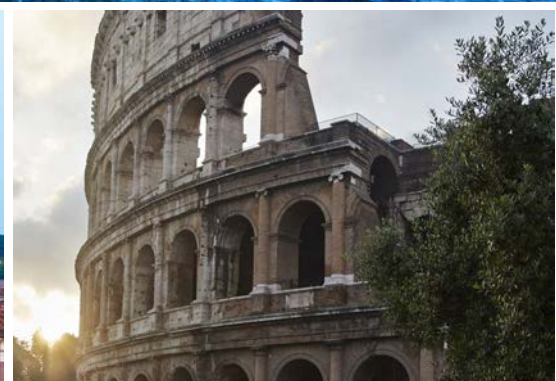


TRAVEL LEADERS PRESENTS  
**ITALIAN ELEGANCE**

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS | 13 May 2022



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## DAY 1: 13 MAY 2022

### Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant.

**Meal(s): Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.**

## DAY 2: 14 MAY 2022

### Rome with Vatican Dinner

In the morning enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with your Local Expert and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. In the afternoon, enjoy fast-tracked priority entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano which documents various moments and themes in classical art, from Ancient Greece through to the late Imperial Roman age. Enter the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece on its ceiling. After, dine in the Vatican's elegant Cortile del Giardino Quadrato, should weather permit, where you will enjoy incredible views of the cupola of St. Peter's during your private Highlight Dinner.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.**

## DAY 3: 15 MAY 2022

## Renaissance Florence

Take the autostrada north to Renaissance Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour, enjoying all the Italian treats and finery on offer. From there, see the cathedral, campanile and the baptistery, adorned with the Gates of Paradise. Walk on to Piazza della Signoria with its open-air gallery of Renaissance sculpture. There is time to shop for Florentine leather or gold before continuing to your elegant hotel in the picturesque town of Radda in Chianti.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.**

## DAY 4: 16 MAY 2022

### The flavours of San Gimignano Relaxed Start

In the morning, visit medieval Siena where narrow cobbled streets lined with palaces and patrician mansions, lead to Piazza del Campo, scene of the Palio horse race. Explore with your Local Expert and visit the beautiful, striped cathedral. Continue to hilltop San Gimignano, famous for its medieval towers that scrape the azure Tuscan sky. Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.**

## DAY 5: 17 MAY 2022

### The Chianti Hills to Pisa, Lucca and Santa

## Margherita

Drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills before continuing to the delightful town of Lucca. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. Head for Pisa and see the incredible Leaning Tower, from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Continue along the coast to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.**

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## **DAY 6: 18 MAY 2022**

### **The Cinque Terre**

Head for the port of La Spezia for a highlight of your travels and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes, the Cinque Terre. With a Local Expert, appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table lunch in Monterosso. There is time to explore the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before returning to your hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps make the most of the hotel's private beach.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.**

## **DAY 7: 19 MAY 2022**

### **Portofino and Lake Maggiore Relaxed Start**

Cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (should weather permit). Enjoy leisure time to admire the coloured houses, browse the boutiques or simply stay a while in the cafe bars on the piazzetta, watching the yachts moored in the harbour. Next, head north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favourite retreat of the rich and famous where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Hotel Simphon, Baveno**

## **DAY 8: 20 MAY 2022**

### **Cortina d'Ampezzo**

Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north,

and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop at Carmina where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours and learn how to make the perfect bellini. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo.**

## **DAY 9: 21 MAY 2022**

### **Experience the Dolomites Relaxed Start**

The whole day is free for you to explore the colourful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites, one of the most impressive mountain ranges in the Alps. During summer, once the snow and ice have melted away, a breathtaking landscape is revealed. There are a number of walking tracks through pristine Alpine wilderness for the adventurous to explore, or for a more relaxed pace, perhaps take a thrilling Optional Experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views?

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo.**

## **DAY 10: 22 MAY 2022**

### **Venice, Queen of the Adriatic Relaxed Start**

Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice. A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs,

before checking into your luxurious hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialities and wine?

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

**Hotel(s): Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione.**



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## **DAY 11: 23 MAY 2022**

### **Venice at Leisure Relaxed Start**

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Mingle with the locals at the open air markets near the Rialto Bridge and explore the back lanes and squares where Venetians go about their day. Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals exploring the intimate and hidden parts of this unique city while musicians set the mood with traditional songs. This evening, stroll past the famous Opera House to La Fenice restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce.

**Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.**

**Hotel(s): Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione.**

## **DAY 12: 24 MAY 2022**

### **Arrivederci Venice**

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

**Meal(s): Breakfast.**

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Montelupo Fiorentino: Taste a nutritious meal at Rome's welcome dinner. The venue adopts a flexitarian philosophy; to them, sustainable consumption and healthy meals is what's important.
- Vatican City: Be among the select few to gain VIP access into the Vatican Museums and see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Visit the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano which documents various moments and themes in classical art, from Ancient Greece through to the late Imperial Roman age. Then you'll be privileged an exclusive VIP Highlight Dinner at the Vatican's Cortile del Giardino Quadrato, whilst enjoying views of the cupola of St. Peters, should weather permit.
- San Gimignano: Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli for a taste of his finest frozen treats.
- Tuscany: In the Tuscan countryside, where deep-green cypress trees pierce blue skies and olive groves hug the rolling hillsides, taste the wines of an eminent estate.
- Lucca: Visit a traditional steam bakery and sample Bucchellato, the sweet raisin bread typical of the region.
- Cinque Terre: Savour a freshly-prepared sea-to-table meal, made of locally sourced, seasonal ingredients typical of the region.
- Veneto: Visit a local winery and delight in a tasting of their magnificent prosecco. Meet the vignerons and learn how to make the perfect Bellini.
- Venice: Enjoy a special Venetian Celebration Dinner with wine at La Fenice, situated in the heart of this historic city.
- Dining Summary: 11 Breakfast (B), 6 Dinner with Wine (DW), and 1 Lunch with Wine (LW)

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Rome: During your orientation with you Travel Director see the medieval buildings, including Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches, scattered throughout the city.
- Florence: Stand beside Michelangelo's monumental statue, 'David', in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique and absorbing history behind the world's most famous sculpture.
- Florence: Wander through the market stalls and browse for local Italian souvenirs and leather goods on a guided shopping tour.
- Florence: Enjoy panoramic views over of the city and see the Florence Cathedral. During your guided walking orientation, see the bell tower, Gates of Paradise on the baptistery and visit Piazza della Signoria.
- San Gimignano: Visit the medieval Manhattan of Italy!
- Lucca: Your orientation with your Travel Director will show you the churches, squares and palaces within the medieval ramparts.
- Pisa: During your orientation, your Travel Director will show you the baptistery bristling with marble spines, the colonnaded bell tower lurching behind the 11th century cathedral and of course, the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles.
- Cinque Terre: Led by your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, travelling by train and boat and dedicated time to explore one of the five charming fishing villages.
- Portofino: Visit this elegant fishing village and admire the coloured houses and yachts moored in the harbour.
- Portofino: Cruise from Santa Margherita and get a taste of the sweet life in this elegant fishing village.
- Cortina d'Ampezzo: Enjoy the stunning scenery of the Cortina, a small town framed by magnificent alps as your Travel Director conducts an orientation.
- Venice: Delight in the magic of this charming city as you are serenaded, travelling through the atmospheric canals by gondola.
- Vatican City: Gain priority access into the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.
- Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate works of art using rare traditional practices. The workshops master craftsmen teach visitors about the traditional craft of glassblowing and its history which dates back to the 15th century. Every visit helps to support the workshop and the survival of this traditional craft. The workshop advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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**PRICE:** The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.

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