

# EASY GRAND TOUR NORTHERN ITALY

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16  days | 15  nights

ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO  
- CHIANTI - MESTRE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN -  
STRESA - BORROMEAN ISLANDS - PORTOFINO - SANTA  
MARGHERITA LIGURE - RAPALLO - FLORENCE - ROME





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#### DAY 1 - SATURDAY

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## ROME

At 6:00 PM, meet the tour leader at the reception.

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#### DAY 2 - SUNDAY

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## ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to the Tuscany region. Arrive at Montepulciano, a medieval city perched on a hill, world-famous for producing the “Nobile” wine. This village is rich in Renaissance buildings, ancient churches, and hidden corners. From Montepulciano, enjoy the fabulous landscape of the Orcia Valley and Chiana Valley. Continue to the charming Pienza, one of the most characteristic medieval villages in the heart of the Orcia Valley, known as the “ideal city” of the Renaissance and for its strong ties to rural traditions. This is evident as soon as you enter the old town through its main gate and stroll along the “corso,” lined with shops showcasing local products, including the famous “Pecorino di Pienza.” Transfer to the hotel in Siena.

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#### DAY 3 - MONDAY

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## SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI - MESTRE

After breakfast, visit the elegant city of Siena, full of charm and historical memories, considered one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Italy. The heart of the city is the famous Piazza del Campo, shaped like a shell, where the renowned “Palio di Siena” takes place, a key event for all Sienese. Visit the stunning Gothic-style Siena Cathedral, housing treasures by Donatello, Pisano, and Michelangelo, as well as frescoes by the celebrated Pinturicchio. Proceed to San Gimignano, a medieval village







famous for its towers, of which only 13 out of the original 72 remain. This UNESCO World Heritage site is characterized by its beautiful squares and historical center. Continue to the Chianti region, renowned for its Tuscan landscape with vineyards, cypress trees, and picturesque villages. Enjoy a panoramic drive and visit a local winery for a Chianti wine tasting and local delicacies. Transfer to the hotel in Mestre and free time.

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#### DAY 4 - TUESDAY

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### MESTRE

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### Venice

Guided tour of Venice, a unique city built on 120 islands connected by over 400 bridges. Venice boasts an extraordinary cultural and artistic heritage, inspiring poets and artists for centuries: the elegant buildings along the Grand Canal, the delicate Doge's Palace overlooking St. Mark's Square, the majestic Basilica and Campanile of St. Mark, as well as small artisan workshops and colorful houses. Free time and return to the hotel in the afternoon.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### Gondola Ride

A gondola ride is one of Venice's main attractions and a city icon. It offers an unforgettable experience, allowing you to truly immerse in Venice's charm. The ride provides a unique perspective of the city from the water.

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#### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

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### MESTRE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN

After breakfast, head to Verona, known worldwide as the setting for the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site, celebrated for its architectu-

re, romantic charm, and scenic views over the Adige River. Proceed to Sirmione, a picturesque town on the southern shores of Lake Garda, nicknamed "the pearl of islands and peninsulas." It boasts historical and artistic treasures, including Roman villa ruins, the Scaligero Castle, and the Church of San Pietro in Mavino. Transfer to the hotel in Milan.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### Boat Ride on Lake Garda

A boat trip on Lake Garda reveals its secrets and breathtaking views, offering a unique and relaxing experience.

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#### DAY 6 - THURSDAY

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### MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and a guided tour of Milan, a city renowned for its immense historical, artistic, and architectural heritage. Milan is also famous as Italy's fashion capital, a hub of industry, and a nerve center of the Italian economy. A walk through Milan must include its iconic landmarks: Piazza del Duomo, one of Italy's largest and most breathtaking squares, with the imposing Gothic-style Cathedral; Teatro alla Scala, a cultural symbol of Milan and one of the world's most prestigious theaters for history, architecture, and performances; and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. Free time and return to the hotel.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### Milan's Navigli District

Explore the Navigli district, one of Milan's most picturesque areas, renowned for its vibrant nightlife and numerous bars and restaurants along the canals. Enjoy an evening aperitivo during "happy hour" after a brief stroll to discover the history of this charming neighborhood.

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#### DAY 7 - FRIDAY

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### MILAN - LAKE MAGGIORE: STRESA AND BORROMEAN ISLANDS - MILAN



Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Stresa, a splendid tourist destination on Lake Maggiore. This charming village is set in a unique landscape offering stunning views of the Alps and Lake Maggiore, home to the famous Borromean Islands. Next is an excursion to the Borromean Islands, including Isola Bella with its monumental palace, Isola dei Pescatori (Fishermen's Island) with its picturesque charm, and Isola Madre, known for its botanical gardens filled with rare plants. Lunch will be on Isola dei Pescatori, featuring local cuisine. Return to Stresa for some free time, then back to the hotel in the afternoon.

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#### DAY 8 - SATURDAY

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### MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Lake Como - Como, Villa Carlotta, and Bellagio**

Visit the city of Como, a beloved destination in northern Italy, with its Duomo, Broletto (medieval town hall), Terragni Palace, ancient alleys, and remnants of medieval walls. Continue to Tremezzo to visit Villa Carlotta, overlooking the lake and surrounded by magnificent gardens. A boat ride will take you to Bellagio, one of the most enchanting towns on Lake Como, where you can enjoy free time to explore its charming corners. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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#### DAY 9 - SUNDAY

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### MILAN - PORTOFINO - SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE - RAPALLO - LA SPEZIA

After breakfast, the day is dedicated to exploring the Gulf of Tigullio. Discover Portofino, with its elegant harmony and brightly colored buildings overlooking the sea, and Santa Margherita Ligure, known for its pastel-colored facades and stunning promenade. In the afternoon, take a boat to Rapallo, a historic town in the heart of the Gulf of Tigullio. Later, transfer to the hotel in La Spezia for free time.







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## DAY 10 - MONDAY

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### LA SPEZIA

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Cinque Terre**

Weather permitting, take a boat or train to the Cinque Terre. Over centuries, humans have shaped this unique landscape with terraces along the slopes, creating one of Liguria's most beautiful and iconic panoramas. Explore Manarola, a true urban gem with its charming harbor and pastel-colored houses; Vernazza, one of Italy's most beautiful villages, with its amphitheater-like harbor extending toward the sea; and Monterosso, the largest and westernmost of the Cinque Terre villages, featuring a picturesque natural bay. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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## DAY 11 - TUESDAY

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### LA SPEZIA - FLORENCE

Breakfast and departure to Florence, a city with an atmosphere that invites you to travel back in time, known worldwide as the birthplace of the Renaissance and the cradle of architecture and art. Guided tour of its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by churches, monuments, and beautiful Renaissance buildings praised by poets throughout the ages. The Baptistery of Saint John, dedicated to the city's patron saint, the famous Giotto's Campanile, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the imposing dome by Brunelleschi are just a few examples of the wonders Florence offers. After the tour, transfer to the hotel.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **The Uffizi Gallery**

Designed in the mid-16th century by Giorgio Vasari, the Uffizi Gallery comprises 90 rooms housing some of the most important and famous paintings in art history: works by Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and numerous paintings



by Flemish and Dutch artists, displayed in chronological order. A visit to this museum is a true journey through art history.

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#### DAY 12 - WEDNESDAY

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## FLORENCE

Breakfast and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Florence - Oltrarno**

Located on the left bank of the Arno River, Oltrarno is one of the city's most typical areas, offering a unique, timeless atmosphere mainly populated by locals. Highlights include a visit to the Ponte Vecchio, with its shops and hanging houses, one of the world's most famous landmarks, and the Pitti Palace, the last residence of the Medici family and now Florence's largest museum complex.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Accademia Gallery**

The Accademia Gallery is one of the city's and the world's most important museums. Among its masterpieces is Michelangelo's unparalleled David, one of the most famous sculptures globally and a universal symbol of Florence.

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#### DAY 13 - THURSDAY

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## FLORENCE - ROME

Breakfast and departure by train to Rome. Transfer to the hotel and free time.

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#### DAY 14 - FRIDAY

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## ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and a panoramic tour of Rome to admire

the magnificent monuments symbolizing Ancient Rome: the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, Caracalla Baths, and the most representative basilicas of Christian Rome: St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, Santa Maria Maggiore, and St. Peter's Basilica. The tour continues along the Tiber River, offering views of Castel Sant'Angelo and the Ara Pacis. It concludes with a bus ride through the magnificent Villa Borghese and the elegant Via Veneto, the avenue of Hollywood stars, bars, and Rome's most elegant hotels. During the tour, there will be a stop at the Capitoline Hill for a panoramic view of the Roman Forum and the magnificent Piazza Venezia. We will also stop at St. Peter's Square, where it will be possible to continue with an optional visit to the Vatican Museums. Free time and return to the hotel.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel**

The Vatican Museums, considered among the most important in the world, and the Sistine Chapel, the site of the Papal Conclave, magnificently painted by Michelangelo Buonarroti. This visit immerses you in the highest expressions of art throughout history, where beauty and faith combine in a unique harmony—an unmissable experience in Rome.

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#### DAY 15 - SATURDAY

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## ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Ancient Rome**

Guided tour with included entrance to the most evocative and imposing monument of antiquity, the Colosseum, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The tour continues to the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, a symbol of the Italian capital, showcasing the architectural mastery of the Roman Empire.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Tivoli and its Magnificent Villas - Villa Adriana and Villa d'Este**

In the afternoon, enjoy a half-day visit to the town of Tivoli. Stroll

through the ruins of Villa Adriana from the Roman era, with its temples, theaters, and statues. Then explore the romantic Villa d'Este, a Renaissance masterpiece featuring waterfalls, pools, and fountains in its gardens. At the end of the tour, return to Rome.

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#### DAY 16 - SUNDAY

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## ROME

Breakfast at the hotel. End of services.







MARCH:	22
APRIL:	19
MAY:	17
JUNE:	14 - 28
JULY:	12 - 26
AUGUST:	09 - 23
SEPTEMBER:	06 - 20
OCTOBER:	04 - 18

From **€ 3,419.-**  
per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From **€ 3,404.-**  
per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From €1,313.-  
Half Board supplement: €770.-

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## HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- **Rome**  
Hotel Gambrinus / Hotel Napoleon / Romanico Palace Luxury Hotel / IH Cicerone / Palladium Palace / Best Western Ars Hotel / Club House Hotel / NH Villa Carpegna / Al Manthia Hotel / DoubleTree by Hilton Rome Monti or similar
- **Siena**  
Hotel Executive / Four Points by Sheraton Siena / Hotel Garden / NH Siena or similar
- **Mestre**  
Smart Hotel Holiday / Plaza Venice / Leonardo Royal / BW Tritone / Voco The Quid Hotel / Hotel Alexander / Antony Palace Hotel / Park Hotel Ai Pini / Four Points by Sheraton / Hotel Belstay / LH Hotel Sirio or similar
- **Milan**  
Best Western Antares Concorde / Starhotel Ritz / Starhotel E.c.h.o / WorldHotel Casati 18 / Windsor Hotel / Milan Marriott / Antares Hotel Rubens / Best Western City / Unahotels Scandinavia / Unahotels Mediterraneo / NH Nhow or similar
- **La Spezia**  
CDH Hotel La Spezia / Hotel Firenze e Continentale / The Poet Hotel / Hotel Ghironi / NH La Spezia or similar

- **Florence**  
Hotel Grifone / Hotel Palazzo dal Borgo / Cellai Boutique Hotel / FH55 Hotel Mediterraneo / Hotel Albani / Grand Hotel Adriatico / NH Firenze / Smarthotel Derosé or similar

## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 15 nights of accommodation in a double room in the mentioned hotels with breakfast
- Transportation by Grand Touring bus or tourist minibus with included WIFI
- English-speaking tour guide assistance throughout the tour
- Guided tours with a licensed local guide in English: Siena, Venice, Milan, Borromean Islands, Florence, Rome
- Audio guides available throughout the trip
- Entrance tickets: Siena Cathedral, Milan Duomo, Borromean Islands
- Wine and local products tasting in Chianti
- Boat transfer to the Borromean Islands
- Lunch at Isola dei Pescatori with typical local dishes – beverages included
- Boat transfer to Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure
- Train transfer to Rome

*\*IMPORTANT: Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, Lake Maggiore - In case of adverse weather conditions, the excursion may be canceled without prior notice, or the itinerary may be subject to changes without prior notice.*

## THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to/from Italy
- Any internal connections or transfers to reach the tour starting destination
- Private arrival and departure transfers
- City tax
- Drinks during meals, except where expressly indicated in "The Price Includes"
- Porterage, tips, and general or personal extras
- Optional excursions
- Cancellation insurance and assistance (optional and upon request)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program and the "The Price Includes" section

NOTE: FOR PRE-TOUR AND POST-TOUR NIGHT RATES OR EXTRA NIGHTS IN SPECIFIC CITIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.

