



ITALIAN VILLAGES & CULTURAL TRADITIONS: FROM ROME TO VERONA

ROME - VATICAN - FLORENCE - SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - BOLOGNA - VERONA - AMARONE COUNTRYSIDE - SIRMIONE - LAKE GARDA

Trip duration: 10 days | Travelers: 1 Adult

ITINERARY

*An immersive journey through the authentic villages, cultural traditions, and culinary heritage of **Central and Northern Italy**.*

Discover Italy from Rome to Verona through the places where its soul lives on: from the timeless art and layered flavors of the **Eternal City** to **Florence’s hidden corners** and the medieval hilltowns of **Siena and San Gimignano**, where stone towers and vineyards shape everyday life. Step into **Bologna’s** world of craft and cuisine, **cooking** inside a sfoglina’s home and walking its historic porticos, before reaching **Verona**, your gateway to the north. Wander through the **vineyards** of **Valpolicella** to taste Amarone where it’s made, explore the shores of **Lake Garda** and the medieval village of **Sirmione**, and let each landscape, tradition, and village reveal a different facet of Italy’s living heritage.

Day 1



ROME: THE ETERNAL CITY



A living mosaic of history, flavors, and stories, Rome enchants at every turn. A city where ancient grandeur and vibrant modern life coexist in perfect harmony. Walk in the footsteps of emperors at the **Colosseum**, marvel at the timeless beauty of the **Pantheon**, and be moved by the spiritual power of **St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel**. Between the ruins of the **Forum** and the elegance of **Piazza Navona**, the Eternal City unfolds as a living open-air museum. Between sacred art and everyday life, Rome reveals its essence: eternal, passionate, and deliciously alive.



Check-in 14:00

YOUR HOTEL IN ROME

📍 Rome Lazio, Rome, Italy -



🕒 2 nights 🧑 1 Adult

You can choose from a carefully selected range of accommodation, available in 3- or 4-star options depending on your preference.

Each property is chosen for its comfort, reliability, and excellent location — perfect for exploring the city easily on foot or by public transport. Expect **modern amenities, warm hospitality, and consistent quality standards** in every destination, ensuring outstanding guest experiences.



A DAY TO YOURSELF IN ROME



Take the day at your own pace: no schedules, no rush, just Rome as you want to experience it. Wander through cobbled streets, sip an espresso in a sunlit piazza, or explore more of the Eternal City with an optional tour of your choice. Whether it's art, cuisine, or simple *dolce far niente*, the day is entirely yours to shape with any experience that inspires you.

Day 2



Start at 11:15

VATICAN TREASURES: THE MUSEUMS, SISTINE CHAPEL & ST. PETER'S BASILICA

📍 Vatican City, 00120, Vatican City, Vatican City -



🕒 3 hours 🧑 1 Adult

An exclusive encounter with the Vatican's most extraordinary treasures. With a capped group of just 20 guests, this **semi-private experience** transforms the visit into an intimate exploration of iconic masterpieces. Walk through the **Vatican Museums with an expert guide** before entering the **Sistine Chapel** to admire Michelangelo's legendary frescoes in rare quiet.

A privileged **skip-the-line access** leads straight into **St. Peter's Basilica**, home to the **Pietà** and Bernini's majestic Baldachin. The tour concludes in the grand embrace of St. Peter's Square, where art, faith, and architecture unite.

A refined and unforgettable way to experience Rome's most celebrated wonders.



Start at 18:00

TASTE, SIP, AND STROLL THROUGH TRASTEVERE

📍 Piazza Trilussa, Roma, Lazio 00153, Roma, Italy -



🕒 3 hours 🧑 1 Adult

Enjoy a **food tour** through the charming, narrow streets of Rome's most vibrant and picturesque district, **Trastevere**! As you explore this lively neighborhood, savor the flavors of authentic Roman cuisine, **guided by a local expert** who will share fascinating historical insights and their passion for food.

Around Trastevere you will admire the highlights of this district such as the fascinating **Jewish Ghetto**, while trying some **authentic Roman delicacies**. Some of the tastings that you will be served during the walking tour include **Suppli** (a fried rice ball filled with cheese), a **slice of pizza**, and **Carciofo alla Giudica** (a very traditional Roman dish made of fried Artichokes). Each tasting accompanied by a **glass of wine**. To end the tour on a sweet note, you will have a deliciously refreshing gelato.

Day 3



Depart 09:00

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN FROM ROMA TERMINI STATION TO FLORENCE SANTA MARIA NOVELLA TRAIN STATION

📍 1 Piazza dei Cinquecento, Roma, Lazio 00185, Roma, Italy -



👤 1 Adult

A high-speed train will take you to the city of Florence in just an hour and a half.

High-speed trains travel throughout Italy, reaching the maximum speed of **300 km/h**; they run straight into the **heart of the most important cities**, shortening your travel time, and ensuring comfort and high-quality service. They are provided with spacious seats, folding seat tables, and **air conditioning**.



FLORENCE: WHERE THE RENAISSANCE WAS BORN



The spirit of beauty and genius breathes through every stone of Florence. Walk in the footsteps of artists and thinkers who reshaped the world: from **Brunelleschi's Dome** to **Michelangelo's David** and the masterpieces of the **Uffizi**. Beyond its galleries, Florence reveals its soul in local trattorias, lively markets, and the golden glow of the Arno at dusk. Here, art meets daily life, and every moment feels suspended between past and present — a city that continues to inspire all who wander through it.



Check-in 14:00

YOUR HOTEL IN FLORENCE

📍 Florence Tuscany, Florence, Italy -



🕒 2 nights 🧑 1 Adult

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Start at 18:00

HIDDEN FLORENCE WALK: DISCOVER WINE WINDOWS AND OTHER SECRETS

📍 Florence Tuscany, Florence, Italy -



🕒 1 hour 30 minutes 🧑 1 Adult

Discover a **hidden side of Florence** with this evening walking tour. Uncover fascinating legends, lesser-known stories, and **unique spots away from the usual tourist crowds**. Perfect for Instagram photo spot seekers!

You'll stroll through the heart of Florence, stopping at iconic yet secretive spots. At the **Loggia del Porcellino**, rub the nose of the famous bronze boar for good luck before uncovering the curious legend behind it. Continue through Via delle Terme and Piazza del Limbo, one of Florence's oldest squares, where you'll enjoy a **surprise tasting**, an authentic Tuscan delicacy. As you follow the path of the Vasari Corridor from the outside, your guide will reveal stories of Medici power and mystery. Cross **Ponte Vecchio** and discover **historic wine windows**, many of which have been recently restored. These small openings in noble palaces were used in the past to sell wine directly to Florentine citizens: today, they make for a perfect photo spot and an unforgettable experience.

Your journey continues past **Palazzo Pitti and Piazza Santo Spirito** and near **Palazzo Strozzi** you'll enjoy a **glass of Tuscan wine** served from an original wine window, just as locals did centuries ago. A tour filled with history, legends, and hidden gems—perfect for those seeking an **alternative and authentic experience**.



FLORENTINE MORNING YOUR WAY



Begin your morning in Florence at your own pace, as the city awakens with golden light. Explore lively markets, stroll past iconic landmarks, or enjoy a peaceful moment at a café. Follow your curiosity and let the city reveal its art, history, and charm in your own way.



Start at 14:00

TUSCAN HILLS & MEDIEVAL GEMS: SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO WITH WINERY DINNER

Via dei Vagellai, Firenze, Toscana 50122, Firenze, Italy -



🕒 8 hours 30 minutes 🧑 1 Adult

Depart from Florence and journey through the scenic **Chianti countryside** to discover the timeless beauty of Siena and San Gimignano.

Enjoy a **guided walking tour** through **Siena's** historic center and its stunning **Piazza del Campo**, home to the famous Palio horse race. Continue to the medieval hilltop town of **San Gimignano**, renowned for its skyline of ancient towers and charming streets.

As the sun begins to set, head toward a prestigious **boutique winery** surrounded by rolling hills and cypress trees. Savor a **traditional Tuscan dinner** paired with fine **local wines** selected by an expert sommelier: the perfect ending to a day immersed in the magic of Tuscany.



Depart 09:14

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN FROM FLORENCE SANTA MARIA NOVELLA STATION TO BOLOGNA CENTRAL STATION

📍 Piazza di Santa Maria Novella, Firenze, Toscana 50123, Firenze, Italy -



👤 1 Adult

A high-speed train will take you to the city of Bologna.



BOLOGNA: THE CITY OF PORTICOS, TOWERS & TIMELESS STORIES



Bold, warm, and endlessly inviting, **Bologna** is a city where every corner feels alive with history, flavor, and unmistakable charm. Walk beneath miles of elegant porticoes, climb the medieval towers that watch over the city, and lose yourself in vibrant streets filled with students, artisans, and locals. This is the birthplace of Italy's most iconic cuisine: from silky **tagliatelle al ragù** to cured meats, balsamic vinegar, and **Parmigiano Reggiano**. Markets spill onto the streets, trattorias glow with laughter, and every bite tells a story of tradition and pride.



Check-in 14:00

YOUR HOTEL IN BOLOGNA

📍 Bologna Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Italy -



🕒 2 nights 🧑 1 Adult

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Start at 15:00

A WALK IN BOLOGNA THROUGH PORTICOS, PIAZZAS & TOWERS

📍 Bologna Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Italy -



🕒 2 hours 🧑 1 Adult

Enjoy a guided walking tour through the historic heart of Bologna in the company of an expert local **guide**. Starting from **Piazza del Nettuno**, admire the iconic **Neptune Fountain** before crossing **Piazza Maggiore**, home to the imposing **Basilica of San Petronio** and its remarkable meridian line. Stroll along Bologna's atmospheric streets, listening to stories and anecdotes that bring the city's past and present to life.

Continue toward **Piazza Santo Stefano** to discover the evocative complex of ancient churches, then walk beneath the city's famous **porticos** as the **Two Towers of Asinelli and Garisenda** rise above the skyline. The tour also includes a visit to the historic **Quadrilatero Market**, where traditional shops and food aromas reveal Bologna's everyday soul, before concluding near Palazzo Re Enzo overlooking Piazza Maggiore.

Day 6



Start at 10:30

PRIVATE COOKING CLASS: THE ART OF FRESH PASTA IN A SFOGLINA'S HOME

📍 Bologna Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Italy -



🕒 3 hours 🧑 1 Adult

Step into a private home in the heart of Bologna and discover the true art of **fresh pasta making** alongside a local **Sfoglina**. In this intimate cooking experience, learn how to prepare traditional egg pasta from scratch, rolling the dough by hand just as Bolognese families have done for generations. Under expert guidance, create classic recipes such as **tagliatelle** paired with authentic **Bolognese sauce**, while uncovering the techniques and traditions behind regional cuisine.

The experience concludes with a **relaxed lunch** at the Sfoglina's table, where you'll enjoy the dishes you've prepared accompanied by local wines.



BOLOGNESE AFTERNOON YOUR WAY



Enjoy a relaxed afternoon in Bologna at your own pace, choosing how to experience the city's everyday charm. Wander beneath endless porticos, linger in elegant piazzas, or explore hidden corners of the historic center. You may browse traditional shops, stop for a coffee or aperitivo, or simply observe local life unfolding around you.

Day 7



Depart 09:30

HIGH-SPEED TRAIN FROM BOLOGNA CENTRALE TO VERONA PORTA NUOVA

📍 Piazza delle Medaglie d'Oro, Bologna, Emilia-Romagna 40121, Bologna, Italy -



👤 1 Adult

Take your high-speed train at Bologna Centrale Railway Station and reach Verona P. Nuova Train Station.



VERONA: BETWEEN STONE, VINEYARDS & TIME



Verona reveals a refined blend of history, daily life, and landscape. From the **Roman Arena** and the elegant piazzas of the historic center to the quiet bends of the Adige River, the city invites an unhurried exploration of its many layers. **Medieval streets**, ancient bridges, and hillside viewpoints frame a city that feels lived-in rather than staged. Just beyond the walls, rolling vineyards, **Lake Garda's** shores, and the **Valpolicella countryside** extend the experience, connecting Verona naturally to the rhythms and scenery of Northern Italy.



Check-in 14:00

YOUR HOTEL IN VERONA

📍 Verona Veneto, Verona, Italy -



🕒 3 nights 👤 1 Adult

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A DAY TO YOURSELF IN VERONA



Enjoy a full day at leisure to experience Verona at your own rhythm. Stroll through the historic center, admire the Roman Arena, cross ancient bridges over the Adige River, or relax in one of the city’s graceful piazzas. You may choose to explore hillside viewpoints, browse local boutiques, or enjoy a long lunch paired with regional wines. Feel free to choose the activity that suits you best.

Day 8



Start at 10:00

VERONA: WALKING THROUGH HISTORY & EVERYDAY LIFE

📍 Verona Veneto, Verona, Italy -



🕒 2 hours 🧑 1 Adult

Walking through Verona's streets with a local guide you will discover all the secrets of its history, admire the symbolic **Arena, Juliet's Balcony, Castelvecchio** and much more. Follow the local guide and discover the lanes, streets squares of the city, stopping to admire, from the outside, the most important monuments. See the medieval Castelvecchio and its **Scaligero Bridge**, the **Gavi's arch** and learn about the ancient Roman past of the city.



Start at 14:30

VERONA'S WINE COUNTRY EXPERIENCE: VALPOLICELLA & AMARONE

📍 Veneto, Italy -



🕒 4 hours 🧑 1 Adult

Leave the city behind and journey into the rolling hills of Valpolicella, one of Northern Italy's most celebrated wine regions. Accompanied by a **local wine expert**, explore the **landscapes** where vineyards shape both scenery and tradition. Visit two family-run **wineries** and step inside their cellars to learn about the **Amarone** production process, from grape drying to aging in barrels. Meet passionate winemakers who will share the stories, techniques, and values behind their craft.

Enjoy **guided tastings** of renowned **local wines**, including **Amarone** and **Ripasso**, paired with **regional products**. Along the way, pause to admire vineyard views and capture the beauty of **Verona's countryside**. With comfortable transportation included, this experience offers a relaxed and immersive introduction to the wines that define the Valpolicella territory.

Day 9



Start at 09:00

TOUR OF SIRMIONE AND LAKE GARDA: LAKESIDE VILLAGES AND TIMELESS VIEWS

📍 Verona Veneto, Verona, Italy -



🕒 7 hours 30 minutes 🧑 1 Adult

Leave Verona behind and spend the day discovering the relaxed beauty of **Lake Garda, Italy's largest and most diverse lake**. Travel comfortably by minibus to **Sirmione**, one of its most enchanting villages, where a scenic **boat ride** reveals elegant lakeside villas, the medieval **Scaliger Castle**, and the Roman remains of the **Grotte di Catullo**.

Continue with a **guided walk through Sirmione's historic streets** before enjoying free time to shop, relax by the water, or savor a lakeside lunch. In the afternoon, cross the lake by ferry to **Lazise**, a charming harbor town filled with cobbled lanes and local boutiques. Take time to explore at your own pace, enjoy a gelato or a glass of wine along the waterfront, and soak in the atmosphere before returning to Verona by van.



Your Italian adventure comes to an end, but the memories you've created will stay with you forever.

From iconic sights to authentic experiences and local flavors, every moment has been carefully curated to show you the real Italy.

We can't wait to welcome you and make your travel dreams come true!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Accommodation

9 nights in centrally located hotels.

Choose between two carefully selected options:

- **Smart Collection**
 - Rome: Hotel Canada 3* or similar
 - Florence: Hotel La Fortezza 3* or similar
 - Bologna: Hotel Accademia 3* or similar
 - Verona: Hotel De Capuleti 3* or similar
- **Signature Collection**
 - Rome: Leonardo Boutique Hotel Rome 4* or similar
 - Florence: C-Hotels Ambasciatori 4* or similar
 - Bologna: Starhotels Excelsior 4* or similar
 - Verona: Grand Hotel Des Arts 4* or similar

The hotels listed are our main partner in each city; they are presented as examples for your reference only. We only select the finest places in the city centers, and in compliance with high international standards. You will receive the list of hotels you will be staying at right upon booking.

Meals

- Daily **Breakfast**
- **Dinner in a boutique winery** in Tuscany
- **Cooking class with lunch** in Bologna
- Food and wine tastings as per itinerary

Activities

- **Rome**
 - **Vatican Museums Guided Tour** with Sistine Chapel and **St Peter's Basilica**
 - Trastevere & Jewish Ghetto **Food Tour**
- **Florence**
 - Guided Walking Tour of **Hidden Florence**
 - **Siena & San Gimignano full-day tour** with dinner
- **Bologna**
 - **Guided Walking Tour** of Bologna
 - **Private Cooking Class** with lunch
- **Verona**
 - **Guided Walking Tour of Verona**
 - Valpolicella & Amarone **wine tour in Verona's countryside**
 - **Sirmione and Lake Garda full-day** Guided Tour

Transportation

- **High-speed train** tickets in **Premium Class** (Rome → Florence → Bologna → Verona)

On-site Assistance

- **24/7 Assistance** throughout your trip, offering help and guidance at any time