



Italian Vogue

Visit the Colosseum in Rome, where gladiators fought to the death against armed warriors or wild beasts.

The Isle of Capri - drenched in sun, draped with luxury villas, the rugged scenery of the Cinque Terre, plus the cultural gems of Rome, Florence and Venice. This journey ebbs like the eternal Tiber, offering a completely new set of surroundings and cultural experiences every other day.

DAY 1 – ROME. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Welcome to Italy! You are met on arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport. At 09:30, 12:30 & 15:30 your *transfer* departs for your 5-star luxury hotel set in the heart of Rome on the Via del Corso nor far from the Pantheon and Spanish Steps. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a *Welcome Reception with drink and a light meal, followed by time to relax.* Hotel: Grand Hotel Plaza (WR)

DAY 2 – IMPERIAL ROME. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Join your *guide* in the Vatican City where you are escorted through the superb *Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel.* More of Michelangelo's genius is on display next door in St Peter's Basilica. Now cross the Tiber to visit the *Colosseum, scene of great excitement in Imperial times. Ascend the broad flight of steps to Michelangelo's spectacular Piazza del Campidoglio from where you overlook the Roman Forum.* The afternoon is set aside for you to enjoy Rome as you please. (BB)

DAY 3 – ROME – POMPEII – CAPRI. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Journey past the brooding hilltop monastery of Cassino to the Bay of Naples. Here lies the ill-fated town of *Pompeii*, frozen in time when it was engulfed by an eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79. *Walk with a local guide through the cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century.* Then continue to Naples to board your hydrofoil to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Arrive at Marina Grande and transfer to your exquisite hotel situated in Anacapri, the most exclusive part of the island, and offers spectacular views across the sparkling waters. Hotel: Capri Palace. (BB,D)

DAY 4 – THE ISLE OF DREAMS. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Meet your guide to visit Capri town, with its cosmopolitan Piazzetta, filled with small cafés. Descend by funicular to the harbour and weather permitting, *visit the amazing Blue Grotto, its walls made blue by sunlight filtering through the azure water.* Then the remainder of

the day is yours to devote to Capri's white washed houses, orange and lemon trees, fashionable shops and restaurants. You could indulge at the hotel's Beauty Farm, a favourite of Gwyneth Paltrow and other celebrities. As the orange-rose glow of twilight descends and the day trippers have returned back to the mainland, the island is all yours to saunter along scenic paths, gather with the locals in the piazzetta or dine in the superb restaurants. (BB)

DAY 5 – CAPRI – FLORENCE. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Take the hydrofoil across the bay to Naples and transfer to your high-speed train bound for Renaissance Florence. Relax in first class comfort while the countryside slips by. On arrival you are met by a *local guide for a visit to the Academy Gallery housing Michelangelo's Statue of David.* Walk on to see the marble Cathedral, Giotto's belltower and 'Gates of Paradise' before visiting the Piazza della Signoria, an open air gallery of sculpture. Hotel: Brunelleschi. (BB,D)

DAY 6 – FLORENCE AT LEISURE.

The joys of Florence are varied so today is entirely free for your own personal exploration. Head down to the Ponte Vecchio, haggle for leather goods at the market around San Lorenzo or relax amid the terraces of the Boboli Gardens. By night, make the most of warm summer evenings by following the locals to the buzzing covered markets for rustic Florentine dishes. Alternatively, dine alfresco with crisp table-top linen and crystal glassware. (BB)



Why not sample some fine wines at the Capri Palace

DAY 7 – FLORENCE – CHIANTI – PISA – VIAREGGIO. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Sleep in, relax over breakfast and read the paper. Mid-morning board your coach for a drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills. In one of the small bucolic towns, typical of the area, stop for a *taste of local Chianti wine followed by a two-course highlight lunch in a historic Tuscan cellar.* Now head for the coast, pausing on the way at the amazing Leaning Tower of Pisa. Take time to explore the Square of Miracles before moving on to Viareggio. Hotel: Grand Principe di Piemonte (BB,HL,D)

DAY 8 – THE CINQUE TERRE. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Head for the UNESCO World Heritage listed *Cinque Terre. To fully appreciate this rugged coastline, you first board a train and then sail by boat to one of the picturesque fishing villages, sheltered by hills covered with vines and olive groves.* Spend time exploring the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach. The regional cuisine is exemplary, so *reservations have been made at a local restaurant for lunch.* Return along the famous Italian Riviera to your prestigious hotel on Viareggio's seafront. (BB,HL)

DAY 9 – VIAREGGIO – VENICE.

Cross the fertile Po Valley to romantic *Venice*, where you are immediately plunged back to the 16C. Your exclusive 5-star luxury hotel, is set on its own private Island in the heart of the Lagoon. Savour the light summer breeze or admire the panorama over St. Mark's Basin and the Lido. Hotel: San Clemente Palace. (BB)

DAY 10 – THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA. 🏨 🍷 🍷

Venice was once one of the greatest trading centres of the world. The city's wealth and power is evidenced by the riches of *St Mark's Basilica.* Admire also the Doge's Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs. *No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the romantic canals.* The afternoon is entirely yours to lose yourself in the hidden parts of the city. As evening falls, you are invited to join us for a *celebratory meal favoured with, good food, wine and a happy, relaxed atmosphere.* (BB,CD)

DAY 11 – DEPART VENICE.

Your tour draws to a close today. Savour the enchanting view of Venice one more time as you cross the lagoon by private transfer boat to arrive directly at Venice Airport at 08:00. (BB)

11 DAYS ~ ITALY

- Key**
- LUXURY HOTELS IN DESIRABLE LOCATIONS PLUS NIGHTS
 - PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
 - VISITS INCLUDE ENTRANCE
 - HIGHLIGHT MEALS
 - DRINK INCLUDED
 - GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR
- See hotel details on page 216-222



▲ Breakfast at the Principe di Piemonte



TOUR CODE:
G200

Your Unique and Exclusive Gold Departures

Starts	Ends	Twin	Single	Starts	Ends	Twin	Single	Starts	Ends	Twin	Single	Starts	Ends	Twin	Single
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Mon 02 Apr	Thu 12 Apr	\$5485	\$1595	Mon 04 Jun	Thu 14 Jun	\$5625	\$1640	Mon 30 Jul	Thu 09 Aug	\$5575	\$1710	Mon 24 Sep	Thu 04 Oct	\$5575	\$1710
Mon 16 Apr	Thu 26 Apr	\$5575	\$1595	Mon 11 Jun	Thu 21 Jun	\$5625	\$1640	Mon 06 Aug	Thu 16 Aug	\$5575	\$1710	Mon 01 Oct	Thu 11 Oct	\$5525	\$1640
Mon 23 Apr	Thu 03 May	\$5485	\$1595	Mon 18 Jun	Thu 28 Jun	\$5650	\$1640	Mon 13 Aug	Thu 23 Aug	\$5575	\$1710	Mon 08 Oct	Thu 18 Oct	\$5435	\$1640
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12 mths 10 mths 6 mths

SAVE per person \$555 \$415 \$280

For additional information regarding Insight's Great Savings and Discounts, please see page 214.

Notes

All prices are in US dollars.

Extra Accommodation

Per person, per night Twin Single Triple

Grand Hotel Plaza, Rome \$309 \$483 \$258

San Clemente Palace, Venice \$336 \$528 \$273

DEF Definite Departures (DEF)

These are regularly updated and listed on our website www.insightvacations.com

(see page 215 for details).



TOUR PACE

Perfect. As with all Insight Vacation's Gold itineraries, the tours have been planned where possible, with two-night stays and later starts in the morning. In order to experience some of Italy's more secluded wonders, you'll embark on a variety of ferries, hydrofoil, trains, gondolas and boats in addition to the usual armchair coach comfort.

YOUR LUXURY GOLD HOTELS

Your superb traditional hotels are all excellently located retaining the classic elegance and grace of their respective settings but with a contemporary feel and friendly service. In the exclusive world of luxury hospitality the Grand Hotel Plaza enjoys one of the best city centre locations in Rome. An oasis of calm on its own private island, the sublime San Clemente Palace combines period atmosphere with modern amenities. The historic Grand Hotel Principe di Piemonte is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World

YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Rome: Welcome drink reception; view the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums and ceiling of the Sistine Chapel on a privately guided tour; overlook the Forum and visit the ancient Colosseum; visit the vast St. Peter's Basilica and see Michelangelo's 'Pieta'.

Pompeii: Join a local guide for a private tour of the Roman town, buried by an eruption of Vesuvius in AD79.

Isle of Capri: Walk to Augustus' Gardens for views of the Faraglioni Rocks; Descend from Capri Town by funicular; Visit the most famous of Capri's marine caves - the Blue Grotto.

Florence: Marvel at Michelangelo's original statue of David in the Academy of Fine Arts; see the Cathedral, Giotto's belltower, 'Gates of Paradise', and open-air gallery of Signoria Square.

Tuscany: Enjoy wine tasting in the Chianti Hills.

Pisa: See the famous leaning tower and Cathedral

Cinque Terre: Travel by train and boat to enjoy time in one of the five charming fishing villages that comprise the Cinque Terre.

Venice: Drift through the canals by gondola accompanied by musicians; see St. Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs.

YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

Get to know your Tour Director and fellow guests over a Welcome Reception including a light meal (WR)

1 two-course lunch at a historic winery in the Chianti Hills (HL).

1 lunch of local specialities in one of the charming villages of the Cinque Terre (HL).

Join a highlight Celebration dinner with wine at Venice's Ai Do Forni restaurant (CD).

10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 3 three course dinners with choice (D)

YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

Escorted by your 'Personal Concierge', an Insight professional Tour Director; and accompanied by expert local guides where appropriate.

First class seats aboard the high-speed Eurostar Italia train from Naples to Florence.

Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom

Insight Traveller Welcome pack

Airport arrival transfers at scheduled times on Day 1

Airport departure transfers by private boat on Day 11.

HIGHLIGHT MEALS & INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING ARE WORTH APPROXIMATELY US\$774