

PEARSON'S TRAVEL PRESENTS
COUNTRY ROADS OF ITALY

16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS | 29 July 2022



INSIGHT VACATIONS
The Art of Traveling in Style

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DAY 1: 29 JULY 2022

Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (Dinner with Wine)

Meal(s): Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

DAY 2: 30 JULY 2022

VIP Vatican and Rome with a Local

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Insight has arranged special VIP entry to avoid the lines and gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pietà,' and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. There's free time to do as the Romans do, or perhaps join a walking tour and toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time in Piazza Navona. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Veneto Palace Hotel, Rome.

DAY 3: 31 JULY 2022

Castel Gandolfo

Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasure of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Ride an electric train along the pathways to marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. After our visit to the former papal gardens our journey continues on south past Naples to the resort town of Sorrento. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Majestic Palace Hotel, Sorrento.

DAY 4: 01 AUGUST 2022

Capri, the Isle of Dreams

Meet your Local Expert and cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius Caesar to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis and explore the narrow alleyways, browse in exclusive boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Majestic Palace Hotel, Sorrento.

DAY 5: 02 AUGUST 2022

The Picturesque Amalfi Coast

Travel along Italy's finest coastline, the Amalfi Coast. Board minibuses and stop to admire a view of the terraced houses of the artist's paradise of Positano, clinging to the cliff face. Take time to be tempted by the local boutiques. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Majestic Palace Hotel, Sorrento.

DAY 6: 03 AUGUST 2022

Pompeii and Orvieto

Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert. Travel into the heart of Italy to enjoy free time in Orvieto, located on a rock pedestal overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Savour the distinctly medieval ambiance during your orientation and admire the richly decorated facade of the cathedral in Piazza del Duomo. Take in the flavours of the region and enjoy a Highlight Dinner with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine - a magical culinary experience! (Breakfast / Dinner with Wine)

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Aquila Bianca Hotel, Orvieto.

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DAY 7: 04 AUGUST 2022

Assisi and on to Perugia

Cross the River Tiber to arrive at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Assisi. Under the dome is a small medieval chapel and the spot where St. Francis died. Continue to visit the huge Basilica of St. Francis. With a Local Expert, walk down the Via San Francesco to St. Clare's Church and see the cathedral. Journey to beautiful Perugia - the jewel of Umbria. Your guided walking exploration begins in the main street of Perugia's Old Town. See the Collegio del Cambio, the splendid Priors' Palace, the cathedral and the finely sculptured Great Fountain in the magnificent main square. Visit an artisanal workshop to meet Marta, recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how Marta and her weavers are preserving the ancient craft of loom-weaving. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

DAY 8: 05 AUGUST 2022

Perugia, the Jewel of Umbria

The entire day is at leisure for you to explore this gem of a town on your own. Perhaps visit Cortona, one of the oldest hill towns in Tuscany. On this Optional Experience, journey to a recently unearthed Etruscan Temple before a guided exploration through the town's historic centre with views of Lake Trasimeno and the Val di Chiana. In the evening there is the option to discover the edible treasures of a traditional Umbrian kitchen, accompanied with wines of the region. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

DAY 9: 06 AUGUST 2022

Siena and Radda in Chianti

Drive past Lake Trasimeno to Siena. Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose between visiting the medieval Cathedral or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Travel through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to your elegant hotel. On arrival, enjoy a delicious exploration of Tuscany's red wines, discovering their robust flavours and absorbing history. (Breakfast / Dinner with Wine)

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

DAY 10: 07 AUGUST 2022

Florence, Birthplace of the Renaissance

Journey to Renaissance Florence where on arrival you will walk with a Local Expert, to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistery. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at the fountains and sculptures along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Wander the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods of gold and leather. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

DAY 11: 08 AUGUST 2022

San Gimignano and on to Lucca

Visit the hilltop town of San Gimignano. Enjoy a tasting with award-winning, master ice-cream maker, Sergio Dondoli whose great inventions include innovative and mouth-watering flavour

combinations. Continue to Lucca, to view its churches, squares and palaces that are perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts. Pause a while and taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread, said to be a favourite of the ancient Roman army. (Breakfast / Dinner)

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.

Hotel(s): Hotel Villa La Principessa, Lucca.

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DAY 12: 09 AUGUST 2022

Exploring the Cinque Terre

Get ready to explore the Cinque Terre, or five villages, which for years were only accessible by foot. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. Join a Local Expert in one of the picturesque fishing villages, before cruising along the rugged coastline (weather permitting). There is plenty of time to explore the old medieval quarter and popular sandy beach before returning to your hotel in Lucca.(Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel Villa La Principessa, Lucca.

DAY 13: 10 AUGUST 2022

Modena and on to Parma

Visit one of Modena's top producers of authentic, traditional, artisan balsamic vinegar and take a master class to understand what makes this vinegar as expensive as top-rated wines. Continue to the beautiful university town of Parma, world-famous for its local ham and cheese. Meet one of the locals, Paolo. Learn about the process of making Parmigiano-Reggiano as the Signor shares with you his passions for Italian food, especially excellent quality Parmesan cheese. Taste samples of the famous cheese, accompanied with a glass of wine. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Du Parc Parma.

DAY 14: 11 AUGUST 2022

Onto Venice

Continue on through the Soave vineyards past Padua to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. To the tune of accompanying musicians, you will be serenaded

through the atmospheric canals by gondola, past water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. (Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

DAY 15: 12 AUGUST 2022

Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima

Visit a traditional arts centre on Murano Island to delight in the skillful art of glassblowing. Visit St. Mark's Square where the city's former wealth and power is evidenced by the riches of St. Mark's Basilica and admire the Doge's Palace with its adjoining Bridge of Sighs. The waterways of Venice are renowned for gondolas that drift by. In the evening, cruise the islands of the Venetian lagoon to arrive at Burano, famous for its candy coloured houses. Sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialities. (Breakfast / Dinner with Wine)

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Hilton Molino Stucky Venice.

DAY 16: 13 AUGUST 2022

Arrivederci Venice

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.(Breakfast)

Meal(s): Breakfast.

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INCLUSIONS

- Radda: Learn what to look for in a quality vino rosso, and what foods to pair it with when ordering Florentine cuisine.
- Rome: Enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travellers at a uniquely Roman local restaurant.
- Orvieto: At a restaurant in the medieval heart of Orvieto, explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo and master the art of making fresh pasta by hand. Follow this with dinner and a glass of Orvieto Classico wine.
- San Gimignano: Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli for a taste of his finest frozen treats.
- Lucca: Visit a traditional steam bakery and sample Buccellato, the sweet raisin bread typical of the region.
- Venice: Cruise to the charming fisherman's island of Burano to enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner with wine and new-found friends.
- Modena: Visit a producer of authentic balsamic vinegar to learn about its production, history and distinctive taste.
- Parma: At Ciaolatte Parmesan you will meet, Signoria Afra, a local passionate about Italian food

HIGHLIGHTS

- Perugia: Meet Marta, recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant, to learn how she and her weavers are preserving the ancient craft of loom-weaving at their artisan workshop and offering employment opportunities for local women. Laboratorio Guidetta Brozzetti advances SDG 5: Gender Equality. The workshop is owned by women and actively empowers women and girls through its education and training programs. Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti also advances SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. Marta, and her students help to safeguard the unique patterns while contributing to the

protection of Umbria's cultural heritage.

- Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate works of art using rare traditional practices. The workshop advances SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. The workshops master craftsmen teach visitors about the traditional craft of glassblowing and its history which dates back to the 15th century. Every visit helps to support the workshop and the survival of this traditional craft.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Castel Gandolfo: Explore the artistic treasure of the Villa Barberini Gardens and marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains.
- Rome: During your orientation with your Travel Director see the medieval buildings, including Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches, scattered throughout the city.
- Sorrento: Experience the social ritual of la passeggiata.
- Isle of Capri: Explore Capri town with your Local Expert and see the whitewashed houses, winding alleyways, small cafes, fashionable boutiques and artisans studios.
- Positano: Drive along the Amalfi Coast to visit this colourful town that looks as if it is almost tumbling into the sea.
- Pompeii: Walk with a Local Expert through the cobbled streets of this ill-fated town, frozen in time since the 1st century.
- Orvieto: During your orientation of this Umbrian hilltop town with your Travel Director, visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral.
- Assisi: Discover why the Basilica of Saint

Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of medieval Europe.

- Perugia: Led by your Local Expert, your orientation will explore the Old Town and show you Priors' Palace, Collegio del Cambio, the cathedral, the Great Fountain and main square.
- Florence: See the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods and witness a gold and leather-work demonstration.
- San Gimignano: Visit the medieval Manhattan of Italy!
- Lucca: Your orientation with your Travel Director will show you the churches, squares and palaces within the medieval ramparts.
- Cinque Terre: Led by your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site, travelling by train and boat and dedicated time to explore one of the five charming fishing villages.
- Venice: With your Travel Director cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Vacations, you may purchase transfers or make your own way from/to the airport

Parmigiano-Reggiano.

- Dining Summary: 15 Breakfast (B), 1 Dinner (D), 4 Dinner with Wine (DW)
- Siena: Choose between visiting the medieval Siena Cathedral with your Local Expert or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert.
- Vatican City: Gain VIP access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.
- Rome: Experience Rome through the eyes of a local, as a passionate Roman guides you through vibrant backstreets, showing you how modern life takes place around ancient treasures.
- Venice: Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing and watch artisans create delicate works of art.



BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

PRICE: The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.
DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due at time of booking.
FINAL PAYMENT: Required 60 days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details.

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