



# Your Itinerary



## ITALY | ART, BEL CANTO & Dolce Vita

### Day 1: USA / Rome

- Fly overnight to **Rome**, the capital of Italy.

### Day 2: Rome

- Benvenuto a Italia! Your Imagine Tour Manager will greet you at the airport and will remain with your group for the duration of your stay.
- Transfer to your hotel for check-in.
- Dinner at your hotel and overnight accommodation in Rome.



### Day 3: Rome

- This morning after breakfast, meet your **local guide** for a tour of the **Vatican City**. Visit the **Musei Vaticani** and view Raffael's amazing murals, as well as the Tapestry Gallery.
- While in Rome, travel as the locals do, by foot and metro!
- Free time for lunch and, if time permits, do some shopping in the fashionable boutiques along the **Via Condotti** or simply relax at a sidewalk café with your group.
- Later, stroll through the narrow streets of the Eternal City and discover the **Piazza Navona** and **Campo di Fiori**.
- Tonight, enjoy an entertaining dinner at **Tanagra Caffè Concerto** with a beautiful show of Bel Canto italiano.
- After dinner, go for a **2h night bus tour of Rome**. Discover the ancient city's splendor by night.
- Overnight accommodation in Rome.



### Day 4: Rome

- After breakfast, meet your **local guide** and head to the **Colosseum**, a masterpiece of classical architecture where fights between men and beasts, gladiatorial contests, races and mock naval battles took place. An ingenious system of ramps and trap doors provided access to the



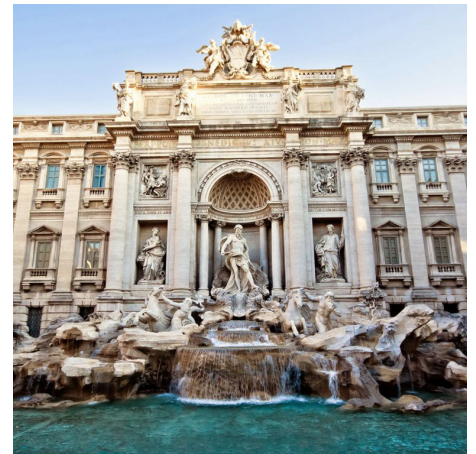
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arena. Visit the remains of the **Foro Romano** (Roman Forum), the focal point of the Roman world and one of the greatest archeological sites in the world today.

- Next, visit the **Archbasilica of St. John Lateran**, Christendom's earliest basilica and home of the Popes for a thousand years.
- Free time for lunch.
- Later, wander through some of the main streets and squares of Rome with your Imagine Tour Manager, taking in sights such as the **Fontana di Trevi** and the **Piazza di Spagna** with the famous Spanish Steps. Follow superstition and throw a coin into the fountain to ensure that one day you will return to Rome.
- Afterwards, visit the **Teatro dell'Opera di Roma**. This theater, historically known as **Costanzi theater**, is an opera house in Rome. It was inaugurated on 27 November 1880 in the presence of King Umberto I of Italy and Queen Margarita Teresa with Semiramide of Rossini and has hosted important premieres.
- Enjoy dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Rome.

## Day 5: Rome / Siena / Florence

- This morning, meet your Imagine Tour Manager and transfer to the train station to depart for **Siena**.
- Siena is a beautiful city, and one of the most important in Tuscany. Declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 1995, this city is rich in history, art and architectural beauty. The city has been preserved throughout the centuries and maintains the Gothic style architecture, constructed between 1100 and 1400.
- Go with your Imagine Tour Manager to visit **La Piazza del Campo**, the **Palazzo Piccolomini** and the **Cathedral of Siena**.
- Have free time for lunch.
- Later transfer to the train station and board the train to **Florence**.
- Arrive at Florence, check-in to your hotel and have some time to freshen up.
- In the evening, dinner with your group at local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Florence.







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## Day 6: Florence

- After breakfast, meet your **local guide** for a visit of the **Galleria Degli Uffizi**, one of the finest art museums in the world.
- Cross **Ponte Vecchio** and browse the jewelry shops along this famous bridge.
- Free time for lunch.
- After lunch, see Florence's famous Cathedral: **Il Duomo** and Ghiberti's famous bronze doors of the Baptistery.
- Next, enter the **Galleria Dell'Accademia**, which houses Michelangelo's monumental figure of David.
- Visit the **Loggia del Mercato Nuovo**, which is famous for its either goods.
- Return to hotel to get ready for the evening.
- This evening, experience a Bel Canto performance at the **Opera di Firenze** (reservation subject to availability)
- Afterwards, enjoy dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Florence.



## Day 7: Venice

- After an early breakfast, transfer to the train station and board the train to Venice.
- Upon arrival in Venice, check-in to your hotel and have some time to freshen up.
- Free time for lunch.
- Afterwards, follow your **local guide** for a tour of the **historical center of Venice**. See the **Piazza San Marco**, **St. Mark's Basilica**, the **Palazzo Ducale**, the **Ponte di Zoospore** and the **Ponte di Rialto**.
- Dinner with your group at a local restaurant.
- At the end of the day, enjoy a **gondola ride along the iconic canals in Venice** (6 passengers per gondola).
- Overnight accommodation in Venice.





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## Day 8: Venice

- After breakfast, board a **Vaporetto** and cruise to the **island of Murano** to watch a **Glass Blowing Demonstration** by Venetian artisans.
- Free time for lunch and shopping.
- This afternoon, visit **Il Teatro La Fenice**, the opera theater of Venice.
- Next, visit **Ca' Macana**, one of the oldest mask making studios in Venice. Have a guided tour of the workshop.
- Afterwards, visit **El Museo della Musica** at the **Chiese San Maurizio**.
- Enjoy dinner with your group at a local restaurant, with a show of Bel Canto.
- Overnight accommodation in Venice.



## Day 9: Venice / Milan

- After an early breakfast, transfer to the train station and board the train to **Milan**.
- Upon arrival in Milan, check-in to your hotel and have some time to freshen up.
- Next, go for a **guided tour** of the **historical center of Milan**. See the **Piazza del Duomo**, the **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**, the **Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie** (to see Il Cenacolo by Leonardo Da Vinci) and the **Castello Sforzesco**.
- Afterwards, free time to have an "aperitivi" at the **Iguana Café** and go shopping, since Milan is the capital of Italian fashion.
- Return to the hotel to get ready for the evening.
- Enjoy an Opera performance at the **Teatro alla Scala** (reservation subject to availability)
- Farewell dinner with classic Italian cuisine at a local restaurant.
- Overnight accommodation in Milan.



## Day 10: Depart Milan / USA

- After breakfast, say ciao to Italy and transfer to Milan airport to return to USA.

