



## EXCLUSIVE ITALY TOUR WITH DOLOMITES

10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

2N ROME – 2N FLORENCE – 1N VENICE – 3N CORTINA – 2N MILAN



**Starting from ₹ 1,79,900/- per person**

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

1. See the world's most beautiful church, St Peter's Basilica at Vatican City
2. Explore the ancient ruins of the iconic Colosseum in Rome
3. Enjoy a leisurely walk in Florence's old town and explore the historic Duomo
4. Take a food tour to taste delicious Tuscan specialties from Florence
5. Experience a romantic gondola ride along the canals in Venice
6. Admire the beauty of heavenly views at Dolomites
7. Shop at high street brands in Milan - the world's fashion capital

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 01	Arrival in Rome and Vatican City tour
Day 02	Full day Rome city tour
Day 03	Transfer to Florence and walking Tour
Day 04	Pisa, Siena and San Gemignani tour with Wine Tasting
Day 05	Transfer to Venice and enjoy iconic Gondola Ride
Day 06	Transfer to Cortina by Bus
Day 07	Full day Dolomites Mountain Excursion
Day 08	Scenic drive around Lake Misurina, Lake Dobbiaco, San Vito di Cadore
Day 09	Transfer to Venice by Bus & Take train to Milan
Day 10	Half day Milan city tour
Day 11	Departure

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## DAY 01: ARRIVE IN ROME AND VATICAN CITY TOUR

On arrival at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport, you will be met by our local representative in Italy for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in **Rome** for check-in.

The capital of the Great Roman Empire and home to the Roman Catholic Church, **Rome** has been at the centre of European politics and Christianity since antiquity. After the fall of the Roman empire due to corruption and overindulgence, the city eventually fell into despair and ruin until the city's rebirth as a centre for awe-inspiring art and culture, and delicious cuisine. Today, Rome is one of the most visited city in the world, where tourists come from all over the world to explore its history and culture and fell in love with this 'eternal city'.



After freshening-up at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the world's smallest country, Vatican City.

Home to the Pope, **Vatican City** is an independent country with a population of just 800 people located within the city of Rome. We will start the sightseeing tour of the Vatican with a visit to St Peter's Square. This beautiful space with glorious fountains and Egyptian Obelisks is the place where people gather every Wednesday to see the pope and seek his blessings. Next we will visit St Peter's Basilica. Built on the same spot where St Peter was buried, the basilica is a awe-inspiring church with breath-taking beauty enshrined in its religious sculptures built by famous artists such as Michelangelo.

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Overnight stay at your city-centre hotel in Rome.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the world's largest Church, St Peters's Basilica at Vatican City

### DAY 02: ROME CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a city tour of Rome to see some of Rome's best-preserved ancient sites.

We will start the city tour with a visit to the **Colosseum**, one of the new seven wonders of the world. With a seating capacity of 80,000 spectators, it was the largest amphitheater in the world at the time of its construction in 72 AD. Its arena was used for gladiator fights, animal hunting, reenactments of famous battles and mythological plays. After the



tour of Colosseum, we will take a tour of the **Roman Forum**, an iconic plaza at the hub of daily life in ancient Rome. Important public affairs such as elections and public speeches

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were conducted at the Roman Forum, which is dotted with ruins of the Senate House, Temple of Saturn and more.



Later proceed to **Trevi fountain**. Made in Baroque style using Travertine Stone, it is believed that wishes come true for all those who make a wish at the fountain and throw a coin. We will also visit the **Pantheon**, an iconic temple built for Roman Gods in 126 A.D., it was later consecrated as a Christina Church. The tour shall end at **Piazza Navona**, a bustling square with beautiful fountains, street artists and painters.

Overnight stay at hotel in Rome.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the iconic historical sites in Rome on a sightseeing tour

### DAY 03: TRANSFER TO FLORENCE AND WALKING TOUR

After breakfast, we will check out from the hotel and transfer to Rome Train Station. To catch a train to the city of Florence.

During Medieval times, **Florence** was one of the wealthiest cities in the world and was at the centre of arts and culture. Today, Florence occupies a place in the hearts of art aficionados and is the capital of the beautiful Tuscany region of Italy. The city features artworks by the most notable personalities such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Dante and Botticelli. Financially backed by the powerful Medici family of Florence, these greats gave birth to the Renaissance movement that spread throughout the world.

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After freshening up at the hotel. Head out for a walking tour of the lively Historic centre of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, at **Piazza del Duomo**, you shall witness the beauty of the majestic **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, the **Baptistry**, **Campanile of Giotto** and several others notable buildings. The architecture of these buildings, their surrounding sculptures and their artwork are products of 600 years of profound artistic activity in the region in the 15th and 16th century. Marvel at the most famous sculpture in the world, that of **David by Michelangelo** at Gallerie Dell'Accademia.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION** - Originally built as an office complex for the powerful Medici family of Florence, the private viewing gallery on the top floor expanded to occupy the whole building which is now called the **Uffizi Gallery**, the world's largest collection of Renaissance art. For any art lover, this place is a must visit, featuring priceless artwork from some of the greatest artists of all time.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic train journey from Rome to Florence.

### DAY 04: PISA, SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO TOUR WITH WINE TASTING

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the beautiful Tuscany region.

Begin the tour with a visit to the medieval gem of **Siena**. Pass through the picturesque streets and explore main piazza of the city - **Piazza del Campo**. Other sights include the beautiful **Siena Cathedral** and **Torre del Mangia**.



Next, drive about one hour through the rolling hills of Tuscany to reach a lovely winery in the countryside outside of San Gimignano. Indulge in a **wine tasting** of high-level wines accompanied by a delicious **typical Tuscan meal** with meat and cheese plate, pasta, and dessert.

Then drive onwards to the hilltop town of **San Gimignano**. Sometimes called a medieval Manhattan, San Gimignano is visible from close and far, with its unmistakable medieval "skyscrapers." there are still thirteen towers intact in this perfectly preserved hilltop



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town. Visit the main square - **Piazza della Cisterna**, where you can find the **Cathedral, Duomo**, and lovely architecture.

Finally, visit the medieval city of Pisa. Here we will marvel at the iconic **Leaning Tower of Pisa** which is renowned world over for its outrageous slant. Also located in the same complex, the **cathedral** and **cemetery** are architectural marvels that play with white marbles and colourful mosaics. **The baptistry**, also located nearby, is famous for its amazing acoustic design which allowed the bishop to communicate with the people without using a mike.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the beautiful towns of Siena, Pisa and San Gimignano
- Enjoy a food and wine tour to relish authentic Tuscan dishes
- Marvel at the leaning tower and other notable monuments in Pisa

#### DAY 05: TRANSFER TO VENICE AND ENJOY ICONIC GONDOLA RIDE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out from the hotel and proceed to the train station to catch a train to Venice. Upon arriving, we will check-in at our city centre hotel there.

Considered to be the most romantic city in the world, **Venice** is built on an archipelago of 100 small islands that are intersected by multitudes of canals. The sleek and elegantly shaped gondolas that are used to transport the people and magnificent palatial buildings

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exude the old-world charm that is characteristic of the city. One of the greatest sea ports of medieval Europe, it was the melting pot of European, Middle Eastern and Asian culture.

In the evening, we will hop on a gondola to enjoy a **Grand Canal Cruise** of Venice. These flat-bottom wooden boats takes you along the canals and narrow waterways of Venice. Just sit back and relax, as you enjoy the relaxing rhythm of water waves while being driven around by an expert gondolier.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Venice.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Board a train to Venice and check-in at the hotel
- Enjoy the iconic Gondola ride along the grand canal of Venice

#### DAY 06: TRANSFER TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO BY SELF DRIVE

After breakfast, Check-out from the hotel and transfer to Cortina by self-drive vehicle.

**Cortina d'Ampezzo** is a charming town located in the Dolomites Mountain range in northern Italy. It's renowned for its stunning natural beauty, excellent skiing opportunities, and rich history. Cortina d'Ampezzo hosted the Winter Olympics in 1956 and continues to be a popular destination for winter sports enthusiasts and nature

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lovers alike. The town is also known for its upscale shops, restaurants serving delicious Italian cuisine, and vibrant cultural scene.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Cortina d'Ampezzo

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy scenic views while travelling to Cortina by self-drive vehicle

### DAY 07: EXCURSION OF DOLOMITES

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a full day hiking tour to Seceda by your self-drive vehicle.

The breathtaking mountain known as **Seceda** is found in the South Tyrol region of the Italian Dolomites. It is distinguished by its expansive, sweeping alpine meadows as well as its striking, jagged peaks that pierce the sky. Ride the cable car up to the top. The ride itself offers amazing views, and at the summit met with mind-blowing panoramic vistas that highlight the Dolomites' natural splendor. With the fresh, oxygen-rich air of the high Alps around them, you can view rolling meadows, untamed cliffs, and far-off mountain ranges from this advantageous location.

Seceda offers more than just breathtaking scenery; it gives visitors a flavor of the regional way of life. The scenery is dotted with mountain cottages and refugios, which offer warm places to relax and savor regional cuisine from South Tyrol. Guests may

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enjoy the region's culinary legacy while taking in the views at these rustic cafés, which provide hearty meals created with local ingredients.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Cortina d'Ampezzo

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike at the magnificent mountain "Seceda".

#### DAY 08: VISIT LAGO DI BRAIES BY SELF DRIVE VEHICLE

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to Lago Di Braies by self-drive vehicle, while enjoying scenic views on the way.

**Lago di Braies**, also known as the Pragser Wildsee, is one of the most stunning lakes in the Italian Dolomites. Located in the Braies Valley of South Tyrol, famous for its emerald-green waters and dramatic mountain backdrop. The serene atmosphere and scenic beauty make it perfect for boating and hiking. Explore the surrounding trails or relax by the shore, enjoying the breath-taking views.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Cortina d'Ampezzo

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a boat ride at "Lake Lago di Braies"

#### DAY: 09 TRANSFER TO MILAN AND CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the train station to board a train to Milan. Upon arrival in the city, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Known as the fashion capital of the world, **Milan** is a modern cosmopolitan city with a flair for art, fashion, food and history. It is the leading financial centre of the country and attracts immigrants from all over the world, making it one of the most diverse cities in Europe. The city has a continental climate with hot humid summers and damp chilly winters. With two world-renowned football clubs based in the city, AC Milan and Inter Milan, Milanese people are extremely passionate about the sport.



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After resting at the hotel, we will proceed for a city tour of Milan. We will begin the tour with a visit to the **Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie** to marvel at one of the most recognisable paintings in the world - **The Last Supper** by Leonardo Di Vinci. The spell-binding mural depicts the scene of the dinner when Jesus predicts that one of his 12 Apostles (disciples) would betray him. After being awed by the painting, we will proceed to the **Duomo di Milano**. One of the largest and most beautiful churches in the world, it is decorated with surreal life-like sculptures and colourful stained windows built by some of the greatest artists in the world. Next we will check out the **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**, the oldest shopping arcade in Italy which houses exclusive high-end boutiques and stores of famous luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Prada.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.

**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION** - Opera is one of the oldest and most powerful form of entertainment that speaks directly to the heart of the audience. Those wishing to experience the magic of the Italian Opera should not miss out the chance to catch a classic **Opera performance at Teatro alla Scala**. Hosting performances by some of the finest Opera singers and performers in the world, the theatre is itself a masterpiece and is breathtakingly beautiful. Book this tour for a phenomenal cultural experience.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- See the most popular places in Milan during city tour

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## DAY 10: DAY FREE IN MILAN

After breakfast, the day is free for you to explore Milan on your own.

You can opt for the following experiences or request us for more personalized experiential tours that are suitable to your liking -

1. **Shopping Experience at Serravalle Village** - The Serravalle Designer Outlet is a huge complex comprising of more than 240 stores of the world's leading luxury brands. It is part of 11 global shopping destinations that offer leading luxury brands at one places and discounted prices. Those uninterested in shopping can enjoy the culinary experience offered by numerous restaurants and coffee shops present in the village.



2. **Watch a Football match** - The largest stadium in Italy, San Siro stadium is home to football's two fiercest rivals - AC Milan and Inter Milan. It brims to life every week as 75,000 people take their seat in the stadium to cheer for their favourite team. Watching a football match in the stadium is a uniquely Italian and exciting experience which should not be missed (Schedule permitting).



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Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy shopping experience at Serravallo Designer Outlet [Recommended].
- Watch an exciting football match at Italy's largest stadium - San Siro Stadium [Recommended].

#### DAY 10: DEPARTURE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Malpensa Airport airport to catch our flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Italy tour organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Board flight to return back to India



**“TOUR END”**

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