

Discover **FASCINATING ITALY**

with Orange County Chamber of Commerce



9 DAY TOUR | SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

NEW YORK | ROME | ASSISI | PERUGIA | SIENA | FLORENCE | ROME | NEW YORK

Bask in the beauty of Tuscany, see the city splendors of Rome, and visit Florence, the Birthplace of the Renaissance, with this spectacular tour of Italy!

Price per person on double occupancy

\$ 3149

Single Person Supplement

\$ 499



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this exciting trip

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Get the perfect introduction to Southern Europe with this incredible 8-day small-group tour of Italy! Your journey will begin in Rome, The Eternal City home to the world-famous Roman Colosseum. Visit Venice Square and Capitoline Hill among many other iconic attractions before you explore Vatican City, a principal center of Christianity in the world. From there you will drive to Assisi, a breathtaking town home to some of the most fascinating museums, art galleries, and World Heritage Sites in Italy. Next, make your way to Perugia, surrounded by the magnificent mountains and stunning valleys of Umbria, and travel to Siena, an extraordinary city that is rich in history and art! Travel to Florence, the Birthplace of the Renaissance where you will discover many artistic masterpieces such as the David of Michelangelo. Visit Santa Croce Church Square, home to the tombs of many beloved Italian artists, and stroll through Signoria Square before leaving for Rome where you will end your extraordinary tour of Italy!

TOUR LODGING INFO:

7 Nights hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis + 1 Night onboard the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Rome	3 Nights	Hotel Shangri La or similar
Perugia	1 Night	Hotel Gio or Similar
Florence	2 Nights	Hotel Mediterraneo or Similar
Rome	1 Nights	Hotel Shangri La or similar

Hotels may be replaced with similar deluxe property for operational reasons.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Rome, the breathtaking capital of Italy, home to the famous Roman Colosseum
- Explore Vatican City and visit St. Peter’s Basilica, the largest cathedral in the world
- Drive to Assisi, a holy pilgrimage city and the birthplace of St. Francis (1181-1226)
- Travel back in time with a trip to Perugia, the largest walled medieval city in Italy
- Discover the architectural splendors of Siena, one of Italy’s top medieval towns
- Travel to Florence, a beautiful city in Tuscany home to the Piazza Della Signoria

INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from New York
- 7 Nights’ accommodation on double occupancy basis at superior or similar hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Meet and Greet service at the Airport on arrival
- Transportation in an AC deluxe motor coach
- Services of English-Speaking Tour Guide/Escort
- Full day guided tours in Rome & Florence
- Half day guided tour in Assisi
- Entrance fees as Following:
 - o Vatican Museum and St. Peter Basilica
 - o St. Francis Basilica in Assisi
 - o The Accademia Gallery in Florence
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges – except local city taxes





TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1/ MON NEW YORK - ROME

Please arrive in time at New York International Airport to check-in and board your international flight to Rome. Enjoy inflight meals and services.

Overnight Onboard Flight

DAY 2/ TUE ARRIVAL IN ROME

Welcome to Rome! Upon arrival at Rome International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Rome

DAY 3/ WED ROME & VATICAN – FULL DAY TOUR (B/-/-)

This morning embark on a two-and-a-half-hour scenic tour of Rome with a local guide. This tour will be an incredible introduction to the Eternal City. You will visit various attractions such as the Caracalla Baths, Venice Square, Circo Massimo, the Capitoline Hills, the St. John Lateran. The tour will end in the Vatican City, the principal center of Christianity in the world with a visit to the Vatican Museum where works from the immense collection amassed by the Catholic Church and the papacy throughout the centuries, including several of the most renowned Roman sculptures and most important masterpieces of Renaissance art in the world are on display. There will also be time to visit St. Peter's Basilica. This evening, you will be provided transportation to the Trastevere district area, where you will find restaurants serving Italian, Indian, Chinese, and international cuisine. A return to the hotel will be included.

Overnight in Rome

DAY 4/ THU ROME (B/-/-)

Spend the day at leisure. You may pick and choose between the suggested optional tours and activities.

Overnight in Rome

Optional tour: Crypts & Catacombs Tour (3.30 Hrs)

\$95 Per Person on SIC Basis

Meeting Point: 2:15PM at Center of Piazza Barberini, by the large Triton (Tritone) fountain

** Clients have to reach the meeting point 15 minutes prior to departure **

Discover imperial and early Christian Rome and millennia of history as you descend into the Eternal city's underground burial chambers, its long winding catacombs and its crypts. Go below and beyond to a time when Christianity was considered a simple cult whose members were executed as pagans and buried as martyrs. The one and only tour that takes you to crypts and catacombs from different historical eras, in various locations and with varying styles. Much of what Rome has to offer is buried underground-and through this tour, our guests can discover the underside of Rome through three select sites--The Cappuccini Crypt (chapel decorated entirely by human bones), Domitilla Catacombs (or San Callisto or San Sebastiano) and the Church of San Clemente (built over an ancient fourth century church built over an even older Roman house containing Christian artifacts and a pagan temple-with ruins reaching 57 feet deep).

Optional tour: Dark Heart of Rome (1.30 Hrs)

\$35 Per Person on SIC Basis

Meeting Point: 9 pm On the steps of S. Andrea della Valle Church.

** Clients have to reach the meeting point 15 minutes prior to departure **

When the sun sets on Rome, another side of the city comes to life, an older and more mysterious Rome where fact & legend are intertwined to stimulate the imagination as much as the eye. A Rome known only by a few... You are invited to discover this other side of the city for yourself on Rome's only night-time walking tour. Your guide will bring the Eternal city's most enthralling historical and supernatural mysteries to life in a highly entertaining and informative tour that is unlike any other. A night-time walking tour, based on history, legends, mysteries and Ghost stories, points out the lesser-known sights in Rome's historic center that any passer-by would easily miss. The tour wanders through the areas surrounding Campo de' Fiori and Piazza Farnese including Via Giulia, Via del Governo Vecchio and Castel Sant'Angelo.

DAY 5/ FRI ROME – ASSISI – PERUGIA (B/-/-)

After a delicious breakfast, you will depart for a short drive to Assisi where you will have some free time to explore the historical town, surrounded by breathtaking walls that were built during the Middle Ages. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis, where you will see the incredible masterpieces of Giotto and Cimabue. This afternoon, continue your journey to Perugia, situated in a hilltop region surrounded by the valleys and mountains of Umbria. Explore the city with a local guide as you will

climb the ramps crossing the rocky outcrop, discovering its squares and stone cobbled streets.

Overnight in Perugia

DAY 6/ SAT PERUGIA – SIENA – FLORENCE (B/-/-)

We leave Perugia and continue to Siena, an UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the Palio, a historical horse race around the shell-shaped town square, the Piazza del Campo. You will have some free time in Siena to explore the medieval city center before travelling on to Florence. Overnight in Florence

DAY 7/ SUN FLORENCE (B/-/-)

This morning set off on a walking tour of Florence. Stroll through the picturesque Signoria Square, where you will discover magnificent statues by Cellini, Giambologna, and Ammannati, before continuing to the famous Ponte Vecchio. Explore Santa Croce Church Square where the tombs of distinguished Florentine citizens such as Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli can be found, as well as fascinating works by Giotto and Donatello. Visit the Accademia Gallery Museum and discover one of the city's eternal masterpieces — the David by Michelangelo.

Pizza and Gelato Making Class - Evening (3H)

Later today, learn to make Pizza and Gelato just like the Italians do! Join our late-afternoon class where our chefs will be delighted to introduce you to the history of these glorious Italian creations. Make pizza in a proper pizza oven with our professional pizza chef, called pizzaiolo. You will learn how to make tender, flexible yeast dough that stretches to almost paper-thinness, and the secret for a flavorful yet light tomato sauce. Even if you bake pizza in your own oven, these techniques are universal and using them really makes a difference. With the help of the pizzaiolo, you will prepare your very own pizza, stretch the dough, sauce it up, bake it, slice it - it may well be the best pizza you ever tasted, and you made it yourself! Then our expert chef will fill you in on why gelato remains Italy's favorite dessert while giving you an insight into the "gelato culture" that continues to grow. Get to know the basic raw

ingredients, and how to select the best products available according to specific principles during a presentation and tasting of some of the flavors used in gelato making. Learn about the development and application of natural colors, the heating and freezing techniques, and how each has a different effect on the ingredients. It is always great to discover the recipe of the world most-loved dessert! This activity is strongly recommended for families that wish to have children learn about the Italian culture, an easy and fun experience that will last forever in their memory.

****Please inform us of any food intolerance or allergy in advance. This tour includes a short walking part (approx. 10 min). Please let us know in advance any special need or impaired mobility of the clients and we will do our best to accommodate them****

Overnight in Florence

DAY 8/ MON FLORENCE – ROME (B/-/-)

After breakfast, you will depart from Florence to Rome. Upon arrival, rest of the day will be at leisure.

Overnight in Rome

DAY 9/ TUE ROME – NEW YORK (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred to Rome International airport to check in for your flight back home.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Optional Tours
- Local city taxes to be paid directly at hotels upon check out
- Visa fees if applicable (not for US citizens)
- Any other items not under inclusion

