

ITALIAN SAMPLER 9 DAYS

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For standard inclusions, see page 8.

TAKE A BREAK TRIP SCALE Leisurely On the Go

LF LOCAL FAVOURITES

Globus has created special experiences that will bring you behind the scenes, spotlight the unique stories of your journey, and bring to life the local flavour of your destination. Just look for the LF icon to see what we've included for you.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

■ SIGHTSEEING AND MORE

ROME Welcome dinner at a local restaurant; guided sightseeing, visit the Colosseum and Roman Forum, the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and Basilica

MONTERIGGIONI LF Visit the medieval walled town and taste *cantucci alle mandorle*

SAN GIMIGNANO Walking tour

FLORENCE Guided walking tour, visit Michelangelo's *David* and Signoria Square

PISA Marvel at the legendary Leaning Tower

MANTUA Guided sightseeing, visit Teatro Bibiena

VERONA Guided walking tour including *Juliet's balcony*

TRENTO Orientation

BASSANO LF Taste the local *grappa* at the *Poli Museo della Grappa*

PADUA See St. Anthony's Basilica

VENICE Private boat ride; guided walking tour, visit St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs; glassblower demonstration; LF farewell dinner at *Al Colombo* restaurant and a ride by private taxi boat through the Grand Canal

■ **HOTELS** ROME Albani (F), CHIANTI HILLS Compagnie des Hotels (SF) at Radda in Chianti, MONTECATINI Minerva Palace (F), VERONA AREA Villa Malaspina (F) at Castel d'Azzano, PADUA Milano (F)

■ **MEALS** Full buffet breakfast (B) daily; 5 three-course dinners (D) with wine: including a welcome dinner in Rome and a farewell dinner in Venice

■ **TRANSPORTATION** Motorcoach; private boat ride and private water-taxi ride in Venice

■ **HEADSETS** Throughout the tour

■ **FREE WI-FI** available on your motorcoach and in most hotel lobbies

CUSTOMISE YOUR HOLIDAY

■ **EXTRA NIGHTS** in Rome, Padua

■ **MyACCOUNT** Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.



ST. PETER'S BASILICA ROME

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN ROME, ITALY. (Sat.)

Welcome to Rome! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions, and leave the hotel for a special welcome dinner at one of Rome's lively restaurants. (D)

DAY 2 ROME. (Sun.)

This morning, guided sightseeing reveals Rome's highlights. Visit the amazing COLOSSEUM and the ROMAN FORUM, where Roman legions marched in triumph. Balance of the day at leisure. An optional walking tour with a Local Guide is available to further explore famous sites for those who wish to see it all. (B)

DAY 3 ROME-MONTERIGGIONI-CHIANTI HILLS. (Mon.)

In the morning, visit the VATICAN MUSEUMS and SISTINE CHAPEL with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and *The Last Judgment* and monumental ST. PETER'S SQUARE and BASILICA to admire Michelangelo's *Pietà*. Then, leave the "Eternal City" and follow the Apennine Hills to LF the medieval walled town of Monteriggioni, which dates back to the early 13th century, and still has the original 14 towers. Walk to the main square, Piazza Roma, enjoy some free time, and try out traditional *cantucci alle mandorle* (local almond biscuits). Through unforgettable vine-clad landscapes arrive at your hotel, perfectly situated in the renowned Chianti hills. (B,D)

DAY 4 CHIANTI HILLS-SAN GIMIGNANO-FLORENCE-MONTECATINI. (Tue.)

Walk through the centre of picturesque San Gimignano, one of Italy's most perfectly preserved medieval towns. Continue to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance," and follow your Local Guide on a walking tour. Visit the ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS to admire Michelangelo's celebrated *David*. Marvel at the magnificent marble cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gate of Paradise," and sculpture-studded SIGNORIA SQUARE. Afterwards, time to shop for leather goods and gold jewellery, which Florence is famous for. Continue to your hotel in the spa resort of Montecatini. (B,D)

DAY 5 MONTECATINI-PISA-MANTUA-VERONA AREA. (Wed.)

Stop in Pisa and marvel at the legendary Leaning Tower before arriving at the fascinating city of Mantua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by three artificial lakes that were created in the 12th century. Guided sightseeing features a walk through the historical centre and the *Percorso del Principe* (Path of the Prince), and a visit to TEATRO BIBIENA, designed by Antonio Galli Bibiena in late baroque/early rococo style. Mozart performed here at the age of 13 in January 1770, a few weeks after the theatre opened. (B,D)



LF LOCAL FAVOURITE SAMPLE A SPECIALTY IN MONTERIGGIONI—CANTUCCI ALLE MANDORLE (TRADITIONAL ALMOND COOKIES).



VERONA'S ARENA



DAY 6 VERONA AREA. (Thu.)

In Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, follow your Local Guide on a walking tour of this interesting city. Take pictures of *Juliet's* balcony and rub the shining breast on her statue for good luck. Continue to the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheatre, where gladiators once fought. Built in the 1st century AD, it is now a magical venue for world-famous opera performances. Balance of the day is at leisure. An exciting optional excursion is available to Lake Garda and Sirmione. (B)

DAY 7 VERONA AREA-TRENTO-BASSANO-PADUA. (Fri.)

Follow the valley of the Adige River to Trento, a modern city in the Dolomites, the "Rocky Mountains" of Europe. Over the centuries, Trento was always an important commercial and strategic city, Italy's "Gate to Northern Europe," with the Brenner Pass through the Alps to nearby Austria. In the 14th century, Trento province was under Austrian rule, and until the end of World War I, the city was practically on the Austrian border. Your orientation shows you how Italian Renaissance and German styles have mixed over time. Next, a spectacular drive through the Dolomites brings you to the area of Bassano, where you will enjoy a GRAPPA TASTING, accompanied by some local specialties at the famous *Poli Museo della Grappa* (Grappa Museum). Later, continue to Padua and see St. Anthony's Basilica. (B)

DAY 8 PADUA. EXCURSION TO VENICE. (Sat.)

A short drive brings you to Venice. Enter in style by PRIVATE BOAT and meet your Local Guide. Highlights of your walking tour are ST. MARK'S SQUARE and the byzantine BASILICA, lavish DOGES' PALACE and the BRIDGE OF SIGHS. Also watch a skilled GLASSBLOWER fashion delicate objects in an age-old traditional manner. Time at leisure to further explore Venice at your own pace or to join an optional gondola serenade. Later, follow your Tour Director through narrow streets to *Al Colombo* restaurant near the Rialto Bridge, where the owner, Domenico Stanziani, has prepared a special farewell dinner with wine. Afterwards, enjoy a PRIVATE WATER-TAXI RIDE through the Grand Canal as a proper *arrivederci*. (B,D)

DAY 9 PADUA. (Sun.)

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning (the nearest airport is Venice). (B)



LOCAL FAVOURITE TASTE GRAPPA AND LOCAL SPECIALTIES DURING A VISIT TO BASSANO'S FAMOUS POLI MUSEO DELLA GRAPPA.

TOUR LQ DATES & PRICES

PRICED FROM \$2,089^{us}

9 days from Rome to Padua

Departure Number	Start Rome	End Padua	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Rome	End Padua	Land Only
0421	Sat 21 Apr	Sun 29 Apr	2089	0721	Sat 21 Jul	Sun 29 Jul	2149
0428	Sat 28 Apr	Sun 06 May	2149	0728	Sat 28 Jul	Sun 05 Aug	2129
0505	Sat 05 May	Sun 13 May	2149	0804	Sat 04 Aug	Sun 12 Aug	2129
0512	Sat 12 May	Sun 20 May	2149	0811	Sat 11 Aug	Sun 19 Aug	2129
0519	Sat 19 May	Sun 27 May	2149	0818	Sat 18 Aug	Sun 26 Aug	2149
0526	Sat 26 May	Sun 03 Jun	2149	0825	Sat 25 Aug	Sun 02 Sep	2149
0602	Sat 02 Jun	Sun 10 Jun	2169	0901	Sat 01 Sep	Sun 09 Sep	2169
0609	Sat 09 Jun	Sun 17 Jun	2169	0908	Sat 08 Sep	Sun 16 Sep	2169
0616	Sat 16 Jun	Sun 24 Jun	2169	0915	Sat 15 Sep	Sun 23 Sep	2169
0623	Sat 23 Jun	Sun 01 Jul	2169	0922	Sat 22 Sep	Sun 30 Sep	2169
0630	Sat 30 Jun	Sun 08 Jul	2169	0929	Sat 29 Sep	Sun 07 Oct	2149
0707	Sat 07 Jul	Sun 15 Jul	2149	1006	Sat 06 Oct	Sun 14 Oct	2149
0714	Sat 14 Jul	Sun 22 Jul	2149	1013	Sat 13 Oct	Sun 21 Oct	2089

Gratuities per person for Tour Director and Driver: \$81

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy.

Single room supplement: \$216

Triple room reduction per person: \$35

Extra nights per person in Rome:

in single room \$111-\$140, in twin \$90-\$118, in triple \$80-\$104

Extra nights per person in Padua:

in single room \$80-\$86, in twin \$56-\$62, in triple \$53-\$61