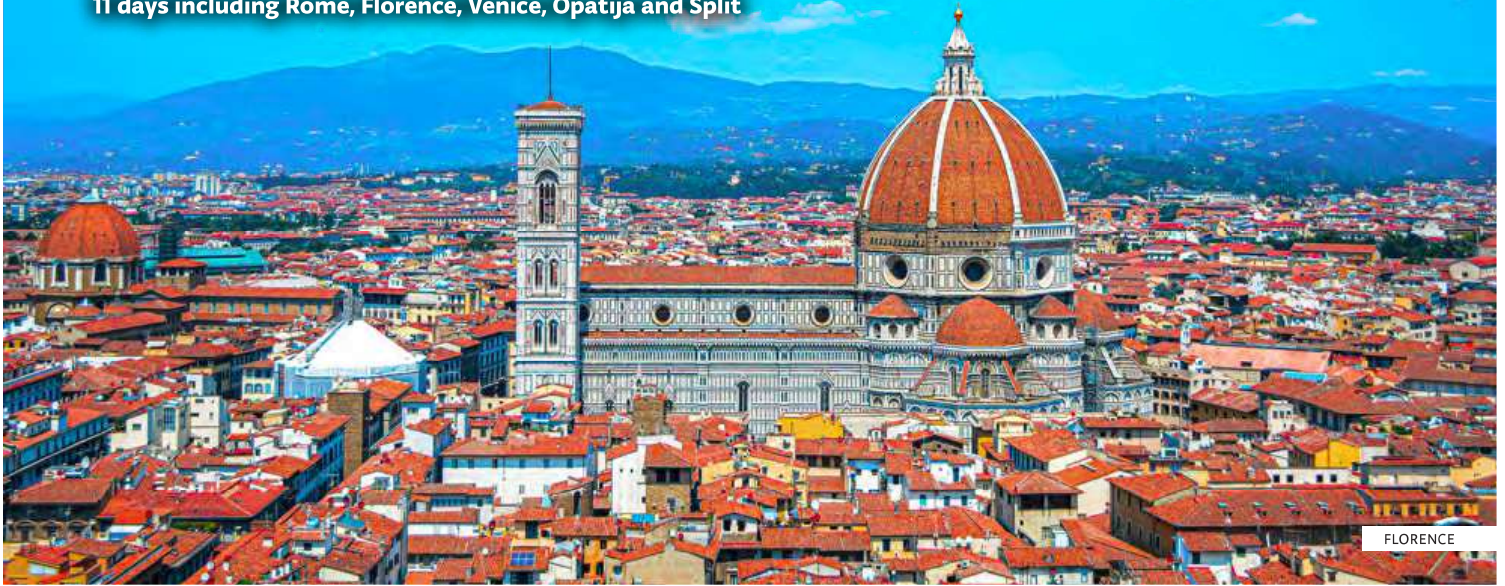


# UNFORGETTABLE ITALY WITH CROATIAN SPIRIT

11 days including Rome, Florence, Venice, Opatija and Split



FLORENCE



OPATIJA



ROME

## Day 1, arrive to Rome, Wednesday

Arriving at Rome's airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until you gather for a Welcome Dinner with your Tour Director and traveling companions. (D)

## Day 2, in Rome, Thursday

This morning, we visit the **Colosseum**, a symbol of Rome. After our visit, we continue to see the splendid Arch of Constantine, climb the ancient Palatine Hill, overlook Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace; and stop on the legendary Via Sacra or "Sacred way". In the afternoon we have time at leisure for more discoveries and activities on your own or join an optional tour of the Grand Piazzas & food tour. (B)

## Day 3, in Rome, Friday

Today we visit the **Vatican Museums**, located within that city's boundaries. We see the works of Raphael & Michelangelo and admire the Sistine chapel's magnificent frescoes. We continue to St. Peter's Square where some of the most important Papal ceremonies take place.

In the afternoon you might want to visit some of the chic shops,

galleries, and museums; do some more sightseeing on your own or relax in a sidewalk cafe with a glass of fine Italian wine, some refreshing gelato, or a hearty dish of pasta. (B)

## Day 4, Rome to Assisi and Florence, Saturday

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany with its iconic landscapes as you make your way to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Here you will take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive **Basilica of St. Francis**. Continue to Florence for dinner and an evening at leisure. (B, D)

## Day 5, in Florence, Sunday

Our morning city tour begins at the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistry with Ghiberti's splendid bronze "Gates of Paradise." Then, we visit **the Academy of Fine Arts**, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. The tour ends at the Piazzale Michelangelo with a spectacular view over Florence. The remainder of the day is free to savor the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital





on your own or take an optional tour Visit of San Gimignano with wine tasting. **(B)**

#### **Day 6, from Florence to Ferrara and on to Venice, Monday**

Drive to Pisa where you'll view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistery, and Duomo. Continue to Ferrara a renaissance gem in the Emilia-Romagna region, standing on the banks of the Po River. After an orientation tour of Ferrara, we continue to Venice for dinner and a free evening. **(B, D)**

#### **Day 7, in Venice, Tuesday**

We begin our exploration of Venice at St. Mark's Square with a walking tour which includes visits to the **St. Mark's Basilica** and the **Doge's Palace**. We take in the amazing views of the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs. We also take a boat ride to Murano Island, famous for its artistic glassware. **Visit a glassblowing factory**, where you will watch a demonstration of traditional Venetian glassblowing by master craftsmen. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice on your own or join an optional Gondola serenade with Aperol spritz Venetian style drink. **(B)**

#### **Day 8, from Venice to Opatija (Croatia), Wednesday**

Drive to the seaside town of Opatija. A gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the town on your own. Perhaps take a stroll along the "Lungo Mare" seaside and enjoy beautiful views of the Gulf, sheltered by soaring mountains. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers **(B, D)**

#### **Day 9, in Opatija (Croatia), Thursday**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the seaside town of Opatija, with its rich history, picturesque surroundings and once a gathering spot for the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Alternatively, join the optional tour to the Istrian Peninsula that begins in Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Afterwards, the tour continues to the resort town of Rovinj. Tonight, return to Opatija and explore the charming town with its wealth of fine seafood restaurants **(B)**

#### **Day 10, from Opatija to Split, Friday**

Depart today for a drive along spectacular Adriatic coast to Split. Comfortable stop on the way for a delicious lunch included. Continue traveling passing by old fishing villages and new resorts, to the city of Split. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor **Diocletian's Palace**, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Finally, see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **(B, L)**

#### **Day 11, Split departure (Croatia), Saturday**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight or continue with Adriatic Cruise.

2022 TOUR K100		PRICE
START:	END:	PER PERSON IN DBL/TWN
Apr- 27	May - 07	\$4,128
May - 11	May - 21	\$4,178
May - 25	Jun - 04	\$4,255
Jun - 08	Jun - 18	\$4,255
Jul - 06	Jul - 16	\$3,797
Aug - 17	Aug - 27	\$3,747
Aug - 24	Sep - 03	\$3,747
Aug - 31	Sep - 10	\$4,051
Sep - 14	Sep - 24	\$4,255
Sep - 28	Oct - 08	\$4,178
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT		\$1,207

#### **Included vacation highlights:**

- Airport transfer from Rome airport to the hotel
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner in Rome (glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
- 1 Lunch and 3 dinners (coffee or tea included)
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Director throughout
- Licensed Local Guides
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Whisper technology enhanced touring
- Admission included where indicated in bold letters
- Hotel taxes and service taxes
- Departure transfer from hotel to Split airport

#### **Tour spotlights:**

- Rome, a magnificent eternal City with truly stunning architecture, the capital of Italy, fountains, churches, fashion and sublime food
- Vatican City, seat of the Roman Catholic Church
- Assisi with the Basilica of St. Francis
- Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance, The Santa Maria del Fiore, culture, art and monuments
- Pisa with the famous Leaning Tower
- Venice, a fabled city with palazzos, bridges, masks, churches, canals and gondolas
- Opatija, Adriatic sea-side city with rich history and picturesque surroundings
- Split built around Diocletian's Palace

\*This tour can be extended with Kompas Adriatic Cruise.

#### **Hotel list:**

- Rome: Starhotels Metropole or similar
- Florence: Starhotels Michelangelo or similar
- Venice: Carlton Grand Canal or similar
- Opatija: Adriatic I or similar
- Split: Hotel Corner or similar

