


**ITALY**

## GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF ITALY 4-STAR (TOUR CODE: 13235)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Rome to Venice	15 Mar 26 - 21 Oct 26	Cultural Rail	Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on an independent Grand Train Tour of Italy, journeying from Rome to Venice while traversing the picturesque Tuscany countryside, The Cinque Terre, and the scenic Lake Como.

### Highlights

- Discover the **wonders of Cinque Terre** with 2-day Cinque Terre Train Card, allowing you to access and explore these charming coastal villages with ease!
- Experience the wonders of Imperial **Rome** through a guided group tour, which encompasses iconic attractions such as the **Forum and the breathtaking Colosseum**.
- Explore **Lake Como** at your own pace with a day ticket for a **hop-on/hop-off public boat**, allowing you to freely discover the lake's attractions!
- Experience the charm of **Monteriggioni**, **Siena**'s historic treasures, the medieval splendor of **San Gimignano**, and the flavors of **Chianti** on this captivating Italian tour.
- Explore **Milan**, the Artistic Capital of Fashion!
- Enjoy a **30-minute gondola ride in Venice** with informative commentary
- Uncover **Pompeii** and its the exceptionally preserved remnants of an ancient Roman city

Embark on an independent grand train tour of Italy, beginning with Rome's iconic attractions such as the Forum and the breathtaking Colosseum. Board a high-speed train to Naples and start your regular tour to visit Pompeii and its ruins. Traverse the picturesque Tuscany countryside, immerse yourself in the charm of Monteriggioni, explore Siena's historic treasures, marvel at the medieval splendor of San Gimignano, and savor the flavors of Chianti.

Experience the wonders of Cinque Terre with a 2-day Cinque Terre Train Card for easy access to its coastal villages, and freely explore Lake Como with a day ticket for a hop-on/hop-off public boat. Conclude your journey by reaching Venice, where you can enjoy a 30-minute gondola ride with commentary.



- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Rome at Gambrinus Hotel - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Florence at Hotel Executive - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in La Spezia at The Poet Hotel - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Milan at Nyx Hotel - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Venice at Hotel Carlton on the Grand canal/Hotel Amadeus - 4\* or similar
- 48hrs Cinque Terre Train Card
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Roma Termini to Firenze Santa Maria Novella station
- Regional train ticket from Firenze Santa Maria Novella station to La Spezia Centrale – 2nd class without seat reservation
- Round-trip high-speed train tickets from Roma Termini to Napoli Centrale - 2nd class
- Round-trip regional train tickets from Milano Centrale to Como Centrale – 1st class without seat reservation
- 2nd class high speed train ticket from Milano Centrale station to Venezia St. Lucia
- Intercity train ticket from La Spezia Centrale to Milan Centrale – 1st class
- Arrival private transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport to Hotel in Rome city centre (transfer in only)
- - 4\*
- 1 Wine Tasting in Chianti Area
- Colosseum & Roman Forum Group tour (3hrs) – includes: local guide/entrance ticket – Monolingual english or spanish /p/up at the hotel not included
- Multilingual (eng/spa) Full Day Tour to Naples and Pompeii from Naples railway station – includes: transportation/local guide and entrance ticket to Pompeii - p/up at the hotel not included (grp tour)
- Multilingual (eng/spa) Full Day Tour (by coach) to Siena, San Gimignano and Chianti Area from Florence – includes: bus/multilingual assistant/wine tasting – p/up at the hotel not included (group tour)
- 30 minutes Gondola ride with commentary on app to be downloaded on your smart phone (English/Spanish) – gondola shared with other passengers
- 1 day free circulation ticket on the public boat on Lake Como – departure from Como - An unlimited number of trips are allowed between the ferry ports of COMO and BELLAGIO, including intermediate stop

## ITINERARY

Day 1

Rome

Welcome to Rome! Meet our driver at Rome Fiumicino Airport and take a private transfer to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at your disposal for self-guided city exploration of the Eternal City. Alternatively, you have the option to select from our range of additional tours (extra cost), including a **Guided Tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel.**

Overnight stay in Rome at **Gambrinus Hotel** or similar.



VATICAN CEILING ART

Day 2

## Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, discover **Imperial Rome** on a group tour including the **Forum and the Magnificent Colosseum.**

The remainder of the day is at your leisure to discover the city. Optionally, you have the opportunity to participate in a private tour (extra cost) of Rome Walking Tour which will allow you to explore the historic center and its iconic landmarks, as well as some of Rome's lesser-known and unique attractions.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Gambrinus Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



INSIDE OF COLOSSEUM

Day

## 3 Rome Naples Pompeii Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, you will board the high-speed train to Naples; the journey takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Upon arrival at Naples station, you will begin a full day excursion to visit **Pompeii and Naples**. You will be accompanied by a local guide as you explore the renowned **archaeological site of Pompeii** (entrance fees included). Pompeii, an ancient Roman city, was devastated by the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to experience the undeniable allure of the city of Naples.

In the evening, return to Rome by train.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Gambrinus Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day

## 4 Rome Florence

After breakfast at the hotel, you will reach Rome Termini station to board the high-speed train to Florence; the journey takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Upon your arrival at the hotel, you'll have some free time to explore the city independently, often referred to as the '**Birthplace of the Renaissance**'.

Alternatively, you can choose to join a guided walking tour (extra cost) that covers iconic landmarks in the city, such as **Piazza della Repubblica**, **Piazza della Signoria**, and the **Ponte Vecchio**, known for its charming goldsmith shops.

Another option is to visit the **Accademia Gallery**, home to Michelangelo's original and famous statue of David.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Executive** or similar.

Breakfast



PONTE VECCHIO

Day

**5** Florence Siena San Gimignano Monteriggioni Chianti Florence

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a full-day excursion to the Chianti region.

The journey includes stops in **Monteriggioni**, celebrated for its remarkably preserved medieval fortifications. The tour proceeds to **Siena**, where you'll explore the enchanting Piazza del Campo, Piazza Duomo, the Cathedral, Palazzo Pubblico, and the iconic Torre del Mangia.

Following Siena, the tour takes you to the fortified town of **San Gimignano**, renowned for its world-famous Vernaccia white wine and its medieval skyscrapers, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your adventure continues with a visit to the **Chianti** area, culminating in a delightful Chianti red wine tasting.

Return to Florence in the evening.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Executive** or similar.

*Please note that the tour does not include a pick up from your hotel.*

Breakfast



TORRE DEL MANGIA

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the regional train to La Spezia. The journey takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes.

La Spezia is the starting city to explore the famous Cinque Terre, the stretch of coast with 5 fishing villages perched over the sea: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore. **The two-day Cinque Terre Train Card** is included, which allows access to the National Park area and the use of regional trains that connect the villages and of local buses.

Overnight stay in La Spezia at **The Poet Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



After your breakfast at the hotel, free day to continue the visit of the **Cinque Terre**.

You can participate from our Optional Tours (extra cost) a Food Tour to taste the typical season specialties of the territory.

Overnight stay in La Spezia at **The Poet Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 8

## La Spezia Milan

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the intercity train to Milan. The journey takes about 3 hours and 20 minutes. After arriving at the hotel, free time for all to visit the city on one's own.

You can also choose to add additional experiences on Private Milan Walking Tour (extra cost), we suggest to discover the most famous symbols of Milan, such as the **Duomo**, the **Castello Sforzesco**, the **Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio** and the **Navigli**, the famous canals, the very hub of the **Milanese** nightlife.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Nyx Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 9

## Milan Como Lake Como Milan

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, then board the regional train for a 40-minute journey to reach the charming town of Como. Once you arrive, explore the city of Como and its renowned lake at your own pace. Your package includes a day

ticket for the **hop-on/hop-off public boat**, allowing you to freely explore the lake's various attractions.

You can choose the best stops to get off for a walk according to the departures of the boats and the time of the train back to Milan. Make the most of your free time in Como to acquaint yourself with the town and shop in the numerous local boutiques. As the day winds down, return to Milan in the evening.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Nyx Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



## Day 10 Milan - Venice

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the high-speed train to Venice. The journey takes about 2 hours and 30 minutes. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel.

In the afternoon there will be a **30-minute gondola ride** with commentary via app on your mobile phone. We recommend you to try the traditional Venetian aperitif the "cicchetti" (small snacks) in one of the many "Bacari" (taverns) scattered along the "calli" (that is what the Venetian streets are called).

Overnight stay in Venice at **Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal** or similar.

Breakfast



VENICE GONDOLARIDE

## Day 11 Venice

Begin your day with breakfast, today is yours to explore the city on your own.

Alternatively, you can take a **guided walking tour** (extra cost) through the most famous places in the city *Piazza San Marco with the Basilica and the Clock Tower, the Rialto Bridge, Campo Santa Maria Formosa*, and others less known; or a skip-the-line guided tour of the Doge's Palace, with the Doge's luxurious apartments and the famous *Bridge of Sighs* or you **can go on a boat trip to the islands of the Venice lagoon: Murano**, known all over the world for its famous glass craftsmanship; **Burano**, famous not only for its lace, but also for the picturesque fishermen's houses all painted in bright colours; and **Torcello**, the first settlement centre in the lagoon (extra cost).

Overnight stay in Venice at **Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal** or similar.

Breakfast



RIALTO BRIDGE

## Day 12 Venice

After breakfast, check-out of your hotel and end of the tour.

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Day 1: Guided Tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

Guided tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel (small group)

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

### Day 2: Rome Walking Tour

Rome Walking tour (private)

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### Day 4: Florence Walking Tour

Florence Walking tour (regular or private); Guided tour of the Accademia Gallery (small group)

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### Day 4: Guided Tour of the Accademia Gallery

Guided Tour of the Accademia Gallery (small group)

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### Day 7: La Spezia Food Tour

La Spezia Food tour (small group)

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### Day 8: Milan Walking Tour

Milan Walking Tour (private)

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## Day 11: Venice Walking Tour

Venice Walking tour (regular or private)

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## Day 11: Excursion to the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello

Excursion to the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello (regular)

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# ACCOMMODATION

## Gambrinus Hotel

### Rome

A prestigious early 20th-century building in Rome has been recently renovated to house a 4-star hotel. Located in the city's center, just a short walk from Via Veneto, the Spanish Steps, and Termini Station, our establishment boasts 57 rooms and suites. These accommodations provide a refined and exclusive atmosphere, featuring modern amenities and unique decor, with upholstered walls in luxurious fabric and distinct parquet flooring in each room.



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## Hotel Executive

### Florence

The Executive Hotel in Florence is a luxury 4 star hotel in the historical centre of Florence. The Hotel enjoys a superb location next to the River Arno and close to Santa Maria Novella. Renovated to reflect the grandeur of Florence's golden era and restore this historical building's original presence.



## Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal

### Venice

Facing the magical Grand Canal, the Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal is the ideal destination for an unforgettable holiday in Venice. The pastel colours, Venetian plaster-work and wall-lamps in Murano glass, the Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal will enchant you with its refined elegance. The elegant Carlton Café offers the possibility to savour excellent drinks, nibbles and snacks.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package