

# WINDING WAY TRAVEL



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## Discovering Italy

**July 10 – 26, 2024**

Day 1 Wed. 10 July 2024: Arrival - Rome

Upon arrival at Rome FCO airport, private transfer to your accommodation in the city center (check-in available from 2:00 PM). Take the rest of the day at leisure.

**Day includes:** Overnight at 4-star [Triviho Hotel](#)

Private transfer by Mercedes V minivan (or equivalent) from Rome FCO airport to the hotel in Rome

Day 2 Thu. 11 July 2024: Rome

Explore the glories of ancient Rome and visit the iconic Colosseum. Enjoy the Roman Forums. After lunch at leisure, visit the striking Borghese Gallery. One of the most fascinating museums of Italy, Galleria Borghese is housed in the splendid 17th century villa. Along with bas reliefs and ancient mosaics of outstanding quality, it preserves works of beauty without equals, such as paintings by Titian and Caravaggio as well as sculptures by Canova and Bernini.

**Day includes:**

Accommodations

Breakfast

Mercedes E car (or equivalent) at disposal for all visits of the day

Entrance to the Roman Forum and Colosseum

Entrance to Borghese Gallery in Rome

Day 3 Fri. 12 July 2024: Rome

Private transfer to the Vatican City and visit the Vatican Museums. Then, see the stunning St. Peter's Basilica, the most important church in all Christendom. At the end of the visit, private transfer back to hotel in Rome and rest of the day at leisure.

**Day includes:**

Accommodations

Breakfast

Private roundtrip transfer by Mercedes E car (or equivalent) from/to hotel in Rome

Entrance to the Vatican Museums

Day 4 Sat. 13 July 2024: Rome

Reach Tivoli and visit the amazing Hadrian's Villa, built during the 2nd century by Roman Emperor Hadrian to be his main house, because he did not like his palace in Rome. This huge complex is composed of more than 30 different buildings covering an area of at least 250 acres. After lunch at leisure, explore stunning Villa d'Este, a Renaissance masterpiece Villa with a breathtaking Italian garden by Pirro Ligorio in which lived several members of the Borgia family, one of the most important and influential Italian families of that time.

**Day includes:** Accommodations & Breakfast.

Day 5 Sun. 14 July 2024: Rome

Full day at leisure.

**Day includes:** Accommodations & Breakfast.

Day 6 Mon. 15 July 2024:

Full day at leisure.

**Day includes:** Accommodations & Breakfast

Day 7 Tues. 16 July 2024: Florence

After breakfast and check-out, private transfer to Rome railway station to board on a high-speed train to Florence. Upon arrival, private transfer to hotel (check-in available from 2:00 PM).

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Accommodations at [Hotel Botticelli](#)

Private transfer by Mercedes V minivan (or equivalent) from hotel in Rome to Rome railway station

Business Class Frecciarossa high-speed train ticket from Rome to Florence

Day 8 Wed. 17 July 2024: Florence

Set out on a walking tour of Florence historic center. In piazza della Repubblica, discover the city's beginnings as a Roman settlement. Wander through the narrow streets, pass the fortified houses and towers that marked the medieval town, and emerge onto the open piazza della Signoria, the political center of the city since the Middle Ages. Then, see the Duomo and the iconic Ponte Vecchio. In the afternoon, embark on a private tour of the Galleria degli Uffizi. Commissioned in 1560 by Cosimo I de' Medici and designed by the great architect Giorgio Vasari, the Uffizi has drawn visitors for centuries to view the masterpieces by maestro artists of the Renaissance, such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Giotto, Botticelli, Tiziano and Michelangelo.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Professional English-speaking local guide in Florence

Entrance to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence

Day 9 Thurs. 18 July 2024: Tuscan countryside

After breakfast and check-out, drive along the enchanting roads of the gorgeous countryside of Chianti, with vineyards and olive groves undulating over gentle hills. Reach a local winery in the Chianti wine region and enjoy a private visit followed by a delicious wine-tasting lunch. At the end of the experience, continue to your accommodation and spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Private transfer by Mercedes V minivan (or equivalent) from hotel in Florence to hotel in the Tuscan countryside including 3hour stop at a winery in the Chianti wine region

Private visit and wine tasting lunch (3 courses) at a local winery in the Chianti Wine Region with water, soft drinks and wine pairing. Standard coffee or tea service included.

Accommodations: [Villa Lecchi Hotel Wellness & Tuscan Retreats](#)

Day 10 Fri. 19 July 2024: Tuscan countryside

Soak up the medieval flavor of Siena on a walking tour through the historic center. See the colorful, marble-clad cathedral and step into the striking Piccolomini library, so to admire some of the most outstanding art works of Pinturicchio. Continue to the Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares, which hosts the thrilling Palio bareback horse races.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Professional English-speaking local guide in Siena

Entrance to the Cathedral of Siena

Accommodations

Day 11 Sat. 20 July 2024: Tuscan countryside - Siena

Spend the day at leisure.

**Day includes:** Breakfast & Accommodations

Day 12 Sun. 21 July 2024: Tuscan countryside

Spend the day at leisure.

**Day includes:** Breakfast & Accommodations

Day 13 Mon. 22 July 2024: Venice

After one last leisurely breakfast in the Tuscan countryside take a private transfer to Florence railway station, and board on a high-speed train to Venice. Upon arrival, private transfer by water-taxi to your accommodation in Venice (check-in available from 2:00 PM). Spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Private transfer by Mercedes V minivan (or equivalent) from hotel in the Tuscan countryside to Florence railway station

Business Class Frecciarossa high-speed train ticket from Florence to Venice

Transfer by private water-taxi from Venice railway station to hotel in Venice

Accommodations: [All'Angelo Art Hotel](#)

Day 14 Tues. 23 July 2024: Venice

Take a private walking tour of the surrounding promenades and canals. Reach the heart of the city, Piazza San Marco, called by Napoleon the “most elegant drawing room in Europe”. Discover the gourmet side of Venice at one of its bacari, traditional inns popular with locals, to taste cicchetti - or small bites - with a glass of local wine.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast

Professional English-speaking local guide in Venice

Tasting of Venetian cicchetti and local wine in Venice

Accommodations

Day 15 Wed. 24 July 2024: Venice

Spend the day at leisure.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast & Accommodations

Day 16 Thur. 25 July 2024: Venice

Spend the day at leisure.

**Day includes:**

Breakfast & Accommodations

Day 17 Fri. 26 July 2024: Departure

After breakfast and check-out, private transfer to Venice VCE airport for your return flight.

**Day includes:** Breakfast