



ITALY

## ROME & DOLCE VITA TOUR (TOUR CODE: 13243)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Rome

### TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Mar 25 - 16 Nov 25

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

A minitour from Rome by coach to explore the beautiful southern Coast.

### Highlights

- Return **transfer to Rome by coach bus** included!
- Enjoy a **small group of max 10 people** Vatican, Sistine Chapel and St Peter Square
- Spending two nights in **Sorrento** to unwind and delight in the beauty of the Costiera!
- Indulge in an authentic **Neapolitan pizza** in Pompeii!

Your journey begins with a 2-night stay in Rome, granting you exclusive small-group access for a maximum of 10 people to the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square. In addition, savour the local flavors with a food tour through Trastevere's vibrant markets.

Next, board a comfortable coach for your trip to Sorrento, making a fascinating stop en route to Pompeii where you can relish an authentic Neapolitan pizza. You'll then spend 2 tranquil nights in Sorrento, allowing you to unwind and bask in the splendor of the Costiera. Finally, return to Rome by coach bus and conclude your journey with one last night in the Eternal City.



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

## INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Rome at Hotel St Martin - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Sorrento at Hotel Michelangelo - 4\* or similar
- Return transfer to Rome by deluxe motor coach
- Private transfers on day 2 from the hotel to the meeting point (piazza Farnese corner of via dei Baullari, 106) + transfer at the end of the tour from Trastevere area to Vatican Museums
- Small group of max 10 people Vatican, Sistine Chapel and St Peter Square
- Small group of max 12 people- Rome food tour
- Full day regular excursion to Pompeii with real Neapolitan pizza and a drink included for lunch
- Full day regular excursion to Capri

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Rome

Welcome to Rome! Independent arrival to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

### Day 2 Rome

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, you will meet with your driver who will transport you to the designated meeting point where your knowledgeable local foodie guide awaits.

Embark on a delightful **walking tour of the charming food markets**, grocers, and gelato shops in the **Campo De' Fiori, Trastevere, and the Jewish Ghetto areas**. Recognizing the potential hunger that may arise from all the exploring, we have included some pit-stops along the way! Indulge in a delectable portion of freshly baked and crispy "Pizza Bianca," a version of focaccia native to Rome, sliced in half and generously filled with thinly sliced "mortadella" - a beloved snack among locals. And why not sample a "Suppli"? These delightful fried risotto balls with a luscious melted mozzarella center are a crowd-pleasing street food favorite. Pasta dishes will also be included, along with some delectable offerings from the Roman Jewish culinary tradition. Savour the flavors of the deep-fried and artichoke-based "Carciofo alla Giudia," which resembles a miniature sunflower, and the battered and fried cod fillet known as "Filetto di Baccalà." Be sure to save room for dessert, as we will not pass up the opportunity to treat you to some carefully crafted artisanal "Gelato"!

Following this gastronomic adventure, your driver will take you to the Vatican area, where you will join a small and agile group of up to 10 people. Upon arrival, meet your highly professional guide and embark on a captivating tour of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square**, bypassing any lengthy queues. Marvel at the remarkable masterpieces of Renaissance art, such as the extraordinary Gallery of Tapestries, the opulent Gallery of Maps, the breathtaking Raphael's Rooms, and the world-renowned Sistine Chapel. Completing the tour, you will have the opportunity

to appreciate St. Peter's Square, a grand open space that acts as a gateway to the basilica. This iconic square, skillfully redesigned by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, stands as an architectural masterpiece of the Baroque era. From the exterior, you will gaze upon St. Peter's Basilica, not only the largest church in the world but also home to numerous remarkable works of fine art, including Gian Lorenzo Bernini's intricate canopy and Michelangelo's awe-inspiring Pietà.

Concluding the tour, you will have leisure time to explore Rome's hidden corners at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

### Day 3 Rome Naples & Pompeii Sorrento

Your journey commences by heading south along the renowned Sun Highway, traversing the fertile Roman countryside and the region known as Castelli Romani, which is adorned with captivating medieval villages. Eventually, you will arrive in **Naples**, one of Italy's largest and most renowned cities.

Begin with a **brief panoramic tour ascending to Vomero hill**, where you can indulge in breathtaking views of the Gulf of Naples, featuring the majestic presence of Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, Procida, and the bustling city below. Take advantage of this opportunity to capture some memorable photographs. Descend towards the port of Mergellina, bid farewell to the city, and continue your journey south towards Mount Vesuvius.

Upon reaching the town of Pompeii, **savour an authentic Neapolitan pizza for lunch**, followed by a captivating visit to one of the most significant archaeological sites in the world.

The ruins of **Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, grant you the privilege of a Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Explore the haunting remains of Pompeii, transporting yourself back to the tragic days of 79 AD when the once-silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, engulfing the prosperous Roman city in lethal volcanic ashes and toxic gases. These remnants have remained preserved to this day, offering a glimpse into the daily lives of its inhabitants. Marvel at the residences and "bars" of that era, admire the frescoes and mosaics, and envision the opulence and prosperity that once emanated from this city before that fateful day.

After the tour, continue your journey along the enchanting Sorrentine Coast, ultimately arriving in **Sorrento**. Here, you will relish a dinner (with a dress code requiring jackets for men) and spend the night in your exquisite new hotel.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4 Sorrento Capri Sorrento

After breakfast, we'll head to Capri island. Weather permitting, we'll hop on a boat to visit the famous and enchanting "Grotta Azzurra" (Blue Grotto), where sunlight shines through the water, creating a magical blue reflection. Once we're back at the port, we'll hop on a minibus for a scenic drive up to Anacapri, which sits 918 feet above sea level.

From there, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the bay of Naples and have some free time for lunch (lunch not included).

Afterward, you can explore Capri at your own pace or do some shopping. Finally, we'll head back to Marina Grande and return to the mainland.

In the evening, a delightful dinner will be provided.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

*Please note that during peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).*

Breakfast, Dinner

Day **5** Sorrento Rome

After breakfast, enjoy your morning at leisure before returning to Rome by coach bus in the afternoon.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Breakfast

Day **6** Rome

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

Breakfast

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

Italian

**LOCAL CURRENCY**

EURO

- Due to technical constraints, it is possible that the order of the tour may be altered.
- Please advise your clients on their arrival in Rome, to call our office in order to reconfirm all the pick up time of their excursions.
- Due to the frequent change of transportation and the type of transportation used it is compulsory to bring only one piece of hand luggage per person for excursions to the south of Italy, as the luggage handling can provoke several difficulties and often may be lost or damaged. We are not responsible for those passengers who do not follow these luggage restrictions. In the eventuality of extra luggage clients will be charged directly.
- In Sorrento, when dinner included in the program, we highly recommend to wear long trousers, in order to be admitted to the restaurant.
- Pick up time of the tours are approximate according to traffic.

### 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