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## 13 Days Itinerary

# Italy - 13 days Amalfi, Florence, Rome

- Day 1** Flight from US to Naples
- Day 2** Transfer · Private Transfer  
Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa (3 Nights)
- Day 3** Amalfi Coast Drive Tour - Half Day 9:30 AM (4hr)
- Day 4** Capri Private Boat Tour from Amalfi Coast 10:00 AM (7hr)
- Day 5** FROM AMALFI COAST TO FLORENCE WITH STOP IN POMPEII AND WINERY 8:00 AM  
Rail · Eurorail  
Transfer · Private Transfer  
Hotel Lungarno (4 Nights)
- Day 6** Self Guided Florence Walking Tour with Statue of David Passes
- Day 7** Uffizi Masterclass by an Art Expert - Early Entrance Tour 8:00 AM
- Day 8** MONTEPULCIANO WINE TOUR 9:00 AM (9hr 30min)
- Day 9** Excursion to Lucca | Driver & Guide | 6 Hours 9:00 AM
- Day 10** Visit San Gimignano & Duomo di Siena on the way to Rome 9:30 AM (9hr 30min)  
Hotel Palazzo Manfredi - Rome, Italy (3 Nights)

- Day 11** Private Immersive Vatican 10:00 AM (5hr 30min)  
Colosseum Tickets for independent visit
- Day 12** Underground Rome & Catacomb Private Tour 8:30 AM (3hr)  
Rome At Leisure Self Guided Evening Walking Tour
- Day 13** Transfer · Private Transfer  
Flight from Rome to US

## Day 1



Flight from US to Naples

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## Day 2



Transfer · Private Transfer

**Departure Location**  
Naples Airport

**Arrival Location**  
Amalfi Hotel

**Vehicle**  
Private Transfer

### Notes

Private transfer with Mercedes V Class and English-speaking driver from Naples airport to Hotel Aurora apartment.



## Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa

Via Roma, 2 Conca dei Marini Campania 84010 Italy

3:00 PM	12:00 PM	3 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Dramatically poised over the Amalfi Coast, a former 17th-century monastery has been reborn as the Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa. Priceless antiques and handpicked furnishings adorn the 20 unique rooms, each with panoramic sea views. Tiered Mediterranean gardens lead you to the vanishing-edge infinity pool, easily the most dramatic dip along the coast. Relax and restore in the spa's thermal bathing rooms, peruse the library, or play a game of chess. Evenings call for cocktails and 270-degree vistas on the terrace before dining on house-made pasta with baby squid and other innovative specialties.

### Amenities

#### Virtuoso Amenities

For 2022:

Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability

Full breakfast daily for two guests per bedroom, served in restaurant

\$100USD equivalent Food & Beverage credit utilized during stay (not combinable, not valid on room rate, no cash value if not redeemed in full)

Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability

Complimentary Wi-Fi

## Day 3



### Amalfi Coast Drive Tour - Half Day

9:30 AM	1:30 PM	4hr
Start Time	End Time	Duration

#### Meeting Point

Meet the driver at the hotel's lobby.

Private drive tour through the Amalfi coast. You will be able to admire some of the beauty of these ancient and small towns, once an important Maritime Republic.

You'll be able to visit: Ravello with its Villa Rufolo where you can have an amazing view over the coast with time to wander the town and explore

The drive tour will last about 4 hours.

#### INCLUSIONS:

Private transfer with Mercedes V Class and English-speaking

- driver at disposal 4 hours.

## Day 4



### Capri Private Boat Tour from Amalfi Coast

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10:00 AM

Start Time

5:00 PM

End Time

7hr

Duration

10.00 AM meet the captain at Amalfi harbor

Today you will enjoy a private boat tour, a wonderful experience: sailing you'll be able to admire the beauties of the tiny island of Capri, such as the Faraglioni Rocks, The White Grotto, Green Grotto and the Blue Grotto.

During this amazing experience, you will have the chance to have lunch in one of the water-front restaurants that your captain will suggest.

In Capri, you will have some free time to visit the island and do some shopping.

Along the way, you will have a few stops for an unforgettable swim in the crystal clear waters of Capri and Amalfi coast.

At about 5.00 PM you'll be back on the Amalfi coast.

#### INCLUSIONS:

Private boat trip with 22ft boat.

English-speaking skipper.

Beach towels.

Free soft drinks on board.

Snorkeling masks.

Capri landing fees.

## Day 5



### FROM AMALFI COAST TO FLORENCE WITH STOP IN POMPEII AND WINERY

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8:00 AM

Start Time

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On the way, stop in Pompeii. The guide will be waiting for you over there for an incredible 2-hour tour.

Pompeii holds an intense fascination for visitors. Following the eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D., Pompeii was buried and forgotten for hundreds of years. The town is one of the Wonders of the World. The excavations began in the 18th Century are still being carried out today. Our guide will take you slowly through some of the ancient streets of Pompeii where you can see baths, forums and villas built by the prosperous Romans in the year 80 B.C. Marvel at the fabulously preserved frescos, which once adorned the walls and floors of ancient villa.

Transfer to a nearby winery.

Here you will have a guided tour of the vineyards and then you will seat to enjoy a three courses meal paired with 5 Lacryma Christi DOP wines.

After lunch, drop off at Naples rail station.

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Rail · Eurorail

**Departure Location**  
Naples Train Station

**Arrival Location**  
Florence Train Station

#### Notes

Naples to Florence Train ~3 hours



**Departure Location**  
Florence Train Station

**Arrival Location**  
Florence Hotel

**Vehicle**  
Private Transfer

#### Notes

Transfer to Hotel



**3:00 PM**

Check In

**11:00 AM**

Check Out

**4 Nights**

Duration

The silent Arno river flowing below, the enchanting light, beauty emanating from the modern art collection adorning the walls give this charming hotel a simply magical atmosphere. Located in the historical center of Florence and overlooking the Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery, Piazza della Signoria, Santa Maria del Fiore cathedral and Palazzo Pitti are just steps away. Hotel

Lungarno offers all of the services of a 5 star hotel, including free Internet Wi-Fi, garage service, bar and Michelin starred restaurant Borgo San Jacopo. Owned by the Ferragamo family, Hotel Lungarno is located along the south bank of the river Arno, a stone's throw from the Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio, and the Uffizi Gallery. After a major refurbishment in 2017, the guest rooms are utterly delightful, all of them with fine antique furnishings, original paintings from the hotel's collection, and soothing colors. Consider indulging in a delightful and elegant setting overlooking the city and the river, where you'll enjoy extraordinary views. Also drink in the remarkable views at Michelin-starred restaurant Borgo San Jacopo, with its superb Italian cuisine.

## Amenities

### Virtuoso Amenities

#### For 2022:

Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability

Daily breakfast served in breakfast room for two guests per bedroom

Complimentary one-way private airport transfers (must have minimum value of \$100USD equivalent)

Complimentary entrance to Salvatore Ferragamo Museum for two

Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability

Complimentary Wi-Fi

## Day 6



### Self Guided Florence Walking Tour with Statue fo David Passes

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#### Il Duomo

Also known as the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, il Duomo is the most iconic attraction in Florence. You don't *have* to start here, but this is an absolute must see and it gets crowded quickly, so we recommend heading there first thing. For crowd-free photos in peak season, 7am is best (though you won't be able to go inside until later).

Florence's Duomo is the third largest church in the world. Entrance into the main sanctuary is free. Note that a dress code is enforced: knees and shoulders must be covered and hats removed.

#### Mercato Centrale

The [San Lorenzo central market](#) is a two-story indoor market with fresh produce, meat, cheese, and local food products on the ground floor; open 7am to 2pm Monday through Saturday. From 10am to midnight, you can visit the [Mercato Centrale](#) second floor (or European "first floor") for a wide variety of eateries. On the streets surrounding the building are outdoors stalls with leather goods, jewelry, clothes, and souvenirs.

#### Piazza della Repubblica

Little remains of the Piazza della Repubblica's historical significance as the old market and forum. It's not necessarily worth going out of your way to see, but since it's central and on the way of our tour, we're including it here. Grab a bench to watch the street performers and tourists if you need to rest your feet.

#### Accademia and Uffizi

The Accademia featuring the original David and other works by Michelangelo, Botticelli, etc. This say includes Skip the Line Tickets to Accademia Gallery

The Uffizi Gallery has one of the best known collections of artwork in the world. With limited time, you can always enjoy walking through the long courtyard, Piazzale degli Uffizi, for free. It's a short scenic way to get from Piazza della Signoria to our next stop: Ponte Vecchio.

#### Ponte Vecchio

Another iconic landmark in Florence is the old bridge, Ponte Vecchio. It was the only bridge in Florence not destroyed by the Germans during World War II, and it's well known for all the jewelry shops that can be found on the bridge. Above the shops, you'll notice a passageway with windows. This is part of the Vasari Corridor, an elevated passageway that connects the Palazzo Vecchio to the Pitti Palace. It was constructed in 1565 so Duke Cosimo Medici could move securely between his home and "office."

#### Piazzale Michelangelo

On the south side of the Arno River is a large square with panoramic views of the city: Piazzale Michelangelo. You can reach it via the rose garden or by walking up from Porto San Niccolo. The square has some bronze copies of Michelangelo's statues, but the real draw is the view.

This is a popular place for tourists to watch the sunset with a picnic. We suggest walking up via the stairs that follow the rose garden you can pop into the garden for a breather and taking the Piazza Poggi stairs back down, past the tower of San Niccolo.

## Day 7



### Uffizi Masterclass by an Art Expert - Early Entrance Tour

8:00 AM

Start Time

#### Highlights

- VIP Small group tour ensures personalized attention
- Skip the long lines and be among the very first to enter the museum
- In depth Uffizi Gallery tour
- Delicious Italian Breakfast at the panoramic cafe of the Uffizi Gallery
- Only in English to preserve the quality of the tour
- Florence City GuideBook

#### Description

The ultimate experience if you want to visit the Uffizi Gallery (and you can't leave this city without visiting Florence - and Italy's most famous museum!). The exclusive opportunity to visit the Uffizi Gallery avoiding much of its crowds, being among the first to enter and a skip-the-line early entrance. Discover the masterpieces of this world-renowned museum enjoying the personalized attention that only an exclusive small group tour like this can provide.

See and understand what's behind each painting, following the evolution of Italian art through the centuries, from the Middle Ages to Renaissance. You will thus be able to view the main masterpieces by the greatest artists that turned Florence into the capital of a revolutionary cultural and artistic period. You will not just see those masterpieces. You will understand them. You will see them coming to life. Discover Giotto's revolutionary art, admire the beauty of Botticelli's Primavera and the sensuality of his Venere, surprise yourself with Leonardo's mix of rational genius and artistic creativity, and many other unequaled artists.

During the visit, a delicious Italian breakfast will be served at the Uffizi cafe, giving you the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing break and the fascinating views from the magnificent ancient terrace on the Loggia dei Lanzi. At the end of the tour, you can exit the museum or decide to remain inside to continue visiting it on your own. An interesting Florence City GuideBook will be our present to give you fresh suggestions and make your stay in Florence and Tuscany even more memorable. This is not just a museum visit: it will be a memorable experience that will immerse your eyes and soul in Art.

## Day 8



### MONTEPULCIANO WINE TOUR

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9:00 AM	6:30 PM	9hr 30min
Start Time	End Time	Duration

9.00 am 11.00 am Private transfer to Bindella winery.

11.00 am 3.00 pm A fascinating journey through history, culture and taste to understand how the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is not only an expression of its territory, of its traditions but also of its soil, microclimate and method of production. Immerse yourself in the magic of the landscape of Vallocaia. After the visit among barrels and works of art, you will be able to discover the most representative wines of the Estate and of course our Extra Virgin Olive Oil. The tasting will be completed with a 4 courses lunch on seasonal basis.

3.00 3.30 pm Transfer to the second winery.

3.30 pm 5.00 pm This is a family-run winery that from four generations has dedicated itself to the production of wine. The cellars belonged to the 12th century monastery of The Padri Serviti. You will do a tour of the winery and taste the following wines: Rosso di Montepulciano DOC, Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG and Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG Riserva dei Padri Serviti. The wine will be accompanied by bread and Extra Virgin Olive Oil, a selection of Local Cold-cuts and Pecorino cheese from the Val d'Orcia, and lastly, Vin Santo and Cantucci.

5.00 pm 6.30 pm Transfer back to Florence.

## Day 9



### Excursion to Lucca | Driver & Guide | 6 Hours

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9:00 AM

Start Time

Venture outside Florence a half-day excursion to Lucca, a graceful and beautifully preserved medieval town.

Trains from Florence to Lucca take approximately 1.5 hours each way.

Explore its stunning architecture and piazzas while strolling along shady promenades. Enjoy up to a few hours in this charming town. Begin with a drink in a local coffee bar, a chance to taste a piece of Buccellato (a traditional fruit bread) or Necci (chestnut flour rolled pancake) while you discover this charming Renaissance town. Tour the Duomo di San Martino and the Church of San Frediano. Enjoy a panoramic walk along the old medieval walls.

## Day 10



### Visit San Gimignano & Duomo di Siena on the way to Rome

<https://www.discovertuscany.com/san-gimignano/>

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9:30 AM

Start Time

7:00 PM

End Time

9hr 30min

Duration

9.30 am 10.30 am Private transfer from Florence to San Gimignano.

10.30 am 12.30 pm This town is famous for its unique in the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses, which, with its hilltop setting and encircling walls form “an unforgettable skyline”. You will also see Piazza Della Cisterna and the civic museums. You will have 1h to have lunch.

1.30 2.15 pm Transfer to Siena.

2.15 pm 4.15 pm Meet your guide. You’ll wonder through the historic town, visiting the Duomo where you’ll get one of the best views in Italy from the Torre del Mangia. Siena is famous also for its large square, called Il Campo, and the Palio, an historic horse race that takes place twice during the summer months.

4.15 pm 7.00 pm Drop off in Rome.



### Hotel Palazzo Manfredi - Rome, Italy

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Via Labicana 125, Rome, Italy 00184

2:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

Multi-storey villa at the foot of the archaeological remains of the gladiator arena with Colosseum views, near Trevi Fountain.

## Day 11



10:00 AM	3:30 PM	5hr 30min
Start Time	End Time	Duration

### Meeting Point

In front of the Café Vaticano, Viale Vaticano, 100.

### Activities

Sightseeing at [Vatican Museums](#), [St. Peter's Basilica](#), and [Sistine Chapel](#)

### Highlights

- Skip all the queues and be free to enjoy the beauty and innovation behind Michelangelo's frescos
- Unlock the mysteries behind the works of the Renaissance masters
- See Sistine Chapel Raphael Rooms, Michelangelo's La Pietà, The Belvedere Courtyard
- View Peter's Basilica, Ancient Greek Sculpture Halls
- Take an exclusive journey into the history of Christianity

### Description

A true luxury designed by you, during your 5-hour Vatican Tour, our expert guide will focus on exactly what interests you, offering hidden insights into the works and giving you the chance to ask all the questions you wish. With the VIP experience, you will of course skip all the queues and be free to enjoy the beauty and innovation behind Michelangelo's frescos. Marvel at the countless characters as you gaze up at the epic and world-famous ceiling, lovingly depicted in painstaking detail.

Unlock the mysteries behind the works of the Renaissance masters before being taken directly to the Vatican Museums naturally skipping all the lines, until you reach St. Peter's basilica. Take an exclusive journey into the history of Christianity and be captivated by the rich repertoire of masterpieces on offer.

### Itinerary

Classic sights included in our itinerary: Sistine Chapel, Raphael Rooms, Michelangelo's La Pietà The Belvedere Courtyard, The Belvedere Torso, St. Peter's Basilica, Ancient Greek Sculpture Halls.



## Colosseum Tickets for independent visit

No trip to Rome would be complete without a tour of the ancient Colosseum.

Make your way to the Colosseum (easily by taxi from hotel) for your timed entrance tickets.

At the entrance, your pre-booked audio guide will bring these historic areas to life as they tell you about their historical and cultural importance as you stroll around the Colosseum

### Day 12



## Underground Rome & Catacomb Private Tour

8:30 AM	11:30 AM	3hr
Start Time	End Time	Duration

#### Meeting Point

Accommodation Pickup

#### Highlights

- Visit the Catacombs of Santa Domitilla largest & underground Christian cemeteries in the world
- Explore 3 underground levels hidden beneath the church and a mysterious ancient Mithraic temple
- See the oldest Christian images and the haunting underground church of Santi Nereo ed Achilleo
- Visit the beautiful basilica of Santi Cosma and Damiano

- Descend into the 3 underground levels hidden beneath the church

#### Description

As you wander through the atmospheric streets of Rome taking in the sights, window shopping, or slurping on a gelato, it's hard to imagine that an array of magnificent artistic treasures lie hidden under the ground beneath your feet. Join our private Underground Rome Tour by car to delve into a forgotten world, discovering the lost faces of Ancient Rome and the early Christian world miraculously preserved under the modern city. In Rome, you're walking on history with every step. One of our expert private guides will be on hand to lay bare the mysteries of extraordinary and unexpected subterranean spaces, from labyrinthine catacombs to hidden churches - you'll also have a private car and driver at your disposal so you can move between the sites in comfort.

You'll have the opportunity to visit the spooky Catacombs of Santa Domitilla, one of the largest and most ancient underground Christian cemeteries in the world. Its miles and miles of eerie twisting tunnels house hundreds of thousands of graves, as well as some of the world's oldest Christian images and the haunting underground church of Santi Nereo ed Achilleo. In the basilica of San Clemente meanwhile, just a stone's throw from the Colosseum, we'll admire astonishing medieval mosaics and some of the most important paintings of the Early Renaissance.

Making our way down secret staircases, we will descend into the 3 underground levels hidden beneath the church - including a perfectly preserved hidden church and a mysterious ancient Mithraic temple. Hidden beneath a Christian church, the Roman Houses of Saint John and Paul (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon) meanwhile offers an incredible window into daily life in the ancient city. This fascinating villa complex preserves marvelous decorations, where pagan imagery and Christian frescoes coexist in harmony.



## Rome At Leisure Self Guided Evening Walking Tour

A magical stroll around Baroque and Renaissance Rome at twilight.

This evening stroll through the beautiful streets and piazzas of the Eternal City begins at the foot of the iconic Spanish Steps, the 138 steps that connect the Piazza di Spagna to the church Trinità dei Monti, before continuing on to such splendid sights as the Trevi Fountain, the largest of the Baroque fountains of Rome. Legend has it that throwing a coin in will ensure that the thrower will return to Rome, so don't forget a coin! Afterwards, visit Bernini's masterpiece, Four Rivers Fountain, in Piazza Navona.

Along the way, also visit the piazza of the Pantheon, Largo Argentina, and the piazza of the Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo.

Rome is always a beautiful city, but perhaps she is at her most radiant as the golden light of the setting sun is replaced by the twinkling city lights.

## Day 13



### Transfer · Private Transfer

**Departure Location**

Rome Hotel

**Arrival Location**

Rome Airport

**Vehicle**

Private Transfer

#### Notes

Private transfer with Mercedes V Class and English-speaking driver from Bernini Bristol to FCO.



### Flight from Rome to US

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