

BUDGET NUMBER 12218473 PRICES STARTING FROM: \$5,598 This budget is valid until 15/10/2024 and is subject to flights, seat availability and air ticket prices at the time of booking.

Italy in 9 Days • 8 Nights in Destination

Escorted Eternal Cities

Immerse yourself in Italian history, culture and gastronomy. Land in Rome and admire one of the most romantic cities in the world. Head to Florence to discover its hidden treasures and Renaissance heritage, via the quaint medieval towns of Assisi and Orvieto. Next, explore ancient Bologna and artistic Padova. Finally, uncover Venice, known for its stunning canals, built across 100 small islands.

THE PRICE INCLUDES



premiumcare

Peace of mind with our included coverage



International flights: Canada - Rome, Venice -Canada.





Visits and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary.**



Guided walking tours in Florence and in Venice and a panoramic view on the bus in Rome.***

Departures from main Canadian airports.

7 nights accommodation in Superior category hotels.*



Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles as indicated in the itinerary.



All air taxes and fuel surcharge.

Tour Leader from day 2 to day 8. Guided visit to the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill in Rome.



Reduced groups of 30****

*The cancellation policy applicable is according to the Terms and Conditions available and agreed at the time of your purchase



ITINERARY: 9 DAYS



10/12: Canada - Night on board

Pack your bags and head to your departure airport, ready for a flight to the eternal city of **Rome**.* Night on board.

*If either your outbound or inbound flights depart in the early hours (before 4:00 a.m.) you must arrive at the airport the night before the indicated departure day.



11/12: Rome

Land in **Rome**, the Italian capital known as the Eternal City. Transfer to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, the remainder of the day is free to begin exploring this romantic, historic city. The evening is the most magical in Rome, as the streets take on an even more charming character. Wander around the quaint streets and charming piazzas while you indulge in their world-famous gastronomy. Overnight stay in Rome.



12/12: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Your guide will greet you at the hotel in the morning. Today, enjoy a panoramic bus tour and discover this city. Learn about the history of this empire, from its birth to the gladiatorial fights in the Colosseum with a guided tour, and appreciate the preserved corners of ancient Rome in the Forum and the Palatine Hill. We recommend the optional dinner at an authentic Italian restaurant.* Overnight stay in Rome.

*Optional Authentic Roman Dining Experience: Savor an evening of authentic Italian cuisine in the heart of historic Rome. Let the charm of the city envelop you as you enjoy traditional Italian dishes at a local restaurant, fully immersed in the rich flavors and vibrant atmosphere of Roman culture.

- Guided walking Tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill
 - Authentic Roman Dining Experience





13/12: Rome

Breakfast at the hotel, today enjoy a day at your leisure in Rome. Perhaps visit the Vatican, trace the footsteps of the greats in the ancient streets of the old city or simply indulge in some delicious Italian ice cream 'gelato'. However you choose to spend your day, Rome is sure to delight you with its old-world charm and unbeatable sights. We suggest taking the optional Guided tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel.* In the evening we recommend a night-tour of Rome including a delicious dinner**. Overnight stay in Rome.

*Optional Skip-the-line Guided Tour of Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine

Chapel: Explore the priceless treasures held within the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel! Visit the Pio Clementino Hall, Laocoon and Apollo Belvedere, Maps Gallery, Candelabra Gallery, Tapestries Gallery and the incredible Sistine Chapel. Afterwards, discover the incredible St. Peter's Basilica and the atmospheric St. Peter's Square, dominated by Michelangelo's imposing Cupola!

Please note: Optional tour available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays afternoon, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. Sundays are closed. If you depart for Italy on a Sunday, the optional Skip-the-line Guided Tour of the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel, will take place on the following Wednesday evening as of 2024.

**Optional Rome by Night - Baroque Rome, with Dinner excursion: A nocturnal view of Rome, with the splendid squares illuminated and away from the daytime bustle. The charming Plaza de España with its spectacular staircase, the fairytale frame of the Trevi Fountain, the majesty of the Pantheon and the baroque Piazza Navona, a route structured to go back in time and evoke the times of the 'Dolce Vita' fellini. The tour will end with a typical Roman dinner.

Why not upgrade your trip with our Must See's of Italy package of 2 excursions, available in the next step of the booking process!





14/12: Rome - Orvieto - Assisi - Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Rome early this morning to transfer to the beautiful city of Florence. To break up this journey, stop in **Orvieto**^{*}, a quaint town especially known for its renowned **Duomo**, European Gothic architecture and the San Patrizio Well, a masterpiece of hydraulic engineering in which you can immerse yourself, descending into the bowels of the earth.

Next, take a break in **Assisi**, a majestic hilltop town known for its medieval architecture and the **Basilica of St. Francis**, a huge 2-level church. In the early evening, arrive in **Florence**, the heart of the Italian Renaissance, and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure exploring the city and the Italian cuisine in this gourmet paradise. Overnight stay in Florence.

*Upon arrival at Orvieto you'll need to take a funicular to reach the hilltop meeting point as it's not accessible by bus. We advise you to take cash to pay for your ticket upon arrival at the station.





Included



15/12: Florence

Breakfast at the hotel. Today head to the Historic Centre for a **guided walking tour of Florence** and discover the hidden secrets of the Tuscan capital. Start discovering the up-market Piazza Repubblica, before heading to Loggia del Mercato Nuovo, a building within which a local market takes place.

Keep exploring the streets of Florence before arriving at the beautiful and well-known **Ponte Vecchio**, the most iconic bridge in the city and one of its main symbols. You will then walk through the Piazza della Signoria, the heart of Medieval Florence with the imposing Palazzo Vecchio.

End the tour admiring **Piazza San Giovanni**, home to the impressive Florence Cathedral, with its iconic Brunelleschi cupola and the famous Giotto Belltower.

Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to continue exploring the captivating sights of Florence. Why not explore the city in more depth with one of our optional excursion to either the Uffizi* or the Leaning Tower**? Overnight stay in Florence.

*Optional excursion to The Uffizi: The Uffizi Gallery, designed in the mid-sixteenth century by Giorgio Vasari, consists of 90 museum rooms that host the most important and famous paintings in the history of art: works by Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, in addition to numerous paintings by Flemish and Dutch painters exhibited in chronological order. A visit to this museum is a real journey through time by means of art.

Please note that this activity can de purchased up to 30 days before departure of your trip. This optional is not available on Mondays.

**Optional Half-Day Tour to Pisa & The Leaning Tower: No trip to Italy is complete without a photo at the iconic leaning tower, so don't miss your chance to take a day trip to Pisa! Enjoy a guided walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli and its monuments before spending time at the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa, learning all about the history of this University city along the way.

	Guided Walking Tour of Florence	Included
<u>jîn</u>	The Uffizi Gallery	Available
JU n	Half-Day Tour to Pisa & The Leaning Tower	Available



16/12: Florence - Bologna - Padova - Venice Mestre

Breakfast at the hotel. Today leave Florence early this morning to transfer you head to the city of Venice. During the journey, stop in **Bologna** and discover this lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, free time before continuing with your journey. Make another stop in **Padova**, a city rich in beauty, which retains traces of its glorious past, and one of the most important cultural capitals during the fourteenth century.

Finish the day in the historic and enchanting Venice Mestre, the mainland town connected to Venice by rail and road bridges over the lagoon. Spend the night at your leisure and embrace the convenience of numerous transportation options, such as the frequent trains/buses to Venice center. The train station/bus stop is at walking distance from your hotel and it will take you to the iconic Venice center.

Built across more than 100 small islands, Venice is a pleasure to explore on foot as you get lost in the labyrinthine streets, stumbling across hidden cafes and cultural gems along the way. Head out and discover the plentiful delights of this city, such as the immense Piazza San Marco. Overnight stay in Venice Mestre.





17/12: Venice

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, embark on a **walking tour of Venice** to discover all the beauty this city has to offer. Enjoy a guided walking tour through the most emblematic neighborhoods, see Venice's famous markets and pay a visit to the iconic Rialto Bridge.

The rest of the day is yours continue discovering this unique city at your own pace. Alternatively, we recommend taking part in one or both of the following optional activities: first, you can enjoy a quintessentially Venetian gondola ride^{*} and then you can take part in an excursion to Murano and Burano islands.^{**} Overnight stay in Venice Mestre.

*Optional Gondola Ride Experience excursion: One of the most well-known characteristics of Venice are its historic gondolas. You can be a part of this legacy! Experience an unforgettable gondola ride through the charming waterways of Venice including the iconic Grand Canal. The quintessential Venetian experience! Note: Please note that it is a shared gondola (up to five people for each one) so you might have to share it with other people.

****Optional Half-Day Murano and Burano excursion:** Discover the most beautiful islands in Venice, enjoying the enchanting scenery of the Venetian lagoon. The tour includes two stops to visit Murano and Burano and discover their typical artisan products: the centuries-old glass processing in Murano, the fine lace in Burano. Enjoy the original colorful buildings as you tour this enchanting area.

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Guided Walking Tour of Venice	Included
Gondola Ride Tour in Venice	Available
Half-Day Murano and Burano Excursion	Available



18/12: Venice - Canada

Breakfast at the hotel.* At the indicated time, transfer from Venice Mestre to the airport for your return flight.

*Depending on the return flight schedule and the hotel breakfast service, you may not be able to enjoy the included breakfast on the last day.

**Depending on the return flight schedule, you may arrive in the Canada the next day and the total duration of the trip would be 10 days.

	Even though you will be seated most of the time, you may be required to walk short distances or
●000 Light	climb some steps.
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•••• Active	You will be required to walk for a few hours on comfortable terrain.
	A good level of fitness is required You will be required to walk on difficult terrain and/or for

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Iong periods of time.

ACCOMMODATION | CATEGORY: SUPERIOR



From 11 to 14 December

Hotel Gambrinus or similar

LOCATION Via Piave 35, 00187 Rome Italy CATEGORY NIGHTS

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Superior Category **from 11 to 14 December**: Hotel Gambrinus, Adesso Hotel, BV Oly Hotel, Exe International Palace, Hotel Mondial, La Griffe MGallery , Marc'Aurelio Hotel, Moderno Hotel Roma, Saint John Hotel.



*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Superior Category **from 14 to 16 December**: Hotel Grifone Firenze, Albani Firenze, Allegroitalia San Gallo Firenze, Hotel Cellai, Hotel Palazzo dal Borgo, Hotel Torre Guelfa, MH Florence Hotel, Starhotels Michelangelo Firenze, UNAHOTELS Vittoria Firenze.



From 16 to 18 December

NH Venezia Laguna Palace or similar

LOCATION Viale Ancona 2, 30172, Mestre Italy NIGHTS

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*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Superior Category **from 16 to 18 December**: NH Venezia Laguna Palace, Ambasciatori Hotel Venice Mestre, Best Western Hotel Tritone, Four Points by Sheraton Venice Mestre, Hotel Plaza Venice, Leonardo Royal Hotel Venice Mestre.

FLIGHTS

Remember that before checking in you should review each airline's Ts & C's, as baggage policies vary by airline.

Departure

10/12/2024

r∯ Toronto (YYZ) - Rome (F	CO)
Departure:	11:12am
Arrival:	07:05am ⁺¹
Stops:	1 stop
Cabin class	Economy
Baggage	
Cabin baggage (10kg):	1 per passenger
Checked luggage:	Not included

Return

18/12/2024

47	Venice	(VCE)	- Toronto (YYZ)
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Baggage	
Cabin class	Economy
Stops:	1 stop
Arrival:	10:57pm
Departure:	01:15pm

Cabin baggage (10kg):	1 per passenger
Checked luggage:	Not included



PERSONALISE

What is included in your trip

Rooms

Included in the final price

🚔 1 Double bed

Activities included and purchased for your trip



Guided walking Tour of the Colosseum, Roman Forum & Palatine Hill

Included activity for day 2 in Rome

Take a guided walking tour of three of the main archaeological sites in Rome. Learn about the history of this empire, from its birth to the gladiator fights of the Colosseum and appreciate the relics of ancient Rome at the Forum and Palatine Hill.

What's included: Skip-the-line entrance tickets: Colosseum - Palatine Hill - Roman Forum, Authorized guide and headphones.

Not included: Drop off.

Duration 03:00h. Physical rating: ●●OO Moderate

Time and days in Rome can be changed according to the availability of the Colosseum tickets. It will be confirmed 15 days before arrival.



Short Stop in Orvieto

Included activity for day 4

En route to Florence, make a brief stop to Orvieto to get to know this charming town.

Not included: Lunch not included and tickets funicular

Duration 01:30h . Physical rating:

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You'll need to take a funicular to reach the hilltop meeting point as it's not accessible by bus. We advise you to take cash to pay. Price tickets funicular € 1,30 per person, clients can get on and off buying just 1 ticket





Short Stop in Assisi

Included activity for day 4

Briefly explore this quaint town in the region of Umbria, known as the birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare, considered an important Christian pilgrimage site surrounded by incredible landscape, green fields and olive groves.

Not included: Lunch not included

Duration 02:00h . Physical rating: •••• Active



Guided Walking Tour of Florence

Included activity for day 5 in Florence Discover the highlights of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, on a guided walking tour. Highlights include the historic Ponte Vecchio bridge, Piazza della Signoria, Piazza San Giovanni, the iconic Florence Cathedral and the Giotto Belltower.

What's included: Hotel pick up at hotel lobby, walking tour in Florence with professional guide

Not included: Drop off, food and beverages.

Duration 01:30h . Physical rating: ●●○○ Moderate

Comfortable walking shoes recommended



Short Stop in Bologna

Included activity for day 6

Get to know the city of Bologna in this quick stop where you will familiarize yourself with the city's rich culinary, cultural, historical and artistic heritage.

What's included: Lunch included

Physical rating: •••• Active



Short Stop in Padova

Included activity for day 6 in Padua Acquaint yourself with charming Padua in this quick stop of the city known for being an artistic hub of Italy, one of its most popular tourist destinations and bearing important religious significance. 

Guided Walking Tour of Venice

Included activity for day 7 in Venice

Duration 01:30h . Physical rating:



Take a guided walking tour through Venice to learn about the culture and artistic heritage of the city. Stroll through the city, visit the iconic Rialto Bridge and cruise on the Giudecca Canal!

What's included: Pick up from the hotel and walking tour in Venice with professional guide Not included: Drop off in the hotel



Authentic Roman Dining Experience

Suggested activity for day 2 in Rome

Savor an evening of authentic Italian cuisine in the heart of historic Rome. Let the charm of the city envelop you as you enjoy traditional Italian dishes at a local restaurant, fully immersed in the rich flavors and vibrant atmosphere of Roman culture.

What's included: Appetizer, main course with a side dish, water, 1 glass of wine and coffee.

Not included: Transport not included, meeting Point: Campo de' Fiori, 12, 00186 Roma.

\$57 / person

In case of being vegetarians, notify in advance to adapt the menu. In 2024, the dinner will take place in Campo di Fiori, while in 2025, it will be in Trastevere.



Pack of 2 Excursions: Must-sees of Italy

Suggested activity for day 3

Make the most of your time in Italy with this pack of two unmissable experiences: a Skip-the-line guided tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel and a gondola ride in Venice.

What's included: Skip-the-line Guided Tour of Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel & Gondola ride experience in Venice

Not included: Transport to and from the meeting point not included

\$196 / person

Pick up time: info at destination

Physical rating:

••oo Moderate

Vatican info: Tour NOT available Wednesdays morning and Sundays. Please avoid booking the activities included in this package separately.

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Baroque Rome by Night & Dinner

Suggested activity for day 3 in Rome

A night tour of Rome, with the splendid illuminated squares and away from the bustle of the day. The tour will end with a typical Roman dinner.

What's included: Appetizer, first and second course, coffee, dessert and 1 glass of wine.

Not included: Pick up and return to the hotel by your own

\$117 / person

Duration 03:00h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination Physical rating: ●●○○ Moderate

Meeting point: piazza di spagna, in front of the babingtons tea room.



Skip-the-line Guided Tour of Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and Sistine Chapel

Suggested activity for day 3 in Rome

Explore the treasures held within the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel! Visit Pio Clementino Hall, Candelabra Gallery, Tapestries Gallery and the incredible Sistine Chapel, among other sights. Also discover St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square.

What's included: Skip the line entrance tickets, professional guide, and headsets.

Not included: Transportation to and from the meeting point not included

\$142 / person

Duration 03:00h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination

Physical rating: •••• Active

Tour NOT available on Wednesdays mornings and Sundays. Meeting point: via santamaura 28



Half-Day Tour to Pisa & The Leaning Tower

Suggested activity for day 5 in Florence

No trip to Italy is complete without a photo at the iconic leaning tower, so don't miss your chance to take a day trip to Pisa! Enjoy a guided walking tour of Piazza dei Miracoli, admire the famous Leaning Tower!

What's included: Round trip journey from Florence meeting point, expert multilingual escort, guided tour of Pisa and Piazza dei Miracoli with professional guide, admission fee to Pisa Cathedral. Drop off in point near the hotel

Not included: Meals, drinks and entrance to the tower

\$106 / person

Duration 05:30h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination

Physical rating:

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The Uffizi Gallery

Suggested activity for day 5 in Florence

Designed in the mid-sixteenth century by Giorgio Vasari,the museum consists of 90 rooms that host the most important and famous paintings in the history of art.

What's included: English guide.

Not included: Transportation not included. Meeting point: via cavour 12 nero.

\$136 / person

Duration 02:00h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination Physical rating:

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This activity can de purchased up to 30 days before departure of your trip. Entrances to archaeological sites and Italian museums may be subject to free extraordinary openings on certain days, according to the will of the Italian Ministry of Culture



Half-Day Murano and Burano Excursion

Suggested activity for day 7 in Venice

Discover Murano and Burano, the two most beautiful islands in Venice and learn of their typical artisan products.

What's included: Boat transportation included from the meeting point to the islands.

\$93 / person

- Duration 04:00h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination Physical rating:
 - •••• Moderate



Gondola Ride Tour in Venice

Suggested activity for day 7 in Venice

One of the most famous characteristics of Venice is its historic gondolas and now you can be a part of this legacy yourself! Experience an unforgettable 30-minute gondola ride through the charming waterways of Venice including the iconic Grand Canal.

What's included: 35 min in Gondola Ride Not included: Transportation to and from the meeting point not included

\$70 / person

Duration 00:35h Approx. Pick up time: info at destination

The ride is shared with other people.



QUOTE BREAKDOWN

Italy • 9 Days		
Italy - Escorted Eternal Cities (2 adults)	\$5,5	598
1 Double room - (double)		\$0
PremiumCare	•••••	\$0
		99

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QUOTE BREAKDOWN

OFFER CONDITIONS

Remember to download your e-ticket to confirm the times of your flights and to complete online check-in using the airline's website, or directly at the check-in desk at the airport.

Accommodation at the hotels is as indicated. In the event of any changes to accommodation, they will always be of the same, or a higher category. The category of hotels is not standardized across all countries in the world. For this reason, the criteria may differ depending on the destination country's own standards.

In the case of adverse weather conditions, for safety reasons or for any other reasons deemed appropriate, the order and duration of the excursions included in the itinerary may be changed or cancelled without prior notice. If you have reduced mobility, require the use of a wheelchair, or you would prefer this tour to be a private experience for you and your group, you must contact our Experts at +1778 807 9750 before booking to ensure that your needs can be met.

While on the road, it is highly unlikely that the vehicle will be equipped with wifi or bathroom facilities, though rest stops will be made for long trips. We recommend purchasing a new SIM card at the airport or placing an e-SIM before travel to guarantee internet connection.

NOT INCLUDES

Tax*, drinks, tips and any other services not mentioned in what's included.

*Accommodation tax in Italy must be paid directly to the hotel (Approx. 6 € per person per night). We recommend taking cash in the local currency with you on this trip

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS, PASSPORTS AND VACCINATIONS

For domestic and international travel, please check entry requirements (e.g. USA and ESTA, Canada and eTA or other authorities, Schengen Area and ETIAS), passport validity (canadian travellers are required to have a passport valid for 6 month) and vaccination requirements (vaccination guidelines and COVID-19 testing requirements), set by the authorities of each of the destination and/or transit countries. Check the official websites of the migration and health agencies in your home country, destination and transit countries, as well as airline requirements. In the event of refusal by the authorities of exit or entry into the country of destination or transit due to the failure to meet required conditions or failure to carry the correct documentation, Exoticca assumes no responsibility and our no-show policy will apply, with any costs being incurred directly by the traveler. If a traveler is found to have visited a country designated as State Sponsor of Terrorism (09.11.2022, Countries: Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Syria), the traveler is no longer eligible to participate in the Visa Wavier Program and must apply for a visa to enter the United States.

Important Information.

If your destination is in the Schengen Area, or if your selected flights to a different destination have connections in the Schengen Area countries, during 2023 it will be mandatory to have an ETIAS before traveling. Please consult: *https://www.etiasvisa.com/*

IMPORTANT NOTES

PREMIUM CARE - INCLUDED IN ALL OUR TRIPS. AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

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