



Italy





Program Itinerary

Rome, Florence and Venice

Day 1

Flight

Overnight Flight

Day 2

Rome

Buon Giorno! Rome is a modern city, as well as the most celebrated ancient city in the world. No one knows when Rome was founded. Some say it existed as early as 750 B.C. as an Etruscan city, but the city has at least 2500 years of unparalleled cultural accomplishments.

Upon arrival enjoy a **half day guided tour** of Rome. Your general tour of Rome starts by driving past Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, and the Arch of Constantine to the Colosseum.

From there go along the Way of the Imperial Forums to Piazza Venezia with its Monument to Victor Emmanuel, and on to Capitoline Hill with its view of the Roman Forum. Visit the Pantheon and Piazza Navona with its three splendid fountains, and continue past the Ara Pacis Augustae to finish your tour at the beautiful Trevi Fountain.

Afternoon check-in at the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 3

Rome, Vatican

After breakfast enjoy a visit of the Vatican Including visit of St Peter and Vatican Museum with the famous Sistene Chapel.

Begin your tour of **Vatican City** with the artistic treasures of the Vatican museums, followed by a visit to the dramatic Sistene Chapel from which you step into St. Peter's Square, which is lined with doric columns designed by Bernini. Enter the Basilica, the largest in the world, and see the magnificent altar canopy, the cupola, and the famous Pieta of Michelangelo.

Afternoon free for individual sightseeing. Don't forget to enjoy a traditional Italian ice cream!! In the evening a **possible performance** at for example the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, Santa Maria dei Miracoli (Piazza del Popolo) or even in the Vatican (mass performance, religious music only, choirs only).

Dinner and overnight in Rome

Day 4

Rome - Florence

After breakfast transfer to Florence where you will arrive in the afternoon.

It was in Florence, nearly 500 years ago, that the Renaissance began. The work of three centuries can be seen throughout Florence; the architecture of Brunelleschi, Giotto, Alberti; the sculpture of Pisano, Donatello, Cellini; the paintings of Lippi, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci; the combined genius of Michelangelo, and Rossellino.

They all gave to Florence in those illustrious years a depth and power rarely, if ever, attained anywhere.

In the afternoon **guided walking tour of this city. See the Duomo, Piazza del Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and much more.**

Dinner and overnight in Florence.

Day 5

Florence

In the morning enjoy visit the **Galleria Accademia** where you can admire the statue of David by Michelangelo. In the afternoon **possible performance** at for example Piazza Santa Croce.

Dinner and overnight in Florence.

Day 6

Venice

After breakfast continue on to Venice.

The romantic city of Venice is quite different from any other European city. There are canals instead of streets, and gondolas instead of taxicabs. Stone bridges cross the canals and beautiful 16th and 17th-century palaces stand along the banks.

Upon arrival enjoy a **guided walking** tour of Venice. Begin your visit to Venice at the Piazzale Roma. Walking along the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square, you will be impressed by the many historic and stately Venetian Palaces. Upon leaving St. Mark's, go along the Merceria with its many unique shops, to the graceful Rialto Bridge, designed to let 16th century galleys pass underneath.

Dinner and overnight in Venice **surroundings**

(for example in Venice Mestre). Tonight enjoy one of the many classical concerts or opera's in Venice (OPTIONAL).

Day 7

Venice

In the morning **visit the Murano glass factory**. In the afternoon some free time to explore Venice on your own. **Evening performance** in local church, for example San Giovanni Elemosinario. Or mass performance in the famous Basilica of St. Marks (religious choir music only). Dinner and overnight in Venice **surroundings**.

Day 8

Return flight

Following breakfast transfer to the airport, Arrivederci bella Italia!!

Inclusions:

- 6 night accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on a mix of twin and triple bedded rooms (guaranteed twin rooms for chaperones, max. 1 chaperone twin per 10 students, additional adult rooms will require a twin supplement)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Daily 3-course dinner, excluding drinks
- European tour escort throughout
- Private luxury coach for all transfers according to the itinerary
- Vaporette (water taxi) tickets while in Venice
- Local guides: Rome / Vatican City / Florence / Venice
- Entrance fees: Vatican City including St. Peters Basilica & Vatican Museum / Galleria Academy / Mureno Glass Factory
- Organization & promotion of 2 performances

Optional:

Attend a classical concert or opera in Venice: between \$35 - \$135 depending on show, availability and seating.

Make your own Pizza dinner: \$20 - per person, Mask making workshop: \$48- per person

Sample hotels:

Rome: Pacific Hotel

Florence: Hotel Michelangelo

Venice: Park Hotel Villa Marcello Giustinian

End of arrangements

Note: unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the order of events outlined in the itinerary.



Program Details

Included in your Travel Program

Transportation

- Round-Trip Air Transportation via regularly scheduled commercial air service – economy Class (in addition to land package)
- Chartered Motorcoach Transportation in Luxury air-conditioned coaches

Accommodations

- Hotel accommodation in 3 and 4 Star properties based on triple bedded rooms.
- In room bathroom facilities
- Directors free room can be a single room if requested

Meals

- Meals are as indicated on your itinerary.
- Breakfasts are continental style and in the hotels unless noted

Activities & Details

- All scheduled sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary.
- Concert organization and promotion as listed on the itinerary
- Instrument rental is separate and not included
- Instrument transportation costs if any are not included
- Professional Tour Manager throughout
- Restaurant & Hotel Gratuities included
- Coach and Driver Gratuities are not included
 - Suggested tipping at \$3 per person per day (\$2 pp/pd for tour manager and \$1 pp/pd for driver)
- Individual Participant insurance is an extra cost - \$119 will be added to your invoice for each participant
- In the event that the venues listed herein cannot confirm the group for the intended travel dates, Travel Quest International (TQI) reserves the right to substitute venues of a similar standard and adjust our final daily itinerary accordingly. Performance venues often require music repertoire and/or music assessment. It's always a good idea to get started early by sending us a CD or DVD and a copy of expected repertoire. We'll quickly send copies overseas to get the venues excited and interested in having you come to perform.
- Please note that we specialize in customized group travel and can revise this program and further tailor it to meet the group's needs and desires.
- The group will have a private motor coach and driver at their disposal throughout the tour for approximately 8-10 hours daily.
- We have only included guided tours as per the itinerary. In the other cities that do not include guided tours, there may or may not be time to visit on your own time. If there is time, the group will be briefed about the region by their tour escort. Please note that tour escorts are not licensed guides and are not permitted by law to give any sort of sightseeing tours. If you would like a guide for any of these locations, we would be happy to advise the additional costs and make the appropriate arrangements.
- Music stands, risers, keyboards, chairs etc may require an additional charge if requested.
- TQI reserves the right to make alterations necessary due to lack of participation in any custom tour program or festival. Cost will fluctuate when your group size increases or decrease primarily due to transportation utilization.
- A complete terms and conditions will be posted on your group webpage as well as appear on your proposal agreement when you sign up to travel.



Program Costs

Cost Quote for your itinerary:

	50+	45-49	40-44	35-39	30-34 participants
Land Package:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Air Estimate					

Please call for current pricing 877 898-8687

Pricing Notes:

- Above cost is based on 50 full paying participants - price changes based on participation
- 1 free land participant trip for each 20 full paying participants plus director's air is free
- Tour prices are in USD and based on a specific expected exchange rate at the time of travel
- Currency increases may apply if significant changes occur
- Air fare is in addition to the land package price and is currently estimated.
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change which may cause an increase in air cost.
- Rates are based on a mix of twin & triple rooms
- Adult double rooms may incur an additional cost if student to adult ratio exceeds 1 to 10
- Single Occupancy Supplement is \$75 per person per night
- Insurance is not included in the above cost - \$119 will be added to your invoice per person

Cancellation Penalty Schedule

<u>Cancelation Date</u>	<u>Penalty Amount</u>
90 Days or more from departure date	\$200 initial deposit
89-60 Days from departure date	50% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
59-46 Days from departure	75% of program cost plus any additional penalties from vendors
Less than 45 days before departure	No refund

Standard Payment Plan

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>
\$200	Individual Deposit	Due with signed contract
\$500	Individual Payment	Due 180 Days from departure
\$1000	Individual Payment	Due 120 Days from departure
Final Balance	Individual Payment	Due 60 Days before departure