



# WONDERS OF ITALY

**NEW****11 days**  
**2 countries**

Code: WITR

FROM **US\$2175** PP\*

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Pay tribute to the extraordinary masterpieces of Italy's greats – the captivating arias of Puccini and splendour of da Vinci, Michelangelo and Botticelli's talents in their full glory throughout this enduring exploration of Italy's alluring art, architecture and old-world charm. See the city of one hundred churches, the imposing towers of picturesque San Gimignano and the seas of pastel pinks, yellows and blues that cling dramatically to the Cinque Terre's Ligurian cliffs.

**THE ESSENTIALS**

All taken care of

**10 nights**

Hotel accommodation

**15 meals**10 hot buffet breakfasts  
1 lunch (Be My Guest)  
4 dinners with local wine**On-trip transport**All transport shown  
All transfers shown**THE REAL THING**

Trafalgar highlights



Enjoy our hand-picked Trafalgar Insider Experiences. Here's a sample of what you can expect.

**BE MY GUEST**

The Lenzi family invites you to join them for dinner and a Chianti and olive oil tasting on their Tuscan wine farm which is located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence

**AUTHENTIC ACCOMMODATION**

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan convent in nearby Santa Maria degli Angeli

**CULTURAL INSIGHT**

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 SPECIALIST**

For included sightseeing in Rome, the Cinque Terre, Florence, Assisi and Tivoli

**HIDDEN TREASURE**

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure

**THE ICONS**

City tour in Rome ▶ Florence ▶ Assisi

Orientation of Pisa ▶ San Gimignano ▶ Verona ▶ Venice

Visit The Vatican Museums ▶ The Colosseum in Rome ▶ a Venetian glassblowing factory ▶ UNESCO World Heritage Tivoli Gardens

Travel by train to the Cinque Terre

View the ancient sites of Rome ▶ Leaning Tower of Pisa

**ITALY**

## YOUR HOLIDAY

### 1 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, fascinating antiquities and hearty flavours crafted by Italian *mammias* over centuries. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive to see St. Peter's Basilica and the bustling cityscape by night. **(WR)** **Hotel: Il Cantico**

### 2 Rome Sightseeing

Visit the Vatican for an included sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** at The Vatican Museums. Admire the works of great masters – the smooth, step-less spiral staircase designed by famous architect Donato Bramante, the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and sorrowful Pietà inside of St. Peter's Basilica. In ancient Rome, we remember the brave gladiators who fought for supremacy at the Colosseum during our included visit, and see the Circus Maximus. This afternoon we have time to explore more of the city's sights. **(BB)**

### 3 Rome ▶ Pisa ▶ Lucca (2 Nights)

We travel north to the city of Pisa, visiting its Square of Miracles to view the architectural feat of the Leaning Tower and picturesque UNESCO designated Piazza del Duomo with Italy's largest Baptistery. Continue onto Lucca with free time to meander through the medieval streets to admire the 14<sup>th</sup> Century San Martino Cathedral and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro built on the site of an ancient Roman arena, relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views. **(BB)** **Hotel: Grand Guinigi Lucca**

### 4 Cinque Terre Excursion

A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the charming Cinque Terre (Five Lands) UNESCO World Heritage Site which we will have an opportunity to explore today on our included excursion. Join a **Local Specialist** and travel by train to experience unforgettable old-world charm in a picturesque fishing village. **(BB, DW)**

### 5 Lucca ▶ San Gimignano ▶ Florence (2 Nights)

The gentle Tuscan landscape gives way to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and 72 historic towers. We enjoy a **Be My Guest** lunch with wine in a beautiful family owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills, before arriving in Florence, our home for the next two nights. **(BB, BG)** **Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo**

### 6 Florence Sightseeing

We join a **Local Specialist** who will bring the legacy of the influential de' Medici family to life. Walk along the cobblestone lanes into expansive *piazze*, viewing the magnificent marble Duomo and the replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. View the 400-year-old Ponte Vecchio and admire spectacular panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the Cradle of the Renaissance on your terms. **(BB)**

### 7 Florence ▶ Verona ▶ Venice (2 Nights)

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today during our jaunt to the romantic city of Verona where we will view Juliet's Balcony and the 1<sup>st</sup> century Roman Arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. We venture to Venice next, our home for the next two nights. **(BB)** **Hotel: Boscolo Bellini**

### 8 Venice Orientation

We cruise by private launch to the island of Giudecca to enjoy a unique **Cultural Insight** into the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing before seeing St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. **(BB)**

### 9 Venice ▶ Bologna ▶ Assisi

Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, stopping en route in the city of Bologna to view its Kissing Towers that lean towards each other. We continue to our hotel in Assisi where we will dine this evening. **(BB, DW)** **Hotel: Cenacolo Authentic Accommodation**


### 10 Assisi Sightseeing ▶ Tivoli Gardens ▶ Rome

Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. We join a **Local Specialist** who will take us on a fascinating walking tour to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, renowned for its beautiful frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. We continue to Tivoli for a guided visit with a **Local Specialist** of the UNESCO World Heritage terraced hillside Renaissance gardens of Villa d'Este. This evening we enjoy an early special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director before returning to Rome. **(BB, FD)** **Hotel: Sheraton Parco De Medici**

### 11 Depart Rome

It's time to say a fond *saluto* to Italy and our newfound friends after a memorable journey. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(BB)**

## YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share	Start Rome	End Rome	Twin Share
SU 28 OCT	WE 07 NOV	2225	2019		
SU 04 NOV	WE 14 NOV	2225	SU 06 JAN	WE 16 JAN	2175
SU 18 NOV	WE 28 NOV	2225	SU 10 MAR	WE 20 MAR	2225
SU 09 DEC	WE 19 DEC	2225	SU 24 MAR	WE 03 APR	2295
 SU 23 DEC	WE 02 JAN	2675	SU 07 APR	WE 17 APR	2495
			SU 14 APR	WE 24 APR	2495

## EARLY BIRD SAVINGS SAVE up to US\$201<sub>p.p.</sub>

**Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$430<sub>p.p.</sub>**

**Exceptions 23 Dec 18: US\$620<sub>p.p.</sub>**

**07 Apr 19 to 14 Apr 19: US\$520<sub>p.p.</sub>**

 Multiple trip discount: <b>SAVE up to US\$67</b>	 Young traveller discount: <b>SAVE US\$230</b>
 Triple room discount: <b>SAVE US\$50<sub>p.p.</sub></b>	 Past guests: Access to VIP benefits

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

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

## MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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

**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver US\$107 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	