

Easy Pace Italy

Tour Pace - Being an 'Easy Pace' tour, with three nights in each city, this is as leisurely and relaxed as it gets. Use your free time to explore or shop, or ask your Tour Director for suggestions. A complete list of optional excursions will be offered at the start of your tour.

Hotels - The Grand Hotel Dino has been recently restored and overlooks Lake Maggiore, whereas the Massimo D'Azeglio lies in the heart of the Eternal city of Rome. The Croce di Malta is also conveniently located in the historic centre of Florence and is housed within a former monastery.

Fellow Passengers - By offering three nights in each destination, this tour appeals not only to those who enjoy the benefits of coach touring, but also the more independent traveller. It is great for people who want to take it easy or those who want a more in depth look at Italy's major cities.

Highlights - Each centre is a highlight. The Italian Lake District sees Alpine scenery combine with luxuriant subtropical vegetation; the canals of Venice are magical and romantic; while Florence and Rome overflow with ancient buildings and monuments.

Take a gondola ride in the world's most romantic city of Venice



DAY 3 – MILAN EXCURSION. Visit Milan, Italy's renowned fashion capital, a city dominated by the magnificent Cathedral, its marble facade bristling with 135 pinnacles and over 2000 statues. See the massive Sforza Castle and world famous La Scala Theatre before using your free time to explore or shop. Return to your beautiful lake-side resort where you might like to engulf yourself in the living culture and participate in a traditional early evening stroll, (*passaggiata*). (BB)

DAY 4 – LAKE COMO EXCURSION. Today's highlight is enchanting Lake Como, considered the jewel of the Italian Lakes for its superb mountain setting. Stop in the resort of Como, dominated by its marble cathedral set in the narrow streets of the Old Town. After some time to explore, return to the hotel to relax and enjoy your beautiful surroundings. Why not take a cruise out to the lovely Isola Bella to visit the palatial home and magnificent gardens of the Borromeo family? (BB)

DAY 5 – ITALIAN LAKES – VENICE. Briefly enter Switzerland to visit mountain ringed Lugano, and take time to stroll the lake's shores and shop for watches or chocolate. Continue to the elegant city of Verona. See the ancient Roman arena, venue for the opera each summer, and visit the courtyard of the Capulet home to see Juliet's balcony. Then it's on to romantic Venice, a glorious city of quaint bridges, ornate palaces, and gondolas. Hotel: Sant'Elena/Grande Albergo Ausonia & Hungaria. (BB,D)

DAY 6 – VENICE SIGHTSEEING. Cruise to St Mark's Square by private launch to see the ornate Basilica. Admire the Doges' Palace and its adjoining Bridge of Sighs, and later visit a glass showroom for a demonstration of traditional craftsmanship, unchanged for centuries. Relax and enjoy the atmosphere as you cruise along the Venetian canals by gondola. (BB)

DAY 7 – VENICE AT LEISURE. A day is set aside to drink in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city. Explore the treasures of the Academy Museum, browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge or sit a while at a canal side cafe with a glass of local wine. (BB)

DAY 8 – VENICE – FLORENCE. Follow the smooth highway across the valley of the river Po and into the wild Apennines to the Renaissance city of Florence. Sightseeing with a local guide shows you Michelangelo's statue of 'David' in the Academy Gallery. Continue to see the Duomo, 'Gates of Paradise' and Signoria Square, political stage of the Florentines. Hotel: Croce di Malta. (BB,D)

DAY 9 – FLORENCE AT LEISURE. A whole day is reserved to enjoy Florence. Take an optional excursion to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa or visit San Gimignano to admire the picturesque Salucci Towers. (BB)

DAY 10 – FLORENCE AT LEISURE. Why not dedicate today to shopping for leather and gold products, visit one of the many museums or simply relax at an outdoor cafe with a glass of vino? (BB)

DAY 11 – FLORENCE – ROME. Travel through the vineyards of the Chianti region en route to Assisi. There is the chance to visit the tomb of St Francis and the frescoes of Giotto in the great basilica before continuing along the Tiber valley towards the 'Eternal City', Rome. Hotel: Massimo D'Azeglio. (BB)

DAY 12 – ROME AT LEISURE. Today there is the option to take a full day excursion to visit the excavations at Pompeii or spend the day exploring Rome at your own pace. Spend time in the designer stores of the Via Condotti, visit the well preserved Pantheon or sip a cappuccino in the Piazza Navona, the 'Living Room of Rome'. (BB)

DAY 13 – ROME SIGHTSEEING. Sightseeing with a local guide begins with a visit to the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Visit St Peter's Basilica, built around the tomb of St Peter, and designed by some of history's greatest architects, Bramante, Bernini and Michelangelo. Crossing the Tiber, explore ancient Rome as you visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum. Spend the afternoon at leisure: shop, relax or continue sightseeing. As night falls, enjoy a last night celebration Highlight Dinner in a local restaurant. Enjoy a short group tutorial on the wines that compliment your evening meal. (BB,HD)

DAY 14 – RETURN TO CANADA. Arrivederci Roma! Sadly, your tour comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 & 09:30. (BB)

DAY 1 – DEPART CANADA. Board your overnight flight.

DAY 2 – ARRIVE MILAN – ITALIAN LAKES. Welcome to Italy! On arrival at Malpensa Airport, your airport shuttle service leaves for the tour hotel in the Italian Lake District at 09:00 & 12:30. Settle into the tour hotel overlooking Lake Maggiore and relax – the rest of the day is at leisure. Before dinner, enjoy a Welcome Drink with fellow passengers and your Tour Director. Hotel: Dino. (D)

14 DAYS ~ ITALY ~ SWITZERLAND



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14 days from C\$252 per day

Starts	Ends	Price	*
Canada	Canada		
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PD * Apr 23	May 06	\$3750	PD * Jun 11 - Jun 24 \$3799
Apr 30	May 13	\$3750	PD * Jun 14 - Jun 27 \$3775
PD * May 03	May 16	\$3775	PD * Jun 18 - Jul 01 \$3775
PD * May 07	May 20	\$3775	* Jun 21 - Jul 04 \$3775
* May 10	May 23	\$3775	Jun 25 - Jul 08 \$3775
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PD: Preferred Departures (details page 182) See www.insightvacations.com for updated lists

Supplements

Single room
 05 Jul - 23 Aug '09 \$680
 All other departures \$750

Pre & post tour accommodation
 Per person, per night Twin Single Triple
 Italian Lakes - Dino \$202 \$247 \$188
 Rome - Massimo D'Azeglio \$209 \$303 \$176

Reductions (See page 182)
Triple Room Discount
 05 Jul - 23 Aug '09 SAVE \$150 p.p.
 All other departures SAVE \$185 p.p.
Young Traveller Discount SAVE \$375
Early Payment Discount
 12mths \$375 10mths \$280 6mths \$185
Extra Tour Discount SAVE up to \$190 p.p.

Notes
REF: E703. Prices are per person sharing a twin.
 *Tours depart Sundays and return Saturdays. All others depart Thursdays and return Wednesdays.

Insight's Airport Shuttle Service
 Transfers operate on the days and at the times shown in the itinerary. Passengers arriving outside these days and times have the option of either purchasing a transfer (see page 21) or making their own way from/to the airport.

Insight's Low Airfare Promise
 Insight Promises we will provide the best airfare available to us at the time you make your reservation. Please see page 181 for full details. Airfares are not included in the prices listed above.

Additional visa requirements
 This tour also enters Switzerland, for which some passengers may also require a visa. Please check with your Travel Agent.

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

- An excursion to Milan to see the Cathedral, Sforza Castle and world famous La Scala Theatre
- Drift along the romantic Venetian canals by gondola
- See Michelangelo's original statue of 'David' at the Academy Gallery in Florence
- Visit the superb Vatican Museums and see the celebrated ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
- Explore the wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the Colosseum and see the Roman Forum

Personal Insights

- As night falls, locals dress for the evening and enjoy 'the art of strolling the streets'. Join us in the Italian social ritual of 'La Passeggiata'
- Enjoy a private group tutorial on the wines that compliment your evening meal in Rome

Additional Excursions & Sights

- Visit the lakeside resorts of Como on Lake Como and Lugano in Switzerland
- See Juliet's Balcony and the ancient Roman arena in Verona
- Cruise to St Mark's Square in Venice by private launch
- See St Mark's Basilica, Doges' Palace and the Bridge of Sighs in Venice
- See the Duomo, Gates of Paradise and visit Signoria Square in Florence
- Visit the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi with its amazing frescos by Giotto
- Tour St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City
- Florence leatherwork and Venetian glass-blowing demonstrations
- Scenic drives - Italian Lake District, Tuscany, Apennines

Insight's First Class Services

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with onboard toilet
- Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Airport Shuttle arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 2 and Day 14

Quality Dining

- Highlight Dinner of local cuisine with entertainment in Rome (HD)
- 12 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 3 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Included 🍷 🍷 🍷 are worth approximately C\$335