



Italy Coach Tour

& Malta Coach

16 days from \$4499

Per person twin share including airfares.

Book by 31 July 2018

Tour Departure dates

02 June, 25 Aug, 12 Oct, 19 Oct, 2018

16 April 2019,

PRICES PER PERSON TWIN SHARE AUD

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Known for its majestic history, rich culture and inviting climate, Italy is one of the most frequented destinations in the world. An 8 day tour of Italy with the use of a luxury overland coach is an ideal way to experience all that this country has to offer. DI Travel provides 8 day coach holidays around Italy that are certain to captivate the heart and the soul. With numerous destinations and an itinerary that allows for personal time to explore, this excursion is perfect for first-time visitors as well as for seasoned travellers.

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.

Malta is an archipelago in the central Mediterranean between Sicily and the North African coast. It's a nation known for historic sites related to a succession of rulers including the Romans, Moors, Knights of Saint John, French and British. It has numerous fortresses, megalithic temples and the Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum, a subterranean complex of halls and burial chambers dating to circa 4000 B.C

As if all of these destinations were not reasons enough to choose an 15 day tour of Italy & Malta, the luxuries provided by DI Travel are also impressive and should be mentioned. These include modern and spacious coaches, free hotel Wi-Fi service, confirmed departure days and a minimum initial deposit of only ten per cent of the total cost. Of course, these are all combined with the unbeatable rates that have served to define such unparalleled service.

Return economy airfares Australia-Rome & Malta flying Emirates, Qatar Or Etihad Airlines, Domestic flight from Rome to Malta
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges.

Departing Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide or Brisbane.

Notes: Brisbane flights may be via Sydney and Adelaide flights may be via Melbourne.

The cost to change flights dates – earlier depart or later return is \$150 per person plus any additional airfares and taxes.

Upgrade to Premium economy flights for an extra \$3400 per person.

Upgrade to Business class flights for an extra \$6900.00 per person

14 nights accommodations – in centrally located hotels in Italy and Malta with breakfast daily.

Fully escorted coach tour of Italy as per below itinerary. 14 nights' accommodation in twin rooms with private en-suite facilities. Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room. 14 breakfasts, 1 Antipasto, 3 dinners, All taxes and fees. Travel on a Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet. 14 tour Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences)

A deposit of \$2500 per person is required at time of booking. The balance payment is due 120 days prior to departure. Travel insurance is essential. For this tour and booking conditions and cancellation fees do apply.

Italy & Malta Hotels

Rome:

Hotel Cristoforo Colombo
Hotel American Palace

Tuscany:

Grand Hotel Panoramic Montecatini Terme
Hotel Astoria Montecatini Terme

Venice:

Elite Residence Hotel
Hotel Complex Ambasciatori & Delfino

Malta:

Dolmen Resort.

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, please catch a taxi to your hotel. Then 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 Alborno 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 6: 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: Fly to Malta for your Island Tour



Please catch a taxi to Rome airport for your flight to Malta

Day 09 sun Malta-Arrival

Upon arrival in Malta you will be met and transferred privately to your hotel in St Julian. Remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore this beautiful island.

Day 10 mon Malta- free day

Today is day at leisure to explore the beautiful island of Malta.

Day 11 tue Mdina (full day)

Today's excursion takes us to the central part of Malta, dominated by the medieval fortified city of Mdina, Malta's former capital city. The narrow, winding streets, dating back to medieval times, lead to the imposing bastions, commanding a magnificent panorama of the island. On the way there, you will discover different styles of architecture, including Siculo-Norman palaces and other baroque buildings of great historical portance.

Time stands still in this 'Silent City' which is a film-maker's paradise. Leaving Mdina through Greeks' Gate, we stop at the early Christian catacombs in Rabat before proceeding to the cliffs at Dingli. After lunch we will visit the San Anton botanical gardens situated near the residential Palace, which you will be able to admire from outside. We shall also spend time at the crafts centre at Ta' Qali . At the end of the tour, allow us to astound you with Mosta's majestic dome, that is one of Europe's largest.

Day 12 wed Three Cities

Discover the Grand Harbour area opposite Valletta known as the Three Cities – Vittoriosa, Cospicua and Senglea, where the Knights of St. John first settled in 1530. Driving past Cospicua we reach Vittoriosa for a walking tour through the narrow streets in the shade of historic buildings, including the first auberges of the various langues of the Order. At the Vittoriosa waterfront we take a typical harbour boat (dghajsa) for a tour of the colourful harbor creeks. From the Senglea Garden, situated at the tip of the peninsula, enjoy a stunning 360° view of the Grand Harbour, including the impressive Fort Sant Angelo from where Grand Master La Valette led the defence of the island during the Great Siege of 1565.

Day 13 thu The other Malta

This is a very special tour, combining Malta's foremost aristocratic palace with 400-year-old wine cellars where Malta's premium wines are allowed to mature. Palazzo Parisio has been justly described as 'a miniature Versailles'. Its intricate interiors contain fine frescoes, magnificent marble works, mirrored walls, tromp l'oeil, rare paintings and extravagant gilding. The beautiful landscaped gardens, acclaimed as being among the finest in Europe, reflect the splendour of this gracious home. After the opulence of the palazzo, one of Malta's leading wineries welcomes you to its cellars where you will be given a detailed explanation of local wine making and invited to sample a selection of wines and local savouries.

Day 14 fri Hagar Qim Temples, Limestone Heritage, Blue Grotto & Local Market (full day)

The tour starts with a visit to one of Malta's oldest quarries which has been transformed into an attraction for tourists and locals alike and which provides a vivid account of one of Malta's leading skills – the use of

limestone for building purposes, a skill that goes back thousands of years. The magic of Malta's antiquity will be explained at Hagar Qim, Malta's main pre-historic site, overlooking the wide expanse of the blue Mediterranean and the islet of Filfla. From Hagar Qim you will proceed to Wied iz-Zurrieq where (weather permitting - boat price not included) you can take a boat trip to the Blue Grotto, renowned for its crystal clear waters. After lunch, we drive through local vineyards right up to the idyllic fishing village of Marsaxlokk. You will have time to stroll through the local market set out on its waterfront. Later we proceed to the cave at Ghar Dalam where archaeologists have unearthed ample proof that Malta once formed part of the European landmass.

Day 15 sat Gozo and Ggantija Temples

After a short twenty-minute ferry crossing you will reach Mgarr harbour, which immediately sets the pace to Gozo's unique atmosphere. Your guide will lead you around the Megalithic temples of Ggantija, the oldest free-standing monuments in the world, pre-dating the Pyramids of Egypt. After lunch, we will visit the medieval citadel in Victoria, the fjord-like bay at Xlendi and Dwejra. Gozo is well-known for its crafts, particularly handmade lace and knitted garments. Visitors cannot fail to be impressed by the island's lush countryside, its serene atmosphere and how different it is from the larger island of Malta.

Day 16 sun Malta Departure

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast. You will be transferred privately to Malta Airport. Tour concludes – memories begin.

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Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel.

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International Holidays arrangements.

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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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