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Known for its majestic history, rich culture and inviting climate, our Italy tour take you to one of the most frequented destinations in the world.

The Taste of Italy tour is the ideal way to experience all that this country has to offer! With numerous destinations and an itinerary that allows for personal time to explore, this tour is perfect for first-time visitors as well as seasoned travellers. This Italy tour is certain to captivate your heart and soul. What are some of the must-see spots that are included? This journey will take you to all of the most vaunted cities within the country. Examples include Rome, Siena, Venice, Florence and Tuscany. As we appreciate the countless sights and architectural masterpieces in each location, there are also free days that provide an unfettered experience to the visitor. From sampling local wines and pasta to gazing at massive works such as the Coliseum or the Venetian canals, a kaleidoscope of riches awaits. This 8 day tour of Italy will likewise provide truly majestic views of the natural countryside. The rolling hills of Tuscany and the picturesque shores of Lake Garda offer excellent photo opportunities or merely a quiet day to enjoy the fresh air and sunny skies.

Travel to two of the world's hottest travel destinations with our Croatia & Slovenia tour. Arrive in Venice and transfer to the delightful seaside town of Opatija. Enjoy your time exploring this rich history town, filled with picturesque surroundings and

gorgeous beaches. Stop in Zadar for a brief tour of the ancient city en route to Split, where you'll have a chance to view the Roman remains of the 4th century Palace of Diocletian, the Cathedral of St. Dominus and the Temple of Jupiter.

Tour Dubrovnik's medieval district highlighting the Palaces of Rector and Sponza, Orlando's Tower and the Dominican and the Franciscan Monastery, plus enjoy a full day of leisure to explore the historic Old City of Dubrovnik independently. Travel inland through wooded mountains and lush vegetation to tour Croatia's capital city of Zagreb, before arriving in Bled, a gorgeous Alpine resort town situated in the heart of the Julian Alps. Enjoy a tour of the 11th century Bled Castle, then embark on a city tour of nearby Ljubljana, the charming capital of Slovenia. Return to Bled to spend the rest of the day at leisure, perhaps by visiting tiny Bled Island, site of a 9th century Christian church.

From cultural wonders to natural splendour, it's hard to believe how much you'll experience on this journey!

### **Escorted Package Includes**

- Round trip flights from all Australian Capital Cities to Rome and Venice, flying Emirates or Qatar airlines\*\*airlines subject to confirmation, including airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- One-way flight Rome to Venice
- Italy coach tour
- **10 nights Italy** accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities
- Services of your English speaking tour leader, who will be on hand with advice and tips to ensure that you get the most from your trip
- 10 breakfasts, 1 Antipasto, 3 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
- 10 Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences)
- Croatia coach tour
- **9 nights Croatia**
  - 2 nights Opatija
  - 1 night Split
  - 3 nights Dubrovnik
  - 1 night Zagreb
  - 2 nights Bled
  
- 13 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager
- Services of local guides in Split, Dubrovnik and Zagreb
- Entrance fees per itinerary

## Special Features

- Visit seaside Opatija, with its rich history and picturesque surroundings
- Walk the cobbled streets of Split to the 4th century Palace of Diocletian
- Tour magnificent Dubrovnik, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- See the Upper and Lower Towns in the two-tiered Croatian capital city of Zagreb
- Travel to Bled, a beautiful alpine resort, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps

## PROPOSED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Depart Australia

#### DAY 2: Rome



Welcome to Rome, and one of our most popular Italy tours! The first day of the tour is an arrivals day: meet up with your tour guide at our accommodation in the afternoon and prepare for the tour of a lifetime! If you arrive early, head into the city and see some of the sites that make Rome famous the world over. An ancient city that has seen the rise and fall of entire empires, there is no shortage of historical real estate to feast your eyes on. Not to mention designer shopping and brilliant food. Tonight, you'll meet the rest of the tour group at our included welcome dinner.

#### DAY 3: 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 - and of the Roman Empire at large. Be sure to see sightseeing highlights like the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon and the countless other attractions that make Rome famous the world over. Later, you'll have the option of taking a guided walking tour of the Vatican City. Marvel at glittering artworks, vast marble halls and opulent architecture - all part and parcel of the Vatican's status as the seat of papal power. Eating and drinking well is also an important part of Roman life, and as they say, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do.' Try excellent Italian cuisine, and be sure to grab a famous Roman gelato while you're sight-seeing!

#### **DAY 4: Rome - Orvieto - Venice**



Leaving the capital behind, we'll drive through the region of Umbria. Known as the 'fruit bowl of Italy', it is famous for its produce, food and beautiful mountainous landscapes. Prepare for one of the most spectacular sights in Europe as we approach Orvieto, a city perched dramatically atop sheer vertical volcanic rock. We'll take the funicular up to the historic centre, where you'll have some free time to explore and see the sights, including the exquisite facade of the Cathedral of Orvieto, the papal residence and the Albornoz fortress, before we travel on to Venice. We'll get a classic Venetian view from the famous Rialto Bridge on our orientation walking tour. While in Venice you also have the opportunity to board a gondola and see Venice the traditional way, try classic Venetian cuisine, visit the famous museums and art galleries and simply get the full Venetian experience!

#### **DAY 5: Venice - Free day**



Take the time to explore today on your free day in Venice. Marvel at this incredible city, which features more artistic masterpieces per square kilometre than any other place on earth! Speak with your Expat Explore tour leader for suggestions for your free day in Venice. You also have the option of joining our evening excursion to Verona, where you can see Juliet's balcony - where Juliet is said to have been wooed by Romeo in Shakespeare's most famous play - and see the ancient amphitheatre built by the Romans.

#### **DAY 6: Lake Garda - Florence - Tuscany**



Today, we make our way to the beautiful city of Florence, stopping along the way in Lake Garda for a photo opportunity. Then, we make our way to Florence for a guided walking tour. Learn more about the heritage of this city, which stretches back through the ages to encompass Renaissance artworks and Roman ruins. Sights to see in Florence include Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, Florence Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and of course Michelangelo's David. A cultural and political focal point during the Renaissance, Florence is endowed with a huge variety of important buildings and famous artworks. We'll then make our way to our accommodation in Tuscany.

#### **DAY 7: Tuscany - Free day**



Enjoy the option of a free day today in beautiful Tuscany, where options include further time in the city of Florence or exploring the spa town of Montecatini. You also have the option of joining an optional excursion to Pisa and Cinque Terre! A highlight of any tour to

Italy, you'll be able to snap photos of the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa and explore the grounds. We will then continue on to the stunning coastal town of La Spezia, the gateway to the Cinque Terre. Cinque Terre literally means 'Five Lands' and consists of five coastal cliff-side towns linked by rail and by footpaths. On this excursion return transport via Pisa is included in your tour package, and you have the option of purchasing a pass to enter Cinque Terre.

#### **DAY 8: San Gimignano - Siena - Rome**



This morning we make our way through one of the world's most picturesque countryside landscapes, admiring Tuscan farmhouses, vineyards and olive groves as we drive by. Our first stop of the day will be in San Gimignano, a small walled hill town. Known as the 'Town of Fine Towers', it offers beautiful Romanesque and Gothic architecture and 12 well-preserved tower houses. We'll then make the short drive to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the 'Palio' horse race held twice a year in the main piazza, or public square. We'll enjoy a wine tasting accompanied with antipasto, before we head back to Rome and round the off the day with a farewell dinner together on our last night of the tour.

#### **DAY 9, 10 & 11: Free Days to explore Rome at leisure**



Three free days to explore Rome at leisure Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, has St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which house masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.

**DAY 12: Fly from Rome to Venice - Arrive in Venice and Transfer to Opatija**

Fly from Rome to Venice - Arrive in Venice and transfer to your hotel in the seaside town of Opatija. A gem on Croatia's Adriatic coast, nestled along the striking Gulf of Kvarner. Afternoon is at leisure to explore the town on your own. Perhaps take a stroll along the "Lungo Mare" seafront and enjoy beautiful views of the Gulf, sheltered by soaring mountains. Tonight, Welcome Drink and Dinner with your fellow travellers, followed by a briefing by your Tour Manager on the journey that awaits you in Croatia and Slovenia

**Overnight:** Opatija

**Meals:** Dinner

**DAY 13: Full Day in Opatija**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the seaside town of Opatija, with its rich history, picturesque surroundings and gorgeous beaches, once a gathering spot for the Austro-Hungarian nobility. Alternatively, join the *optional* tour to the Istrian Peninsula that begins in Pula, a strategic port since the times of the ancient Romans. Afterwards, the tour continues to the resort town of Rovinj. Tonight, return to Opatija and explore the charming town with its wealth of fine seafood restaurants

**Optional:** Full Day Istrian Peninsula (AM)

**Overnight:** Opatija

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 14: Zadar City Tour en Route to Split**

Depart today for a long drive along the dramatic Adriatic coast to Split. En route stop at the historic old town of Zadar; highlighted by ruins of a Roman forum, medieval churches, cosmopolitan cafes and museums. This city is a wonderful combination of beautiful Roman architecture, Habsburg elegance, and a picture-perfect seafront. View the Cathedral and St. Donat Church before driving to the UNESCO protected seaside town of Split, the second largest city in Croatia. Upon arrival, in the early evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the scenic waterfront promenade

**Overnight:** Split

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 15: Depart Split, Arrive in Dubrovnik**

Walk along the cobbled streets of the Old Town featuring the historic inner city with its dominating Roman influence, built around the astonishing 4th century Palace of Diocletian. This spectacular palace is the largest and best preserved Roman palace in the world, built for the Emperor Diocletian, representing a precious example of Roman architecture. See the remains of the Roman Peristyle, the unusual Cathedral of St. Domnius built in the Middle Ages, and the Temple of Jupiter, with its headless black sphinx guarding the entrance. Spend time discovering the town independently before continuing along the coast to the spectacular walled city of Dubrovnik where you will have the opportunity to see the amazing views of this city known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 16: Dubrovnik City Tour**

Enjoy the many delights of Dubrovnik today. The city's splendid medieval ramparts are considered to be one of the most grandiose fortification monuments in Europe, and its magnificent Old Town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" highlights the city's treasures within the 800-year-old walls including the Rector's Palace, an outstanding blend of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and the monumental Sponza Palace, preserved with its original beauty. Under the City Bell Tower on Luza Square stands Orlando's Tower, dedicated to the knight that saved the city in the 9th century. Continue to the Dominican Monastery, whose museum is a major treasury of culture and to the Franciscan Monastery with exhibits from the world's third oldest functioning pharmacy. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps, spend time strolling along the impressive ramparts overlooking the shimmering Adriatic Sea

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 17: Full Day in Dubrovnik**

A full day at leisure to explore Dubrovnik independently. Perhaps visit the Maritime Museum in St. John's Castle, linger in the historic Old City, or, people-watch at a charming cafe. Alternatively, join the *optional* full day tour to Montenegro, the "Jewel of the Mediterranean" nestled on the gorgeous Adriatic coast. Drive towards the stunning Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in southern Europe. On to the charming coastal town of Perast where a short boat ride takes you to the 15th century "Our Lady of the Rocks" Church perched on an islet in the bay. Time to admire the marble alter, fine paintings, silver plaques and panoramic views before driving to Kotor surrounded by old fortress walls, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Leisure time to walk the winding cobblestone lanes of the Old City before returning along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik. Tonight, enjoy a walk along Dubrovnik's cobbled streets; see the glowing buildings and the fortifications accented against the night sky

**Optional:** Full Day Montenegro Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** Dubrovnik

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 18: Travel to Zagreb**

Today spend the day traveling inland through wooded mountains and lush vegetation to Zagreb. En route stop in Pakovo Selo for lunch. On to the Croatian capital Zagreb, the largest city of the Republic of Croatia. Arrive this evening and enjoy exploring at leisure the numerous shops and various restaurants

**Overnight:** Zagreb

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY 19: Zagreb City Tour, Arrive Bled**

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb which concludes with a walking tour in the Old Town. After lunch on your own, depart for the lovely city of Bled, exquisitely set amidst the Julian Alps. Bled, with its rich natural beauty ranks among the world's most beautiful alpine resorts and is also renowned for its mild, healing climate and its thermal

lake waters. With its emerald-green lake, picture-postcard church on an islet, a medieval castle clinging to a rocky cliff and some of the highest peaks of the Julian Alps, Bled is Slovenia's most popular resort. Tonight, an *optional* dinner at a charming and popular country inn in the tiny medieval town of Radovljica, highlighted by a selection of traditional Slovenian dishes and wine

**Optional:** Tour of Radovljica with dinner (PM)

**Overnight:** Bled

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 20: Tour Ljubljana, Return to Bled**

This morning drive to Ljubljana for a sightseeing tour that includes views of the open-air market, City Hall, Robba Fountain, the Three Bridges, and the Parliament. After some time at leisure, return to Bled for a sightseeing tour, including a visit to Bled Castle, located on a cliff high above the lake. This beautiful resort lies in the heart of the Julian Alps. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers

**Overnight:** Bled

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 21: Depart Italy**

Transfer to the Venice airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

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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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