



Best of Italy (Group Tour) 2025

ROME – VATICAN CITY – FLORENCE – VENICE

October 19 – 28, 2025

10 days

Cost: **\$3495** (total based on double occupancy)

*\$995 for single supplement if you require a private single room

Includes: all international flights, nightly 3-star accommodations, shuttle service from West Michigan to the Chicago airport (if Grand Rapids flights are not available for the group), all ground transportation in Italy (bullet trains & private coaches), 2 full-time travel directors, all listed admissions & tours, & all applicable taxes & fees. Other expenses **not included** are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, optional Rome Metro Passes, and travel insurance.

Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/insurance>

Signup Deadline: May 19, 2025 - checks made payable to Percussive, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 3.95% processing fee added to all credit card transactions

DAY 1, Sunday, October 19 - Depart for Italy

Fly from Grand Rapids airport OR transfer via provided shuttle from West Michigan area to Chicago O'Hare International Airport to take your flight to the Eternal City of Rome!

Enjoy a comfortable flight on a full-service airline where you will have full meal service, complimentary alcoholic beverages, in-

flight personal entertainment, and premium comfort.

Overnight: Airplane

DAY 2, Monday, October 20 - Arrive in Rome

This morning, you will arrive in Rome! Our private coach will meet us and transfer us to our centrally-located hotel to relax and unwind.

Later, we will walk to the Spanish Steps, where we will join our local guide for a walking tour of central Rome including sights such as:

- Trajans Column
- Piazza Venezia
- Trevi Fountain
- Church of Sant'Ignazio
- Pantheon
- Piazza Navona
- Spanish Steps

Afterwards, enjoy free time in the area.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- **Roman Catacombs Tour**

Uncover the mysteries of the unknown Catacombs of San Callisto, also referred to as the Cemetery of Callixtus. This tour takes you around the intriguing grounds containing the tombs of several different popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries.

Overnight: Rome, Italy

DAY 3, Tuesday, October 21 – Colosseum & Roman Forum

Today, enjoy a skip-the-line ticket to visit to the iconic Colosseum, which has been a symbol of ancient Rome since it was completed in 80 AD. Tour the outside and inside.

Later, enjoy a visit to the massive Roman Forum & Palatine Hill, which holds some of Rome's best ancient ruins. Here you will be able to see what life was really like 2000 years ago!

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- **Private Gourmet Food Tour**

Sample the unique flavors of the Eternal City with this private 3-hour food tour of Rome. Join a local guide for a delicious tour of Rome with 10 stops to taste 10 different gourmet dishes. Come hungry!!

Overnight: Rome, Italy

DAY 4, Wednesday, October 22 – Vatican City

This morning, head over to Vatican City, which is the world's smallest country located inside of the city of Rome.

Enjoy a visit to the most renowned work of renaissance architecture: St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world!

After some gelato and pizza at St. Peter's Square, enjoy a skip-the-line visit to the famous Vatican Museum; home to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.

Afterwards, have some free time to explore on your own.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- **Pasta & Tiramisu Cooking Class with Local Chefs**

Join your local Roman chef for an amazing cooking class where they will teach you many techniques of making homemade pastas and tiramisu from scratch! Afterwards, you will enjoy the fruits of your labor as you will enjoy your freshly made pasta & tiramisu for dinner!

Overnight: Rome, Italy

DAY 5, Thursday, October 23 – Florence

Today, we will transfer to Termini Train Station for our high-speed bullet train to Florence!

After arriving in Florence, we will walk just a few minutes to our centrally-located hotel. After settling in, enjoy a stroll through central Florence and enjoy beautiful sights such as the Ponte Vecchio and Old Palace.

Later, stop by Vivoli, for the world's best gelato and admire the stunning Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, or "Duomo" as it is referred to.

Overnight: Florence, Italy

DAY 6, Friday, October 24 – Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day in Florence, or opt for one of our amazing optional tours!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Gems of Tuscany Full-Day Tour**

See all that Tuscany has to offer on this day trip to Pisa, Siena, and San Gimignano, led by an expert guide. Explore

the main square and Gothic cathedral in Siena, followed by a traditional 3-course lunch with wine. Afterwards, enjoy free time to stroll the medieval streets of San Gimignano independently, as well as the city of Pisa, famous for its Leaning Tower.

- **Taste of Chianti: Half-Day Tuscan Wine Tour**

Treat your taste buds to the flavors of Italy's famous Chianti wine region on a half-day tour through the Tuscan countryside from Florence. Visit 2 local wineries and vineyards to learn about traditional production methods, and taste different regional varietals along with Tuscan specialties like salami and cheese.

Overnight: Florence, Italy

DAY 7, Saturday, October 25 – Transfer to Venice

This morning, transfer back to the train station for another high-speed train—this time to Venice!

After arriving in Venice, we will have free time to enjoy walking through this beautiful area of canals.

Later, you will have the chance to take an optional gondola ride through the Grand Canal (at an extra cost)

Overnight: Venice, Italy

DAY 8, Sunday, October 26 – History of Venice

Today, enjoy a skip-the-line visit to the impressive San Marcos Bell Tower for the best panoramic viewpoint of Venice! The VIP elevators will save you many hundreds of grueling stairs and you will be rewarded with a stunning 360-degree view of the Mediterranean Sea and all of Venice's stunning islands.

Next, admire the exterior of the 9th century San Marcos (St. Mark's) Basilica and the many great shops around.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION

- **St Mark's Cathedral Skip-the-Line Tour**

St. Mark's Cathedral, or Basilica di San Marco, in Venice is a stunning example of Byzantine architecture with Venetian flair. Built in the 11th century to house the relics of St. Mark the Evangelist, the basilica is famous for its lavishly decorated façade, adorned with intricate mosaics, marble columns, and gilded sculptures. The interior is equally impressive, with golden mosaics covering the ceilings and domes, depicting biblical scenes and Christian iconography. Known as the "Church of Gold," it reflects Venice's historic wealth and artistic influence as a major trade hub between East and West. Enjoy a guided VIP tour through this impressive interior with a local historian.

Enjoy free time afterwards

Overnight: Venice, Italy

DAY 9, Monday, October 27 - Free Day Venice

Today is a completely free day in Venice to shop for souvenirs, explore the maze of canals, and visit amazing galleries throughout the city at your own pace.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- **Murano Glass Experience**

Hop on a ferry to the island of Murano for a glass blowing demonstration at the world-famous Murano glass factory! Afterwards, enjoy shopping in their premier showroom for

one-of-a-kind souvenirs.

- **Doges Palace and Gondola Ride**

The Doge's Palace is an iconic landmark in Venice. Meet your local guide and learn about the gilded building's historic and cultural significance. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing 30-minute gondola ride through the canal.

Overnight: Venice, Italy

DAY 10, Tuesday, October 28 – Fly Home

Transfer back to the airport for our flight back to the USA.

***Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify this itinerary if certain activities become unavailable**