ITALY

ITALY, a marvelous country, where every corner speaks of history, art and culture. Whether it be the great food, good wine or the friendly people, one thing remains constant...the "Belpaese" (Beautiful Country) is a land of the senses, offering something for everybody. Ancient ruins, idyllic Islands, and jaw-dropping sea views, it also offers over 44 World Heritage sites; more than any other country on earth, along with magnificent museums and trendy beaches! With so many vacation possibilities, it's no wonder Italy has been attracting visitors for centuries, with over 43.2 million tourists a year - It is the fourth highest tourist earner, and fifth most visited country in the world.*

Experience Italy with a selection of diverse activities to keep you busy whether it's Shopping in Milan, or participating in the Tuscan wine-harvest (Vendemmia), many options are available such as hiking the Cinque Terre, Diving in the Amalfi Coast, skiing in the Alps, white water-rafting in Calabria, climbing Sicily's Mt. Etna's volatile volcano and sailing Sardinia's golden coast. Vacations can be planned with, or around Daily City visits, Bio Tours, Cooking Classes, Wine Tasting, as well as Golf & Thermal Spa packages!

Alitours boasts over 30 years of experience and tradition to assist you in developing and handling travel programs - even fulfilling the most discerned clients desires, and carrying out 'impossible' itineraries by creating realistic, feasible and most importantly, affordable vacations. For the most creative and innovative products (discovering new "off-the-beaten track" areas, unique accommodations such as castles and villas, & taking part in various cultural activities and exclusive events) we are the best in creating magical and unforgettable Italy experiences.

Let us help you plan your Italy visit and 'vacation' your way!

*Statistics provided by UNWTO.







DAY 1 • ROME/ASSISI/SIENA/FLORENCE

Meeting point and departure form Hotel St. Martin at 7:15 a.m. by a deluxe coach (possibility to request pick-up from your centrally located hotel, ask for more info), you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest. (D)

DAY 2 • FLORENCE

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DAY 3 • FLORENCE/BOLOGNA/PADUA/ VENICE

After breakfast in Florence, departure to Bologna.

There, you will discover the elegant city center with its "porticos", it's shopping streets and so on. From Piazza Malpighi you will walk to Piazza del Nettuno and Piazza Maggiore (Neptune square and Major square) in the heart of the city, then King Renzo's Palace; Palazzo Podestà and the basilica of San Petronio, one of the biggest in the world. Bologna it's a real gourmet's heaven...don't miss a tasty meal at your own leisure! In the afternoon, continue toward Padova, with Sant'Antonio Basilica: one of the most visited churches by pilgrims of the catholic world. Later in the afternoon, arrival in Venice (Mestre). Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight stay. (*B/D*)

DAY 4 · VENICE

After breakfast, enjoy your private transfer to Piazza San Marco, with "Skip the Line" tickets to visit the splendid St. Mark's Basilica and, after this, check out the most iconic places of the "Floating City": the Palazzo dei Dogi, symbol of Venice's glorious past, the legendary "Bridge of Sighs". Spend the afternoon roaming along Venice's canals at your leisure and then return to the hotel and overnight. (B)

*Want to add-on a Gondola Ride? Book early to reserve your spot at a discounted price. Ask for more info.

DAY 5 • VENICE/TUSCANY WINE REGION (MONTEPULCIANO)/ROME

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome, where the tour ends. (B/L)

*Ask for transfers and/or pre and post-night discounted hotel options.



5 DAYS • 4 NIGHTS

ROME – FLORENCE & VENICE Featuring Tuscany Countryside



RATE PER PERSON IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (LAND ONLY)

SEASON-1 (Venice Island NOT included)

DOUBLE/T	RIPLE	SINGLE
2022 OCT	1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29	9, 31
2022 AUG	27, 29	
2022 JUL	2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30)
2022 JUN	4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25	
2022 MAY	2, 7, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30	
2022 APR	11, 18, 25	
2022 MAR	28	

SEASON-2 (Venice Island NOT included)

\$1,520

\$1,139

2022 AUG	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22		
DOUBLE/TRIPLE		SINGLE	
\$1,039		\$1,410	

ISLAND STAT			
		DBL	SGL
2022 MAR	28	\$1,799	\$2,269
2022 OCT	1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31	21,/33	\$2,209
2022 APR	11, 18		
2022 JUN	25, 27	\$1,550	\$2,160
2022 JUL	2, 4, 9, 11		
2022 MAY	2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30		
2022 JUN	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	¢1.660	¢2.205
2022 AUG	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	\$1,669	\$2,285
2022 SED	2 5 10 12 17 24 26		

OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

FLORENCE	Raffaello 4*
VENICE (Mestre)	Delfino (Mestre) 4*

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Accommodation at 4 star hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily (4)
- · 2 lunches, 2 dinners (drinks not included)
- Ground transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- English Only Tour Escort
- Sight Seeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees where applicable
- 10% Italian VAT tax

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips, Drinks, Portage, City/Tourist Tax
- Everything that is not mentioned under "Package Includes"



8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY FROM ROME



RATE PER PERSON IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (LAND ONLY)

SEASON-1 (Venice Island NOT included)

2022 MAR	27
2022 APR	10, 17, 24
2022 MAY	1, 6, 13, 20, 22, 27, 29
2022 JUN	3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24
2022 JUL	1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29, 31
2022 AUG	26, 28
2022 SEP	4, 9, 11, 16, 25, 30
2022 OCT	2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

DOUBLE/TRIPLE

SINGLE

\$2.079

\$3.069

SEASON-2 (Venice Island NOT included)

2022 AUG 7, 12, 14, 19, 21

DOUBLE/TRIPLE	SINGLE	
\$1,000	\$2,660	

DOUBLE/TRIPLE		SINGLE	
\$1,990		\$2,669	
	ISLAND STAY		
		DBL	SGL
2022 MAR	27		
2022 SEP	30	\$2,830	\$3,920
2022 OCT	2, 7, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30		
2022 APR	11, 18		
2022 JUN	25, 27	\$2,480	\$3,699
2022 JUL	2, 4, 9, 11		
2022 MAY	2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30		
2022 JUN	4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	\$3,590	\$3.825
2022 AUG	1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22	\$5,590	\$3,023
2022 SEP	3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24, 26		

OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

FLORENCE	Raffaello 4*
VENICE	Delfino (Mestre) 4*
ROME	St. Martin 4*

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Transfer in/out from airport in Rome
- Transportation by Deluxe Motorcoach
- · English Only speaking tour-escort · Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- · Meals and Visits as per itinerary
- · Venice: ENTER the St. Mark's Basilica with no lineups!)
- Rome: ENTER the Vatican Museums with no lineups!)
- Gondola Ride
- 10% VAT Tax

NOT INCLUDED:

- · Tips, Drinks, Portage, Extras
- · City/Tourist Tax
- · Everything that is not mentioned under "Package Includes"



DAY 1 • ROME

Welcome to Rome! Transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport to your centrally located hotel (INCLUDED). Check-in, freshen up and journey off on your own onto the winding cobbled streets, with several suggestions to discover the surrounding areas at your own pace, as well as authentic dining options to experience. Later that evening, you will be given a nearby meeting point and time, where you will re-group once again with other participants and be whisked away for a illuminated, panoramic bus and walking tour of the Eternal city. The onboard and on foot experience allows you to fully enjoy the magic of the city, as the illuminated sites bring a unique magic and charm to the ancient city, coming to life, under a different light. The tour ends with the Colosseum in it's background, where you will then return to your hotel at your own leisure. Overnight.

DAY 2 • ROME/ASSISI/SIENA/FLORENCE

Departing at 7:15 am from your hotel by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well-earned night of rest. (B, D)

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DAY 6 • VENICE/TUSCANY WINE REGION (MONTEPULCIANO)/ROME

After breakfast, departure from Piazzale Roma heading to Tuscany, world-known for its landscapes, its churches and castles and its delicious wines. You will proceed to Val di Chiana with a stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town rich in history and art. Known for its "Nobile" wine, on purchase in local wine houses, Montepulciano also hosts an annual Jazz and Wine Festival every July. Lunch in a typical restaurant included!!! After lunch, quick stop to spend some free time. In the evening, you will arrive in Rome to check in into your hotel. (B, L)

DAY 7 • ROME

Between 7:45 - 8:00 am, after breakfast, departure from the hotel for the included tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica with our exclusive "Skip the Line" access! No stress to reach the area: upon arrival, your guide will lead you into the museums where you'll visit one of the most important art collections of the world. Walk along the beautiful Galleries of Tapestries and Geographical Maps before admiring Raphael's Rooms and the amazing Sistine Chapel. After this incredible masterpiece, you will be taken by a privileged door to St. Peter's Basilica: the biggest church in the world! The tour ends in St. Peter's Square. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore the city at your own leisure or get any one of our selected tours for the afternoon or at night! Overnight stay. (B)

*On this day it is possible to add the colosseum tour with lunch included! (Additional \$155 per person).

DAY 8 • ROME

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Transfer included! Arrivederci! (B)

*Alternative transfer to Rail Station can be requested. Post or pre-night(s) accommodation in Rome and/or other cities can be requested additionally at discounted "addon package" price. Please inquire.



8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS

CATANIA – TAORMINA





RATE PER PERSON

DOUBLE \$2,429 TRIPI F \$2,390 SINGLE \$2,790

SELECT SATURDAY DEPARTURES

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 2022 APR 2022 MAY 7, 14, 21, 28 2022 JUN 4, 11, 18, 25 2022 JUL 2, 09, 16, 23, 30 6, 13, 20, 27 2022 AUG 2022 SEP 3, 10, 17, 24 2022 OCT 1. 8. 15

OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

CATANIA Il Principe Hotel 4*/ Mercure Excelsior 4* Poggio Del Sole Resort 4*/ Mediterraneo RAGUSA Palace 4* AGRIGENTO Dioscuri Bay Palace 4* PAI FRMO Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa 4*/ Federico II 4* TAORMINA Villa Diodoro 4*/ Hotel Caparena 4*

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- · Accommodation in 4 stars Hotels
- · Welcome cocktail
- 7 Dinners, 5 Lunches in local restaurants, 7 Breakfasts
- Visit of an artisan chocolate workshop in Modica
- Beverage at meals:
- Mineral water (1/2 per person) at meals
- 1/4 of wine & coffee (only at lunch in restaurants).
- Transportation de Luxe motor coach* with free wi-fi *a minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight.
- · English speaking Tour Escort
- · Local guides where necessary
- · Headsets where required
- · Porterage at hotels
- · Local Assistance and 24Hr Alitours Concierge Service
- Entrance Fees to; siracusa: Neapolis & Do PIAZZA ARMERINA: Villa Romana del Casale. AGRIGENTO: Vallev of ples PALERMO: Martorana Church, MONREALE: De
- Transfers To/From Catania Airport

NOT INCLUDED:

- By Law, City/Tourist Taxt must be paid directly at the Hotel (1-6 Euro per person, per night).
- Additional Supplements for transfers with pick-up times between the hours of 7:00am-8:00pm
- Tips, Additional Drinks and items of personal nature Anything not specifically mentioned under "Package

Includes"

DAY 1 • CATANIA

Arrival at Catania airport and transfer to the hotel IL PRINCIPE in Catania. Accommodation. Welcome cocktail and dinner. Overnight in your hotel. (D)

DAY 2 • CATANIA/SIRACUSA/CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Syracuse; visit the archaeological area "Neapolis" including the famous Greek theatre, Latomie of the Paradise and the "Dyionisios Ear". Continue to the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa; visit of the Cathedral, which is built upon the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary Arethuse Fountain and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon return to Catania for a nice walking tour. During the tour in Catania, stroll through the city centre with your professional guide who will charm you with the history of the city. Dinner and Overnight at hotel in Catania (B/L/D)

DAY 3 • CATANIA/MODICA/RAGUSA

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Modica a town whose architecture has been recognised as providing outstanding testimony to the exuberant genius and final flowering of Baroque art in Europe. Modica is a town with an ancient history, nicknamed "the city of 100 churches" and some of its most representative monuments, such as the Cathedral of San Pietro and the Church of San Giorgio, have been proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The tour will then continue with a visit inside the Artisan chocolate workshop; there you will have the chance to discover the techniques leading to the production of an amazing quality of "the Modican's chocolate". Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch, continue to the ancient city "Ragusa Ibla", cradle of Sicilian baroque, with its Cathedral and the "giardino Ibleo"; followed by free time to explore the town and shopping. Check-in to your new hotel in Ragusa. Dinner and Overnight. (B/L/D)

DAY 4 • RAGUSA/PIAZZA ARMERINA/AGRIGENTO

After a buffet breakfast, departure to Piazza Armerina to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, thanks to its well preserved mosaics depicting mythological themes and hunting scenes. Lunch in a local restaurant with a special menu chosen to give the opportunity to taste the local specialities. Departure to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; guided tour of the Valley, including the Temple of Concordia, which is in almost perfectly preserved condition, the temples of Juno and Heracles. Accommodation and dinner at hotel in Agrigento (B/L/D)

DAY 5 • AGRIGENTO/MONREALE/PALERMO

After a buffet breakfast departure to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. At the arrival visit the town of Monreale, situated on a hill at few kms far from Palermo in panoramic position. Visit of the Cathedral, one of the most beautiful monuments in the world with its Moorish architecture, housing very fine mosaics representing a complete cycle

of the Old and New Testaments in Arab-Norman style. Lunch in a Local restaurant. After lunch continuation for a panoramic tour of Palermo, passing by the Normand Palace, Teatro Massimo and the guided visit of the Cathedral. Then transfer to your hotel, accommodation, dinner and overnight. (B/L/D)

DAY 6 • PALERMO/CEFALU'/TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast, morning dedicated to the visit of the historical centre of the town, one of the largest in Europe; the walking tour will begin from "I Quattro Canti di Città" with Piazza Pretoria, Piazza Bellini and internal visit of Martorana Church; we continue to S. Giuseppe dei Teatini Church, "Ballarò Market" and Casa Professa Church with its fantastic marbles. Departure to Cefalù a former fishing village, now a charming coastal town. Lunch in a local restaurant; after lunch, enjoy a walk to the city centre and down main street to reach the Arab-Norman Cathedral and the medieval wash-house built in the rock Proceed to Taormina. Check-in to your new hotel, dinner and overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

DAY 7 • TAORMINA/(Optional: excursion to MT ETNA)/TAORMINA

After a buffet breakfast, morning at leisure or for those who are interested, opportunity to take an optional excursion to the Mount Etna, the highest active Volcano in Europe. Weather conditions permitting, across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1800 metres to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular panorama over the Ionian Sea (supplement on the spot; the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants). Lunch on your own. Afternoon in Taormina, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea": enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through its tiny streets. Possibility to visit the Greek-Roman Theatre on your own (Ticket €.12,00 p.p.), with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna. Return to your hotel. dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 8 • TAORMINA

After buffet breakfast, transfer to the airport. End of the Tour. (B)

*Would you like to extend your stay in Taormina? Please ask for additional info.



TOURS





· Ground transportation by deluxe air- conditioned motor-coach (Day 1-6) and Minibuses(Day 7-10) • English Only Tour Escort (Day 1 - 5) · Multilingual tour in English - Spanish - French (Day

\$3,849

DOUBLE/TRIPLE **SINGLE** \$3,990

OUR HOTELS OR SIMILAR

FLORENCE Raffaello 4* VENICE Delfino (Mestre) 4* ROME Gambrinus 4* or Similar

SORRENTO Grand Hotel Vesuvio 4* or Similar



NOT INCLUDED:

• Tips, Drinks, Portage, City/Tourist Tax

• Everything that is not mentioned under "Package

PACKAGE INCLUDES

· Accommodation at 4 star hotels (as specified or

· 8 meals (drinks not included); 3 lunches, 5 dinners

Station, Napoli Centrale Station, Sorrento Hotels

• 1st class high speed train ticket from Rome Termini

· Local guided tour of Pompeii, including entrance

• 1 luggage + 1 hand bag per passenger is permitted

• Full day excursion to Capri (with Blue Grotto

· Porterage service at Roma Termini and Napoli

Buffet breakfast daily (from day 2)

Sight Seeing as per itinerary

(Round Trip)

included!)

Centrale train station

• 10% Italian VAT tax

Venice private Gondola included

to Naples Centrale and return

· 3 hour guided walking tour in Rome · Local assistant at Rail Stations in Rome Termini

DAY 1 • ROME/ASSISI/SIENA/FLORENCE

Departing at 7:15 am from Rome downtown specified meeting point (TBD) at the time of booking by a deluxe coach, you will arrive in Assisi, ready to explore, at your own leisure, this tiny town surrounded by walls, built in the Middle Ages. Take your time to visit the basilica of St. Francis, where you will see masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue and, then, have free time for lunch (not included). Board on the bus to reach Siena, a Unesco World Heritage Site, world-known for the Palio, the historical horse

race around the shell-shaped town square: Piazza del Campo. Next, you will continue on to Florence, where you will check in at your hotel before enjoying dinner and a well earned night of rest. (D)

DAY 2 • FLORENCE

Florence After breakfast, you will spend the day venturing around beautiful Florence, the "Cradle of Renaissance", where, with the help of Michelangelo, Italian art reached its pinnacle. Based on Etruscan-Roman origins, the city flourished in the Middle Ages as a free "Comune" and was further refined during the Renaissance. You will be fascinated by the uncountable monuments, churches and buildings as SantaMaria del Fiore, more commonly referred to as the Duomo. On your visit, you will be amazed by its magnificent dome built by Filippo Brunelleschi. Cross a small piazza to see the "Campanile" tower (partly designed by Giotto) and the Baptistery, with its bronze doors where Michelangelo imagined the "Gates of Paradise." In the heart of the city, you will see Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo della Signoria (also known as Palazzo Vecchio), and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Lunch in a typical Tuscan restaurant in Piazza Santa Croce. Spend the afternoon strolling the cobblestone streets of Florence on your own or take a short trip to Pisa (optional), one of the four main historical Marine Republics of Italy. There, you will tour the Piazza dei Miracoli with the Duomo, Pisa's symbol "the Leaning Tower" and the Baptistery. Dinner at leisure, overnight stay in Florence. (B/L)

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DAY 4 • VENICE

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DAY 6 • ROME

Breakfast at the hotel, then at approximately 9:00 a.m.get ready for a wonderful morning enjoying a 3 hour "Discovering Rome" with your guide walking through some of the most famous and iconic sites to Rome.The tour will begin Largo Argentina and continue on to Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. The tour will end at the Spanish steps where you can enjoy as much shopping time as desired and enjoy lunch with a view of the monuments (not included). Rest of the day at leisure and overnight. Dinner not included. (B)

DAY 7 • ROME/NAPLES/POMPEII/SORRENTO

Today you will depart the ancient city, to venture off into the amazing Amalfi Coast. Breakfast and pick-up between 7:00-7:45 a.m. from your hotel, you will journey in the comfort of the high-speed train with reserved seating to Naples. Once arrived in Napoli, together with our local expert you will proceed to Pompeii for the guided tour of the archaeological excavations. This ancient Roman city was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD and buried it, preserving it under a sea of volcanic ash for nearly 1700 years. At the end of the visit transfer to Sorrento, famous for its picturesque old town centre and characteristic fisherman's village of Marina Grande, one of the most authentic treasures of the city. A local assistant welcomes you at hotel during the check-in. Dinner and overnight stay. (B/D)

DAY 8 • SORRENTO/CAPRI/SORRENTO

Breakfast in the hotel and departure at 7:30 a.m. for the port of Sorrento. Meet the guide and sail to Capri by hydrofoil. After arriving at the island, enjoy a boat trip around the island and have the possibility to visit the **Blue Grotto Entrance**

INCLUDED! Continue by minibus to Anacapri Then reach the legendary Piazzetta, heart of the island. Return to the port to head back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight stay. (B/D)

DAY 9 • SORRENTO/AMALFI/POSITANO/ RAVELLO/SORRENTO

Pick-up from the Hotel and transfer by minibus for the world famous Amalfi Drive. English speaking assistant available on-board. First stop will be Positano. Thanks to its unique architecture, the town is considered today one of the most beautiful stretches of our coastline (1 hour of free time). Continuing through the wonderful villages of Praiano, Furore and Conca dei Marini, we'll stop in Amalfi for 2 hours. Free time at your disposal to discover the history of this ancient Maritime Republic. Last stop will be Ravello. 1 hour of free time to stroll around this little village located just above Amalfi Return to your hotel for dinner & overnight. (B/D)

DAY 10 • SORRENTO/NAPLES/ROME

Breakfast at hotel and day of leisure to explore Sorrento perhaps last-minute shopping, or last swim. At approximately 3:00 pm meet at the hotel lobby and transfer to the meeting point with other participants where you will meet our local assistant at Naples train station to board the high speed train(1st Class Reserved Seats) returning to Rome. Arrival in Rome between 7:00 - 9:00pm and drop off at the Hotel. Overnight in Rome. **(B)**

DAY 11 • ROME

Buongiorno! Enjoy your last breakfast with us in Rome, at the hotel. End of our services. (B)

*Ask for transfers and/or post-night discounted hotel options.