



# Italy

**With Rhett Ansley**

**May 1st - May 13th, 2025**

## **A 13-Day Adventure:**

Experience the food, fun and fabulous culture of Italy on this 13-day guided tour as you travel through some of the most picturesque places in the world.

## **Getting To See:**

- Rome
- Vatican
- Florence
- San Gimignano
- Lucca
- Pisa
- Santa Margherita
- Cinque Terre
- Portofino
- Lake Maggiore
- Cortina d'Ampezzo
- Venice

# ITINERARY **DAYS 1-4**

## **May 1st | DEPARTURE**

Enjoy your flight from IAH to Rome

## **May 2nd | ARRIVE IN ROME**

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17.30 and getting to know your fellow travelers over a delicious dinner with wine. Dinner with wine.

## **May 3rd | SIGHTSEEING IN ROME**

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including seeing St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome with your Local Expert. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and visit the iconic Colosseum. In the afternoon, enjoy fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Breakfast/Dinner with wine.

## **May 4th | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE**

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on foot to admire the multi-colored marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica and indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines. Marvel at the artistry during a demonstration of leather work and admire how the goldsmiths create their designs both famous luxury goods found in Florence. Breakfast/ Dinner with wine.





## ITINERARY **DAYS 5-7**

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### **May 5th | THE FLAVORS OF SAN GIMIGNANO**

Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley. Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats. Breakfast/ Dinner with wine.



### **May 6th | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO LUCCA, PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA**

Drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills before continuing to the delightful town of Lucca. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. Head for Pisa and see the incredible Leaning Tower, from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Next, cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (should weather permit). Continue along the coast to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. Breakfast/ Dinner with wine.



### **May 7th | THE CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO**

Head to the port of La Spezia for a highlight of your travels and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes, the Cinque Terre. With a Local Expert, appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat. For lunch, enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table dining experience. Enjoy leisure time to admire the colored houses, browse the boutiques or simply stay a while in the café bars on the piazzetta, watching the yachts moored in the harbor. Breakfast/ Lunch with wine.

# ITINERARY **DAYS 8-11**

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## **May 8th | LAKE MAGGIORE**

Head north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favorite retreat of the rich and famous where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure at this popular resort and beautiful lake. Breakfast.

## **May 9th | CORTINA D'AMPEZZO**

Travel through the stunning northern Italian countryside to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. The vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavor of prosecco. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Breakfast/ Dinner with wine.

## **May 10th | EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES**

The whole day is free for you to explore the colorful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites, one of the most impressive mountain ranges in the Alps. During summer, once the snow and ice have melted away, a breathtaking landscape is revealed. There are a number of walking tracks through pristine Alpine wilderness for the adventurous to explore, or for a more relaxed pace, perhaps take a thrilling optional experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views? Breakfast.

## **May 11th | VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC**

Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice. A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before checking into your luxurious hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialties and wine? Breakfast.





## ITINERARY DAYS 12-13

### May 12th | **VENICE AT LEISURE**

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Mingle with the locals at the open air markets near the Rialto Bridge and explore the back lanes and squares where Venetians go about their day. Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals exploring the intimate and hidden parts of this unique city while musicians set the mood with traditional songs. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce during a magical dinner. Breakfast/ Dinner with wine.

### May 13th | **ARRIVEDERCI - RETURN HOME**

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. Breakfast depending on flight arrangements.

*“You may have the universe if I may have Italy”*

— Giuseppe Verdi



# TRIP DETAILS

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International flights from IAH economy air.
- 2 nts Rome - Golden Tulip or similar
- 2nts San Gimignano - Villasanpaolo or similar
- 2nts Santa Margherita -Best Western Regina Elena or similar
- 1 nt Baveno - Hotel Simplon or similar
- 2 nts Cortina d'Ampezzo - Hotel de la Poste
- 2 nts Venice -Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione or similar
- Breakfast daily
- 6 Dinners and 1 Lunch
- Arrival and departure transfers
- English speaking tour guide during all tours
- Visits per itinerary
- Sea to table dining experience
- Wine tasting
- Private boat glides in Venice
- All transportation by luxury private coach
- Gratuities to driver and tour director
- Service charges and local taxes
- Portage for one suitcase

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

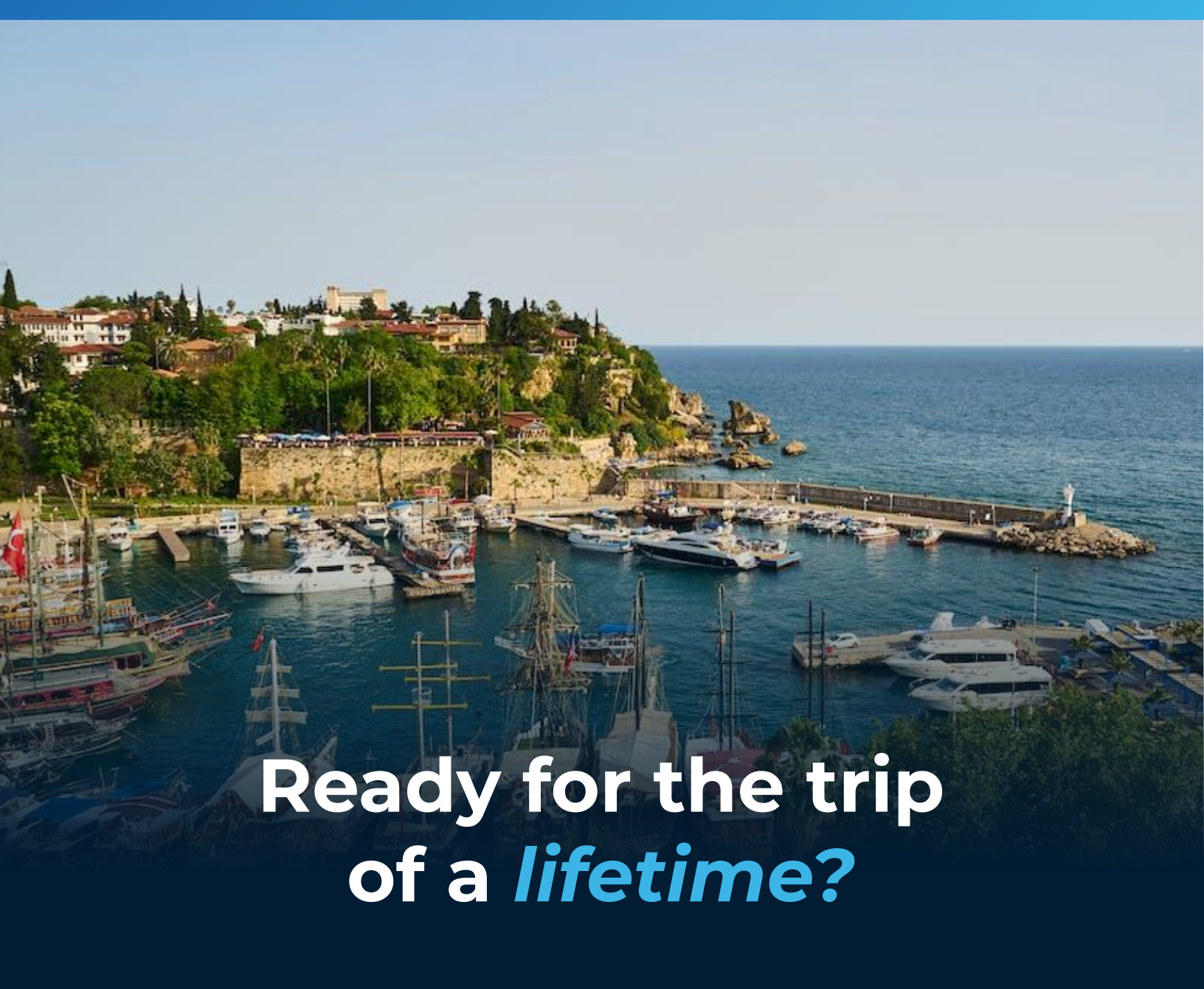
- Lunch unless otherwise stated in the itinerary.
- All personal expenses.
- Travel and health insurance.
- Any other item not listed in the "What's Included" section

## PRICING

Full Tour	\$7765
Land Only	\$6935
Single Supplement	\$950
1st Deposit	\$750
2nd Deposit	\$200

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- First deposit of \$750 per person to hold space.
- Second deposit \$200 due by October 28, 2024.
- Deadline for registration is January 10, 2024.
- Final Balance due no later than January 14, 2025.



# Ready for the trip of a *lifetime*?



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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Deposit of \$750 due with registration of which \$500 per person is non-refundable. Second deposit of \$200 is due by October 28, 2024 and is non-refundable. Final payment date is due no later than January 14, 2025

**TOUR DOCUMENTS:** The name on your airline ticket must exactly match your name as it appears on your passport which must be uploaded before we can purchase your airline ticket. If applying for a new or renewed passport, upload a copy as soon as you receive your new passport.

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