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Italy By Rail: 9 Days of Art, Culture & Romance

8 Nights • Luxury Experience

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Overview

Explore Italy's most iconic cities on this unforgettable 9-Day journey through Rome, Florence, Venice, and Milan. Start by immersing yourself in Rome's ancient history and vibrant modern life, then head to Florence, the heart of the Renaissance. Wander the romantic canals of Venice before finishing in Milan, the capital of fashion and design. Enjoy carefully selected accommodations and scenic train journeys that connect these cultural treasures, with plenty of free time to explore each city at your own pace.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

MODERN AND ANCIENT ROME

Step into the heart of Rome, where history and modern life intertwine in the world's largest open-air museum. As you explore iconic landmarks like the Vatican, Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, and Spanish Steps, you'll be swept away by the city's timeless charm. Whether you're wandering through ancient ruins or relaxing at a café, every corner offers a story waiting to be discovered. After a day of personal exploration, retreat to the elegant Hotel Villa Grazioli, a centrally located oasis near the Spanish Steps. Enjoy its serene gardens, cozy rooms, and classic Italian hospitality, setting the perfect tone for your Roman adventure.

Inclusions: Accommodation

DAY 2

DISCOVER ROME AT YOUR OWN PACE

Today is yours to enjoy the eternal city at your own pace. Stroll through the lively piazzas, marvel at the ancient ruins, or simply lose yourself in the charm of Rome's vibrant streets. From indulging in delicious Italian cuisine at a local trattoria to exploring hidden gems like Villa Borghese or the charming neighborhoods of Trastevere, the city is full of surprises. After a day of discovery, return to the comfort of Hotel Villa Grazioli, where you can relax in its peaceful setting and reflect on the beauty of your Roman adventure so far.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast

DAY 3

ROME TO FLORENCE – A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

Today, embark on a scenic train journey from the ancient marvels of Rome to the artistic heart of Tuscany, Florence. As you arrive, Florence's majestic history comes alive with the Duomo towering over the city and the serene River Arno flowing beneath the iconic Ponte Vecchio. Stroll along Florence's cobblestone streets, where every corner reveals a piece of the Renaissance that revolutionized art and culture. In the evening, settle into the Art Hotel Museo in nearby Prato, a modern retreat with comfortable amenities and a peaceful atmosphere, perfect for unwinding after your day of travel.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast, Train Ticket

DAY 4

A DAY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH FLORENCE

Florence is yours to explore at leisure today. Dive into the city's rich artistic heritage by visiting world-renowned museums like the Uffizi Gallery, or enjoy the bustling energy of local markets. Whether admiring Michelangelo's David, exploring the intricate beauty of Santa Maria del Fiore, or simply enjoying a cappuccino at a café with a view of the city's stunning architecture, Florence offers endless inspiration. After a day of discovery, return to the tranquil Art Hotel Museo to relax and recharge for your next adventure.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast

DAY 5

FLORENCE TO VENICE – ENTER THE FLOATING CITY

Today, leave behind the artistic treasures of Florence as you journey by train to the enchanting city of Venice. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by a metropolis unlike any other—a labyrinth of canals and bridges that have captivated visitors for centuries. As you drift along the Grand Canal and explore the maze-like streets, the magic of Venice will unfold before your eyes. In the evening, check into the charming Amadeus Hotel, located in the Cannaregio district, offering a tranquil retreat after your day of travel.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast, Train Ticket

DAY 6

LOSE YOURSELF IN VENICE'S CHARM

Venice is yours to explore at your own pace today. Meander through the city's narrow alleyways, cross iconic bridges, and marvel at stunning Byzantine and Renaissance architecture. Take in the beauty of Piazza San Marco, visit the magnificent Basilica di San Marco, or simply lose yourself in the charm of quieter neighborhoods away from the main attractions. Whether you enjoy a gondola ride or savor local Venetian cuisine by the canal, Venice promises an unforgettable day. After your adventures, return to the comfort of the Amadeus Hotel for a restful evening.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast

DAY 7

VENICE TO MILAN – THE FASHION CAPITAL AWAITS

Today, travel from the serene canals of Venice to the cosmopolitan energy of Milan, Italy's powerhouse of fashion, design, and business. As you arrive, you'll feel the vibrant contrast between Milan's modernity and its historical gems, from the iconic Duomo to the chic Brera district. In the evening, settle into the stylish NEO Hotel in Bresso, a perfect base for exploring this bustling city, known for its high-end shopping and lively aperitivo culture.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast, Train Ticket

DAY 8

MILAN – A DAY TO REVEL IN STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION

On your final full day, dive into Milan's dynamic blend of fashion, art, and history. Whether you're admiring the grandeur of the Duomo, exploring the elegant Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, or enjoying a relaxed lunch in the Navigli district, Milan offers endless ways to savor its unique charm. Indulge in some last-minute shopping or simply soak up the city's vibrant atmosphere.

Inclusions: Accommodation, Breakfast

DEPARTURE FROM MILAN – FAREWELL TO ITALY

Bid farewell to Italy as you check out from NEO Hotel and make your way to your departure point. Reflect on the unforgettable experiences and cherished memories from your Italian adventure as you head home. Safe travels!

Inclusions: Breakfast

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Italy By Rail tour and which cities does it visit?

Italy By Rail is a 9-day, 8-night journey that visits four cities in order: Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. You spend two nights in each city and travel between them by train, finishing with a departure from Milan on day 9.

Is Italy By Rail a group tour or a private package?

It is set up as a private package based on 2 guests, so you travel at your own pace rather than with a coach group. Most days are left free for independent sightseeing, with your hotels, breakfasts and train tickets arranged in advance.

Can I start Italy By Rail on any date I choose?

Yes. The package can be taken at any time of year, although rates vary by date and inventory is limited. If the dates shown on this page do not suit you, contact us with your preferred start date and we will check availability and price it for you.

What is included in the price of Italy By Rail?

The price includes 8 nights of hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, Standard Class train tickets for each leg of the itinerary, and taxes, services and security service. Sightseeing entrances, lunches and dinners are not included, so you are free to plan each city as you like.

What is not included in the Italy By Rail package?

Domestic and international airfare, travel insurance and visa fees are not included. Personal items such as laundry and souvenirs, extra hotel nights before or after the tour, and anything not listed as included are also excluded.

Which train class is used between Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan?

All three train journeys on this itinerary, Rome to Florence, Florence to Venice and Venice to Milan, are booked in Standard Class. The tickets are included in your package price, so there is nothing further to buy for these legs.

Where do I stay in Rome on Italy By Rail?

Your two Rome nights are planned at Hotel Villa Grazioli, a centrally located hotel near the Spanish Steps with quiet gardens and classic Italian hospitality. From here the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and much of historic Rome are easy to reach on foot or by short taxi ride.

Is the Florence hotel on this tour in the city centre?

No. The Florence nights are planned at Art Hotel Museo in nearby Prato, a modern hotel with comfortable amenities and a peaceful atmosphere. You travel into Florence to sightsee, which keeps the package price down compared

Where is the hotel in Venice on Italy By Rail?

In Venice you stay at the Amadeus Hotel in the Cannaregio district, a calmer residential part of the city. It makes a tranquil base for exploring the Grand Canal, Piazza San Marco and the quieter neighbourhoods away from the main crowds.

Where do I stay in Milan at the end of the tour?

The two Milan nights are planned at the NEO Hotel in Bresso, on the edge of the city. From there you can head into central Milan for the Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the Brera district and the Navigli canals.

What can I see during my free time in Rome?

Day 2 is entirely yours in Rome. Popular choices include the Vatican, the Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain, as well as quieter spots such as Villa Borghese and the neighbourhood of Trastevere. Entrance fees and guided visits are not included, but we can advise on what to book ahead.

What are the highlights of a free day in Florence?

Florence is the heart of the Renaissance, and your free day on day 4 lets you visit the Uffizi Gallery, see Michelangelo's David, admire the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore and cross the Ponte Vecchio over the River Arno. Museum tickets are not included and popular galleries are best reserved in advance.

How much free time is there in Venice?

You arrive in Venice by train on day 5 and have all of day 6 free. That gives time for Piazza San Marco and the Basilica di San Marco, a gondola ride and a wander through the lanes and bridges of the quieter districts before continuing to Milan on day 7.

Which meals are included on Italy By Rail?

Daily breakfast at your hotels is included. Lunches and dinners are not, which leaves you free to try local trattorias in Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan at your own pace and budget.

Are flights to Rome and from Milan included?

No, domestic and international airfare is excluded. The tour begins in Rome on day 1 and ends in Milan on day 9, so most travellers fly into Rome and home from Milan. We can quote extra hotel nights before or after the tour on request.

How much deposit is required to book Italy By Rail?

A deposit of 25% of the package price secures your booking. The balance is due 65 days before departure, and the fare for your chosen dates is confirmed at the time of booking since rates vary through the year.

Can children join Italy By Rail and how are they priced?

Yes, children are welcome. Child pricing uses two bands based on age at departure: 0 to under 5, and 5 to under 12. Tell us the children's ages when you enquire and we will confirm the rate and room arrangement for your family.

Can a solo traveller book Italy By Rail?

The package is priced on 2 guests sharing, but single occupancy is available on request. Contact us with your dates

How fit do I need to be for Italy By Rail?

No special fitness is needed, but you should be comfortable walking on cobblestones and bridges and handling your luggage at train stations. Venice in particular involves plenty of walking and steps, as there are no cars in the historic centre.

How do I ask a question or book Italy By Rail?

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