GO AHEAD TOURS



Florence, Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

9 days | 11 days with Lake Como extension

Slow down and learn the true meaning of la dolce vita as you explore three of Italy's most inviting destinations. Walk in the footsteps of Michelangelo and Dante in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, and take in Tuscany's iconic red rooftops and green hills. Then, make your way to the sunny, colorful shores of the Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
2 dinners with beer or wine
3 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Florence Duomo
Giotto's Campanile
Basilica of Santa Croce
Ponte Vecchio
Lucca's city walls
San Martino Cathedral
San Michele in Foro
Cinque Terre

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–30

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Florence today.

Florence → 4 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Florence
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Italy! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Florence
Included meals: breakfast
Get to know Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, as you make your way through the UNESCO-recognized historic center with a local guide.

- View the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo
- Pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture
- Step inside the Basilica of Santa Croce, burial site of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and Galileo
- See the medieval Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, the center of Florentine life

Enjoy a free evening in Florence of add an excursion.
+ Fiesole Villa Dinner

Day 4: Free day in Florence
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Florence or add excursions.
+ The Leaning Tower of Pisa
+ Tuscan Cooking Class & Dinner

Day 5: Free day in Florence
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in Florence or add an excursion.
+ Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

Italian Riviera → 3 nights

Day 6: Italian Riviera via Lucca
Included meals: breakfast
Known for its Renaissance-era walls, Lucca sits in the heart of Tuscany. You'll get to know the town on a guided tour.

- Walk along a section of the city's walls and learn about their illustrious history
- Take in impressive views of the classic red-tiled rooftops, medieval churches, and swath of cypress trees below
- Descend into the center of town to view the Palazzo Pfanner, Guinigi Tower, and Basilica of San Frediano
- Enter San Martino Cathedral and San Michele in Foro, a basilica known for its intricately inlaid facade

This afternoon, continue to the Italian Riviera.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Cinque Terre
Included meals: breakfast
Join your Tour Director to discover Cinque Terre, an idyllic cluster of five villages set on seaside cliffs.

- Board a train to Monterosso and soak in views of the pebble beach that the village is known for
- Hop about a boat to the village of Vernazza and admire the colorful houses that dot the waterfront
- Continue by boat to the dramatic coastal village of Riomaggiore
- Learn about Via dell'Amore, one of the area's most famous hiking paths, which connects two of the five villages
- Enjoy short walks through each village before spending free time exploring, shopping, and eating
- Admire the Liguria regions' varied landscape as you transfer back to your hotel by train

Please note: The boat ride is weather-dependent. In the case of inclement weather, you'll visit the villages by train. In addition, the specific villages you visit may vary.

Day 8: Free day on the Italian Riviera
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day on the Italian Riviera or add an excursion.
Then, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.
+ Villages of the Italian Riviera & Lunch

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the Genoa airport for your flight home or continue your trip to explore Lake Como.

+ Lake Como extension

Lake Como is arguably one of the Lombardy region's loveliest spots, with Alpine landscapes and ritzy villas galore. It's also a go-to locale for the rich and famous, but you don't need to be George Clooney to visit. Just extend your journey alongside your Tour Director.

Lake Como → 2 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Lake Como & sightseeing tour
Included meals: breakfast
Head north to beautiful Lake Como, located in the foothills of the Alps, where your Tour Director introduces you to the waterfront city of Como.

- See Como's eclectic architecture, glittering lakefront, and mountain scenery
- View Como Cathedral, one of the last Gothic cathedrals built in Italy

Day 10: Free day in Lake Como
Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in the Lake Como area or add an excursion.
This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Lake Como Cruise & Bellagio

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the Milan airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/FTI | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Fiesole Villa Dinner
$99/$109* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)
Head just outside Florence to Fiesole, a historic Tuscan town perched on a hill overlooking the Renaissance city. Tonight's dinner is set in a picturesque villa with panoramic views of the city below. Start your evening with an aperitif and then enjoy a refined Italian dinner with local wine. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April to October. Additionally, the aperitif may be enjoyed inside in the case of inclement weather.

Day 4: The Leaning Tower of Pisa
$105/$115* (6.5 hours, departure time varies)
Travel through the Tuscan countryside for a visit to Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles, to see the famed Leaning Tower. Admire the Pisan Romanesque marble facade of the adjacent UNESCO-listed 11th-century cathedral before stepping inside. Then, gaze at Giovanni Pisano's Gothic pulpit inside the Baptistery of St. John. End your time with a gelato tasting. Please note, entrance into the tower is not included.

Day 4: Tuscan Cooking Class & Dinner
$115 (2.5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
This evening, learn how to make a traditional Tuscan meal under the direction of expert local chefs. Craft authentic pici, a thick, hand-rolled pasta, two kinds of bruschetta, and tiramisu. Then, pair your creations with wine, and sit down to a delicious dinner with your group. Please note: Depending on the size of the group, the class may be divided into two shifts. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 5: Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns
$125/$135* (10 hours, departs in the morning)
Discover the essence of Tuscany on a full-day excursion. In Siena, a local guide introduces you to the town and its black-and-white marble duomo, where you'll find brilliantly colored 16th-century frescoes in the Piccolomini Library. You'll have some free time to explore the Campo, the square that serves as the center of civic life in Siena. Then, journey through the countryside to the town of San Gimignano, where you'll have some free time to explore the city's medieval towers or simply admire the Tuscan hills. Later, you'll head to a nearby vineyard, where an included wine tasting awaits. Please note: This excursion involves a moderate amount of walking.

Day 8: Villages of the Italian Riviera & Lunch
$115/$125* (7.5 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Drive through the countryside to Sestri Levante, a beautiful seaside village located on the Italian Riviera. Here, you'll have free time to explore on your own before setting out on a walk along the coastline to Baia delle Silenzio, one of the city's sparkling azure bays. Enjoy stunning bayside views while eating a delicious lunch of local seafood and meat specialties paired with regional wine. Then, stroll through the village castle gardens and take in views of both Baia delle Silenzio and another bay known as Baia delle Favole. Next, hop aboard a ferry to make your way to the breathtaking village of Portofino. Artists and celebrities alike flock to this celebrated destination, and you'll enjoy free time for shopping or relaxing while admiring the picturesque vistas of the harbor. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from March through November. It also involves a moderate amount of walking.

Extension excursion options

Day 10: Lake Como Cruise & Bellagio
$105/$115* (5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)
Hop aboard a scenic cruise of Lake Como to soak in some of Italy's most beautiful estates and gardens. Float past charming lakeside towns to Bellagio, a village whose scenery has inspired poets and young lovers for centuries. You'll have time to take in Bellagio's classic beauty before heading to a local restaurant, where you'll sample cuisine from a carefully chosen menu. Please note: Your included meal may be lunch or dinner as departure time varies by season. This excursion is weather-dependent.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms