



The beautiful Duomo overlooking Florence

Italy: Rome, Florence & Venice

8 days priced from \$4,445
14 meals / Limited to 24 guests



Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Enjoy unique, private access to the atelier (workshop) that produces Venice's carnival costumes on an Artisan Connection
- Visit the Uffizi Gallery in Florence accompanied by a specialist art guide
- Make a Neighborhood Connection and get a taste of local life with a visit to the market district around Venice's Rialto Bridge
- Join a fun night out, learning the secrets of pizza making from an authentic Roman pizzaiolo, on our Culinary Connection
- Visit a traditional Florentine enoteca, where the owner guides you through tastings of the various Italian wines

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY

Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Later, meet your fellow guests for a welcome dinner. *Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora / Meals: D*

DAY 2: ROME / City of Empire

Explore the Roman Forum and Palatine, the Colosseum and the theatrical Piazza Navona, once a Roman racetrack and now the setting for Bernini's awe-inspiring sculptures. Rome also gave its name to romance, and nowhere is that more apparent than at the spectacular Trevi Fountain. You will also visit the Pantheon, originally a Roman temple to the gods, and the magnificent Castel Sant'Angelo, which overlooks the Tiber River.

Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora / Meals: B L



DAY 3: ROME / *The Vatican*

Visit Vatican City and explore the treasures of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel with its famous frescoes by Michelangelo. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, a Renaissance and Baroque masterpiece. Explore at your leisure this afternoon, and tonight, make a tasty Culinary Connection as you learn the secrets of pizza making from an authentic Roman *pizzaiolo*.

Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora / Meals: B D

DAY 4: FLORENCE / *The Heart of Tuscany*

Depart for Florence this morning, stopping en route for a visit to the scenic Tuscan town of Siena, built on three hills and enclosed by walls and gates. Visit Siena's Duomo, considered to be one of the finest Gothic cathedrals in Italy. Afterward, stop for a brief visit in the delightful town of San Gimignano before continuing to Florence. Arrive in Florence later this afternoon.

Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B L D

DAY 5: FLORENCE / *Treasures of the Renaissance*

Set out to discover this vast and beautiful monument to the Renaissance, a city transformed by artists such as Botticelli, Michelangelo and Donatello into one of the world's great capitals of the arts. A specialist art guide accompanies you on visits to the Uffizi Gallery, housing some of the world's most important art treasures, as well as the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's *David*. Enjoy a light lunch before visiting a traditional Florentine *enoteca*, where the owner conducts a tasting of the various regional wines.

Hotel Brunelleschi / Meals: B L

DAY 6: VENICE / *Europe's Drawing Room*

Depart Florence this morning to Venice. On arrival, transfer along the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square, known as the "drawing room of Europe," for a walking tour of the square that includes St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. End the day with a Venetian Spritz looking out over the Grand Canal.

Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal / Meals: B

DAY 7: VENICE / *City of Splendors*

Enjoy making a Neighborhood Connection with a visit to the market district around the Rialto Bridge. Stop at the nearby Frari Church, considered one of the most imposing Gothic monuments in Venice, where you can admire timeless works by Bellini and Titian. End your morning with a special private visit to the long-serving *atelier* (workshop) for Venice's iconic carnival costumes, housed in a Venetian palace that is still home to one of the city's oldest families. Tour the palace, and learn the history of the costumes and how they are made on this remarkable Artisan Connection. Mark the end of your journey with a festive farewell dinner. *Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal / Meals: B D*

DAY 8: DEPART VENICE

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. *Meals: B*

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Venice is renowned for its yearly carnival, so we included a peek behind the scenes at the workshop where the famous carnival costumes are made.

Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal
Former palace overlooking the Grand Canal, near St. Mark's Square.



Hotel Brunelleschi
Once the property of a Renaissance nobleman, now a contemporary haven.

Dates

All departures are guaranteed to operate.

May 20-27 Jul 29-Aug 5

Arrives Monday, departs Tuesday. Minimum age 10 years old.

Pricing

Apr-Jun; Sep-Oct

Double occupancy	\$4,895
Triple occupancy	\$4,510
Single supplement	\$1,850

Additional departure dates available.

