

# Italy

Orvieto, Assisi, Florence & Rome

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Church of St. Peter

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Church of St. Michael

**October 1-10, 2019**

**\$3,995 plus airfare**

Includes a private, after-hours tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

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## YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Accommodations in four star hotels:
  - Three nights in Orvieto: Hotel Palazzo Piccolomini, hotelpiccolomini.com
  - Five nights in Rome: Hotel Fortyseven, fortysevenhotel.com
- Breakfast daily
- Four dinners, including welcome dinner in Orvieto and farewell dinner in Rome
- Dinners include limited wine, water and coffee
- Cooking class and lunch in Sabina
- Special wine tasting in Montefalco
- Sightseeing and where applicable admissions to:
  - Accademia Gallery in Florence
  - Colosseum and Forum
  - St. Peter's Basilica
  - **Private, after-hours tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel**
  - All other sightseeing described in itinerary
- Excellent local guide for entire trip
- Porterage of luggage
- Deluxe motor coach throughout tour
- Personal headsets
- Mass daily
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

# Itinerary

## Tuesday, October 1, 2019: USA to Rome

Optional overnight flight across the Atlantic. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

## Wednesday, October 2: Orvieto

Morning arrival at Rome Airport (FCO). Transfer to Orvieto, on the southwestern corner of the green Umbria, on the border with Tuscany and Latium. Accommodation at your first-class hotel located in the historic center.

Afternoon walking tour of this important ancient Etruscan city, dramatically located on the summit of a tuff hill. The Middle Ages and the Renaissance have determined the most salient characteristics, with narrow streets and elegant buildings, defensive walls built of tuff stone and a magnificent 13th-century "Duomo" where you will celebrate Mass.

Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Orvieto. (D)

## Thursday, October 3: Assisi

Excursion to Assisi, the magical town of Saint Francis built on pink stone on the slopes of Mount Subasio. First celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and see the little church of the "Porziuncola", where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare as the Bride of Christ and where he had the vision which inspired the Pardon of Assisi. Proceed to the upper town to visit the Basilica of St. Clare and St. Francis' Basilica, a fundamental reference for art history and spiritual message in Europe and in the world, consisting of two superimposed churches and a crypt, and hosting admirable frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto.

In the afternoon stop at a winery in Montefalco for a visit of the cellars and tasting of the famous "Sagrantino," one of the best Italian red wines. Return to Orvieto in the late afternoon. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B, wine tasting)

## Friday, October 4: Florence

Full-day excursion to Florence (approx. 2hrs by bus), the living museum of Italian Renaissance. Celebrate Mass at the Church of San Marco. Visit the Accademia Gallery, the center of art known from the medieval time which houses the magnificent statue of David by Michelangelo. Then walk to the lovely Piazza del Duomo to admire Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Giotto's bell tower and the Baptistery's incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti, known as the Gates of Paradise. You will then see Piazza della Signoria, the city's most beautiful square with marvelous statuary and fountains, the Palazzo Vecchio and the 14th-century Ponte Vecchio.

Remainder of the afternoon free for shopping: countless shops laden with jewelry of Florentine gold and silver, exquisite leather goods, chic fashion houses and the straw market where you will find great bargains. Return to Orvieto in the early evening, dinner at a local trattoria. (B,D)

## Saturday, October 5: Sabina, Rome

After breakfast, leave Orvieto and travel to the Sabina region, a land of olive groves and hilltop villages. We celebrate Mass in the Benedictine Abbey of Farfa, once one of the most powerful abbeys in Europe, surrounded by a little medieval village. We then head to a nearby farm to learn the secrets of homemade pasta and local specialties, taking part in a fun "hands-on" cooking class.

After lunch we continue to Rome, Italy's capital, a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Accommodation at our 4-star centrally-located hotel. Evening and dinner on your own. (B,L)

# October 1-10, 2019

## Sunday, October 6: Imperial sights and Classic Rome

Morning guided tour of ancient Rome. See the Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill and the Arch of Constantine. Finally visit the Colosseum, the Flavian amphitheater dating back to 80 AD, a masterpiece of ancient architecture where Christians were literally thrown to the lions.

In the afternoon, go on a walking tour to visit the most famous and charming squares of Rome: the Trevi Fountain, a grandiose late Baroque monument; the Spanish Steps, dominated by the majestic stairways of Trinità dei Monti; and the Pantheon, an ancient building perfectly preserved, founded in 27 BC by Agrippa, a former temple then converted into a church. Free time to stroll around the scenic Piazza Navona, a large square built on the site of Domitian's Stadium, adorned by the Baroque masterpiece, Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers. Return to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

## Monday, October 7: Papal Basilicas, Vatican (private visit)

Early transfer to St. Peter's Basilica for a private Mass in the Vatican Caves. Next, tour the world's largest basilica built on the tomb of the apostle Peter, constantly revised during the centuries and decorated in Baroque style by Bernini. See Michelangelo's statue of the "Pieta" and the famous baldachin crowning the pontifical altar. Continue our guided tour of Rome by bus, visiting some of the other main basilicas.

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In the evening experience a special private tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel "after hours," a unique chance to visit—without the usual crowd—treasures like the Raphael rooms, the Gallery of the Tapestries, the Gallery of the Geographical Maps and the Sistine Chapel, masterpiece of Renaissance art, and the place where the conclave meets, with the magnificent Last Judgment by Michelangelo. (B)

## Tuesday, October 8: Castel Gandolfo

Morning excursion to Castel Gandolfo to visit the Apostolic Palace, the former summer residence of the Popes, recently opened to visitors by Pope Francis. Admire the Papal Apartment, paintings, relics, liturgical vestments, uniforms and other curiosities. Also on display are the sedan chair of Pope Pius IX and the BMW used by Pope John Paul II. On board a comfortable ecological vehicle, discover the Barberini Gardens, the natural and archeological treasure of the Pontifical villa. Have Mass at St. Thomas Church in the village main square, then free time for lunch. Return to Rome in the afternoon. Enjoy some free time for independent activities. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

## Wednesday, October 9: Papal Audience

Morning transfer to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal Audience, a truly unique experience for all Catholic pilgrims.

The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Rome for personal activities or for shopping. Farewell dinner this evening at a special Roman restaurant with music. (B,D)

## Thursday, October 10: Morning transfer to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport.

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**Optional Group Airfare  
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Group airline arrangements include round trip flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) Airport to Rome (FCO) and airport transfers. The price is estimated. You will be notified once airline contracts are available of any price difference. Aisle and/or window seats can be requested, but are not guaranteed. Flight schedules are subject to change until 90 days before the tour.

**Making Your Own Airline  
Arrangements**

If you plan to make your own airline arrangements, you will need to obtain flights to Rome arriving before the group flights on October 2nd. Contact Magi Travel to coordinate your arrival.

Departure is on October 10th, from Rome. Your return flight will need to depart Rome at the same time or after the group flight in order to utilize the group transportation to the airport.

Doing your own ticketing can have advantages if you have frequent flyer miles, want to upgrade your seats, want to have greater control over seat selection or fly Business Class. All group ticketing is coach class. Often you can find lower airfare compared to the group airfare price.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Passport:** Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the return date of your trip.

**Visa:** No Visa is required for US citizens.

**Airline Seating Requests and Special Meals:** Any special airline seating (aisle/window) or airline meal requests must be made 90 days prior to departure. We cannot guarantee seat requests.

**Items Not Included:** Possible airline-imposed baggage fees (not anticipated), some meals (see itinerary for specific details), Travel Protection and all items of personal nature are not included.

**Single Supplement:** There are a few private single rooms available. The cost of the single supplement is \$1,000.

**Tour Price:** The tour price is based on existing airfare tariffs and currency exchanges as of June 2018, and are expected to be in effect at the time of the tour. If they should be increased, the price of the tour will change accordingly. You will need to indicate how you plan to pay your final balance (due 90 days prior to departure) as that will determine your land price. If you pay your final balance with a check, you will receive a \$100.00 discount per person.

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