

ITALY FOR THE RYANS

Dec 26- Jan 3

NOTE ABOUT YOUR ITALY ADVENTURE

Tailor made travel

Dear Ashley and Family,

We are thrilled to share this exciting, custom safari plan with you. We felt you were right about a bit too much moving around and in this proposal have selected Rome and Florence as your destinations.

You would fly into Florence and out of Rome ideally. We selected Florence over Venice for a few reasons applicable to the Ryan family-

Diverse Outdoor Activities:

Florence is surrounded by the rolling hills of Tuscany, which are perfect for a variety of outdoor activities. Families can engage in hiking + biking through scenic routes like Chianti or the Apennine Mountains. These activities not only provide physical challenges but also offer breathtaking views of the Tuscan landscape.

Less Crowded Than Venice:

Compared to Venice, Florence tends to be less overwhelmed by tourists, especially during off-peak seasons. This aspect makes it easier for you to enjoy activities without the hassle of navigating through dense crowds, making the experience more enjoyable and personal.

Culinary Adventures:

Tuscany's culinary scene is a great adventure of its own. We have added a cooking classes where they learn to make traditional Tuscan dishes and we could also look into a truffle hunting expeditions—an engaging and unique experience that combines adventure with gastronomy. This is usually people's favorite activity! Let me know if we should price this out for you.

This will be an epic adventure, designed especially for you. We hope you enjoy the proposal and we will look forward to your thoughts.

PAYMENT LINK for VIRTUOUS

Warm Regards,

Jessica + the BTA team

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day	Activities
Day 1 Friday Dec 26, 2025	Flight from Phoenix to Paris 3:50 PM - Flight DL 8697 departs Phoenix (Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)

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Day 2 Saturday Dec 27, 2025	<p>Flight from Phoenix to Paris 10:05 AM - Flight DL 8697 arrives Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)</p> <hr/> <p>Flight from Paris to Florence 12:40 PM - Flight DL 8607 departs Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport) 2:25 PM - Flight DL 8607 arrives Florence (Florence Peretola Airport)</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer from Florence Airport to Grand Hotel Minerva 2:25 PM - Transfer departs Florence Airport 3:30 PM - Transfer arrives Grand Hotel Minerva Duration: 1h 15 min Vehicle Type: Mercedes V class</p> <p>Enjoy a seamless start to your stay with a private van transfer from Florence Airport to your hotel in the heart of the city. Relax and take in the views as your driver ensures a smooth and comfortable journey to your destination.</p> <hr/> <p>3:00 PM - Check in at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy Room Type: Deluxe Florence View Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included Confirmation Number: 31083R25 Contact Information: 39 055-27230 Website: https://www.grandhotelminerva.com/en Location: Piazza S M Novella 16, Florence, Italy 50123</p> <p>Renovated Hotel with an 18th-century façade; located on Piazza Santa Maria Novella, this elegant boutique hotel seamlessly blends historic charm with modern comfort. Guests enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a stunning rooftop pool and terrace with panoramic views of Florence, and an unbeatable central location just steps from the Duomo and train station.</p>

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Day 3 Sunday Dec 28, 2025	<p>9:45 AM - 12:45 PM · Private Walking Tour of Florence with Uffizi</p> <p>Private Walking Tour of Florence</p> <p>Meet your expert local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a private walking tour through the heart of Florence. Discover the city’s magnificent monuments and architectural treasures that define it as the cradle of the Renaissance. Admire the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, crowned by Brunelleschi’s iconic dome, and the Baptistery of San Giovanni with Ghiberti’s famous bronze “Gates of Paradise.”</p> <p>Hear the fascinating story of the Ponte Vecchio—the only medieval bridge spared during World War II—and uncover Florence’s finest artisan workshops and gourmet food boutiques. Conclude your experience with a visit to one of the city’s most renowned museums, the Uffizi Gallery, home to masterpieces by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo.</p> <p>Tour Includes: Private, licensed English-speaking guide for a 3-hour walking tour of Florence 4 skip-the-line tickets to the Uffizi Gallery (entry slot 10:30–10:45 AM)</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy</p> <p>Renovated Hotel with an 18th-century façade; located on Piazza Santa Maria Novella, this elegant boutique hotel seamlessly blends historic charm with modern comfort. Guests enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a stunning rooftop pool and terrace with panoramic views of Florence, and an unbeatable central location just steps from the Duomo and train station.</p>

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Day 4 Monday Dec 29, 2025	<p>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM · Small Group Cooking Class in Florence</p> <p>Duration: 3 hours Meeting Point: La Cucineria – Via della Mattonaia, 19R Show up at least 20 minutes before departure.</p> <p>Aprons on! It's time to roll up your sleeves and dive into a true Italian cooking experience.</p> <p>The class begins with the preparation of traditional sauces — as they simmer on the stove, releasing their irresistible aroma, you'll move on to one of the most rewarding parts: making fresh pasta from scratch. With simple ingredients and the chef's expert guidance, you'll learn the art of kneading dough until it reaches perfect consistency.</p> <p>While the dough rests, enjoy a sweet interlude as you prepare a beloved Italian dessert, mastering the secrets to a silky, creamy texture. As your dessert chills, relax and taste regional appetizers while the chef shares stories about Italy's rich culinary heritage.</p> <p>Next, return to your dough to shape two classic pasta forms, learning traditional techniques passed down through generations — no machines, just your hands and passion.</p> <p>Finally, the best part: enjoying the fruits of your labor. Take a seat, raise a glass of local wine, and savor the meal you've crafted with care.</p> <p>Buon appetito! And remember, in Italy, the meal isn't complete until you "make scarpetta."</p> <p>Please inform us in advance of any allergies or dietary restrictions to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy</p> <p>Renovated Hotel with an 18th-century façade; located on Piazza Santa Maria Novella, this elegant boutique hotel seamlessly blends historic charm with modern comfort. Guests enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a stunning rooftop pool and terrace with panoramic views of Florence, and an unbeatable central location just steps from the Duomo and train station.</p>

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Day 5 Tuesday Dec 30, 2025	<p>12:00 PM - Check out from Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy</p> <p>Renovated Hotel with an 18th-century façade; located on Piazza Santa Maria Novella, this elegant boutique hotel seamlessly blends historic charm with modern comfort. Guests enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a stunning rooftop pool and terrace with panoramic views of Florence, and an unbeatable central location just steps from the Duomo and train station.</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer from Grand Hotel Minerva to Chapter Roma Hotel</p> <p>10:30 AM - Transfer departs Grand Hotel Minerva</p> <p>5:30 PM - Transfer arrives Chapter Roma</p> <p>Duration: 7 h</p> <p>Transfer from Florence to Rome with a Stop in Pienza</p> <p>After breakfast and check-out, meet your private English-speaking driver for a scenic journey to Pienza, a charming hilltop town in Tuscany.</p> <p>After your meal, your driver will continue the journey, taking you comfortably to your hotel in Rome.</p> <p>Tour Includes: Private English-speaking driver with luxury van for transfer from Florence to Rome, with a 3-hour stop in Pienza</p> <hr/> <p>12:00 PM - 3:00 PM · Farm & Dairy Experience with Wine Tasting and Lunch</p> <p>Location: Pienza</p> <hr/> <p>3:00 PM - Check in at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy</p> <p>Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included Confirmation Number: 283317065 / 283317244 Contact Information: 39 06-8993-5351 Website: http://www.chapter-roma.com/ Location: Via Santa Maria de Calderari 47, Rome, Italy 00186</p>

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<p>Day 6 Wednesday Dec 31, 2025</p>	<p>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM · Private Vatican Tour</p> <p>Meeting Point: Hall of your hotel</p> <p>Discover the splendor of the Vatican on an exclusive private tour with skip-the-line access, an expert local guide, and a private driver from your hotel. Begin your day in comfort as your professional driver collects you directly from your accommodation, ensuring a seamless transfer to Vatican City. Upon arrival, bypass the long queues and step straight into the heart of one of the world's most extraordinary cultural and spiritual landmarks.</p> <p>Your private guide, an expert in Vatican art and history, will lead you through the Vatican Museums, home to masterpieces by Michelangelo, Raphael, and other great artists. Hear the fascinating stories behind the artworks and uncover the hidden meanings woven into their details. Continue to the Sistine Chapel, where you'll stand in awe beneath Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes, before visiting the majestic St. Peter's Basilica, a triumph of Renaissance architecture.</p> <p>This private experience allows you the flexibility to explore at your own pace—linger at your favorite exhibits, ask questions, and immerse yourself fully in the Vatican's treasures.</p> <p>Tour Includes: Private English-speaking driver with a luxury van for transfer from your Rome hotel to the Vatican Private, licensed English-speaking guide for a 4-hour Vatican tour 4 skip-the-line entrance tickets</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy</p>
<p>Day 7 Thursday Jan 1, 2026 - Day 8 Friday Jan 2, 2026</p>	<p>Overnight at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy</p>

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Day	Activities
Day 9 Saturday Jan 3, 2026	<p>12:00 PM - Check out from Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer from Chapter Roma Hotel to Rome Fiumicino Airport</p> <p>7:00 AM - Transfer departs Chapter Roma Hotel</p> <p>8:00 AM - Transfer arrives Rome Airport</p> <p>Vehicle Type: Mercedes V class</p> <p>Enjoy a comfortable private transfer by luxury van from your hotel to Rome Fiumicino Airport, ensuring a smooth and stress-free end to your journey.</p> <hr/> <p>Flight from Rome to Paris</p> <p>9:55 AM - Flight AF 1205 departs</p> <p>Rome (Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport)</p> <p>12:10 PM - Flight AF 1205 arrives</p> <p>Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)</p>
Day 10 Sunday Jan 4, 2026	<p>Flight from Paris to Phoenix</p> <p>10:10 AM - Flight AF 68 departs</p> <p>Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)</p> <p>1:35 PM - Flight AF 68 arrives</p> <p>Phoenix (Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)</p>

YOUR FLIGHTS

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YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
December 27 - 30, 2025	Grand Hotel Minerva	Deluxe Florence View <i>Breakfast Included</i>	3
December 30, 2025 - January 3, 2026	Chapter Roma	<i>Breakfast Included</i>	4

MAP



Key Dates

- 1) December 27 - 30: Grand Hotel Minerva, Florence
- 2) December 30, 2025 - January 3, 2026: Chapter Roma, Rome

DAY 1
FRIDAY • DECEMBER 26, 2025

Flight from Phoenix to Paris

3:50 PM · Depart Phoenix (Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)

Delta Air Lines Flight DL 8697

DAY 2
SATURDAY • DECEMBER 27, 2025

Flight from Phoenix to Paris

10:05 AM • Arrive Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)

Flight from Paris to Florence

○ 12:40 PM • Depart Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)

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■ Delta Air Lines Flight DL 8607
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○ 2:25 PM • Arrive Florence (Florence Peretola Airport)

Transfer from Florence Airport to Grand Hotel Minerva

○ 2:25 PM • Depart Florence Airport

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■ Transfer Duration: 1h 15 min
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○ 3:30 PM • Arrive Grand Hotel Minerva

Vehicle Type: Mercedes V class

Enjoy a seamless start to your stay with a **private van transfer** from Florence Airport to your hotel in the heart of the city. Relax and take in the views as your driver ensures a smooth and comfortable journey to your destination.

Check in at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy

3:00 PM • Check In

Deluxe Florence View (Breakfast Included)

3 Nights

Confirmation Number: 31083R25

Contact Information: 39 055-27230

Website: <https://www.grandhotelminerva.com/en>

Location: Piazza S M Novella 16, Florence, Italy 50123

Renovated Hotel with an 18th-century façade; located on **Piazza Santa Maria Novella**, this elegant **boutique hotel** seamlessly blends **historic charm** with **modern comfort**. Guests enjoy beautifully designed rooms, a stunning **rooftop pool and terrace** with panoramic views of Florence, and an unbeatable **central location** just steps from the **Duomo** and **train station**.

Fast Facts

Highlights

A short walk from the main tourist attractions & Florence's most eminent luxury shopping street, Via Tornabuoni.

Quick facts

- 97 rooms & suites
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Lounge
- Pool
- Spa
- Terrace
- Fitness center
- Concierge
- Air conditioning
- Wifi

DAY 3
SUNDAY • DECEMBER 28, 2025

Private Walking Tour of Florence with Uffizi

9:45 AM • Start Time

12:45 PM • End Time

Private Walking Tour of Florence

Meet your **expert local guide** in the **lobby of your hotel** for a **private walking tour** through the heart of Florence. Discover the city's **magnificent monuments** and **architectural treasures** that define it as the **cradle of the Renaissance**. Admire the stunning **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, crowned by **Brunelleschi's iconic dome**, and the **Baptistery of San Giovanni** with **Ghiberti's famous bronze "Gates of Paradise."**

Hear the fascinating story of the **Ponte Vecchio**—the only medieval bridge **spared during World War II**—and uncover Florence's finest **artisan workshops** and **gourmet food boutiques**. Conclude your experience with a visit to one of the city's most renowned museums, the **Uffizi Gallery**, home to masterpieces by **Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo**.

Tour Includes:

- Private, licensed **English-speaking guide** for a **3-hour walking tour** of Florence
- **4 skip-the-line tickets** to the **Uffizi Gallery** (entry slot **10:30–10:45 AM**)

Overnight at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy

Deluxe Florence View (Breakfast Included)

DAY 4
MONDAY • DECEMBER 29, 2025

Small Group Cooking Class in Florence

2:30 PM • Start Time

5:30 PM • End Time

Duration: 3 hours

Meeting Point: *La Cucineria – Via della Mattonaia, 19R*

Show up at least **20 minutes before departure.**

Aprons on! It's time to roll up your sleeves and dive into a **true Italian cooking experience.** The class begins with the **preparation of traditional sauces** — as they simmer on the stove, releasing their irresistible aroma, you'll move on to one of the most rewarding parts: **making fresh pasta from scratch.** With simple ingredients and the chef's expert guidance, you'll learn the **art of kneading dough** until it reaches perfect consistency.

While the dough rests, enjoy a **sweet interlude** as you prepare a **beloved Italian dessert**, mastering the secrets to a silky, creamy texture. As your dessert chills, relax and **taste regional appetizers** while the chef shares stories about **Italy's rich culinary heritage.**

Next, return to your dough to **shape two classic pasta forms**, learning traditional techniques passed down through generations — **no machines, just your hands and passion.** Finally, the best part: **enjoying the fruits of your labor.** Take a seat, raise a glass of **local wine**, and savor the meal you've crafted with care.

Buon appetito! And remember, in Italy, the meal isn't complete until you "*make scarpetta.*" Please inform us in advance of any **allergies or dietary restrictions** to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Overnight at Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy

Deluxe Florence View (Breakfast Included)

DAY 5
TUESDAY · DECEMBER 30, 2025

Check out from Grand Hotel Minerva - Florence, Italy

12:00 PM · Check Out

Transfer from Grand Hotel Minerva to Chapter Roma Hotel

10:30 AM · Depart Grand Hotel Minerva

Transfer Duration: 7 h

5:30 PM · Arrive Chapter Roma

Transfer from Florence to Rome with a Stop in Pienza

After breakfast and check-out, meet your **private English-speaking driver** for a scenic journey to **Pienza**, a charming hilltop town in Tuscany.

After your meal, your driver will continue the journey, taking you comfortably to your **hotel in Rome**.

Tour Includes:

- **Private English-speaking driver** with **luxury van** for transfer from Florence to Rome, with a **3-hour stop in Pienza**

Farm & Dairy Experience with Wine Tasting and Lunch

12:00 PM · Start Time

3:00 PM · End Time

Location: Pienza

Upon arrival in **Pienza around 12:00 PM**, enjoy a **guided visit** to a local **farm and dairy**, where you'll discover the art of traditional cheese-making.

The experience includes a **tasting of artisanal raw milk cheeses**, paired with **water and wine**, followed by a **delicious farm-to-table lunch** featuring fresh local ingredients. After your meal, your **private English-speaking driver** will continue the journey, taking you comfortably to your **hotel in Rome. Tour**

Includes:

- **Guided tour** of the **farm, stables, and dairy**
- **Cheese tasting** of **raw milk cheeses**, with **water and wine**

Lunch at the farm

Check in at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy

3:00 PM · Check In

Breakfast Included

4 Nights

Confirmation Number: 283317065 / 283317244

Contact Information: 39 06-8993-5351

Website: <http://www.chapter-roma.com/>

Location: Via Santa Maria de Calderari 47, Rome, Italy 00186

Property Overview

Tucked behind an unassuming door on a quiet side street in the Regola district, **Chapter Roma** blends **glamour and urban edge**. Its public spaces showcase a bold mix of **classic and contemporary art** alongside **graffiti**, capturing the creative pulse of this vibrant neighborhood.

The hotel features works by **Warios, Cyrcle, Alice Pasquini**, and **Willy Verginer**, while its rooms combine **local and international designer furnishings** with **bespoke details**. Perfectly located, Chapter Roma is **within walking distance of many of Rome's historic landmarks**.

Fast Facts

Highlights

- Located in the heart of Rome
- Walking distance to historical sites
- Art and design mix the classic and contemporary

Quick facts

- 42 rooms and suites
- Restaurant
- Rooftop terrace bar
- Bar/lounge
- Meeting facilities
- Concierge
- Wifi

DAY 6
WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 31, 2025

Private Vatican Tour

8:00 AM • Start Time

12:00 PM • End Time

Meeting Point: Hall of your hotel

Discover the splendor of the **Vatican** on an exclusive **private tour** with **skip-the-line access**, an **expert local guide**, and a **private driver** from your hotel. Begin your day in comfort as your professional driver collects you directly from your accommodation, ensuring a seamless transfer to **Vatican City**. Upon arrival, bypass the long queues and step straight into the heart of one of the world's most extraordinary cultural and spiritual landmarks.

Your **private guide**, an expert in **Vatican art and history**, will lead you through the **Vatican Museums**, home to masterpieces by **Michelangelo, Raphael**, and other great artists. Hear the fascinating stories behind the artworks and uncover the hidden meanings woven into their details. Continue to the **Sistine Chapel**, where you'll stand in awe beneath **Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes**, before visiting the majestic **St. Peter's Basilica**, a triumph of Renaissance architecture.

This private experience allows you the **flexibility to explore at your own pace**—linger at your favorite exhibits, ask questions, and immerse yourself fully in the Vatican's treasures.

Tour Includes:

- **Private English-speaking driver** with a **luxury van** for transfer from your Rome hotel to the Vatican
- **Private, licensed English-speaking guide** for a **4-hour Vatican tour**
- **4 skip-the-line entrance tickets**

Overnight at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy

Breakfast Included

DAY 7
THURSDAY · JANUARY 1, 2026

Self Booked Vespa Tour Rome

Overnight at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy

Breakfast Included

DAY 8
FRIDAY • JANUARY 2, 2026

Overnight at Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy

Breakfast Included

DAY 9
SATURDAY · JANUARY 3, 2026

Check out from Chapter Roma - Rome, Italy

12:00 PM · Check Out

Transfer from Chapter Roma Hotel to Rome Fiumicino Airport

- 7:00 AM · Depart Chapter Roma Hotel
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- 8:00 AM · Arrive Rome Airport

Vehicle Type: Mercedes V class

Enjoy a **comfortable private transfer by luxury van** from your hotel to **Rome Fiumicino Airport**, ensuring a smooth and stress-free end to your journey.

Flight from Rome to Paris

- 9:55 AM · Depart Rome (Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport)
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- Air France Flight AF 1205
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- 12:10 PM · Arrive Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)

DAY 10
SUNDAY • JANUARY 4, 2026

Flight from Paris to Phoenix

- 10:10 AM · Depart Paris (Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport)
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- 1:35 PM · Arrive Phoenix (Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)

COSTS

Total per person based on 1 guest in shared accommodation: TBD

Notes:

Please note that some activities mentioned within the itinerary may incur additional costs unless noted below.

BTA PREPARE FOR YOUR TRIP: TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

Passports & Visas

Passport Requirements: Please be aware of the passport requirements for your upcoming trip.

- We strongly recommend that you check your passport's validity and the number of blank pages available well in advance of your departure date. If your passport does not meet the requirements, we advise you to renew it as soon as possible to avoid any travel disruptions
- Checking the expiration date of your passport well in advance allows you ample time to renew it if necessary. Many countries require that your passport be valid for at least six months beyond your planned departure date. Failing to meet this requirement may result in denied entry or even being turned away at the airport.
- To validate your passport's expiration date and to understand the specific entry requirements for your destination country, we recommend visiting the official website of your country's passport agency or consulate. These websites provide accurate and up-to-date information regarding passport validity, visa requirements, and any additional entry regulations specific to each country.
- For travelers from the United States, the official website of the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) offers comprehensive information on passport requirements, including a passport validity checker tool. This tool allows you to enter your destination country and travel dates to determine if your passport meets the necessary validity requirements.
- Additionally, it is essential to familiarize yourself with any visa requirements for your destination country. The same official websites mentioned earlier will provide information on visa requirements and how to obtain them.
- Please note that failure to meet the necessary travel document requirements may result in denied entry or other travel disruptions. We encourage you to thoroughly research and comply with all relevant travel regulations to ensure a smooth and hassle-free journey.
- If you have any questions or need assistance regarding travel document requirements, our team is available to provide guidance and direct you to reliable resources.

Disclaimer: Boutique Travel Advisors (BTA) would like to emphasize that it is the sole responsibility of our clients to ensure they possess valid passports, visas, and have met all other necessary requirements prior to travel. While we are here to provide guidance and support, BTA cannot assume responsibility for verifying or ensuring the validity of our clients' travel documents. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Health & Vaccines

No vaccines required!

Cash & Cards

Cash and Card Guidelines for Traveling in Europe

When traveling in Europe, managing finances smoothly is crucial for a hassle-free experience. Here are some guidelines for using cash and cards across the continent:

1. Understanding Currency:

- **Euro:** The Euro (€) is the most widely used currency in Europe, adopted by 19 of the 27 European Union countries, known as the Eurozone.
- **Other Currencies:** Countries outside the Eurozone, like Switzerland, the UK, Norway, and others, use their own currencies, such as the Swiss Franc, British Pound, and Norwegian Krone.

2. Using Credit and Debit Cards:

- **Wide Acceptance:** Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in most European countries, especially in cities and tourist areas. **Check to be sure your card offers Foreign Exchange Free use!** American Express and Chase cards generally offer this.
- **Chip and PIN:** Europe uses the chip-and-PIN technology. Ensure your card is enabled for international use and has a chip.
- **Inform Your Bank:** Before traveling, notify your bank of your travel plans to avoid any blocks on your card due to foreign transactions.

3. Carrying Cash:

- **Accessibility:** While cards are commonly used, it's advisable to carry some cash, especially for smaller transactions or in rural areas.
- **Exchange Rates:** Withdraw cash from ATMs for better exchange rates compared to currency exchange booths. Use ATMs affiliated with banks rather than standalone units in tourist areas to avoid higher fees.

4. ATM Use:

- **Fees:** Be aware of transaction fees for international withdrawals. Check if your bank has partnerships with European banks to reduce these fees.
- **Withdrawal Limit:** Some ATMs have a daily withdrawal limit. Plan your cash needs accordingly.

5. Safety Tips:

- **Keep Receipts:** Save receipts for card transactions to verify against your statements.
- **Secure Your Wallet:** Use a money belt or a secure, zipped bag to keep your cash and cards safe from pickpockets.
- **Multiple Cards:** Carry more than one card and store them separately to ensure you have access to funds if one is lost or stolen.

6. Mobile Payments:

- **Increasing Popularity:** Services like Apple Pay, Google Wallet, and Samsung Pay are becoming more common in Europe.
- **Setup Before Travel:** Ensure your device is set up for mobile payments and check its compatibility in your destination.

Gratuities

Gratuities is customary but never compulsory, it is always dependent on good service being provided and even so you should never feel forced to do in this way.

DRIVERS

Airport or rail transfers: Euro €10.00 to €20.00 per transfer

Long distance transfers, 2 hours or more: Euro €20-50

Full day driving tours: Euro €40 to €60

For local taxis, round up to the nearest Euro

PRIVATE GUIDES

Half day: Euro €20 to €40

Full day Euro €50 to €100

PRIVATE BOAT TRANSFERS (I.E. Venice)

From airport to hotel: Euro €15.00

From station to hotel: Euro €15.00

PRIVATE BOAT TOURS

Tip for your Captain or crew members: Euro €20.00 to €50.00 each

HOTELS

Housekeeping: €2-€5 per night in an envelope

Porters: €2-€5 per bag

Valet parking/hotel shuttle: €2-€5 to the attendant

RESTAURANTS

You are not expected to leave a tip on top of the amount of the bill that has been presented. You can leave the tip only if you are particularly pleased by the service, rounding to the nearest EUR would be acceptable.

Travel Insurance

Please request a trip insurance quote from your BTA travel advisor. Or, you can self-book trip insurance with Arch Roam Right, our preferred provider, using this [LINK](#).

Arch Roam Right Contact Information

Emergencies can escalate quickly when you are traveling away from home.

In a medical emergency or for travel assistance, call our Emergency Response Center at +1-866-891-6614

If you are outside the US, make sure to dial the appropriate country code or call collect if necessary.

BTA highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance.

You can't prevent the unexpected from happening before or during your trip, but you can help protect your trip costs if it does. Because whether you are at home or on vacation, life happens – and that can affect your travel plans.

Many of Arch RoamRight's travel protection plans offer the following benefits. Check your plan benefits carefully to make sure you're getting the coverage you need:

Trip cancellation and interruption benefits

Lost and delayed baggage benefits

Possible waiver of the pre-existing conditions exclusion when conditions are met

Emergency accident and sickness medical coverage

Medical evacuation coverage

24/7/365 emergency assistance (non-insurance feature)*

What Your Travel Advisor May Do:

Employees of a Travel Retailer MAY transact Travel Insurance on our behalf and under our direction, including:

Offering/disseminating information on our behalf, including brochures, buyer guides, descriptions of coverage, and price;

Referring specific coverage/feature/benefit questions to us;

Disseminating/processing applications for coverage, coverage selection forms, or other similar forms;

Collecting premiums on our behalf; and

Receiving/recording information to share with us.

What Your Travel Advisor May Not Do:

The Travel Retailer's employees:

Are NOT qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, or conditions of any of the insurance offered by the Travel Retailer; or

To evaluate the adequacy of a prospective insured's existing insurance coverage.

BTA TERMS & CONDITIONS

BOOKING CONFIRMATION, PAYMENT TERMS AND CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR FULL PACKAGES:

Pricing and Availability are subject to change and cannot be guaranteed until a 30% deposit has been made. Boutique Travel Advisors will start immediately to book any reservation inquired within 24 hrs (work hours / local time). In the event that the service is not available anymore or is subject to price changes, Boutique Travel Advisors will communicate to the Client the supplement.

Boutique Travel Advisors requires 30% down payment and balance 60 days prior to Client's arrival either by bank wire or by credit card:

A cancellation of a confirmed package is always subject to penalty (30%)

(a) Cancellation received 61 days before the date of the experience: Refund 70%

(b) Cancellation received after 60 days is non-refundable.

BOOKING CONFIRMATION, PAYMENT TERMS AND CANCELLATION POLICIES FOR SPECIALS SERVICES:

Boats services, helicopters tours/transfers, special vehicles, special locations may have different cancellation policies. Generally, are not refundable but depends of the season, kind of service, destination.

Boutique Travel Advisors General Terms and Conditions

CONTRACTING PARTIES:

These Terms and Conditions are legally binding between the traveler(s) and Boutique Travel Advisors, LLC., hereinafter referred to as BTA.

ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS:

Terms and Conditions must be accepted to begin the itinerary design process.

PASSPORT & VISAS:

Passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after completion of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigration stamps. BTA cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. Should you require specific information ahead of travel, please consult the travel advice produced by the government of your home jurisdiction and that of the government that issued your passport and/or visa.

PLANNING FEES:

BTA is a service-based travel advisory firm. Our planning and management fees are collected before beginning the design process. Planning and management fees are non-refundable and vary depending on the complexity of the trip. In addition, fees may increase if the scope of services changes, as mutually agreed upon between parties.

ITINERARY:

Accommodation and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond BTA's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours and activities as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

BTA reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control. In case of any appreciable variation in the tour price due to these circumstances, BTA reserves the right to adjust the tour costs.

TAXES AND GRATUITIES:

Certain airline fees (such as baggage costs) and hotel taxes imposed by city and state governments are typically not included in the quotation unless specified. Likewise, gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, and hotel and cruise staff are generally not included and are at the traveler's discretion. Additional city taxes may be imposed in specific destinations and must be paid on the spot.

EXCLUSIONS:

The cost of obtaining vaccinations, passports, visas, excess baggage charges, food and beverages (except where specified), laundry services, telephone calls, and personal expenditures, unless expressly included in writing, are not included.

Certain services are subject to additional fees and will be charged to your card on file upon providing such service:

- * Airline research fees (inclusive of ticketing fee) - \$50-\$75/person for travel within the continental US
- * Airline research fees (inclusive of ticketing fee) - \$100-\$150/person for Hawaii, Alaska, and international destinations
- * Restaurant reservations start at \$100 per week
- * A la carte tours and events - \$50/tour
- * A la carte rail tickets - \$30/per person
- * Spa reservations - \$30/per reservation

Apartments and villa rentals:

- * Finder's fee for apartment and villa rentals: Up to 15% of net rental rate.
- * Percentage will be determined based on net versus commissionable rate offered by the property manager.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

- * Changes to the itinerary made post final payment are subject to \$100-\$150 fee per occurrence
- * BTA reserves the right to charge a service fee of up to 10% of the booking costs if trip is cancelled by you after the first deposit. BTA encourages you to submit cancellation fees as part of claim in the event that you have trip insurance and deem your cancellation to be for a covered reason.

Note: Other supplier cancellation terms & conditions may apply and are the traveler's sole responsibility.

- * Cancellation terms & conditions assessed by suppliers are specific to each booking. Your travel may not be refundable and/or subject to cancellation or rebooking fees.
- * While we can not guarantee reimbursement, change and cancellation fees should be submitted with any trip insurance claim made due to cancellation for a covered reason.

AFTER-HOURS ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES:

BTA advisors are available Monday- Friday during standard business hours on MST and an appointment basis.

Travel itineraries booked with destination management companies and wholesalers may include complimentary after-hours customer support, in-destination emergency contacts, and concierge service lines.

After-hours support with a BTA advisor during travel is subject to \$100/hour, billed in 1-hour increments. The fee will be charged at the time of service.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Specific requests, including connecting rooms, bedding configurations, room assignments, and meal preferences, should be advised at the time of booking. While we make an effort to secure special requests, they cannot be guaranteed.

PRICES & ARRANGEMENTS

The price for your custom itinerary includes planning, handling, and operational charges and is quoted based on the current exchange rates and tariffs.

Entrance fees for scheduled sightseeing tours are included in this price when specified.

This price is subject to revision in line with significant changes in foreign currency, tariff rates, taxes etc.

Quote and proposals are subject to change & availability until confirmed.

DESCRIPTIONS AND IMAGERY

Photographs, videos, imagery, and descriptions used by BTA are intended to present an example of the types of sights, experiences, and scenery you may encounter in your travel destination. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, it is foreseeable that some destinations will change in appearance.

BTA cannot guarantee sightings of animals in the wild or marine life in its natural habitat. We are also not responsible for inclement or undesirable weather.

CONFIRMATION OF SERVICES

A non-refundable itinerary design fee is required to begin the planning process. Typically, a non-refundable deposit is required at the time of booking to secure custom travel components.

The deposit amount will be specified at the time of booking and varies depending on the supplier's Terms and Conditions.

The client understands that BTA's Terms and Conditions may vary from those of cruise lines, land operators, airlines, hotels, and other travel companies involved in your trip. All applicable Terms and Conditions shall be enforced.

PAYMENT METHOD:

Payments may be made by the following methods:

- Credit card
- Bank transfer

Travelers are liable for all bank and related transaction charges. Some suppliers may charge additional credit card processing fees. These fees are strictly the responsibility of the traveler.

CREDIT CARD MERCHANT:

We also strongly recommend that you use a credit card for your purchase, so that you can exercise your rights under the Fair Credit Billing Act if you do not receive the services you purchased. However, if we are the credit card merchant, our role is to facilitate the sale, collect funds on your behalf, and remit those funds to the Suppliers. If the Suppliers do not provide the services, your only recourse would be against the Suppliers, and you agree not to initiate a chargeback against us.

FLIGHT PREPARATION:

BTA recommends that you check your flight for any changes at least 48 hours before departure and check in before arrival at the airport when possible. We recommend that you arrive at the airport 3 hours before traveling internationally and at least 2 hours before flying domestically. BTA is not liable for any travel interruption or disruption.

RISKS OF TRAVEL AND TRAVEL RELEASE:

BTA assumes no responsibility for and shall not be liable for the acts or omissions on the part of any other party not under our control or any acts of God, unsafe conditions, terrorism, health hazards including pandemics, illness, weather hazards, or the suitability for a disabled person of any portion of any trip. We have no special knowledge of dangers during travel or at destinations.

For information related to such hazards, we recommend you visit the State Department travel website at www.travel.state.gov, click on "Find International Travel Information," then click on "Country Information," and fill in the name of the destination country.

For medical and health information, we recommend you visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov/travel, then click on "Destinations" and scroll to the destination country's name. It is your personal decision to travel, and you are doing so with full knowledge of current travel recommendations and travel restrictions regarding the risks of COVID-19 or any other pandemic.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force majeure means unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond BTA's control or the control of our suppliers, the consequence of which neither BTA nor its suppliers could avoid even with all due care, including, but not limited to, war, threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity (actual or threatened), industrial dispute, unavoidable technical problems with transport, machinery or equipment, power failure, changes imposed by rescheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, flood, drought, adverse weather conditions, epidemics or outbreaks of illness and level of water in rivers.

In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the trip as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause, BTA may, in their sole and absolute discretion: a) offer the traveler (s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or b) if BTA does not offer alternative travel arrangements or products, BTA will make every effort to obtain a prompt proportional refund of monies paid by the traveler to the suppliers.

YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL OF THESE RISKS AND DANGERS, AND YOU HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE FOREVER, DISCHARGE, AND HOLD US, AND OUR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, AFFILIATED COMPANIES, GUIDES, GROUP LEADERS, AND SUBCONTRACTORS HARMLESS AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTIONS, SUITS, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF ANY AND EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WHICH YOU NOW HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RISKS AND DANGERS.

CLAIMS DEADLINE AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION:

You agree to present any claims against us within 30 days after your travels end and to file suit within one year of the incident, and you acknowledge that this expressly limits the applicable statute of limitations to one year. Any unresolved disputes arising out of or in connection with our services shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with the said Rules.