



Italian Escape

SORRENTO • ROME • ORVIETO • FLORENCE

APRIL 13-25 // 2020

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la dolce vita

Land of *la dolce vita* (the sweet life), Italy is one of the world's best-loved destinations, and no wonder—two-thirds of the world's historical artistic heritage is there. Tuscany alone possesses more artistic treasures than the whole of Spain, which is the second country in the world for cultural heritage. Whether you crave culture, gastronomy, cutting-edge design, sybaritic pleasures or simply the art of *il dolce far niente*—the sweet doing nothing—this is a country for lovers of all that is good in life. A visit to Italy is a lesson in living well. Open-air vegetable and fruit markets, neighborhood bakeries and fresh cheeses made daily are fixtures of Italian life. Tradition reigns: Neighbors still meet in the piazza to discuss the day, laundry is still line-dried, even in the largest of cities, and the *passaggiata* (leisurely stroll) is still made in the evening air—preferably with a gelato in hand. From the mountains to the coasts, the emphasis is on simple pleasures and high quality.



HIGHLIGHTS • • • • •

Coastal town of Sorrento • Island of Capri and the Blue Grotto • Positano & the Amalfi Coast • Ancient ruins of Pompeii • Vatican Museums & the Sistine Chapel • Rome & the Colosseum • Umbrian hilltop town of Orvieto • Perugia & Assisi • Renaissance city of Florence • Medieval city of Siena • Hill town of San Gimignano • Uffizi Gallery



HOTELS • • • • •

HILTON SORRENTO PALACE overlooks the coastline and is home to magical views of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. A few minutes from the historic center of Sorrento, the hotel is ideally-situated for exploring the town and nearby areas.

GRAND HOTEL PALACE ROME is a boutique hotel located in the center of historic Rome on the famed Via Veneto. The impressive hotel building was once known as the Ambassadors' Palace.

PALAZZO PICCOLOMINI ORVIETO is characterized by the historic-artistic beauty of the building, which belonged to the papal Piccolomini family from the end of the 16th-century until the death of Countess Maria Cristina Piccolomini in 1905. The hotel is conveniently located steps from the central Piazza della Repubblica and the Duomo.

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI FLORENCE is located in the heart of Florence and only steps away from the city's main monuments and museums including the Duomo, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery.



ITINERARY • • • • •

DAY 1 // MONDAY, APRIL 13 **DEPART USA**
• Depart on overnight flight to Naples, Italy

DAY 2 // TUESDAY, APRIL 14 **SORRENTO**
• Arrive in Naples and travel to Sorrento
• Afternoon guided walking tour of Sorrento with a local expert
• Welcome to Italy group dinner

Overnight: Hilton Sorrento Palace **Meals:** D

DAY 3 // WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**SORRENTO**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Full-day tour to Capri and the Blue Grotto

The **Blue Grotto** sea cave, located on the coast of Capri, gets its magical color from the sunlight that enters an underwater window that opens under the entrance gate to the cave.

- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hilton Sorrento Palace**Meals:** B**DAY 4 // THURSDAY, APRIL 16****SORRENTO**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Full-day tour to Positano & the Amalfi Coast

The **Amalfi Coast** is the epitome of southern Italy: bright, bold, relaxed and always sunny. The spectacular landscape (mountains plunging into the sea) and food (the freshest lemons and seafood) alone are worth the visit.

- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hilton Sorrento Palace**Meals:** B**DAY 5 // FRIDAY, APRIL 17****SORRENTO/ROME**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Travel from Sorrento to Rome with a stop in Pompeii to visit the excavations

The ancient city of **Pompeii** was frozen in time beneath a blanket of hot ash during an eruption of Mount Vesuvius nearly 2,000 years ago. Walking through parts of the town that have been uncovered really sheds light on how the ancient society lived. Homes, temples, public baths and stores can all be seen just as they were before the eruption.

- Group lunch
- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Palace Hotel Rome**Meals:** B, L**DAY 6 // SATURDAY, APRIL 18****ROME**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

Vatican City is the world's smallest sovereign state and is governed as an absolute monarchy with the pope at its head. It mints its own euros, prints its own stamps, issues its own passports and license plates, operates media outlets and has its own flag and anthem.

- Afternoon and evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Palace Hotel Rome**Meals:** B**DAY 7 // SUNDAY, APRIL 19****ROME**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning tour of Ancient Rome including the Colosseum

Nothing can really prepare you for the thrill of seeing the **Colosseum** for the first time. Aside from the images of ancient gladiatorial contests, the size and the structure itself is overwhelmingly impressive.

- Afternoon at leisure
- Group dinner

Overnight: Grand Palace Hotel Rome**Meals:** B, D**DAY 8 // MONDAY, APRIL 20****ROME/ORVIETO**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Travel from Rome to Orvieto with a stop at a local winery for a visit and lunch
- Afternoon guided walking tour of Orvieto with a local expert

Orvieto is dotted with olive groves, cypress trees and grape vines. It is one of Umbria's darling gems. It may have all of the typical characteristics of other medieval towns but its soul-stirring Gothic cathedral definitely sets it apart.

- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hotel Palazzo Piccolomini**Meals:** B, L**DAY 9 // TUESDAY, APRIL 21****ORVIETO**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Full-day tour to Perugia and Assisi
- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hotel Palazzo Piccolomini**Meals:** B**DAY 10 // WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22****ORVIETO/FLORENCE**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Depart from Orvieto to Florence
- Afternoon guided walking tour of Florence with a local expert
- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Hotel Baglioni Florence**Meals:** B**DAY 11 // THURSDAY, APRIL 23****FLORENCE**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Full-day tour to Siena and San Gimignano
- Evening at leisure

Overnight: Grand Hotel Baglioni Florence**Meals:** B**DAY 12 // FRIDAY, APRIL 24****FLORENCE**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Morning walking tour and visit of Uffizi Gallery and Santa Croce

The **Uffizi Gallery** is home to the world's greatest collection of Italian Renaissance art. The collection contains some of Italy's best-known paintings including a room full of Botticelli masterpieces. It was bequeathed to the city by the Medici family in 1743 on the condition that the collection would never leave Florence.

- Afternoon at leisure
- Farewell to Italy group dinner

Overnight: Grand Hotel Baglioni Florence**Meals:** B, D**DAY 13 // SATURDAY, APRIL 25****RETURN HOME**

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Depart on return flight home

Meals: B

REGISTRATION

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\$6,595 per person (\$6,825*)

*Price based on non-cash/check payment.

All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy and include all items listed under the Tour Inclusions.

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- \$1,500 per person deposit for ____ people
- Full Payment (Due January 13, 2020)

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TRAVELER 2: Aisle Window Adjacent

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this brochure.

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- Roundtrip transfers between Rochester and Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP)
- Economy-class airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) to Naples and returning from Florence to MSP
- All transfers between airports and hotels
- All transportation as outlined in the itinerary between each city
- 3 nights in Sorrento, 3 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Orvieto & 3 nights in Florence in first-class hotels
- Guided sightseeing and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary
- All meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Gratuities to drivers and local tour guides
- Services of local tour guides, tour director and Carrousel Travel escort throughout the trip
- Baggage handling throughout the tour

NOT INCLUDED

- Gratuities to tour director
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- Airline baggage fees (if any)
- Travel insurance
- Items of personal nature
- Anything not listed under Tour Inclusions

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