



Italy & Croatia Tour

14 days escorted tour from

\$3999

per person twin share include airfares.



Departure Date from Melbourne: 12 October 2017 with our Melbourne based tour escort .
Flying with Emirates or Qatar Airlines ex Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide Perth and Sydney.

On sale until: 31 August, 2017. Single Supplement \$1000.

Solo customers wishing to share with another member of the same sex should speak to our reservations department at time of making your booking about joining our solo share programme.

The tour is subject to confirmation from the airlines and the tour operators.

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- **Package Includes** - Return economy airfares from Australia to Rome in Italy flying with Emirates or Qatar Airlines including all prepayable airport departure taxes. **13 nights' accommodation** in twin rooms. 13 breakfasts, 6 dinners
- All taxes and fees
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)
- Modern **air conditioned coach** with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet.
- **11 Experiences** (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences – please see Experiences tab for more information).

Tour Summary

Positioned between the eastern coastline of Italy and the coastline of the Balkan Peninsula the Adriatic Sea is home to some of the most beautiful seaside destinations in the world. This stunning coastline in the south of Europe stretches along Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania.

The Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Dubrovnik, Rome and Venice awaits as you experience an unforgettable two-week Adriatic adventure. Bucket list destinations include the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Pompeii and Kotor - UNESCO world heritage town.

The travel package includes walking tours, ferry cruises and free days on day 5 in Dubrovnik and day 8 in Corfu. With 13 breakfasts and 5 dinners included you can explore true mouthwatering Mediterranean cuisine that emphasizes fruits and vegetables, hearty grains, olive oil, fish and other healthy ingredients. This is the perfect coastal holiday for singles, couples or families.

Offering incredible beaches, historic medieval walled cities and beautiful countryside, this part of Europe really is a sight to behold. Who wouldn't want to explore paradise?



DAY 1: Rome

Welcome to Rome! If you arrive early enough, head into the city to see what Rome has to offer. An ancient city that has seen the rise and fall of empires, there is no shortage of historical sights to feast your eyes on. Not to mention designer shopping and brilliant food. Meet up with your tour leader at our hotel in the afternoon, and prepare for the tour of a lifetime! Tonight, you'll meet the rest of the tour group at our included welcome dinner.

DAY 2: Rome

Today, we'll take a guided walking tour of the city, stopping off at the landmarks that have made Rome a perennial favourite with travellers all over the world. See Ancient Roman architecture, medieval buildings, Renaissance artworks and more remnants of Rome's illustrious past as capital of this incredible country. Highlights today include the Spanish Steps, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and the Roman Forum. And let's not forget Trevi Fountain – legend has it that if you drop a coin into the fountain, you'll return again one day. This afternoon you have the option to explore the Vatican City and see the Sistine Chapel!. Later why not explore the Coliseum, probably Rome's most recognisable landmark, and the centre of Roman social life. See where countless gladiators, martyrs, wild animals and other unfortunate souls did battle in the name of entertainment. Be sure to grab a famous Roman gelato while you're sightseeing!

DAY 3: Pompeii - Adriatic Overnight Ferry

Leaving Rome, we'll head south, stopping on our way at Pompeii. As it's our first day on the coach, take the time to get to know your fellow travel companions, and listen out for tips from your tour leader on the destinations you will be exploring over the next 12 days. You will see Mount Vesuvius and we will stop at Pompeii to explore the ruins of this ancient Roman town, destroyed in 79AD in a catastrophic volcanic eruption. Preserved since ancient times under meters of ash and pumice, the local guide will help reveal superb insights into life (and death) in the ancient Roman Empire. We then make our way to the port for our overnight ferry journey to Corfu.

DAY 4: Corfu

The overnight ferry will arrive in Corfu during the morning. A beautiful island off the northwest coast of Greece, Corfu has plenty to offer, whether you want to relax on the picturesque beaches or explore inland on a quad bike. With a free day tomorrow, there's no reason why you can't do both! If you want any tips for tomorrow, be sure to ask your tour leader at the included dinner tonight.

DAY 5: Corfu - Free day

With a full free day, you can explore Corfu to your heart's content, or relax and enjoy the hotels facilities.

DAY 6: Tirana

After a short ferry ride to the mainland, we journey through Albania to the capital, Tirana. In a story typical of many cities in this part of Europe, Tirana has undergone a remarkable transformation, shaking off communism to become a vibrant, fun city. Our local guide will show you round, from the buildings painted in bright colours, to the architecture influenced by the Ottomans, Italians and of course communism. This evening, we will stay at a resort, where dinner will be included.

DAY 7: Budva - Kotor - Dubrovnik

Heading north, we leave Albania behind and travel through Montenegro. Our first stop is at the picturesque coastal town of Budva, known for its well preserved medieval walled city, which you will have some free time to explore. We then make a comfort stop at the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Kotor. The old port of Kotor is surrounded by fortifications built during the Venetian period, and is a picturesque Mediterranean landscape. It is then time to make our way to the walled city of Dubrovnik in Croatia. This is a city that's always buzzing, with just the right mix of modern delights and traditional attractions. Once we reach Dubrovnik, a local tour guide awaits to take you on a walking guided tour of the old town. You will be acquainted with this stunning walled city, with a maritime history dating back to the Middle Ages. The city is a tapestry of spectacular architecture - including churches, monasteries, fountains and museums. Learn about the city's history, stroll the marble streets, take a walk along the ancient city walls or try one of the many charming restaurants. You have plenty of time to explore, so don't rush - you have a full free day tomorrow.

DAY 8: Dubrovnik - Free day

Take the time to explore the city further - with most of the main attractions located within the city walls in the 'old town', it is very easy to plan your day and navigate the streets. Want the best

views of the 'old town' and islands? Catch the cable car to the top of Mount Srdj and enjoy! It is highly recommended for a scenic sunset photo or two. Visit one of the city's many museums; the Maritime Museum is one of the most popular, or maybe just browse the shops, including the traditional jewellery shops where you can find unique handmade silver or gold jewellery. For those looking for something a little different, you will have the option of visiting Mostar, an enchanting and historical town in Bosnia-Herzegovina. It offers a splattering of numerous religious buildings and churches, and a vast collection of Roman, Greek, Croatian and Ottoman influences. A local guide will escort you on a walking tour of the town, explaining the most significant landmarks and history, whilst you take in the uniqueness and beauty surrounding you.

DAY 9: Split

We make our way along Croatia's Adriatic coast to the coastal city of Split. On arrival your tour leader will take you on an orientation tour of this historic location. The sprawling Diocletian Palace located at its heart was erected by the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the 4th century, and the hundreds of buildings were once home to thousands of people. Today, you will find many shops, bars, cafés and cathedrals for you to explore in your free time this afternoon.

DAY 10: Plitvice Lakes

Today you will be treated to some of the most picturesque natural landscapes in the whole of Europe as we head to the world-famous UNESCO Plitvice Lakes National Park. Stroll along the boardwalks and marvel at the incredible natural scenery of Croatia's largest national park. Filled with waterfalls, lush vegetation and countless lakes, this is one of the most beautiful stops on the tour, so keep your camera handy! Once we've got an eyeful, and a camera full of shots, we take you to your hotel in Northern Croatia, where dinner is included.

DAY 11: Venice

After four incredible days in Croatia, we make our way round the northern tip of the Adriatic coast and into Italy, to visit one of the most unique cities in the world - Venice! Perched across 118 islands, and known for its canals, piazzas, art, traditional glass and lace making, and of course, gondolas, your tour leader will introduce you to the city with an orientation tour so you can use your free time to explore as you wish. St Marks Square, Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge are world famous sights, and great to explore in the daylight. When the sun sinks and the last rays of sun throw out that familiar Italian glow over the city, relax and watch the crowds in the piazzas, or indulge in a sunset harbour cruise in a water taxi. The evening is yours to enjoy authentic Italian delights, with hundreds of fantastic local restaurants and bars to choose from. After an espresso, explore Venice the traditional way - from the canals. An evening gondola ride is unique to this city and gives you a completely different perspective and appreciation for this amazing place.

DAY 12: Florence - Pisa - Tuscany

As we leave Venice, ahead of us are the hills of Tuscany – marvel at the countryside as we head for Florence. On arrival we'll get a fabulous panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, then take a fascinating walking tour of the city with a local guide. Learn about the history of the city and see historical landmarks dating from Roman times to the glory days of the Renaissance. After exploring Florence, we will stop at the Leaning Tower of Pisa! This world famous Bell tower is immaculately presented. A world heritage UNESCO site, The Leaning Tower is visited by tourists from every corner of the globe, and is one of the most popular cultural European landmarks. It's a day full of experiences, and it's now time to relax! We make our way

to the Tuscan countryside, where we spend the night. Famous for wine, food, art and architecture, you will settle in Montecatini Terme, a spa town north-west of Florence. The light here is beautiful at this time of day...time for a local wine or two!

DAY 13: Siena - Rome

On our way to Rome, we have a comfort stop at the medieval Tuscan town of Siena. The town is famous for the 'Palio' horse race and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, featuring largely gothic artistic remnants, as opposed to the Renaissance flourishes of Florence. Our final leg of the tour is then taken, as we return to Rome to round things off with a celebratory final dinner.

DAY 14: Rome

After breakfast, your 14 day Adriatic extravaganza concludes - unfortunately it is time to say your goodbyes to your fellow travellers. We hope you have enjoyed your tour with DI Travel Explore!



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Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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