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CLASSIC ITALY - THE GRAND TOUR

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EXPERIENCES YOU WILL TREASURE AT LENGTH



Milano



Firenze



Venezia



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Roma





Classic Italy

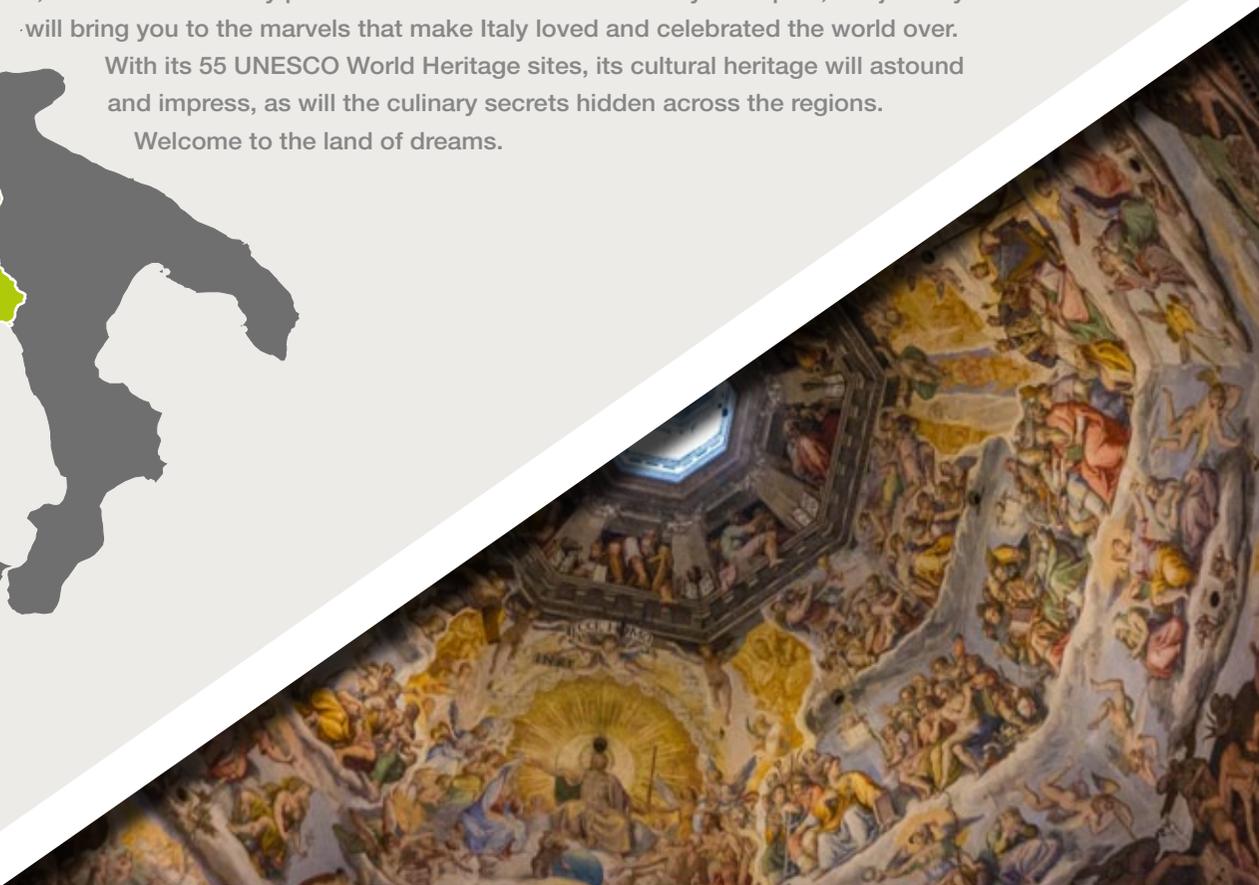
the Grand Tour

Walk in the footsteps of the **Grand Tour**, the famous 17th and 18th century journey undertaken by affluent young Europeans on the trails of enlightenment and history, across France and Italy. A proper rite of passage, whose focus was to come up close with the grandeur and culture that prevailed in major cities, then as now proper cultural hotspots displaying a vast array of antiquities and sublime masterpieces; a first-hand experience that could - and still can - be fully enjoyed hands on.

A land of spectacular landscapes, immense intellectual riches and unrivalled style, Italy is a matchless cultural, artistic and culinary powerhouse. From Milan all the way to Naples, our journey will bring you to the marvels that make Italy loved and celebrated the world over.

With its 55 UNESCO World Heritage sites, its cultural heritage will astound and impress, as will the culinary secrets hidden across the regions.

Welcome to the land of dreams.





Ancient roots meet dynamic paces in a maze of flagship stores, first-class theatres, fine dining, exceptional museums and art deco buildings. This is Milano, an Italian city like no other.

Milano

3 days





day 1 / day 2

The financial heart of Italy is also home to high fashion, an astonishing historical past, sparkling nightlife and endless opportunities to enjoy the best Italian food you could think of. Walk from the famous **Duomo** to the **Accademia di Brera** and **Pinacoteca Ambrosiana**, among the many rich museums this city of the future offers. Enjoy an opera night at the world-famous **La Scala theatre**, a stone's throw from the neoclassical **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**, the soaring iron and glass structure that acts as a drawing room for the well-heeled in town. Do not miss **Leonardo's** frescoed *Last Supper* and visit the stadium if football is your credo.

day 3

● Spend a day discovering this extraordinary corner of northern Italy, where glamour and allure crown the glitzy atmosphere of this splendid lake. Superb villas, exquisite gardens and unique traditions live in the shadow of snow-covered Alps within sensational landscapes.



La Serenissima, the City of Masks, the Floating City.
Despite endless descriptions on canvas,
paper and screen, Venice is, to all extents,
a work of genius which always
astonishes visitors.

2 days

Venezia





day 4 / day 5

● Reach Venice comfortably with a high-speed train from Milan.

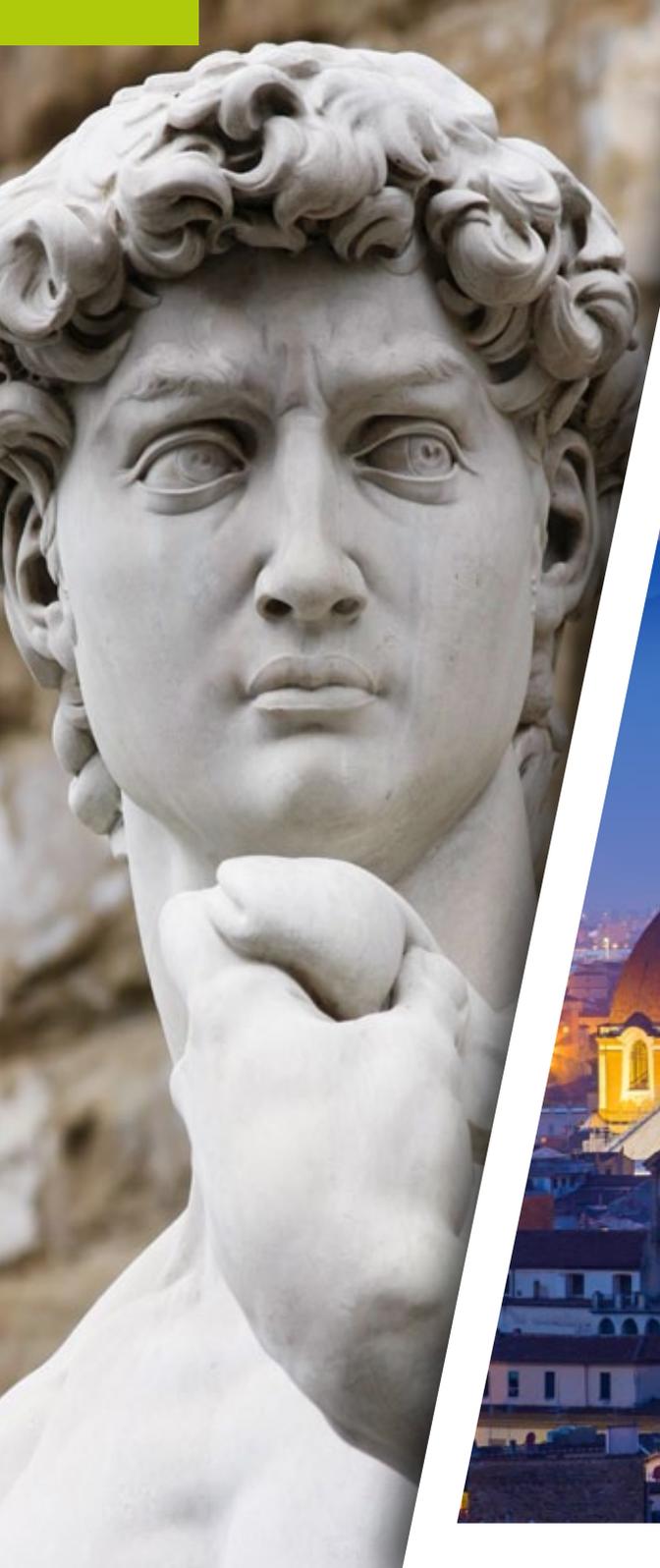
Arrive at the Serenissima in less than three hours, cruising at 300km ph through the Po plain, famously among the most productive areas in the world.

● Few places in the world can astonish and bewilder like Venice, where marble palaces float on the water in an all-embracing harmony that will steal your heart away.

An archipelago made up by more than a hundred islands, Venice was once a super power, a momentous legacy reflected in the richly decorated houses and museums. A city of canals and countless bridges, the most famous being **Rialto**, the view from **Piazza San Marco** is unforgettable, as is the interior of the basilica, brimming with mosaics and precious artworks.

● The geometry of nearby **Palazzo Ducale** – the Doge's Palace – is riveting, and if you walk along little-known alleys, you will discover the true heart of the city. See the mind-blowing beauty of Venice from the water, gently cruising down the **Grand Canal** on a vaporetto, a lavish display of fabulous palazzi and churches that unveil why Venice has always defied conventions.





Firenze

3 days



The cradle of the Renaissance, Firenze is seductive and fascinating. An artwork at every turn, this is where fashionable shops and gourmet dining shake hands with unique artistry.



day 6 / day 7 / day 8

● A mere two-hour train separates Venice from Florence. This romantic city, replete with world-famous landmarks and artworks, is easily explored on foot, although a new, exciting surprise awaits each time you visit. Admire the sheer Renaissance geometry of **Santa Maria Novella** or **Santa Croce**, and then step inside to marvel at astonishing fresco cycles by the likes of **Giotto** and **Domenico Ghirlandaio**. Head to the **Uffizi** to see the famous *Venere* and *Primavera*, among the many artworks, or the **Accademia** to sense the mighty presence of **Michelangelo's David**. Walk to delightful **San Miniato** to admire the church and the cloister, but also the immense beauty of the city and its famous bridges from a distance – **Ponte Vecchio** being the most celebrated.



● If you walk to the top of Brunelleschi's dome in Santa Maria del Fiore you will gain sweeping views that stretch to the countryside, including the many vineyards where famous wines such as Chianti and Brunello di Montalcino, further south in the region, are produced.

Florence is also where accountancy was born – the many powerful banking families, chiefly the Medici, but also Peruzzi, Bardi and Frescobaldi, diligently documenting each and every action.



4 days

Roma

The *eternal city* casts its spell and you will never want to leave. Lovers, artists, writers and emperors made Rome an astonishing, striking beauty where Italian lifestyle exceeds expectations.





day 9 / day 10 / day 11 / day 12

● *All roads lead to Rome* and we want you to see where the lure lies. An extraordinary city with an unmistakable flair, life here tastes sweet. From unique perspectives in world-famous piazzas to staggering marble fountains and infinite churches, delicious restaurants and divine art to last a lifetime, exploring this impossibly beautiful city is a dream that lives on forever.

● Superlatives seem endless in Rome. Monumental history lives alongside unique art and dining out is a cultural affair: from the **Colosseum** and the **Roman Forum** to **Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel** in the Vatican Museums and his *Pietà* in **Saint Peter's** basilica, **Bernini's** masterpieces at the **Galleria Borghese** and 2,000-year old **Pantheon**, you will also stumble upon countless romantic restaurants for a glass of vino and glorious food, dancing the night away.





● Walk down the **Spanish Steps** and then on to the **Trevi Fountain**, or see mesmerising **Caravaggio's** paintings in **San Luigi dei Francesi's** church. Go further afield to **Tivoli** and visit **Villa Adriana** to see why ancient Rome set the tone for the entire world, then **Villa d'Este** for unique Renaissance landscaped gardens.

3 days

Napoli

Few cities in the world inspire such fierce loyalty as Naples, a vibrant, fiery, noisy and proud city that captures with its honesty





day 13 / day 14 / day 15

● A thousand colours and a thousand cultures for this heady mix of ancient art and natural wonders, marble masterpieces, royal palaces and towering castles, seasoned with epicurean feasts that speak the language of audacity and fiery tastes. Be amazed at one of Italy's best-kept archaeological museum and a seemingly real *Veiled Christ* statue in the **Cappella di San Severo**, then walk on the bay and admire the view onto the Vesuvius that captured the imagination of endless poets and artists.



● Spend some time exploring the city's artisan shops, for here lies the heart of this lively, bold and brazen city, founded by the Greeks, conquered by the Romans and then ruled by numerous countries, each one enriching its millennia-old history. Explore Naples's subterranean world with its maze of eerie aqueducts and ancient streetscapes, then venture out to **Pompeii**, **Paestum** and **Herculaneum** for some proper time travel. Don't forget to throw in a genuine pizza or two, for this is where the real deal was born.





● Conveying Italy's vast cultural heritage is an art in itself, each region offering diverse interpretations of unique artistry.

We take pride in creating tailor-made itineraries, where our local knowledge meets the needs and interests of our clients.

Each programme, led by expert guides, starts in Milan, where we are based: we proudly promote it as one of the most culturally stimulating Italian destinations, although our welcome extends to every other Italian city.

Make this your very own tale of discovery along this unique peninsula, whether your primary concern is art, architecture, archaeology or even fine dining, shopping, fast cars and football.

To make the experience even richer we design every itinerary to the last detail so that every visit, every lunch and dinner, every overnight stay and every transfer is carefully selected to be part of a story, your story.



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