

From eternal city to sunlit hills



Florence, San Gimignano & Rome

All year round

- > 3 nights luxury accommodation at your choice of hotel in Florence
- > 4 nights luxury accommodations at your choice of hotel in Rome

Experiences in Florence

- > Cooking class at MaMa Florence
- > San Gimignano and Siena tour with wine tasting
- > Florence walking tour with Uffizi Gallery and Academy Museum

Experiences in Rome

- > Colosseum and Ancient Rome tour
- > Tour of the Vatican Museums
- > Food and wine tour by golf cart



DURATION

7 nights

Itinerary details

DAY 1 / Florence

Welcome to Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance. Your private driver will meet you at Florence Airport and escort you to your hotel. Spend the afternoon by the Arno, cross the Ponte Vecchio, or enjoy a café in Piazza della Repubblica. Ask your Travelive planner for favorite trattorias and wine bars.

DAY 2 / Cooking class at MaMa Florence

MaMa Florence is a beautiful venue located just in front of the ancient city wall of Florence. It is the perfect venue for visitors seeking an activity that allows them to immerse themselves in the richness of Tuscan cuisine. MaMa Florence is a renowned cooking and wine school that seamlessly blends learning, fun, and conviviality in a meaningful and relaxed environment. At MaMa you will learn with home cooks and chefs of national and international acclaim who interweave their professional skill, knowledge, and culture to pass on the traditions and secrets of Italian cooking to visitors. Prepare traditional Italian specialties, enjoy a refreshing glass of Prosecco, and gather around the table once all the dishes are completed to savor the fruits of your labor.

DAY 3 / San Gimignano and Siena tour with wine tasting

Your guide will meet you at your hotel and take you to Florence. You get the chance to go through the marvelous Tuscan countryside to San Gimignano, known as the Manhattan of Tuscany because of its skyline filled with towers. Take in all the incredible scenery while walking through the cobbled streets and continue to one of the nearby farms, with a beautiful view of San Gimignano. Along with stunning views, you will also have the opportunity to visit vineyards and wineries, savor a range of delicious Tuscan dishes during lunch, and taste delectable wines and extra virgin olive oil produced on the premises. Your meal will conclude with “cantuccini,” traditional almond biscuits, and “vinsanto,” a Tuscan dessert wine. Your next stop will be Siena, where your guide will join you and show you the splendor of this stunning medieval town, introducing you to the famous horse race, Il Palio, which takes place only twice a year, in July and August. Ten horses and riders, bareback and dressed in the appropriate colors, represent ten of the seventeen contrade, or city wards.



Medieval San Gimignano hill town



Uffizi Gallery, Florence

DAY 4 / Florence walking tour with Uffizi Gallery and Academy Museum

Florence is a graceful and elegant city, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, and its galleries and museums are home to some of the world's finest expressions of art. This tour is mainly focused on two of the finest among them. The Academy, founded in the 16th century by the Medici Family as an educational art institution, now displays some of Michelangelo's most famous statues, including the unfinished but extraordinarily expressive Prisoners, and David, a perfect representation of the Renaissance's centrality of man, depicted right before his victorious battle with Goliath. Your next destination of the day, the Uffizi, is one of the world's finest collections of paintings, among which stand out the greatest Masters of all time: Giotto, Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Caravaggio, to name only the most famous ones. What makes any visit to Uffizi especially effective is that paintings are displayed in chronological order, so you will learn about the single items, but also realize the evolution of Italian art through the centuries. Since Florence is much more than its works of art, a relaxed stroll through the center will reveal its highlights, including Giotto's bell tower, the Duomo square, Piazza della Signoria, and Ponte Vecchio, with its goldsmiths' workshops.

DAY 5 / Florence to Rome

After hotel check-out, meet your driver for a private transfer from Florence to Rome. Enjoy the scenic journey through the Tuscan countryside before arriving at your selected hotel in the Eternal City. The afternoon is yours to relax or begin exploring Rome at your own pace.

DAY 5 (afternoon) / Colosseum and Ancient Rome tour

Embark on a journey through time! Your professional English-speaking guide will take you through the history of ancient Rome, visiting some of the most outstanding monuments of the city. Your first stop will be the Colosseum, the most well-known landmark of Ancient Rome. Your guide will provide a memorable narrated tour and will vividly describe the history of the Colosseum, which remains the largest amphitheater ever built. Your next stop will be the Roman Forum, where you will discover the remains of several government buildings of great importance for the ancient Romans, as this was the former political center of the city. You will then walk along the Via Sacra, the “sacred way” as the Romans called their main street leading to the top of the Capitoline Hill. Your last stop will be a visit to Palatine Hill, one of the Seven Hills of Rome. The hill overlooks the Roman Forum and the Circus Maximus, the ancient Roman chariot racing stadium.



Ruins of the Roman Forum

DAY 6 / Tour of the Vatican Museums

Explore some of the world's most renowned landmarks accompanied by your knowledgeable guide who will share the history, lesser-known details, and intriguing stories of these magical sites. In this tour, you will visit the grandiose Vatican Museum, with masterpieces from the masters of the Renaissance period, including the famous Sistine Chapel by Michelangelo.



St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican

DAY 7 / Food and wine tour by golf cart

Today's tour combines the best of two tours in one: not only will you have a private guide knowledgeable about the art and history of Rome, but also a food and wine expert. You will have the opportunity to savor the finest Italian cuisine and wine while visiting some of Rome's most iconic historical sites. While visiting the most famous sights in Rome, you will also be tasting the legendary Roman cuisine. A must for foodies seeking to savor authentic Italian cuisine. Romans usually eat their breakfast standing at the counter in the coffee bars. Your guide will take you to a traditional Roman bar, where you eat an amazing croissant, with a "proper" Italian cappuccino. Your driver guide will then take you to see some of Rome's sights and explain their history. Walk with your guide around the marketplace and find unusual local fruits and vegetables. You will then continue with the best places to taste local Italian delicacies, such as buffalo mozzarella, burrata, or street food, including pizza, suppli, and fried potato croquettes, for sampling. Other choices could be Roman dishes such as Carciofi alla giudea or Trippa alla Romana, (depending on the availability), yet more choices could be salami, prosciutto, and Italian choices. Local wines and Italian beers, such as Messina Beer, accompany all! Your driver guide will then take you to visit more sights. We will then take you to another characteristic place, where you can enjoy locally sourced, fresh, crunchy vegetables in Pinzimonio, tomatoes, newly pressed olive oil, bread from Lariano, or mozzarella cheese. And again, local wine! You will then continue your tour to see the remaining monuments that you personally want to see, before continuing with the most traditional dish of all – Pasta! Your guide knows the best places in town and will be happy to take you to try some of the greatest pasta dishes like "Carbonara", "Amatriciana" or "Cacio e Pepe".



DAY 8 / Back home

After hotel check-out, meet your driver for your private transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport. As you depart, take a final look at the city's timeless skyline and carry with you the memories of your Italian journey.