

# Hidden Treasures of Italy



OCTOBER 12 - 30, 2022

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## 12 -13 Oct. - Arrival into Florence, Italy

Arrive at your own time. These days are free to explore Florence at your own pace. Overnights in Florence.

## 14 Oct. - Florence / Siena / Umbria

After breakfast, we travel from Florence to the impressive medieval city of Siena. Siena is famous for its medieval architecture and historic city centre, including the fascinating shell-shaped Piazza del Campo. We will explore the gothic cathedral of Siena as well as the Pinacoteca Nazionale di Siena (National Art Gallery). Stroll through these beautiful streets and enjoy some delectable Italian treats on your way too!

After some time in Siena, we will continue on to our relais in the Umbrian countryside. Overnight Umbria.

*Included meals: D*

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## 15 Oct. - Gubbio / Perugia

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Gubbio where we will go truffle hunting. We will then have a delicious lunch with our findings, and then continue on to Perugia, the capital city of Umbria. Here, we will have the chance to explore the palaces and castles of this medieval city. Overnight Perugia.

*Included meals: B, L, D*



### 16 Oct. - Deruta / Bevagna / Montefalco

Following breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for Deruta, the city of hand-decorated ceramic. We will visit a famous ceramics gallery, and then continue on to Bevagna. This ancient town is one of the most beautiful in Italy, and has been the setting for many important film productions. We will explore this charming village for lunch, and then continue to Montefalco which is one of the best known villages in Umbria. Known for its Sagrantino wine production, Montefalco also offers enchanting views of the Umbrian countryside and has many intricately-decorated churches to explore.

Overnight Montefalco.

*Included meals: B, D*

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### 17 Oct. - Assisi / Spello

After breakfast, we depart for the saint city of Umbria, Assisi. This ancient Roman town boasts an amphitheatre a forum, and city walls which can still be seen today. After a guided visit of Assisi and free time for shopping and lunch, we will continue to Spello. Famed for its Infiorate, you will see gorgeous paintings of petals and flowers made by inhabitants of this village. Get lost among the narrow alleys and immerse yourself in the rustic charm of this enchanting town.

Overnight Spello.

*Included meals: B,D*

### 18 Oct. - Orvieto

After breakfast at our hotel, we continue our journey to Orvieto. This city is full of impressive monuments, churches, and noble buildings, some of which are over 2,500 years old! Enjoy discovering this beautiful city, from the Pozzo di San Patrizio to the Torre del Moro, you will have an incredible day! Overnight Orvieto.

*Included meals: B*

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### 19 Oct. - Sorrento

Following breakfast, depart for the Sorrento coast. En route, we will stop at the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, where you will get to discover the incredible ruins of this city.

Continue to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

*Included meals: B,D*



### 20 Oct. - Positano / Amalfi Coast

Breakfast at your hotel in Sorrento, then depart for a full-day boat trip to explore the Amalfi coast. Our first stop is Positano, where you will disembark and have free time to explore this small village. Continue on to Amalfi where you can visit the cathedral and the handmade paper museum. Ferry transfer back to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Overnight Sorrento.

*Included meals: B,D*

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### 21 Oct. - Sorrento Food Experience

Breakfast at your hotel, then head to a nearby farm where we will experience three excellencies of Neapolitan food traditions: limoncello, mozzarella, and pizza. Full of good food and satisfaction, we will return to Sorrento for free time, then dinner together.

Overnight Sorrento.

*Included meals: B,L,D*

### 22 Oct. - Paestum / Matera

After breakfast at our hotel, we will travel to Paestum where we will discover an archaeological site of significance, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. After exploring this site, we will visit a famous mozzarella factory and taste this delectable cheese, followed by lunch.

Continue to Matera where we will have dinner and overnight.

*Included meals: B,L,D*

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### 23 Oct. - Matera

After breakfast, join our guide for a walking tour of this amazing city. Largely carved out of and built into the rock face, this town has an incredible history and a deep sense of spirituality. Houses here are stacked atop one another, linked by tiny, narrow streets and wide stairways. You will no doubt enjoy the charm of unique place!

Take your afternoon at leisure, then join us for dinner and overnight here in Matera.

*Included meals: B,D*



### 24 Oct. - Itria Valley (Alberobello / Locorotondo)

Breakfast in our hotel, then depart for Alberobello, the capital of Trulli. Here we will have a guided visit of this fairytale village, followed by a trip to a farm where we will taste mozzarella and burrata cheeses. After lunch, we continue on to Locorotondo where we will go for a wine tasting and guided tour of a vineyard. At the end, we'll continue to our Masseria where we will star for the next four nights.

Overnight Masseria.

*Included meals: B,D*

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### 25 Oct. - Martina France / Grottaglie

After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for our visit to the Apulian countryside, including Martina Franca and Grottaglie. In Martina Franca we will have the opportunity to taste authentic capocollo ham, a specialty of this area. After lunch we will continue to Grottaglie, the city of ceramics. Following our tour of Grottaglie, we will return to our Masseria for dinner nad overnight.

*Included meals: B,L,D*

### 26 Oct. - Ostuni

Following breakfast, we depart to Ostuni, the famous white city. From its picturesque white-washed houses, labyrinthine streets, and crystalline beaches, this city has a charm like none other. We will visit an ancient olive oil mill and taste this "liquid gold". Then return to our Masseria for dinner and overnight.

*Included meals: B,D*

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### 27 Oct. - Monopoli / Polignano a Mare

After breakfast, we head out to two enchanting villages on the Adriatic Sea: Monopoli and Polignano a Mare. Enjoy strolling along the lovely beaches and the old town centre of Monopoli, and be sure to visit the Castello Carlo V (the Castle of Charles V). We'll continue to Polignano a Mare where we can relax on the Blue Flag beach. We'll return to our Masseria for dinner and overnight.

*Included meals: B*

### 28 Oct. - Rome

Breakfast in hotel, then depart to Bari airport for your flight to Rome. Check into our hotel, and have free time to explore. Overnight in Rome.

*Included meals: B*

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## 29 Oct. - Rome

After breakfast in our hotel, we will enjoy a full day visit of Imperial and Christian Rome. We will enjoy discovering this enchanting city, from its artistic masterpieces, to the incredible architecture, to the delicious gastronomy. Enjoy sipping a coffee or aperitif in street cafes, or enjoy a glass of beer from one of the many piazzas in the city.

We will finish with a farewell dinner tonight in a traditional Roman trattoria. Overnight in Rome.  
*Included meals: B, D*

## 30 Oct. - Rome to Toronto

After breakfast in our hotel, we will transfer by private coach to Fiumicino airport where you will depart for your flight home to Toronto.

*Included meals: B*

# DAY 19

