



Italy's Best

October 2 ~ 16, 2021

Tour Highlights: You've dreamed about Italy—its magnificent architecture, majestic cathedrals, ancient ruins, world-class art, sumptuous cuisine and wine, and relaxing cafés—and now it is your time to experience it! On this classic Italy tour, explore its most famous cities and discover its unique sights as you overnight in Rome, Tuscany, Capri, and the Venice area.

Day 1, Sat. Oct. 2: Depart Home. Fly overnight from Chicago's O'Hare Airport to beautiful Rome, Italy.

Day 2, Sun. Oct. 3: Rome. Welcome to Rome! Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this ancient capital. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers.

Day 3, Mon. Oct. 4: Rome. The "Eternal City" is steeped in history, vibrantly alive and exciting, and absolutely unique! Your local guide will show you around the city, starting with St. Peter's Square and Basilica. Other highlights on the tour include the iconic Colosseum, the largest amphitheater ever built, and Circus Maximus. An optional visit is available to the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's impressive fresco of The Last Judgment. (B)

Day 4, Tue. Oct. 5: Rome - Pisa - Montecatini. Vistas of rolling hills, rows of cypress trees, terraced vineyards, olive groves, and rural villages form the backdrop of your journey through beautiful Tuscany. Stop in Pisa, and take a mini-train ride to see the Square of Miracles and the amazing Leaning Tower. Arrive in Montecatini. (B)

Day 5, Wed. Oct. 6: Montecatini - Excursion to Florence. Today, enjoy an included excursion to Florence. Your local guide will show you the city highlights on the walking tour. You will see Piazza Santa Croce; beautiful Piazza Signoria; Palazzo Vecchio and its courtyard and Loggia dei Lanzi. To top it all, see Piazza del Duomo and its cathedral with the Giotto Campanile, and the magnificent East Doors of the Baptistery, known as the "Gates of Paradise". (B,D)

Day 6, Thu. Oct. 7: Montecatini - La Spezia - Cinque Terre - Genoa. Travel towards La Spezia, where you'll hop aboard the train to discover some of the five spectacular Cinque Terre villages. The beauty of the rugged cliffs and romantic fishing villages once inspired poet Lord Byron. From Levanto, head towards Genoa, birthplace of explorer Christopher Columbus. (B)

Day 7, Fri. Oct. 8: Genoa - Milan - Lake Maggiore. Today's included guided tour is an excellent introduction to Genoa. A maze of squares and alleys, the city grew around the port, a natural inlet, and boasts the largest medieval historical center in Europe. Next, head north into the plains of Lombardy, and stop in Milan to marvel at its magnificent gothic Duomo. Then, continue to Baveno on Lake Maggiore. (B)

Day 8, Sat. Oct. 9: Lake Maggiore - Excursion to Lugano, Switzerland. Time to relax and get to know Lake Maggiore, one of Italy's largest lakes, located on the very edge of Alpine Switzerland. On clear days, you can see the peaks of the Alps. Take advantage of the included excursion to visit Lugano in Italian-speaking Swiss Canton Ticino. (B)



Tour Inclusions

- Round-trip estimated airfare from Chicago/airport transfers in Italy
- 13 nights of moderate class or better hotel accommodations
- 17 meals: Breakfast Daily (B); 4 Dinners (D)
- Sightseeing and admissions per itinerary
- Professional Tour Director and local guides
- Luxury coach transportation with professional driver
- Baggage handling for 1 bag/person up to 50 lbs. (including gratuity)

Tour Price Per Person

Double Occupancy: \$3,625
Cash Discount Price: \$3,469
(Payments by check/cash)
Single Room Supplement: \$560

Ask about discounts at time of booking!

Price is subject to change after airfare is finalized.

Day 9, Sun. Oct. 10: Lake Maggiore - Verona - Venice Area. Travel across the Po River plain, and stop in the romantic city of Verona for some time at leisure, marveling at the Roman Arena, shopping, or tasting some of the excellent local wines. Continue to the Venice area. (B)

Day 10, Tue. Oct. 11: Venice. Venice is more like a romantic film set than a real-life city, with its crisscrossing canals, gondolas and water buses, arched bridges, palaces, and piazzas. The included orientation starts with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square, and is followed by time at leisure and a chance to watch Venetian glassblowers fashion their delicate objects as they did centuries ago. Don't miss out on the optional gondola trip, gliding along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. (B,D)

Day 11, Wed. Oct. 12: Venice Area - Ravenna - Assisi - Assisi Area. Enjoy an interesting drive southward right across the Po Delta to Ravenna, renowned for its treasure of Byzantine mosaics, recognized by Unesco as a World Heritage Site. Continue to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, Italy's patron saint. Nestled amid Umbria's rolling hills, religious pilgrims have come here for centuries to visit the Basilica of San Francesco (where St. Francis is buried.) Visit the Basilica of St. Francis with its famous frescoes by Giotto, with history brought to life by a local guide. Overnight in the beautiful area of Assisi, in the heart of Umbria. (B,D)

Day 12, Thu. Oct. 13: Assisi Area - Pompeii - Sorrento Coast. Travel to Pompeii, where time stopped for the rich, aristocratic town with the terrible eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. On the included guided visit, see the remains of luxurious villas, temples, theater, and forum. Carry on to Sorrento, set on a plateau above the waters of the Bay of Naples. Wander the winding streets lined with shops and stalls, and sit with a glass of wine, absorbing the easy-going life-style of this charming resort. (B)

Day 13, Fri. Oct. 14: Sorrento Area - Boat Trip to Capri. Enjoy a day trip to the legendary island, surrounded by a rocky coastline where the crashing sea has formed awe-inspiring caves. The town with its pretty piazzetta, maze of streets, fashionable boutiques, and cozy restaurants, is a mecca for the jet set. Discover the Jewel of the Mediterranean on an optional excursion to the legendary isle of Capri! (B,D)

Day 14, Sat. Oct. 15: Sorrento Coast - Rome. Today, enjoy time at leisure; either choose an optional tour to the Vatican and Sistine Chapel or visit the charming sea side town of Positano, before returning to Rome. End your tour with an optional farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B)

Day 14, Sat. Oct. 16: Rome—Home. Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning and your included transfer to the Rome International Airport. (B)



Tour Hotels

All hotels are Superior First Class or First Class

Rome:	Ele Green Park Pamphili
Montecatini:	Settentrionale Esplanade
Genoa:	Starhotels President
Lake Maggiore:	Simplon
Venice Area:	Poppi
Assisi Area:	City Hotel & Suites
Sorrento Area:	Central Park



TOUR APPLICATION

TOUR NAME: Italy's Best

TOUR DATES: October 2 - 16, 2021

TOUR #: H3164

Note: The name on your tour documents and airline tickets must match your passport name. One form per address, please.

Please provide a copy of your current passport with the application.

Name 1

Name Tag Name:

Birthdate

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

TSA KTN or Global #

Passport Number

Passport Expiration

Country of Birth

Name 2

Name Tag Name:

Birthdate

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

TSA KTN or Global #

Passport Number

Passport Expiration

Country of Birth

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell

Email

Roommate Name

Special requests - please understand that we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Accommodations:

Double ☐ - 1 Bed ☐ - 2 Twin Beds ☐ Single

Room requests:

Dietary requests:

Air Request:

☐ Air with group ☐ Customized individual air

Airline Seat Request (Not Guaranteed):

☐ Window/next ☐ Aisle/next ☐ Other

Tour Extension:

☐ Air Extension ☐ Other arrangements:

Any special celebration?

Any special assistance required:

Burkhalter Agent:

Medical conditions the host should be aware of:

Physician name/clinic:

Phone:

Emergency Contact Name:

Relationship to you

Phone:

Travel Protection?

☐ Yes, Cosmos Plan ☐ Maybe, please provide info on other plans ☐ No, thanks

I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions for this tour (see back).

Signature REQUIRED

PAYMENT

Amount enclosed:

\$300 per person deposit required - Final due by July 15, 2021

Payment:

☐ Cash or check payable to Burkhalter Tours ☐ Credit card

CC #

Expiration date

Security Code

Name on credit card:

RESERVATIONS/INFORMATION

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TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

I.D./Citizenship: Travelers must possess a passport that is valid for six months beyond the return date of the tour. Complete passport name, gender and birth date are required to confirm reservations per TSA/airline requirements. Non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for determining their own entry requirements.

Deposits and Payments: Please make checks payable to Burkhalter Tours. Most major credit cards are also accepted, although a cash discount may be offered. A deposit of **\$300 per person** is required to secure reservations. All tour confirmations are subject to receipt of signed tour application and payment verification. **Final payment is due by July 15, 2021.**

Cancellations/Refunds: All cancellations are subject to a \$50 Burkhalter Tours service fee that may not be covered by tour operator insurance. In addition to the service fee and possible airline penalties, tour cancellation penalties are as follows:

Cancel prior to July 15, 2021: Deposit is non-refundable

Cancel after July 15, 2021: Trip is non-refundable

No refund will apply on unused portions of the tour. If a roommate cancels, the remaining traveler may have to pay any single room supplement that is incurred. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Once issued, airline tickets are 100% non-refundable.

Travel Insurance is strongly advised in order to protect your investment. Coverage for trip cancellation/interruption/delay, and medical emergency expenses is available from Cosmos for **\$249**. Other plans may also be available. Ask your agent for information.

Tour Conditions: This tour is a regular Cosmos departure and no minimum number of Burkhalter travelers is required for the tour to operate. All arrangements are based upon tariffs in effect on date of brochure production and are subject to change. Once deposit has been received, any changes to air or land arrangements may be assessed a \$50 revision fee. Revision fees may be higher once air is ticketed. Itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator.

Air Transportation: The airfare portion of the tour price may be an estimate and is subject to change until ticketed. Airline seat assignments can only be requested after final payment and may be limited in availability. If specific seat assignments are vital to your enjoyment of the tour, we recommend individual air reservations. Deviations from the group air schedule may result in a different airfare. Routing and schedules are subject to change.

Accommodations/Transportation: Tour hotels are superior tourist or first class properties with private ensuite facilities. Rooms typically have two beds. Hotels are subject to change. Touring coaches are deluxe vehicles with panoramic windows and seats that partially recline. Single travelers are allocated one seat only.

Traveler Fitness: Travelers should be in reasonably good health, able to climb stairs and board a motorcoach in a timely manner, and walk moderate distances, sometimes over uneven ground. Individuals with physical and/or cognitive limitations must be accompanied by an able individual who will assume complete responsibility for them - tour personnel cannot and will not provide such assistance.

Passenger Consent Agreement: Department of Transportation regulations require that we inform you that your purchase is subject to supplemental price increases beyond our control that may be imposed after the date of purchase. Such increases may come about due to increased fees, fuel surcharges, government tax increases, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination of these events. Post-purchase price increases may be applied to your invoice due to these unforeseen cost increases from suppliers. While a post-purchase price increase is very rare and not anticipated, Burkhalter Tours will inform you of any increases as soon as possible. By signing the tour application and making your deposit, you are acknowledging that you have been made aware and accept the fact that such increases may occur, and that you agree to pay Burkhalter Tours and our contracted suppliers accordingly.

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