

## Florence, Pisa and Venice Tour (4 Days/ 3 Nights)

### Rome-Florence-Venice

Get to know Florence and Venice on a 4-night tour from Rome! With guided tours of each city plus plenty of free time to relax, the package is perfect for experiencing the best of these two incredible Italian cities. An additional visit is also included to Pisa for a walking tour of Cathedral Square, seeing the UNESCO-listed Leaning Tower of Pisa and Duomo di Pisa. Four nights of 3-, 4- or 4-star superior hotel accommodation- two nights in both Florence and Venice - is included plus transport by coach or train from once city to the next. The tour finishes in Venice, making it an ideal option if you want to spend longer in one of the world's most romantic cities.

#### Day 1: Rome-florence



Leave Rome by train and travel north out of the Lazio region into the rolling hills of Tuscany. Your destination is the Tuscan capital of Florence -- the city considered as the birthplace of the Renaissance! After checking in to your hotel, set off on a city tour to see Florences highlights with your guide. You'll take in Florence Duomo, seeing its distinctive orange dome dominating the city skyline, before

heading inside its museum to see Michelangelos The Deposition - a sculpture thats often referred to as the third Pieta. See Florence Baptistry with its Romanesque architecture and then pose for photos in front of Giotto's Campanile - a magnificent bell tower in the heart of Piazza del Duomo. Visit the square considered as the heart of the city -- Piazza della Signoria -- to see the grand Palazzo Vecchio, as well as a copy of Michelangelos David sculpture that stands outside the Accademia Gallery. After taking very nice pictures of the Gallery, get ready to enter to Uffizi Gallery. Stop for lunch in a local restaurant, and then spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Maybe take a stroll along Florences famous bridge - the Ponte Vecchio - and explore the neighborhood of Oltrarno neighborhood on the other side of the River Arno.

#### Day 2: Florence



After breakfast in your hotel, get ready to go to Pisa meeting your guide at 8:45am at the meeting point (reach the meeting point on your own). You will travel to the nearby city of Pisa - roughly an hours drive west of Florence. Enjoy a walking tour of the center, taking in the main monuments of Cathedral Square (Piazza dei Miracoli). Explore inside Duomo di Pisa, and see the Baptistry, Campo Santo and

of course, the squares crowning glory - the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Pose for obligatory pictures in front of the famously lopsided tower, and then learn about the Romanesque architecture of the equally enchanting Duomo, standing just next to it. Return to Florence by coach and spend your night doing whatever you please.

#### Day 3: Florence-Venice



Enjoy breakfast and then spend your morning at leisure. Check out of your hotel in the afternoon, and then enjoy a hassle-free transfer to Santa Maria Novella Station for your train to Venice. The train is the quickest method of transport between the two cities, so after boarding your train, sit back and relax, watching the Tuscan countryside flash past you on your 2-hour journey. After arriving at

Venice Santa Lucia Station, hop aboard a transfer boat and travel to your hotel in style. Check in to your hotel and then spend the rest of your afternoon and evening at leisure.

#### Day 4: Venice



Relax over breakfast in your hotel and then meet your guide in the center of town at Piazza San Marco (St Marks Square) for your morning city tour of Venice. As you explore by foot, your guide will show off Venices highlights while regaling you with little-known facts and history about the city. Admire Doges Palace, from where the doges of Venice once ruled, and then head inside St Marks Basilica

(Basilica di San Marco) to see Italian Byzantine architecture at its finest. Dripping with gold and ornate mosaics, the cathedral came to symbolize the wealth and power of 11th-century Venice. Head back outside and stop for photos by St Marks Campanile - the cathedrals iconic, red bell tower - and learn about the three interconnecting buildings next to it that are known collectively as the Procuratie. Go off-the-beaten tourist trail on a visit to Campo Santa Maria Formosa, where buskers play music and locals browse market stalls, and then wander over to Santi Giovanni e Paolo -- a large church known locally as the Pantheon of Venice. Other top attractions seen include Marco Polos House, where the intrepid explorer once lived, and Malibran Theatre (Teatro Malibran) where Marco Polos family palace once stood. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of your afternoon and evening, sightseeing independently or simply relaxing.

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