It is a large country in Southern Europe. Together with Greece, it is acknowledged as the birthplace of Western culture. Not surprisingly, it is also home to the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the world. High art and monuments are to be found everywhere around the country. It is also famous for its delicious cuisine, its trendy fashions, luxury sports cars and motorcycles, diverse regional cultures and dialects, as well as for its many beautiful coasts, alpine lakes and mountains (the Alps and Apennines). No wonder it is often nicknamed Il Bel Paese (The Beautiful Country).

**WELCOME TO ITALY**

**TRAVELLING THROUGH ITALY**

**Rail travel & passes**

**Travelling times on intercity trains**

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**YOUR DESTINATION SPECIALIST**

**RAIL PACKAGES**

**CITY STAYS**

**CAR HIRE**

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**CYCLING/HIKING**

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**
ROME
Accommodation in the city of Rome

ROME | ACCADEMIA
ITALY
Converted 18th-century palazzo located near the Trevi fountain and Via Veneto. 75 rooms include private facilities, TV, phone, radio, minibar, safe and hairdryer.

PRICES FROM $159
per person per night, low season, twin share

ROME | THE INDEPENDENT
ITALY
The hotel is 150 metres from the Termini Train Station. 45 elegant, modern rooms each with wooden floors, Nespresso coffee machine and kettle.

PRICES FROM $221
per person per night, low season, twin share

ROME | PATRIA
Refurbished 19th-century building next to Via Veneto and Trevi Fountain. 49 rooms including private facilities, phone, TV, internet access, safe, minibar & hairdryer.

PRICES FROM $82
per person per night, low season, twin share

ROME APARTMENT | AURELIA RESIDENCE
Elegantly refurbished, independent apartments, ideally located on one of Rome's oldest roads. St Peter's Basilica and the Vatican City are just a short walk away.

PRICES FROM $194
per studio (1-2 pax) per night, low season, twin share

ROME APARTMENT | ADAGIO ROMA
Located in Rome's EUR district, the apartments are spacious and equipped with kitchenette, and a TV with satellite channels.

PRICES FROM $236
per studio (1-2 pax) per night, low season, twin share

DAY TOURS IN AND AROUND ROME
Discover the ‘Eternal City’ and the magical cities of Italy

ETERNAL ROME
Crossing Piazza della Repubblica with the Fountain of the Nayads, our local guide will take you on a pleasant stroll through the historical centre, where you can admire the Trevi Fountain, La Colonna di Marco Aurelio, the Palazzo di Montecitorio, designed by Bernini, the Pantheon (visit inside), Palazzo Madama - seat of the senate, Piazza Navona, Via dei Coronari (the Antiquarians Road). Passing alongside Castel Sant'Angelo and along Via della Conciliazione, we get the Basilica of St. Peter *, which you can visit with headphones provided by our guide. You will have the opportunity to admire the Pieta, a masterpiece of Michelangelo.

 Eternal Rome
Duration: 3 hours
62
Departs: Daily 9:00 a.m. (1 Jan - 31 Oct 2015)
Child rates on application: 2-8 years.
Note: *THE VISIT TO THE BASILICA WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE ON SUNDAY, DURING RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS AND CEREMONIES (Audiences, Beatifications, Masses of the POPE)

Illuminated Rome
Visit one of the world’s most important archaeological sites - Pompeii. Depart Rome driving towards Naples through the countryside crossing the regions of Lazio and Campania. On the way pass the famous Abbey at Monte Cassino. arrive in the ancient fishing quarter of Santa Lucia and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the beautiful statue of Moses by Benvenuto Cellini designed by Michelangelo from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. By coach we will then drive by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the statue of Moses by Michelangelo located in the Church of St Peter’s in Chains from where it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the eternal city: The Colosseum (visit inside, the entrance fee is included). Due to seasonal opening times the itinerary may be altered without notice.

IMPERIAL ROME WITH VISIT INSIDE COLOSSEUM
Arriving by coach at Piazza Venezia you then continue on foot to the famous Piazza Del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. By coach we will then drive by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the beautiful statue of Moses by Michelangelo located in the Church of St. Peter’s in Chains from where it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the eternal city: The Colosseum (visit inside, the entrance fee is included). Due to seasonal opening times the itinerary may be altered without notice.

IMPERIAL ROME WITH VISIT INSIDE COLOSSEUM
Duration: 3 hours
87
Departs: Daily 2:00 p.m. Child: 2-8 years.
Note: Person wearing shorts; and uncovered shoulders are not admitted into churches.
Child rates on application: 2-8 years.

POMPEII WITH LUNCH
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Pompeii
Duration: 3 hours
189
Departs: Daily 7:00 a.m.
Child rates on application: 2-8 years.

ROME TRANSFERS
Private Transfers:
• Assistance at Rome Airport on arrival
• Transportation by car to your hotel in Rome
• Service charges and VAT
Note: 25% supplement applies for Sunday, public and religious holidays and 10% supplement for night service (10 p.m. - 5 a.m.)

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Florence remains one of the world’s most beautiful cities, an artistic, architectural and a cultural gem. In a relatively small area Florence contains a wealth of Renaissance art treasures among streets that were once walked by their great creators like Michelangelo, Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. The city itself is muse to some and home to many stylish citizens who enhance the cobbled streets and fashionable piazzas with their inimitable Italian flair.

Florence Accommodation

Florence | Brunelleschi

Recently completely renovated, this hotel is set in a restored Byzantine Tower overlooking Florence Cathedral. It offers 96 contemporary style rooms.

Prices from $294

Florence | Grand Hotel Adriatico

Just 400 metres from Santa Maria Novella Station, this hotel is centrally located. 136 rooms include air conditioning, a flat-screen TV with satellite channels.

Prices from $111

Florence | Rivoli

Located close to Santa Maria Novella Train Station, this hotel was once a Franciscan convent combining old-world charm with modern facilities including Wi-Fi.

Prices from $108

Florence | Athenaeum

Close to the famous attractions and the Gallery of the Accademia di Belle Arti, 60 soundproofed rooms with private facilities, LCD TV and Internet connection.

Prices from $115

Florence Transfers

Service includes:
- Transportation to your hotel in Florence
- Service charges and VAT

Private Transfers

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- Central Rail Station/Hotel v.v. o/h o/r

Valid. Prices are per person per way in Australian Dollars. Note: 20% supplement applies for Sunday, public and religious holidays, and night service (8 p.m. - 7 a.m.). Extra hours for delay supplement $50 per hour.

Florence City Tour

First stop is at Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view. Return to the old centre and join a guided visit of the Duomo Complex: Giotto’s bell tower (external visit), the Baptistery, and other important monuments. Before leaving the city you will visit the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Romanesque art built between the 11th and 12th century.

Prices are per person in Australian Dollars and are subject to currency fluctuation. Rates not valid during certain trade congress meetings.

Hotel room photographs may not be specific to the actual room occupied.
VENICE

Accommodation

**VENICE | CARLTON CAPRI**

Great location in the heart of Venice, next to Saint Mark’s Square. 32 guest rooms with private facilities and include Wi-Fi access and LCD satellite TV.

**VENICE | CANAL GRANDE**

Set in a small noble residence, this hotel offers a combination of an historic setting, classical design with modern comforts, and a central location. 15 rooms with private facilties and free Wi-Fi.

**VENICE | SAVOIA & JOLANDA**

Just 200 metres from Saint Mark’s Square in Venice, this hotel is on the waterfront of Riva degli Schiavoni. 51 elegant Venetian-style rooms and free Wi-Fi.

**VENICE | CONTINENTAL**

Set in a 15th-century building right on the Grand Canal, this hotel is centrally located, close to Santa Lucia Train Station and offers great views. 93 rooms with private facilties and satellite TV.

**VENICE | PALACE BONVECCHIATI**

Metres from Rialto Bridge, set in a historic building, fully restored located next to the Grand Canal. 35 rooms with private facilities LCD TV, and Wi-Fi access.

DAY TOURS FROM VENICE

Day Touring options from Venice

**ABSOLUTE VENICE**

A qualified and experienced guide will escort you through the millennium of life of the Serenissima Republic, recalling the past full of charm of this unique city.

Highlights include: Piazza San Marco, Basilica San Marco, Palazzo Ducale, Bell Tower, Clock Tower and Procuratie, Santa Maria Formosa and the Campo S. Giovanni e Paolo. Return to San Marco through the Mercerie, vital connection between Rialto and San Marco and the main street for the city shopping.

$293 per person per night, low season, twin share

**WALKING TOUR OF VENICE**

Walk through the important places of Venice. A qualified and experienced guide will escort you through the millennium of life of the Serenissima Republic, recalling the past of the city. Route includes: Piazza San Marco, Basilica San Marco, Palazzo Ducale, Bell Tower, Clock Tower and Procuratie, Santa Maria Formosa. Marco Polo’s House and Malibran Theatre. Return to San Marco through the Mercerie, vital connection between Rialto and San Marco and the main street for the city shopping.

$162 per person per night, low season, twin share

**GONDOLA SERENADE**

Float by gondola down the shimmering Grand Canal and inner canals spanned by tiny bridges, while musicians and singers perform popular Italian songs.

Venice was made to be seen from the water. Watch the graceful movements of the gondolier as he steers the boat, the same movements that have been handed down through the centuries by this elite trade guild. Be serenaded by the traditional boating songs, enter the magic world of the Venetian 18th century - the uniquely romantic atmosphere of the city will help create memories that last a lifetime.

$168 per person per night, low season, twin share

**INSIDE VENICE**

Today visit the Palazzo Ducale (Doges’ Palace) represented for centuries the seat of the Venetian political power. Continue onto the Basilica of San Marco and enjoy a guided visit of this masterpiece of Byzantine art. You have time to savour the beautiful gold mosaics and marble inlays of the floors, while your guide discusses the history and the particularities of this ancient basilica.

$99 per person per night, low season, twin share

**VENICE TRANSFERS**

Shared motor launch transport, including meeting service on arrival and porterage for 1 piece of luggage, per person. Price per transfer.

Contact our office for full details when transferring to Venice.
Italys cuisine evolved from “la cucina povera,” or peasant cooking. The cuisine relies on home-grown ingredients, prepared fresh with nothing wasted. Bread is a key element of Tuscan-style cooking. In addition to fresh-baked breads like the flatbread schiacciata, Tuscan cooking adds leftover bread to many recipes, including ribollita soup and panzanella bread salad. Fruits and vegetables Tuscan-style cooking employs a wealth of vegetables: artichokes, asparagus, green beans, fava beans, peas and all types of greens, including swiss chard, spinach and escarole. Peaches and pears are popular fruits. Meats The most famous Tuscan meat is the bistecca alla fiorentina, a large grilled porterhouse. The region is well-known also for its rich game, especially wild boars, hares, fallow deers, roe deers and pheasant that often are used to prepare pappardelle dishes. Other Ingredients Wild porcini mushrooms and truffles add an exotic touch to Tuscan dishes. The porcini can be served raw, grilled, sauteed in olive oil and garlic.
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   - **GST**: Does not apply to overseas arrangements such as hotels, tours, flights, insurance, or other services booked in Australia, such as amendment and cancellation fees. Where applicable, GST is included in the quoted prices.

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   - This brochure is valid from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, except where indicated otherwise elsewhere in this brochure.

3. **Deposit**

   - A Deposit of NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of A$165.00 per person for land-only bookings, A$330.00 per person for all coach tours & group packages, including all flights for all Bicycle Tours, Wine & Dine Tours, Alpine Cycling Tours, Rail Packages, Point-to-Point Rail Tickets, and Rail Passes. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable. If a request for a refund cannot be confirmed, we will refund your deposit in full. A Balance Payment is due 60 days before departure from Australia for all bookings on Holidays with location in Australia and will incur a fee of 3.95% of the balance due. The same being out of range at the time full payment is due.

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   - A minimum fee of A$33 per booking will be levied on all point-to-point European and Canadian rail bookings, and seat reservations.

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