



AN ITALIAN EXPERIENCE FOR INDEPENDENT WOMEN

An exclusive 22 day Italian tour for women who prefer not to travel alone.

This tour caters for women of all ages & interests to travel in a small group of no more than ten. The trip is designed to deliver a multitude of memorable experiences from staying in a Tuscan villa to a private visit of an aristocrat's Roman Palazzo. You will enjoy hotels with rooftop gardens, wine and olive oil tasting, private entrances to galleries and museums plus tickets to the Opera.

Highlights include a Italian language lesson in Rome, exploring ancient sights of Pompeii, a visit with an exclusive perfumier, a cooking lesson at the villa, an art historian talk in Florence, use of private boat in Venice and a visit to the Ferragamo shoe museum in Florence. With minimum 3 night stays in each city.

Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday 16 April

Leave Adelaide for Rome.

Day 2: Sunday 17 April

Arrive in Rome and check into your hotel. Welcome lunch with wine on the rooftop terrace with a basic Italian lesson over lunch as well as an orientation walk of our area. Your group will dine at Piazza Navona for dinner, located next to the fountains.

Day 3: Monday 18 April

Enjoy a half day Secret Rome walk with Ginevra, lunch at Hostaria Costanza (set in the ancient theatre of Pompey), with the afternoon at your leisure. Dinner is at your choice at La Lampada (famous for its truffle dishes).

Day 4: Tuesday 19 April

Use today's free with time to relax in your own way before meeting up again with the group in the evening to enjoy a Secret Rome walk with Ginevra to see a selection of places featured in her book, plus we visit Ginevra's uncle's Palazzo Colonna, a real treat! Dinner will be at Café Paris, on the via Veneto (we indulge in La Dolce Vita!).

Day 5: Wednesday 20 April

We will visit Pompeii with our own local guide in the morning. Lunch is your choice at Amalfi, where we can wander the tiny streets and see the stamp of this once great sea power before returning to Rome via fast train for dinner at Vincenzo's.

Day 6: Thursday 21 April

This morning we visit the Vatican museums with Ginevra to see the treasures of the Vatican museums and the Sistine chapel, the famous Bernini royal staircase and St Peters Basilica. Lunch is at Casa Bleve followed by an afternoon at leisure. Dinner is also your choice.

Day 7: Friday 22 April

This morning we travel first class Eurostar train to Venice and transfer to the hotel by private water taxi. Coffee will be enjoyed on the Piazza San Marco. An orientation walk will be taken with Penny with the possibility of a gondola ride to get our bearings. In the evening, an art historian talk on the history of Venice and its treasures will be enjoyed whilst having dinner at Ristorante Masaniello.

Day 8: Saturday 23 April

This morning we have the morning free to sleep in or wander the narrow

streets - the choice is yours. Sara will escort a Walks Inside Venice tour in the afternoon where we will visit the Doges Palace, Bridge of Sighs, the Basilica of Saint Mark and learn more about the Piazza San Marco. Dinner will be near La Fenice followed by the Opera at the Palazzo Barbaringo-Minotto on the Grand Canal.

Day 9: Sunday 24 April

Take an optional trip to Burano Island and enjoy the smaller canals and different lifestyle on the lagoon or enjoy the day at leisure. Dinner will be in the Rialto district followed by an evening concert – Quattro Stagione by Musica Veneziani.

Day 10: Monday 25 April

Today we take the second part of Walks Inside Venice with Roberta. This includes a Bevilacqua fabric makers, boat trip to Murano and Seguso Glass makers. After lunch, we have time to explore the glass, paper, jewellery and antique shops in our vicinity or maybe just take the time to sleep in the sun on the rooftop or people watch in one of the piazzas nearby. Dinner at Al Ponte.

Day 11: Tuesday 26 April

In our final guided walk, we visit the Mondo Nuovo mask makers, a gondola maker and the Museum of Costume





with Sara. In the evening we Tour of La Fenice Opera House and attend a Farewell to Venezia dinner at Il Sempione.

Day 12: Wednesday 27 April

We travel by train from Venice to Florence and eat lunch within the dining car. Upon our arrival, our driver will take us to our accommodation, Villa Pitiana where we will also enjoy afternoon tea. We will also visit the famous wine cellar for wine and oil tastings as well as time at leisure. Cocktails and dinner in the Villa's dining room.

Day 13: Thursday 28 April

Today with take a cooking class at the Villa Pitiana culminating in lunch. Afternoon is free for you to read in the library or take in the garden delights, or organise to sightsee the local area. Dinner at the Villa.

Day 14: Friday 29 April

This morning we tour in a leisurely manner around Tuscany and Chianti and visit Greve, The Badia di Passignano, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni, Montefiorale. Lunch at your leisure and dinner at the Villa.

Day 15: Saturday 30 April

Today we travel to Florence and check into hotel, with lunch on the rooftop on arrival. We orientate ourselves by browsing the leather markets, the tassel shops and the glove makers on a walk and we visit the famous Ferragamo shoe museum. Evening concert at tiny St Mark's English church in Florence. Dinner is your choice, after concert.

Day 16: Sunday 1 May

The morning will be at leisure. After lunch, we drive up to the Piazza Michelangelo where we can see all over Florence and visit the old suburb of San Niccolo as we walk back down the hill to the Santa Croce and Michelangelo's tomb. Plus we visit to the Scuola di Cuoio (school of leather). Dinner will be at sunset, Golden view, overlooking the Ponte Vecchio.

Day 17: Monday 2 May

This morning will be at your leisure before joining the Artisans walking tour in the afternoon. Here we will visit a perfumier in his atelier and experience the luxury of bespoke perfume, meet the mosaic makers, the gilders and silver smiths, paper makers. We will also enjoy an art historian talk before dinner at Paoli Restaurant.

Day 18: Tuesday 3 May

Our Florence walking tour will include a visit to the Statue of David, truffle & cheese tastings at the wonderful Mercato Centrale, Duomo, Piazza Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza Repubblica. We will also visit the Uffizi Gallery with Emma, skim past the crowd. Dinner is at Gilda's (where everything is gilded!).

Day 19: Wednesday 4 May

Enjoy a Taste of Tuscany Villa lunch, relax and eat al fresco at the Medici villa in the hills above Florence (featured in films Room with a View and Lunch with Mussolini). The rest of day is free and dinner is your choice.

Day 20: Thursday 5 May

Today we transfer to Rome by Eurostar train with the afternoon at leisure. We suggest a trip to Galleria Borghese,

time for a last minute shopping. Farewell dinner to Rome on the Piazza Farnese.

Day 21: Friday 6 May

Leave Rome for Singapore.

Day 22: Saturday 7 May

Day use of hotel in Singapore.

*Subject to airline routing, it may be a direct flight home and arrive home in Australia this evening.

Day 23: Sunday 8 May

Land in Adelaide at 8am.

Your experience includes...

Return economy airfares, single accommodation throughout, two meals per day, all transfers, train and bus travel, museum entrances and guides, tips, taxes and special events. Travel insurance not included. Taxi fares not included, unless stated at the time.

Should you have a specific place or experience that you would like us to add to the tour, we will do all we can to accommodate your wishes.

Our dining is a mix of rural and local places with regional food, through to wonderful, picturesque restaurants with books for menus. Each day you will be provided with breakfast and one other meal.

Walking at a leisurely pace is a large component of our tour. In each place we visit, we walk for either most of the morning or afternoon so we can get the true sense of the place we are in. Each included walking tour is approximately 2 hours.

Prices start from \$14,800*

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