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The Best of Italy

Important Notes: For accurate departure times, travel times, prices of activities, and suggestions on how much extra money you will need, please contact info@bus2alps.com.

Please note: Flights are not included in this trip. This tour meets at 11:00 directly at the accommodation detailed by your Tour Leader on Sunday and departs from Milan at anytime the following Sunday. If you would like to arrive on Saturday please contact info@bus2alps.com for details and pricing for a Saturday Arrival.

What's Included

- Round trip transport
- 3-Star City Center Hotel and top rated Hostel accommodation with your friends
- Breakfast
- Exclusive discounts
- Walking tours
- Entrance ticket to the Vatican
- Welcome Dinner
- Bus2alps Trip Leader

What's Not Included, Optional Costs

- Lunches and dinners after the first night.
- Optional day trips or excursions
- Museum entries

What to bring

- Passport
- Student ID
- Insurance Documents
- Camera
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Comfortable shoes
- Extra money

Currency: Euro





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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

Your trip leader will meet you at the accommodation. Plan flights to arrive in Rome in the late morning. After check-in, we will spend the afternoon on an entertaining walking tour of the Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, and Colosseum.

We will start the evening with a 'Welcome to Italy' dinner in Rome. Afterwards we will head to Trastevere and Campo de Fiori, two of Rome's most popular areas for nightlife.

Day 2

After having breakfast at our accommodation in the morning, you will have some free time before going to visit the Vatican City in the afternoon. During your free time, you may want to visit The Pantheon, Villa Borghese, Piazza Navona, or any other sights you missed out on yesterday. In the evening, we will walk to Piazza Del Popolo, which overlooks all of Rome. From there we will walk to the Spanish Steps and then make a wish in the Trevi Fountain.

That night you are free to explore the culinary treats Rome has to offer. Ask your Bus2alps Trip Leader for the best recommendations for food and nightlife depending on your taste!

Day 3

In the morning we will depart Rome for Florence. After we check into our accommodation, your trip leader will give you a walking tour of Florence. We will see the Duomo, the historic Ponte Vecchio, the Uffizi Gallery, Piazza Repubblica, Piazza Signoria, and more! We will finish the tour in Piazza Signoria and your trip leader will direct you to some delicious lunch spots.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Florence. Tuesday night there will be an optional family-style dinner at our favorite restaurant Il Gatto e la Volpe. The dinner includes several courses of Tuscan specialties and pastas. Afterwards we will head to one of Florence's best bars and show you the local nightlife.



Detailed Itinerary

Day 4 cont.

You will have all day Wednesday free to explore more of Florence's endless beauty. Today you will be able to check out Florence's great museums and galleries, like the Uffizi, Bargello, Accademia (home of the David), Pitti Palace, Boboli Gardens, and more. Refer to your trip leader for recommendations and how to visit. You can also head to Tuscany to visit the medieval city of Siena, push over the Leaning Tower of Pisa, visit Lucca, or other beautiful cities in the region.

On Wednesday evening your trip leader will take you to Piazzale Michelangelo for sunset, which offers the best view of the city.

Day 5

In the morning we depart Florence for Venice. You will have time to explore the intricate canal system of this city built on water. From the Venice city center, we will organize a trip to the glass blowing island of Murano, the colorful houses on the island of Burano, and head to St. Mark's Square via the Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge.

Day 6

After spending the morning in Venice, we will depart for Verona, known as the home of Romeo and Juliet, in addition to its picturesque Arena. We will eat lunch at Corte Forina and have time to explore the historic city. We will stay the night in Verona. Your trip leader will give recommendation for dinner and nightlife.

Day 7

On Saturday morning we will depart Verona to travel to Milan. We will check into our accommodation and then depart to Milan's city center. Highlights include the stunning Duomo of Milan, Sempione Park, Castello Sforzesco, and seeing the main sights of Italy's fashion capital. You will have time afterwards to visit the Santa Maria della Grazie, home to Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, 'The Last Supper'. To view 'The Last Supper' you will need to purchase tickets ahead of time. You can also go into the Teatro della Scala (arguable one of the most famous opera theatres in the world) - 6 euros for student entrance into museum/opera house.

Day 8

In the morning we check out of our accommodation. All flights should be booked to depart from a Milan Airport.



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Other

Included Activities

Cathedral Tour and Vatican Entry Ticket: See the gems of the Vatican City, the world's smallest country, and the head of the Catholic Church. Learn about the popes, the history of the Church, and visit the incredible art that the Vatican has collected.

Walking Tours: The Roman Forum and historical centers of Florence and Milan are easily accessible on foot. Your walking tour will cover all major sites in these locations.

Welcome Dinner: Kick off your break in Italy and get to know your fellow travelers with a traditional chow down of fine Italian specialties. Italy is known for having some of the best food in the world.

Optional Activities

Florence Family Style Dinner: Sit down in an old Tuscan building and feast on traditional Tuscan appetizers, several different pasta dishes, and unlimited wine and water.

Tours, Museums, Day Trip: Italy is known for its Renaissance Art, Ancient History, and amazing sights. Consult your trip leader or informational guide for information on how to join any optional tours and day trips. Museum, gallery, and day trip prices vary.