

QUINTESSENTIAL ITALIAN TRIO: VENICE, FLORENCE, ROME

8 Days from Venice to Florence and Rome

Vacation Highlights:

- ◆ Arrival transfer from Venice airport to the hotel or alternatively, join from Kompas' "Discovery of 3 Adriatic Gems: Croatia, Slovenia and Italy" tour.
- ◆ 8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:
 - Centrally Located First Class hotels:
 - 2 nights in Venice
 - 2 nights in Florence
 - 3 nights in Rome
 - Buffet breakfast daily
 - A welcome reception in Venice (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
 - A farewell dinner in Rome (coffee or tea included)
- ◆ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ◆ Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- ◆ Professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides
- ◆ Admission included where indicated in bold letters
- ◆ Luggage handling at the hotels
- ◆ Whisper technology enhanced touring
- ◆ Departure transfer from Rome to Rome airport

Tour spotlights:

- ◆ Venice, a fabled city with palazzos, bridges, masks, churches, canals and gondolas
- ◆ Pisa with the famous Leaning Tower
- ◆ Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance, The Santa Maria del Fiore, culture, art and monuments
- ◆ Assisi with the Basilica of St. Francis
- ◆ Rome, a magnificent eternal city with truly stunning architecture, the capital of Italy, fountains, churches, fashion and sublime food
- ◆ Vatican City, seat of the Roman Catholic Church

Special features:

- ◆ Tasting of the typical venetian aperitif Spritz

Hotels:

- ◆ **Venice:** Carlton Grand Canal (F) or similar
- ◆ **Florence:** Starhotels Michelangelo (F) or similar
- ◆ **Rome:** Starhotels Metropole (F) or similar

Itinerary:

Day 1, arrive Venice, Sunday

You will be met at Venice Airport and then transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until you gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for a welcome reception and orientation. **(WR)**

Day 2, in Venice, Monday

We begin our exploration of Venice at St. Mark's Square with a walking tour which includes visits of the **St. Mark's Basilica** and the **Doge's Palace**. We take in the amazing views of the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs. During our tour we stop for a **tasting of Spritz, a typical venetian aperitif**. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice on your own. **(B)**

Optional tour: Gondola serenade

Optional tour: Pub crawl "Venetian style"

Day 3, to Florence, Tuesday

We drive to Ferrara, a Renaissance gem in the Emilia-Romagna region, situated on the banks of the Po River. After our orientation tour of Ferrara, we continue to Pisa where we view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistery, and Duomo. Then on to Florence for a free evening. **(B)**

Day 4, in Florence, Wednesday

Our morning city tour begins at the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's splendid bronze "Gates of Paradise." Then, we visit **the Academy of Fine Arts**, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. The tour ends at the Piazzale Michelangelo with a spectacular view over Florence. The remainder of the day is free to savor the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital on your own. **(B)**

Optional tour: Visit to San Gimignano with wine tasting

Day 5, to Rome, Thursday

We travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany on our way to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Here, we will take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive **Basilica of St. Francis**. Later, we continue to Rome for an evening at leisure. **(B)**

Day 6, in Rome, Friday

This morning, we visit the **Colosseum**, a symbol of Rome. After our visit, we continue to see the splendid Arch of Constantine, climb the ancient Palatino Hill, overlook Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace; and stop on the legendary Via Sacra or "Sacred way". In the afternoon we have time at leisure for more discoveries and activities on your own. **(B)**

Optional tour: Visit of the Grand Piazzas & food tour

Day 7, in Rome, Saturday

Today we will visit the **Vatican Museums**, located within that city's boundaries. We see the works of Raphael & Michelangelo, and admire the Sistine chapel's magnificent frescoes. We continue to St. Peter's Square where some of the most important Papal ceremonies take place. In the evening, there is a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers and your travel director. **(B, D)**



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Day 8, depart Rome, Sunday

One last breakfast in Italy before you are transferred to Rome's airport. Alternatively, you can join one of many other exciting Kompas tours or Adriatic Cruises today. **(B)**

Quintessential Italian Trio (K100)		
departure dates	\$ pp double occupancy	\$ single supplement
25-Apr-21	\$2.730	\$820
23-May-21	\$2.890	\$1.020
18-Jul-21	\$2.370	\$630
7-Aug-21	\$2.370	\$630
26-Sep-21	\$2.890	\$1.020
24-Oct-21	\$2.890	\$1.020
12-Dec-21	\$2.370	\$630

Rates are gross, per person, in US dollars