

THE BEST OF ITALY

PLUS SORRENTO (OPTIONAL)

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BEST OF ITALY
September 6 - 16, 2023

SORRENTO Post Tour
September 16 - 19, 2023

Departure from USA
September 5, 2023

Cinque Terre

VENICE · PADUA · BASSANO DEL GRAPPA · MODENA · FLORENCE · MONTECATINI
CINQUE TERRE · SAN GIMIGNANO · SIENA · PISA · ROME · VATICAN CITY
3 DAY POST TOUR: POMPEII · SORRENTO · CAPRI · AMALFI COAST

The adventure begins in Venice, the city of canals and one of the most important centers of marine commerce during the middle ages. The Venetian structures have remained virtually unchanged for centuries. Moving on to Tuscany, our sojourn takes us into Florence, Birthplace of the Renaissance. Amidst its serene landscapes, Tuscany will reveal some of Italy's most iconic treasures including Cinque Terre, San Gimignano and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The Best of Italy culminates in Rome, the Eternal City, highlighted with visits to the Vatican and the Colosseum. But don't let the journey end there. Wherever Tours is offering a very special, very affordable option to extend your adventure ... three extra days in Sorrento, which includes a guided tour of Pompeii, a day in Capri and a drive to the Amalfi Coast. This is a one-time offer and space is extremely limited. Don't be disappointed if the post-tour becomes unavailable. Please **"BOOK NOW"**.

Includes:

- All ground transportation and airport transfers while on the scheduled tour (excludes domestic transfers)
- 13 (10, without Sorrento) nights of hotel accommodations with portage at all hotels
- 14 (11, without Sorrento) days of touring with English speaking guides
- All entrance fees as specified and included on the itinerary
- 25 included meals (9 dinners, 3 lunches, 13 breakfasts), 20 included meals (if not taking Sorrento post-tour)
- A glass of wine (at least with dinners)

Book as low as

\$ 3,499*

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*when paying with check or money order
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AND GRATUITIES NOT INCLUDED)
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3 nights TREVISO, 4 nights MONTECATINI, 3 nights ROME, 3 nights SORRENTO

BEST OF ITALY PLUS SORRENTO – TOUR ITINERARY

Day 0 Tue, 05-Sep-2023 Depart from the USA

Day 1 Wed, 06-Sep-2023 Arrive in Venice, Visit local Winery

Villa Braida, Treviso (D)

Upon arrival at the Venice Airport, you'll be met by your Tour Director for a transfer to your Venetian manor where you will be staying just outside of Venice. Take some time to settle in and rest up before enjoying a visit to a local Prosecco vineyard and winery. You'll enjoy appetizers and sample a variety of local wines during the tasting. Then, join us for a welcome reception at the hotel before experiencing a delicious, full course Venetian dinner in the hotel restaurant with plenty of wine to culminate your very busy day. Rest up for a big day tomorrow.



Venice Airport

Day 2 Thu, 07-Sep-2023 Cruise to Murano, tour of Venice

Villa Condulmer, Treviso (B,D)

This morning, board a private boat and sail to the island of Murano to visit one of the world's oldest and famous glass blowing factories. Witness the expert craftsmanship of the artisans whose skills have been passed down hundreds of years. Proceed to the heart of Venice, cruising along the famous Grand Canal lined up with all the beautiful palazzi. Proceed to the heart of Venice, cruising along the famous Grand Canal lined up with all the beautiful palazzi. Enjoy an orientation tour of St Mark's Square with the iconic Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica & Tower, Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto Bridge. Take some free time to explore Venice, or take an optional gondola ride through the Venetian canals.



Bassano del Grappa

Day 3 Fri, 08-Sep-2023 Padua, Bassano del Grappa

Villa Condulmer, Treviso (B,D)

This morning, travel by bus to Padua. Visit the cathedral of St. Anthony and spend some time in the shops, markets and bistros of this lovely town. Afterwards, take a short drive to Bassano del Grappa, a beautiful little town famous for its beauty...and Grappa. Have a taste of the wide variety of grappas. Lemon grapp may be your favorite? Take some time to stroll around this quaint little town highlighted by its covered bridge. Tonight, dinner is in the hotel.

Day 4 Sat, 09-Sep-2023 Ferrari Museum, Balsamic Vinegar Farm Settentrionale, Montecatini (B,L)

After a leisurely breakfast, depart for Tuscany. Along the way, visit the famous city of Modena for a visit to the Ferrari factory. Modena is also famous for being the home of Luciano Pavoratti. Then, visit a farm known for Balsamic vinegar. Enjoy a fascinating demonstration of how it's produced and then enjoy the included lunch. Complete the day with our arrival in Montecatini, in the region of Tuscany, home for the next four days. Enjoy dinner at leisure in one of the local restaurants and possibly explore this beautiful city by night.



Ferrari Museum

Day 5 Sun, 10-Sep-2023 Tour of Florence, Galleria dell'Accademia Settentrionale, Montecatini (B,D)

Today, proceed to the capital of Tuscany and the "Birthplace of the Renaissance", Florence. A local expert leads the group on a sensational walking tour through the area, renowned for its art and museums. Visit the Cathedral, Town Hall Square, The Old Bridge, the Holy Cross Church and the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo, Joaquin Rossini, and Nicholas Machiavelli. The tour is highlighted with a visit to The Academy of the Fine Arts featuring Michelangelo's Statue of David. Later, enjoy a demonstration at a local leather factory. Take some free time to shop and explore before heading back to the hotel and dinner.



Cityscape of Florence

Day 6 Mon, 11-Sep-2023 Cinque Terre, Dinner in Lucca

Settentrionale, Montecatini (B,D)

This morning, take a short drive to the Italian Riviera and La Spezia. In La Spezia, board a ferry boat and cruise to one of the beautiful Cinque Terre cliffside villages. Take plenty of time to shop and explore. Stroll along the pristine shores of the Mediterranean. Board a classic train back to La Spezia while taking in breathtaking views of the seascape. Back at the hotel, take some time to freshen up before taking a short trip to Lucca. Take a brief, but interesting tour of a local vineyard and then enjoy a festive Tuscan dinner, with wine and music.



Cinque Terre, Tuscany

Day 7 Tue, 12-Sep-2023 San Gimignano, Siena, Lunch & Wine

Settentrionale, Montecatini (B,L)

This is the last full day in Tuscany and "we've saved the best for last!" ... a visit to San Gimignano, a splendidly preserved, medieval town known for its towering structures. In fact it is known as Town of Fine Towers. There will be plenty of shopping and exploring opportunities in this gorgeous town, including. Likewise, there will be countless vantage points to photograph the beautiful Tuscan countryside. Just outside the town, enjoy lunch and wine at a famous Tuscan winery. Our last stop is Siena before retiring back to the Montecatini hotel. Dinner is at leisure.



San Gimignano

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Day 8 Wed, 13-Sep-2023 *Leaning Tower of Pisa, Pizza Party*

Crowne Plaza, Rome (B,D)

After breakfast and hotel checkout, depart for Rome, but not before visiting one of the most iconic structures in all of Italy, the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The tour director will lead the group to Miracle Square where you will admire the tower. Make sure to take dozens of corny photos of friends holding up the tower, preventing it from collapse. Pisa is poised along the Aurelian Way, an ancient trade route that leads to Rome and, our Rome hotel. After comfortably settling into the hotel, enjoy a pizza party at a near by Roman restaurant.



Leaning Tower, Miracle Square

Day 9 Thu, 14-Sep-2023 *Vatican, Colosseum, Roman Forum*

Crowne Plaza, Rome (B,D)

In the morning, a local historian takes you to Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world. First enter the Vatican Museums to witness some of the great art treasures of the Church. Then proceed into the Sistine Chapel and gaze in awe at the most famous and most painstaking masterpiece of Michelangelo. Upon entering the majestic St. Peter's Basilica, look to the right to admire another masterpiece of Michelangelo, the Pieta. This afternoon, take a guided tour inside the Roman Colosseum and visit the Roman Forum.



Colosseum, Rome

Day 10 Fri, 15-Sep-2023 *Walking Tour of Piazza Navonna*

Crowne Plaza, Rome (B,D)

Today, join our tour guide to see some of the most beautiful sights of Rome, such as the Pantheon, the beautiful Navona Square, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and other treasures of Rome. Take the rest of the day to explore on your own, or take advantage of an Optional visit of one of the Catacombs around the Eternal City. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at Lucky's restaurant which includes a cooking exhibition, music and plenty of choice wine. Before returning to the hotel, enjoy an illumination tour of the Eternal City...a great way to accentuate your stay in Rome.



Piazza Navona, Rome

Day 11 Sat, 16-Sep-2023 *End of Best of Italy, Some return Home*

(B)

Today marks the end of the Best of Italy tour for some of the guests. Those departing this day will be transferred to the Rome Airport for their return flights home. Thank you for traveling with Wherever Tours. We hope you had a wonderful time in Italy, and please keep us in mind for your future travel plans. For the others, the adventure continues onward to Sorrento.

Refer to the next sections to learn more about the amazing, extended itinerary.



Day 11 Sat, 16-Sep-2023 *Pompeii, Sorrento (Departure for some)*

Villa Giovanna, Sorrento (B,L)

After checkout of the Rome hotel, board the motorcoach for Sorrento. Along the way, visit Pompeii, a perfectly preserved archeological site that was completely buried in ash by the cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. Our private expert will guide you through this incredible city, frozen in time for nearly 2000 years. Then we take a short drive to the slopes of Vesuvius for a unique lunch and winetasting experience. Savor the famous Lacryma Christi (Tears of Christ) wines, produced only on this fertile volcanic soil. Later, arrive for check-in to our Sorrento hotel.



Pompeii, Mount Vesuvius

Day 12 Sun, 17-Sep-2023 *Excursion to the Isle of Capri*

Villa Giovanna, Sorrento (B)

Today, transfer by boat to the famous and beautiful island of Capri. A Wherever Tours representative at the hotel is available to offer any suggestions prior to your transfer so you can make the most out of your day. This tiny island which was once the playground of the ancient emperors will leave you breathless due to its limitless charm and historical sights. Take some time to shop and explore, and most of all, enjoy the spectacular views from above. Upon your return, take some time to wander the streets of Sorrento before retiring back to the hotel.



Faraglioni Rocks off Capri

Day 13 Mon, 18-Sep-2023 *Positano, Amalfi Drive*

Villa Giovanna, Sorrento (B,D)

This morning, head out for an excursion along the Amalfi Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have cameras ready for a spectacular view of Positano where there will be free time to shop and explore this beautiful seaside town, featured in many famous movies and magazines. Time and weather permitting, we will visit the towns of Amalfi and Ravello before returning back to the Villa Giovanna. Tonight, enjoy the "Ultima Cena" (Last Supper) in Sorrento. An outdoor barbecue will music and dancing will complete this unforgettable stay in Sorrento, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



Beautiful Amalfi

Day 14 Tue, 19-Sep-2023 *Sorrento Group Departs*

Departure (B)

Sadly, today is time to say "arrivederci" to Sorrento and our amazing adventure through Italy. After breakfast, transfer to Naples airport for your onward journey. Thank you for traveling with Wherever Tours. We hope you had a wonderful time in Italy. Please keep us in mind for your future travel plans.





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Greetings Wherever Tours Traveler!

You are about to set off for the vacation experience of a lifetime. Whether you have traveled with us before, or this is your first Wherever Tours tour, we know you will come back from this trip with memories that will stay with you forever.

Please find the travel documents you will need to help get to and from Italy. Also, we have provided some information to help you prepare for your departure and arrival.

- **Itinerary:** The itinerary frames your week in Italy. Be prepared for a nice mixture of tours and downtime to explore.
- **Planning Details:** This document contains general information and reminders as you plan to leave your house and spend time away.
- **Hotel information:** This document contains the name, address, and phone number of the hotels you will stay in during your trip.
- **Contact information:** This document contains helpful contact information while you are away on tour.
- **Luggage tags:** These will assist the drivers and porters who will be handling your luggage along the way.

We look forward to hearing about your vacation experience.

Sincerely,

The Wherever Tours Team

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Planning Details

Before you go:

- **Paperwork:** Make sure your passports are readily available and up to date.
 - **Immunizations:** Not applicable to Italy.
 - **Hold services:** Cancel newspaper deliveries and arrange for the post office to hold mail delivery.
 - **Pet care:** Arrange for a sitter or for boarding.
 - **House care:** Arrange a house sitter, or someone to water plants and keep an eye on things.
 - **Cell phones:** If you wish to use your cell phone while away, please set this up with your provider prior to your departure.
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Documents to take with you:

- **Passports:** Keep them handy at all times.
 - **Airline e-tickets:** These are important in case the country requires return verification.
 - **Traveler checks and/or foreign currency:** available at your local bank.
 - **Internationally accepted credit cards:** Use these for all purchases except tipping or smaller transactions.
 - **Travel itinerary:** Include all telephone numbers and addresses for destinations.
 - **Language Translator:** a small book or a mobile app would be great!
 - **Copies:** Have two of everything in case one set gets lost!
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Insurance:

- **Traveler's insurance:** Have your cards and overview of benefits with you at all times.
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Recommended attire:

- Come with layers! Dress should be tailored with the activities in mind. (religious sites, walking, outdoors) The average temperatures in Italy in September usually range from a low of 54°F to a high of 84°F. A weather proof jacket or poncho are suggested, as are good shoes for walking.
 - For dinners, casual or business casual dress is perfect.
 - Keep in mind that during visits to many religious sites that men may be required to wear long pants and women must have attire that covers their shoulders and knees (i.e. no tank tops).
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Important items to pack:

- **Prescription drugs:** These should all be clearly marked and in childproof containers.
 - **Basic first aid kit:** Include salt tablets for arid countries.
 - **Medical cards:** These should state any allergies or medical conditions.
 - **Luggage:** Plain and durable is best.
 - **Battery or wind-up alarm clock:** Be sure to set it and your watch on local time.
 - **Electrical adapters and converters:** A type C 2-prong plug adapter/ converter combination is suggested for use while in Italy. The adapter function will be necessary for charging phones, tablets, cameras, etc. The converter function will be necessary to use your curling iron, blow dryer, or electric toothbrush.
 - **Personal appliances:** Hair dryers, curling irons and electric razors.
 - **Flashlight:** This comes in handy in case of a blackout.
 - **Rechargeable power bank:** A power bank is useful for keeping your devices charged during the day.
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Items to leave behind:

- **Itinerary:** Leave a copy with family or a friend. Make sure they have phone numbers for all hotels and contact individuals.
 - **Passport copy:** Including all pages and photo and all other travel documentation.
 - **Unnecessary credit cards:** Any cards you will not be using, leave at home.
 - **Expensive jewelry:** Other than your wedding rings and watch, any other jewelry should be costume.
 - **Knives:** Really!!! Any sharp object that may be mistaken as a weapon.
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When you arrive at your destination:

- **Exchange currency:** Have enough small currency for tipping and small purchases. Bank ATMs normally give the best exchange rate. Avoid using non-bank ATMs.
- **Check for hotel exits and emergency instructions:** Know where to go in case of a fire.
- **Verify telephone service:** Call the desk to be sure your phone works.
- **Check locks:** Be sure that they work. Never leave your room key at the front desk.
- **Public transportation:** If exploring on your own, check with hotel staff or your tour director which sources of public transportation are the most economical and the most reliable.
- **Suggested gratuities:**

Gratuities for:	Amount in Euros:
Tour Director	€ 6 - € 7 per day
Bus Driver	€ 4 - € 5 per day
Local Guides	€ 1 - 1/2 day € 2 - full day
Restaurant Servers	Tips included with included meals.
	10% for "meals on your own".



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Hotel Information

Days 1- September 6, 2023 (Treviso, Villa Braida)

Via Bonisiolo, 16b
31021 Mogliano Veneto TV, Italy
Phone: +39 041 457 222
<https://www.villabraida.it/en/>

Days 2, 3 - September 7, 8, 2023 (Treviso, Villa Condulmer)

Via Preganziol, 1
31021 Zerman, Mogliano Veneto TV, Italy
Phone: +39 041 597 2700
<https://www.hotelvillacondulmer.it/en/>

Days 4, 5, 6, 7 - September 9, 10, 11, 12, 2023 (Montecatini, Settentrionale)

Viale Grocco, 2
51016 Montecatini Terme PT, Italy
Phone: +39 0572 70021
<https://www.settentrionaleesplanade.it/en/>

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Days 11, 12, 13- September 16, 17, 18, 2023 (Villa Giovanna, Sorrento)

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Choosing the Correct Adapter and Converter (Type C)



There are a lot of options when choosing an adapter/ converter. See the guidelines for choosing the correct one:

- Type C- (2 round prongs) for use in Italy
- Adapter mode needed for charging laptop, cell phone, camera, tablet
- Converter mode needed for curling iron, blow dryer, electric razor

This is a link to the example:

https://www.amazon.com/DOACE-C11-Straightener-International-Transformer/dp/B07DQLM1P1/ref=sr_1_7?keywords=adapter%2F+converter+for+italy&qid=1565976103&s=gateway&sr=8-7

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Megan anytime.
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