



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN ITALY



Religious or not Christmas Eve Mass at the Vatican with
Pope Francis is a once in a lifetime experience
you will never forget!

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Price From:
\$9,400

Join us on our Christmas and New Year Tour of The Eternal City, Florence and Venice.

Enjoy Christmas Lunch at Antica Trattoria Tritone located in the historical centre of Rome just a step stone away from The Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps, this unique restaurant maintains its traditional Roman atmosphere making you re-live the past centuries with its wooden beams, vaulted ceilings and ancient stone fire place. Upon arrival, you will be greeted personally by the Camponeschi family, they will make you feel right at home.

Spend New Year's Eve in Venice with a Dinner at Antiche Carampane restaurant! Situated in the heart of Venice, only steps away from Rialto, here you can find distinguished Venetian cuisine in a warm and cozy atmosphere. The restaurant's gracious outdoor terrace provides the opportunity to dine under the stars when weather permits.

With all of the adventures along the way, this will be one Christmas and New Year Festive Season to stay in your memory forever!

Inclusions

10 nights in a Double room for Single Use in 4 star hotels

4 x Dinners, 2 x Lunches, breakfast daily

English speaking guide throughout

Transfers as shown including Water Taxi transfer in Venice

Wine tastings

Vatican entrance fee & Vatican Mass

Sightseeing Tours as shown includes entrance fees for the Colosseum , Florence Accademia, Uffizi , Santa Croce Church , Doges Palace and St Mark's Basilica

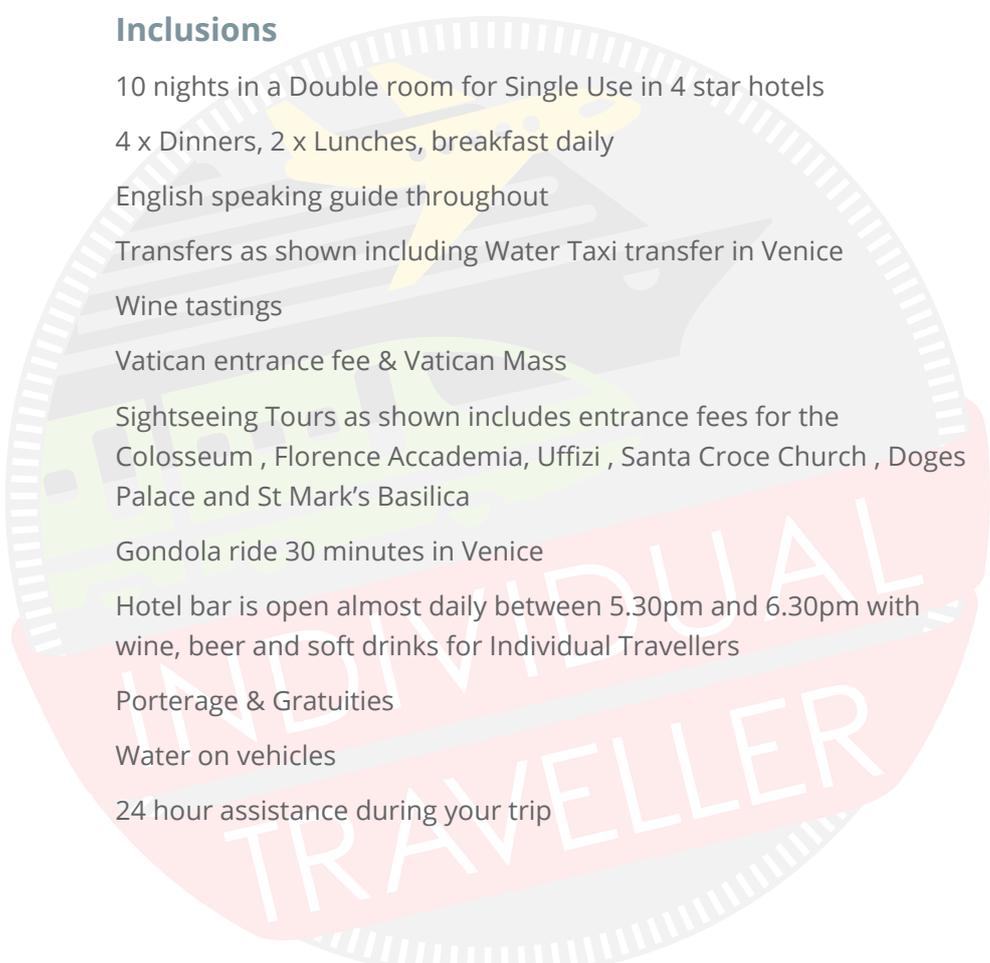
Gondola ride 30 minutes in Venice

Hotel bar is open almost daily between 5.30pm and 6.30pm with wine, beer and soft drinks for Individual Travellers

Porterage & Gratuities

Water on vehicles

24 hour assistance during your trip





Legend

- Start Destination
- End Destination
- # Nights Accommodation

DAY 1

23rd December

Welcome to Rome!

Private arrival transfer is available upon request

Check into your Hotel and relax

This evening you will meet your new friends and our Local Representative for a 3 course Dinner at Tre Scalini with beer, wine & soft drinks included

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DAY 2

24th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning with your Local Guide you will enjoy an amazing introduction to the Vatican City, its history, highlights and hidden treasures – Duration: 4 Hours

Our Vatican experience will take us on an amazing journey through the Vatican Museum and into the most beautiful and famous chapel of the world, the Sistine Chapel. During our visit, our guide will have much to share about the way of life of the locals and the amazing power that this tiny state holds with its neighbouring Italy. After the Sistine Chapel, we will continue our journey through the Vatican and into the Basilica of St. Peters where we will admire one of Michelangelo's most famous masterpieces – La Pietà. After our visit, we will head out into the amazing Piazza which will definitely leave you breathless!

Lunch and the rest of the day is at your leisure

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm – 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

This evening you will be transferred to experience St. Peter's Basilica Square to enjoy Christmas Eve Mass with Pope Francis. Return Transfer to Hotel included

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DAY 3

25th December - Christmas Day!

Enjoy a special Christmas Breakfast in your Hotel

The rest of the morning is at your leisure followed by Christmas Lunch at Antica Trattoria Tritone – 3 course dinner with water, wine and coffee or tea included. Upon arrival, you will be greeted personally by the Camponeschi family, they will make you feel right at home.

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm – 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

This evening enjoy a 3 course Christmas Dinner at Vecchia Roma with beer, wine & soft drinks included

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DAY 4

26th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning you will have the opportunity to experience a unique introduction to the amazing highlights of the Roman Empire with our local expert guide and driver – Duration 4 hours

One of the best ways to see and enjoy the highlights of the times of the Roman Empire. During our tour today, our first visit will be to the valley of the Roman Forum, considered the biggest archaeological area in the world. We will then make our way to the inside of the Senate and the Basilica of Constantine. From the outside, we will have the opportunity to admire other ruins such as temples, basilicas and the Reggia. We will enjoy a stroll through the Via Sacra to the Arch of Tito and enjoy the Colosseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, both outside and inside. With our guide, we will then head to the “Basilica of St. Peter in Chains” to see the Holy Chains of St. Peter and the Moses carved by Michelangelo. We will then continue our drive to admire the Vittoriano known as the Wedding Cake in Piazza Venezia, we suggest a stop for a photo then continue on past the Circus Maximus, Aventino Hill and the Palatino Hill before returning to your hotel.

Lunch and the afternoon is at your leisure

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm – 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

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DAY 5

27th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning you will meet your Local Guide and drive to Florence stopping en-route in Siena & San Gimignano. Today you will enjoy exploring two of the most famous and beautiful towns of Tuscany. You will pass through the heart of the Chianti region towards your first stop of the day, Siena. During the journey, your driver will give you an amazing introduction to this beautiful region and also to what awaits you in Siena, the must sees on the list, where to shop and of course enjoy a delicious lunch. After your time in Siena, you will then continue north west towards the town of San Gimignano. During the ride towards the tower town of San Gimignano your driver will give you the history of this enchanting medieval town and how to get the most of your time here.

Check into your Hotel and relax

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm – 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

Dinner is at your leisure

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DAY 6

28th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning meet your Local Guide for the perfect introduction to the Highlights of Florence – Duration 5 hours with guide.

This tour is one of the best ways to get a taste of the main highlights of Florence. The tour will begin with your private guide and driver at disposal for three hours to enjoy some of the highlights of this city such as the Accademia where you will admire The David, our visit will also include the church of Santa Croce where Michelangelo is buried and where you can admire splendid works of Giotto, Donatello and Brunelleschi. We will also enjoy a drive up to San Miniato al Monte where we will admire the magnificent view of the city. At the end of our three hours we will bid farewell to our driver and continue on foot with our guide for the remaining two hours. We will begin our tour on foot in the Signoria Square, where we will have short break in one of the lovely cafes, to enjoy an espresso, cappuccino or gelato, the choice is yours! (Payment direct to café) After our break, we will make our way to the Uffizi Gallery, which once served as the headquarters of the Medici Family, where we will admire some of the most beautiful Renaissance masterpieces. After our visit, we will enjoy a leisurely stroll back to our hotel. Lunch is at your leisure

Hotel Bar is open between 5.30pm – 6.30pm with house wine, beer, soft drinks included exclusively for Individual Travellers

This evening you will enjoy a 3 course Dinner at Antico Fattore Restaurant with beer, wine & soft drinks included.

The kitchen of the Antico Fattore was a real holy of holies and Giulio, the original Proprietor, would only allow friends or food enthusiasts to enter it.

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DAY 7

29th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning with your Local Guide you will enjoy the highlights of the enchanting Chianti Region.

We will stop at Castello di Verrazzano to enjoy Wine tasting & Lunch – Duration 8 hours

Today's half day tour will not only take you on an amazing introduction to one of Tuscany's most famous wine areas but you will also discover all the other beauties of the region. Your private driver will show you the local's way of life and the culture and you will also enjoy a stop in one of the best wineries to enjoy a tasting of some of the best Chianti wines.

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Dinner is at your leisure

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DAY 8

30th December

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning you will transfer with your driver to Venice stopping en Bologna for a Gourmet experience – Foodies, this is time for some real fun! Enjoy a gourmet walk through Bologna and it's amazing specialities with your local expert guide – Duration: 3 hours

The journey begins through the gourmet side of Bologna as we stroll through the medieval market admiring all it has to offer and enjoying a wonderful introduction on the Specialities of Bologna by our local expert guide. We will enjoy a visit to a traditional bakery and pasta maker where we will find the Tortellini and Tagliatelle of Bologna. We will also make a stop in one of the popular delicatessens where we will learn about the history of the Mortadella and of course, a stop at one of the traditional Chocolate Makers is a must on the list!

On arrival in Venice meet your Private Assistant to take a Water Taxi transfer to your hotel

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Dinner is at your leisure

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DAY 9

31st December - New Year's Eve

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

This morning you will enjoy the highlights of one of Europe's most exceptional cities, Venice with our private local expert guide – Duration: 4 hours

Departing from our hotel, our tour today will begin with a visit of Venice's St. Marks Square. During our stroll through this amazing square our guide will begin by giving us some insight into this unique city and what it has to offer. See the Venetians daily life and how they relate with over 30,000 visitors per day! We will also enjoy a visit to the Basilica and Doges Palace, a magnificent combination of Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance architecture, the centre of the Venetian Empire and the seat of the Venetian Government. Afterwards with our guide we will have the opportunity to explore other fascinating parts of Venice before bidding farewell and enjoying lunch and the rest of the day at your leisure

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This evening enjoy a special New Year's Eve 3 course Dinner at Antiche Carampane restaurant with beer, wine & soft drinks included. Afterwards wander over to St Marks Square to enjoy the Venice Fireworks as the New Year begins!

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DAY 10

1st January

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

Enjoy the morning and Lunch at your leisure

This afternoon you will meet our guide to begin our journey through the city, eating and drinking as the Venetians do! Duration: 2.5 hours.

We will begin our tour exploring the cafés, and cicchetti bars, delve into an authentic side of Venetian culture and of course, enjoy lots of tastings along the way. We will stroll through the area where the famous Rialto Market is held (mornings only) discovering the charming alleyways, "streets" named after the foods and other items that have been sold there for centuries. We will then head towards three of the most popular, local bars serving up cicchetti, Venice's answer to Spain's tapas! Enjoy cicchetti of crostini, fritti and Venetian panini alongside prosecco, the popular "bubbly" of the Veneto region, and tastings of both red and white local wine, all included. Once you've had your fill it's time to finish your meal as the Italians do with coffee and grappa, a local "digestive" liquor. Before you part ways with your local expert guide, she will give you some suggestions on where to enjoy dinner this evening. After the tour you will explore this magical city and its Venetian Canals by gondola. Sit back, relax to enjoy the views during this charming ride through the canals with your Gondoliere. This is a perfect way to admire the beauty, charm and elegance of this city and its palazzi.

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Dinner is at your leisure

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DAY 11

2nd January

Enjoy Breakfast in your Hotel

Departure transfers are available upon request.

Arrivederci!

