

Italian Fever

The Three Cultural Capitals of Italy



From **\$1,949**
Land Only
9 Days, 8 Nights
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INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Rome (3 nights); Florence (3 nights); Venice (2 nights) with visits to Pompeii, Naples, Siena, San Gimignano, Pisa, and the Chianti District
- ◆ Eight nights' accommodation in select centrally located hotels
- ◆ Buffet breakfast daily, hotel tax and service
- ◆ Airport transfer by private car and driver
- ◆ Private arrival and departure motor boat transfers in Venice with assistance and portage
- ◆ Round trip rail station transfers by private car and driver
- ◆ First class rail service from Rome to Florence and from Florence to Venice
- ◆ Lunch in Pompeii
- ◆ Typical lunch and wine tasting at a family-run estate in Chianti
- ◆ Rome collective guided sightseeing includes Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Pompeii, and Naples
- ◆ Florence collective guided sightseeing includes Michelangelo's "David," Siena, San Gimignano, Pisa and the Chianti District
- ◆ Venice collective guided sightseeing includes St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace
- ◆ Optional VIP luggage assistance at Rome Termini Rail Station and at Florence S.M. Novella Rail Station available

The travel industry is constantly changing, often in dramatic ways. While keeping pace with the latest trends in travel, Donna Franca Tours, also knows what to keep constant -- your exciting discovery and long-anticipated return to the iconic cities of Italy.

Our new 9 days/8 nights Italian Fever itinerary for 2020 will feature the Three Cultural Capitals of Italy: Rome, Florence and Venice, with visits to Pompeii, Siena, and San Gimignano. This vacation is offered to groups or individuals. We are not publishing set departure dates because of our new flexibility policy. You can choose the day and the month of departure and you can travel independently at your convenience. However, should you want to travel on a more traditional tour with one of our professional tour managers, we will be happy to customize a special departure based on a minimum of ten passengers.

DAY 1 | ROME

Arrival by private car with driver from Rome Fiumicino Airport to Rome Hotel. After checking in to your centrally-located hotel, you will have ample time to unpack, relax and freshen up prior to jump starting your visit with an independent stroll through Rome to see the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona and many other sites of Baroque Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a morning collective tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, where you will have a chance to admire Michelangelo's recently restored frescoes. After lunch on your own, your exploration of Rome continues with an early afternoon collective guided tour of Ancient Imperial Rome, highlighting the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine, Trajan's Column, the Roman and Imperial Forums and an interior visit to the Colosseum.

DAY 3 | ROME – POMPEII – NAPLES – ROME

Breakfast and Lunch

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, set out on a collective tour of Pompeii and Naples. The first stop will be in Pompeii for a guided tour of the excavation site. This once-thriving ancient Roman seaside resort was buried under molten ash during the 79 AD eruption of nearby Mt. Vesuvius. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue on to Naples for a guided panoramic tour of this vibrant city. Late afternoon return to Rome.

DAY 4 | ROME – FLORENCE

Breakfast

Enjoy a leisurely buffet breakfast at the hotel before transferring by private car with driver to Rome's Termini Rail Station to board a first class train to Florence. Upon arrival in Florence, transfer by private car with driver to your centrally-located hotel for check-in. Balance of the day is open to leisurely explore Florence, long considered the Cradle of the Renaissance.



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Our Hotels

Rome

Premium Package Romanico Palace, Veneto Palace
 First Class Package Quirinale, Empire Palace
 Deluxe Package Barocco, Donna Camilla Savelli
 or similar

Florence

Premium Package Rapallo, Firenze
 First Class Package Cellai, Kraft
 Deluxe Package Degli Orafi
 or similar

Venice

Premium Package Da Bruno, Santa Chiara
 First Class Package Bonvecchiati, Locanda Vivaldi
 Deluxe Package Palazzo Giovanelli, Ca' Nigra
 or similar

Our Rates

Pricing Per Person, based on Double Occupancy

Party Size	Premium	First Class	Deluxe
2	\$2,269.00	\$2,649.00	\$2,749.00
4	\$2,049.00	\$2,429.00	\$2,529.00
6	\$1,989.00	\$2,349.00	\$2,469.00
8	\$1,949.00	\$2,299.00	\$2,399.00
Single Suppl.	\$780.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,080.00

Validity: Nov. 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020*

Party Size	Premium	First Class	Deluxe
2	\$2,749.00	\$3,199.00	\$3,649.00
4	\$2,449.00	\$2,999.00	\$3,399.00
6	\$2,429.00	\$2,929.00	\$3,369.00
8	\$2,399.00	\$2,899.00	\$3,299.00
Single Suppl.	\$950.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,270.00

Validity: April 1, 2020 - Oct. 31, 2020*

* Christmas and Easter departures are available for a supplement.

Larger parties welcome, contact us for a price quote.

DAY 5 | FLORENCE

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, participate in a collective guided tour designed to introduce you to the genius of the Italian Renaissance. Start at the Accademia to admire Michelangelo's imposing statue of *David*. Continue on to the main Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, crowned by Brunelleschi's great dome and flanked by Giotto's sleek bell tower. At the adjacent Baptistry, see Ghiberti's famous Bronze *Gates of Paradise*, almost lost to the floods of 1966. Stroll through Piazza della Signoria past the Palazzo Vecchio and eventually on to Piazzale Michelangelo for a breathtaking panoramic vista of the entire city.

DAY 6 | FLORENCE – SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO – PISA – CHIANTI DISTRICT – FLORENCE

Breakfast ☞ Country Lunch with Wine

Enjoy buffet breakfast at the hotel prior to heading out on a full-day collective excursion in search of Tuscany's hidden gems. The first stop will be in Siena, home of the annual Palio Horse Race, to explore this fortified city as you journey through its winding roads, past tall towers and along the portico-covered galleries. Enjoy the guided tour of the old town, including the famous Basilica of San Domenico (inside visit). Stroll through the large Piazza del Campo, dominated by the Torre del Mangia and the Palazzo Pubblico. Walk up to the stunning Duomo, with its contrasting black and white marble. Proceed to a family-run wine estate in Chianti for a wine tasting followed by lunch with wine. Continue on to the heart of the Chianti countryside, the lovely walled town of San Gimignano, an UNESCO World Heritage site known for its many soaring towers. A local guide will introduce you to the history and traditions of this onetime Medieval town, such as highly skilled craftsmen producing handmade traditional Medieval objects. Your last stop will be in Pisa, one of the four former Italian Maritime Republics. Stop to view the Square of Miracles, including the Cathedral, Leaning Tower and Baptistry. Return to Florence for overnight.

DAY 7 | FLORENCE – VENICE

Breakfast

After buffet breakfast at your hotel, transfer by private car with driver to Florence Rail Station to board a first-class train to Venice, after which you will be transferred by private motor launch to downtown Venice. After check-in at a centrally-located hotel, relax and unwind at your own pace for your first night in Venice.

DAY 8 | VENICE

Breakfast

Enjoy buffet breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a collective guided walking tour of Ducal Venice, including such highlights as the Basilica of San Marco, Palazzo Ducale, Bell Tower, Clock Tower, Santa Maria Formosa, Campo S.S. Giovanni e Paolo, Marco Polo's House, and Malibran Theatre. Finish the tour with an inside visit to the Doge's Palace. The rest of the afternoon is yours to leisurely continue your exploration of *La Serenissima*.

DAY 9 | VENICE - USA

Breakfast

Early morning breakfast at the hotel, followed by your private motor launch transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport to board your return flight to the US, or extend your stay in Italy.