

Italy 2026 #2

SEPT 8 - 19, 2026

FT. AMALFI COAST, ROME, & TUSCANY



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Share the excitement in Italy

Get ready for the kind of journey that stays with you forever. This 12-day Italian escape was designed for travelers who crave not just beautiful places—but meaningful experiences.

From the colorful cliffs of Positano to the sun-soaked hills of Tuscany, and the timeless charm of Rome, you'll explore Italy's most iconic regions at a relaxed, immersive pace. Expect seaside strolls, rooftop dinners, vineyard tastings, ancient ruins, and hands-on cooking classes—all carefully curated to help you slow down, savor, and connect.

This is not a whirlwind sightseeing trip. It's a chance to fall in love with Italy—and maybe with life again. Small group travel, luxury accommodations, expert guides, and plenty of built-in breathing room make this experience as rich as the red wine you'll sip in Chianti.

Pack your appetite. Pack your curiosity. And get ready to be seen, supported, and swept away.



Italy: Where every bite tells a story and every sunset steals your breath.

Tuesday September 8th - Day 1

Today's the day your Italian adventure begins! Board your overnight flight from the U.S. to Rome and let the anticipation build. You're about to explore seaside villages, ancient ruins, and vineyard-covered hills with a group of curious, kind travelers. Take a deep breath and get ready—Italy awaits.

Wednesday September 9th - Day 2

Buongiorno, Italia! Upon arrival in Rome, you'll board your private coach and head south to Naples, a city bursting with life, flavor, and soul. After checking into your beautiful accommodations at the Gold Tower Lifestyle Hotel, unwind and refresh before our Welcome Dinner at Mama Eat—a vibrant restaurant known for its inclusive menu and unbeatable Neapolitan classics. It's the perfect setting to toast to new friends and the days ahead. (D)

Thursday Sept 10th - Day 3

This morning we travel along the stunning Amalfi Coast, where cliffs plunge into the sapphire sea and lemon trees line the roads. First stop: the hilltop haven of Ravello. Explore lush gardens, historic villas, and panoramic terraces. Enjoy lunch at a local gem perched high above the coastline. In the afternoon, descend to the colorful cliffside village of Positano, where pastel homes tumble toward the beach. You'll have free time to explore boutiques, enjoy a spritz by the water, or dip your feet into the Mediterranean. Return to Naples this evening with a heart full of beauty. (B, L)

**Friday Sept 11th - Day 4**

How will you spend your day? Choose to explore Naples at your own pace—perhaps visit a local art museum, sample espresso in the historic district, or relax with a book in the piazza. Or join us for an optional excursion to the Isle of Capri, where sea caves and stunning cliffs await. Glide across the water by boat, stroll the upscale shops of Anacapri, or take the chairlift to Monte Solaro for panoramic views. However you spend the day, Italy's magic surrounds you. (B)

Saturday September 12th - Day 5

Today we time travel to Pompeii, the once-thriving Roman city frozen in time by Mount Vesuvius. With a professional guide, explore the haunting ruins—stone streets, ancient villas, and frescoes that speak to lives lived long ago. Later, we return to Naples and roll up our sleeves for a hands-on pizza making class. Learn from a local pizzaiolo how to make authentic Neapolitan pizza—then eat your delicious creation, of course! A fun, flavorful day that blends history and heart. (B)

Sunday September 13th - Day 6

After breakfast, we travel north to Italy's iconic capital—Rome. Step back in time as we visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, and other unforgettable landmarks with a local expert who brings history to life. Enjoy lunch in the heart of the city before checking into your stylish hotel, Dharma Luxury Suites. This evening is yours—find a trattoria near the Trevi Fountain, wander cobbled lanes, or simply people-watch in a bustling piazza. (B, L)

Monday September 14th - Day 7

This morning, choose your own pace. Relax and explore Rome or join our optional guided Vatican tour, where you'll see the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and masterpieces of Renaissance art. Later, savor the city with free time to shop or sightsee, then regroup this evening for a magical rooftop dinner overlooking Rome's skyline. Watch the sun dip below the domes and spires while enjoying a gourmet Italian meal. (B, D)

Tuesday September 15th - Day 8

Trade city streets for cypress trees as we journey into the golden hills of Tuscany. Along the way, we'll stop at a boutique winery for a tasting of local wines and olive oils. Then, continue to our countryside retreat: Borgo Casabianca, a stunning villa nestled in the hills of Asciano. Tonight, a chef-curated dinner on property welcomes you to the tranquil rhythms of Tuscany. Relax with a glass of red wine, gaze at the stars, and feel time slow down. (B, D)

Wednesday September 16th - Day 9

This morning we visit the medieval town of Montepulciano, famous for its wine, views, and charming piazzas. Wander the narrow streets, shop for artisan goods, or sip espresso in a hilltop café. Then, head to the acclaimed Icario Winery for a tour and al fresco lunch paired with Vino Nobile. With its minimalist architecture and bold wines, this experience is a highlight of any Tuscan escape. Return to the resort for a peaceful evening. (B, L)

Thursday September 17th - Day 10

A beautiful final day begins with a hands-on Tuscan cooking class, where you'll learn to prepare regional specialties using fresh, local ingredients. After enjoying the fruits of your labor for lunch, we head to Castello di Verrazzano—a renowned winery in Chianti Classico territory. Tour the historic wine cellars, enjoy a tasting, and toast to a trip well spent. (B, L)





Friday September 18th - Day 11

Today we journey to Siena, one of Tuscany's most beloved towns. Join a local guide for a walking tour through the medieval streets, see the famous Piazza del Campo, and learn about the town's unique Palio horse race tradition.

Enjoy time for lunch and exploration before heading back to the resort. Tonight is free to enjoy the peaceful countryside—perhaps with a nightcap under the stars. Back at the resort, we gather for a farewell dinner filled with laughter, reflection, and wine-fueled toasts to new friends and unforgettable memories. (B, D)

Saturday September 19th - Day 12

This morning we make our way back to Rome for afternoon departures. As you board your flight home, your suitcase may be heavier—but your heart is undoubtedly fuller. This was more than a vacation—it was an experience that will stay with you forever. (B)

10 Things to know before you go!

1. This tour is designed for travelers who want more than a checklist.

We're not rushing from city to city—we're immersing, tasting, wandering, and connecting. Every detail is curated to help you feel Italy, not just see it.

2. You'll be walking—but not racing.

We explore ancient ruins, hilltop villages, cobblestone streets, and scenic vineyards. While the pace is comfortable, a moderate amount of walking is part of the experience. Closed-toed walking shoes are a must.

3. It's a small group, high-touch experience.

Expect personal attention, space to breathe, and a community atmosphere. We keep our groups small so you're not lost in the crowd—and always feel supported.

4. There's structure and freedom.

We've built a balanced itinerary with guided tours, included meals, and planned excursions—but also generous free time to nap, shop, grab a cocktail, or wander at your own pace.

5. You don't need to speak Italian—but we'll help you try. Your guides will handle the logistics, but we love helping guests learn a few phrases to feel even more connected. A "Grazie!" goes a long way.

6. The hotels are stunning—and thoughtfully chosen.

From a boutique property in Naples to a tranquil Tuscan villa, each stay is four-star quality and reflects the local charm of its region. Rest is part of the experience.

7. Come hungry.

This tour features real Italian cuisine—from a pizza-making class in Naples to a hands-on cooking day in Chianti. Bring stretchy pants (or better yet, wear linen).

8. Optional excursions = personalization.

Want to take a boat to Capri or visit the Vatican? We've included optional experiences so you can tailor your journey to your interests, without overloading the group.

9. You'll want travel insurance.

Because this trip is international, we strongly recommend travel insurance. Life happens—and we want you covered in case of delays, cancellations, or medical issues.

10. This tour is meant to change you.

Italy has a way of getting into your soul. Whether it's the sunset in Positano, a quiet morning in Tuscany, or a glass of wine shared with new friends, this isn't just a trip. It's a turning point.

THE DETAILS

Deposit, costs, what's included etc...

Pricing -

12 Days - 18 Meals

Double Occupancy \$7199pp

Single Occupancy \$8584pp

(taxes included in these prices)

Book before Dec 1st, 2025 and receive \$200 off and free economy airfare. *Upgrades available.

*Price includes guide service, admission listed in itinerary, private motorcoach transfer, meals and activities listed in itinerary, and hotel accommodations and airfare.

**Itinerary subject to slight variation due to weather, and availability. Specific visits or dates may change but will be substituted for similar valued excursion.

***This tour requires significant walking, various modes of transportation, and uneven terrain. Please consider this when booking your tour.

Airfare

Airfare is included in this tour price.

*You may purchase airfare on your own. If so, it is your responsibility to meet the group at their current destination and all costs associated.

Trip insurance available and encouraged through Travelex. Please use location number 27-0165 for our group.

www.travelexinsurance.com/quote/

Deposit \$1250pp

Deposit due upon booking.

Final Payment due June 7th, 2026.

*Valid passport required

Hotels -

Sept 8 - Overnight Flight

Sept 9 - 13 - Grand Hotel Oriente Naples

Sept 13 - 15 - Kolbe Hotel Rome

Sept 15 - 19 - Casa Bianca Tuscany

Refunds: Deposits are non-refundable 120 days prior to departure. Full refunds may be available with trip insurance. Once final payment is made, refunds without insurance coverage will be in the form of tour credit.

Departure Airport: St. Louis Lambert International Airport

(please call for other airport departure options)



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(Please fill out one sheet per guest)

A deposit of \$1250 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of Jan 1, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 8th, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until May 10th, 2026. Travel insurance is recommended.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.** **IMPORTANT:** In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names.

P1First:_____Middle:_____Last:_____

Nickname:_____Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth:_____

Address:_____City:_____St:_____Zip:_____

Phone:() _____Cell:() _____Email:_____

Passport #: _____Exp Date:(month/day/year) _____Date of Issue;_____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____

P2First:_____Middle:_____Last:_____

Nickname:_____Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth:_____

Address:_____City:_____St:_____Zip:_____

Phone:() _____Cell:() _____Email:_____

Passport #: _____Exp Date:(month/day/year) _____Date of Issue;_____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____

Emergency Contact (not traveling with you): name:_____phone:_____

ROOMING WITH: First:_____Middle:_____Last:_____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Excite Inc. () Check () Credit Card

Deposit Amount: \$_____Total amount enclosed: \$_____

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Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card):_____

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AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTION

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your experience. Prices are subject to change until payment is received.

PASSENGERS NAME:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____
(Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport)

Contact Phone Number: _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____
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Contact Phone Number: _____ (if different than above)

Options

Prices Per Person

_____ Isle of Capri Boat Tour

Friday Sept 5th

Set sail from Naples across the shimmering Bay of Naples for a full-day adventure to the legendary **Isle of Capri**. This stunning island has enchanted visitors for centuries with its dramatic cliffs, turquoise grottoes, upscale boutiques, and timeless charm. Your round-trip boat ride offers panoramic coastal views, and once ashore, you'll have time to explore charming Anacapri, ride the chairlift to Monte Solaro, shop, or simply sip limoncello with a sea breeze in your hair.

It's la dolce vita at its finest.

Optional add-on | Approx. 6–8 hours | Pricing \$300pp

_____ Vatican Skip the Line Tour

Monday September 14th

Avoid the crowds and maximize your time with a **skip-the-line guided tour** of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica**. This unforgettable experience is led by a certified local expert who brings the art and history to life—from Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling to centuries of papal treasures. Explore one of the world's most important religious and cultural sites with ease, insight, and awe.

Optional add-on | Approx. 3–4 hours | Pricing \$1

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