



“TASTES OF ITALY” EXPERIENCE

When it comes down to it, nearly every region in Italy has quaint hill towns, picturesque countryside, magnificent art cities, ancient ruins, exquisite food, sublime wines, and just about any other travel cliché you want to throw in there. It's wonderful, it's incredible, and it's why Italy remains one of the most popular destinations on the planet. You and your guests will experience much of this great country as you visit ancient ruins, gawk at Renaissance art, walk tiny medieval towns, and gaze at beautiful churches. You will also learn some of the art of Tuscan cooking, be enveloped by the beauty of the arts at La Scala, and walk the pinnacle of the fashion world. You will truly be indulging in the pleasures of la dolce vita: good food, good wine and improving your wardrobe.

MILAN

Milan is one of the most recognized cities in the world and yet visitors often stop in Rome, Venice or Florence before heading to the financial and fashion center of Milan. Once there, Milan reveals its long and event-filled history in a pride of monuments, museums, and churches. It sets the finest tables in Italy, features art by such towering geniuses as Michelangelo (his final sculpture) and Leonardo da Vinci (Last Supper), and supports a cultural scene that embraces La Scala, fashion shows, and nightlife. With its dazzling shop windows and sophisticated ways, Milan is a pleasure to get to know -- and will quickly find its way into your heart.

FLORENCE-

Florence was very much the epicenter of the Italian Renaissance and remains one of the world's top attractions for lovers of art--as such, it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Located in the heart of Tuscany, a stunning province of hills and mountains, the Renaissance capital of the world. With famous sons like Leonardo, Dante, Machiavelli and Michelangelo, it is a sight not to be missed. The world-famous Duomo with the Brunelleschi cupola and the marble clad baptistry are simply stupendous. Even when you are not in a renowned church or museum the city enchants- have a look at the squares - wonderful Mediterranean places where you will like spending hours sitting down, having a coffee and just watching people passing by.





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You and your guests will experience the ultimate in hospitality, service and sophisticated luxury with these two award winning 5 Star Properties. Chosen for their wonderful location and attention to top level traveler satisfaction, the Park Hyatt Milano and the Villa Olmi will provide two distinct and wonderful experiences.

Park Hyatt Milan

Park Hyatt Milan is a 5 Star luxury hotel and is considered one of the very top hotels in Milan. This elegant boutique hotel, ideally located right in the heart of Milan is just steps away from Piazza del Duomo and Teatro alla Scala opera house. The hotel borders Milan's famous Galleria, and is within walking distance of the ultra-chic shops in Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga,

The Villa Olmi Florence

Villa Olmi Resort is a luxurious 5 Star hotel set in an 18th-century villa on a six-hectare estate, and is one of the most beautiful properties at the gates of Florence. Along with the centuries-old park and splendid Italian gardens, Villa Olmi has a unique history dating back to the 15th century. For centuries it was the country home of some of the most important families and a vital centre of trade and culture between the city and country. Over the centuries it was modified and enlarged to become the Florence hotel it is today. Thanks to its location Villa Olmi Resort is one of the most exclusive, and easiest to reach, hotels in the Florence area and all of Tuscany.





CASTELLO DI NIPOZZANO, MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI ESTATE

Marchesi de' Frescobaldi one of the Italy's leading producers of quality wines, owns the largest expanse of vineyards in Tuscany, with 1000 hectares and 9 estates. The Castle Nipozzano was constructed around the year 1000 as a defensive stronghold and was reconstructed in the 1400's when the villas cellars became the center of local wine production. Today the Castle houses the central wine cellars, where the production take place.

Day 1

Arrival at Milan Malpensa airport and where you will be met and transferred by private bus to the 5 Star Park Hyatt Milan. Relax and enjoy this wonderful hotel, or gaze at the magnificent Doumo out the front door of the hotel, before joining us for our opening night reception to meet your fellow travelers and to start enjoying the sites and tastes of this amazing experience. Reception to include beer, wine and canapes.

Day 2

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast at your leisure before joining us on an escorted shopping tour of the famous Via della Spiga and Via Montenapoleone. See the designers and their flagship boutiques that make this one of the top fashion cities in the world. Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Armani, Gianfranco Ferré, Versace, ...this truly is a shoppers dream. After a chance to put your feet up and relax you will join us for dinner in the Garden Room at Il Corriandolo. Frequented by AC Milan soccer players and beautiful models, this is a local favorite.

Day 3

Breakfast at your leisure, and make sure to have an extra delightful cappuccino before today's escorted tour of the historic, cultural, and artistic highlights of this storied city. Some of Italy's most recognized churches and art are in Milan and will take your breath away. Tonight dinner will be on your own and need to be early as tonight you will experience the art and beauty of the world famous Teatro la Scala. Built in 1778 this magnificent building has long been an icon in the world of Opera and will be a memory you won't soon forget.

Day 4

Enjoy this morning's breakfast and a little free time before boarding the train through the wonderful rolling countryside en route to Florence. Relax and enjoy this wonderful restored villa before joining us for dinner. This multi-course dinner with regional specialties will be at the gourmet restaurant of the hotel "Il Cavaliere". Get a good night of rest, your experience continues tomorrow.





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Day 5

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast at your leisure before a late morning transfer to the famous and beautiful city center of Florence. After an authentic and leisurely lunch at the Goldenview Restaurant on the banks of the Arno River, guests will choose their preferred afternoon experience- a cultural escorted walking tour of the art, museums, churches and history of this great city, or an escorted walking tour through the famed fashion shops of some of Italy's top designers. This evening we will transfer to the Castello di Nipozzano on the Frescobaldi wine estate for a tour, private wine tasting, and a truly wonderful exclusive dining experience in the family dining room.

Day 6

Breakfast at leisure. before transfer- ring by private bus to Florence City Centre and the renowned APICIUS culinary school. Under the careful instruction of their professional chefs the group will prepare their own lunch from en- tree to dessert and then enjoy their new skills and creations by eating their sumptuous lunch. Part of the afternoon is free to enjoy the city or return to the hotel for some down time. Later we will transfer to dinner at the Enoteca Boccanegra, a cosy florentine wine bar with oak-beams and soft lights, with great Tuscan cuisine and a cellar that does not disappoint

Day 7

Enjoy another fabulous breakfast and say your goodbye's to Italy before transferring to Florence airport and departures home or to extend ones stay in Europe.

Inclusions:

- 7 days/ 6 nights luxury 5 Star accommodations
- Opening Night Reception
- Four multi course dinners (beer wine included at Opening Reception and Castle Nipozzano dinner, other alcohol extra)
- All breakfasts
- All transfers
- Famous winery tour and wine tasting
- Cooking experience for each guest
- Stated Florence/ Milan guided tours
- Train to Florence
- Roadtrips on site staff

