

TRAVEL STYLE

Country Explorer



# SIMPLY ITALY

8 days - 2 countries

Code: WISI

FROM **US\$1650** PP\*  
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Sample Tuscan flavours in the exquisite Chianti countryside and ramble along blissfully quiet cobblestone lanes and grand city avenues to admire the beauty of Italy's iconic cities in quiet contemplation, far, far away from the summer crowds...

## THE ESSENTIALS

All taken care of



### 7 nights

Hotel accommodation



### 11 meals

7 hot buffet breakfasts  
1 Be My Guest lunch  
3 dinners with local wine



### On-trip transport

All transport shown  
All transfers shown

## THE REAL THING

Trafalgar highlights



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## BE MY GUEST

The Pazzi and de Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12<sup>th</sup> century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet, explore the castle dungeons, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting

## CULTURAL INSIGHTS

Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo at The Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries

## LOCAL SPECIALISTS

For included sightseeing in Rome and Florence

## HIDDEN TREASURES

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure

## THE ICONS

City tour in Rome ► Florence

Orientation of Venice ► Pisa ► Siena

Visit the Vatican Museums ► St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome

View St. Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs in Venice ► the Leaning Tower of Pisa ► the Duomo in Florence ► Piazza del Campo in Siena

See the ancient sites of Rome ► the canals of Venice

## SIMPLY THE BEST

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## YOUR HOLIDAY

### 1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Ah Roma! Once the capital of the world and today yours to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of the city's most magnificent sights, including St. Peter's Basilica. **(WR)** **Hotel: Grand Tiberio**

### 2 Rome Sightseeing

Join your **Local Specialist** this morning for a tour of the Vatican Museums and **Cultural Insight**. Ascend the smooth and step-less Bramante spiral staircase, admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter's Basilica to see his sorrowful Pietà. We venture to the birthplace of western civilisation next and celebrate the enduring symbols that stand today as a testament of the might of an ancient power. See the impressive Colosseum, where brave warriors once battled for supremacy and Circus Maximus where chariots would thunder down the racetrack. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore more of the city or people-watch in one of the grand *piazze* sipping an Italian coffee or two. **(BB)**

### 3 Rome ▶ Venice (2 Nights)

We journey through scenic Umbria today to see the impressive hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto before travelling through Tuscany with its Chianti vineyards and terraced olive groves. Cross the lush Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. Tonight, we dine at our hotel. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Boscolo Bellini**

### 4 Venice Orientation

The exquisite ancient tradition of glassblowing takes centre stage this morning on a **Cultural Insight** to Giudecca Island where we'll visit a glassblowing workshop. Exploring the magical waterways of Venice, we take an orientation cruise by private motor launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the ornate Doge's Palace and renowned Bridge of Sighs, so named for the sound prisoners would make as they crossed the bridge to meet their executioner. Spend the rest of the day exploring the charming *calle* and canals of Venice, or join an Optional Experience boat trip to the Island of Burano for a delicious traditional meal. **(BB)**

### 5 Venice ▶ Pisa ▶ Florence (2 Nights)

The city of Pisa beckons this morning as we cross the Veneto plains and steep Apennine Mountains to see its incredible Leaning Tower, carved marble Cathedral and the Baptistery in the Square of Miracles. We continue through the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany to Renaissance Florence for our two-night stay. **(BB)**  
**Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

### 6 Florence Sightseeing

Join your **Local Specialist** on a guided walking tour through the charming cobblestone streets and squares of Florence. See the multi-coloured Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria before venturing across the Arno River to Piazzale Michelangelo where you'll be rewarded with spectacular views of this glorious city. Spend the rest of your morning shopping for leather and gold, retire to a café for decadent hot chocolate, or consider visiting the Fine Arts Academy to see the famous statue of David by Michelangelo. The 12<sup>th</sup> century Castle of Trebbio welcomes us for an authentic **Be My Guest** Tuscan lunch, and olive oil and wine tasting. **(BB, BG)**

### 7 Florence ▶ Siena ▶ Rome

Our romance with Italy continues as we head south to the charming medieval city of Siena. See the impressive Piazza del Campo where the Palio di Siena horse race has been held for centuries, then consider indulging in a slice or two of the local Panforte before continuing to the Eternal City of Rome. Tonight we toast to our new-found *gioia di vivere* inspired by Italy. Join your Travel Director and *amici* for an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. **(BB, FD)**  
**Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

### 8 Depart Rome

*Arrivederci* Roma! We bid a fond farewell to a memorable journey through Italy. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

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*The experience of my trip was beyond my expectations. Simply put, it was magnifico.*

Molly, from USA

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## YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
SU 04 NOV	SU 11 NOV	1650	SU 27 JAN	SU 03 FEB	1725
SU 18 NOV	SU 25 NOV	1695	SU 10 FEB	SU 17 FEB	1725
SU 02 DEC	SU 09 DEC	1695	♦ SU 24 FEB	SU 03 MAR	1925
SU 16 DEC	SU 23 DEC	1750	SU 10 MAR	SU 17 MAR	1750
♦ SU 23 DEC	SU 30 DEC	1925	SU 24 MAR	SU 31 MAR	1750
♦ SU 30 DEC	SU 06 JAN 2019	1925	SU 07 APR	SU 14 APR	1975
SU 13 JAN	SU 20 JAN	1725			

 **EARLY BIRD SAVINGS** **SAVE** up to **US\$148** p.p.

**Single Supplement** (add to price above): **US\$330** p.p.  
**Exceptions** **24 Feb 19: US\$440** p.p.  
**07 Apr 19: US\$440** p.p.

 Multiple trip discount: <b>SAVE</b> up to <b>US\$49</b>	 Young traveller discount: <b>SAVE US\$170</b>
 Triple room discount: <b>SAVE US\$40</b> p.p.	 Past guests: Access to VIP benefits

### ♦ Christmas & New Year's Eve Highlights:

The 23 December 2018 departure will celebrate Christmas in Venice. The 30 December 2018 departure will toast New Year's Eve in Rome. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.

♦ **Venice Carnival:** This departure will be staying in Venice during the Carnival of Venice 2019.

## + MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

**Airport Transfers:** Transfers on arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm, and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers from the last hotel will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver US\$78 per person.

**WiFi:** See page 74 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 12-13. Extra nights' accommodation page 76.

\* All prices are per person, twin share.

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 Insider Experience	<b>BB</b> Buffet Breakfast	<b>RM</b> Regional Meal	<b>DW</b> Dinner with Wine
<b>WR</b> Welcome Reception	<b>FB</b> Full Breakfast	<b>BG</b> Be My Guest Dining	<b>FD</b> Farewell Dinner
 Free time	<b>L</b> Lunch	<b>D</b> Dinner	