



Journey through Italy: Milan to the Amalfi Coast

18 days | 21 days with Taormina Region extension

Relishing simple moments—say, enjoying a seemingly never-ending meal of pasta and wine in Rome—is a way of life in Italy. This feeling of *la dolce vita* is palpable from the winding canals of Venice and the cliffs of Cinque Terre, to the streets of Florence and the shores of the Amalfi Coast. On this immersive tour, each slice of ancient history, dreamy landscape, and fresh local flavor this showstopping country is known for is yours to experience.



Your tour package includes

- 16 nights in handpicked hotels
- 16 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 10 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Milan Cathedral
- St. Mark's Square
- Balsamic vinegar tasting
- Cinque Terre
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Basilica of Santa Croce
- Assisi's basilicas
- Pompeii ruins
- Roman Forum
- Amalfi Coast

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel Day

Board your overnight flight to Milan today.

Milan → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Milan

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Italy! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Milan

Included meals: breakfast

Meet up with a local guide and embark on a sightseeing tour of Italy's fashion capital.

- Pass by the 15th-century Sforza Castle.
- Walk through the Brera District and see the statue of Leonardo da Vinci, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, and Piazza della Scala.
- Enter Teatro alla Scala and view the elegant concert hall.
- Visit the theater's museum to see exhibits that highlight Italy's historic connection to the opera.
- Step inside the Gothic-style Milan Cathedral, Italy's largest cathedral.

Please note: If there is a show or practice in session, travelers will not enter the concert hall.

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore Milan at your leisure.

Day 4: Free day in Milan

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Milan or add an excursion.
+ Lake Como Boat Ride & Bellagio Lunch

Venice → 2 nights

Day 5: Venice via Verona

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

En route to Venice, stop in Verona and walk through the city with your Tour Director.

- Stroll through the city's UNESCO-recognized historic center.
- Admire the Roman arena, Piazza delle Erbe, and the balcony of Shakespeare's Juliet.

Enjoy free time before continuing on to Venice, where you'll enjoy an included dinner.

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Venice

Included meals: breakfast

Admire historic churches, winding canals, and picture-perfect piazzas on a guided tour of the city known as the Queen of the Adriatic.

- Stroll across the iconic St. Mark's Square and view St. Mark's Basilica.
- View the stately Doge's Palace, built in the Venetian Gothic style in 1340.
- Marvel at the Bridge of Sighs, the link between Doge's Palace and the New Prison.
- See a glassblowing demonstration to learn about the city's most celebrated art.

Spend a free afternoon in Venice or add an excursion.

+ Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

+ Private Gondola Ride: Canal Cruise for Two

Italian Riviera → 2 nights

Day 7: Italian Riviera via balsamic vinegar villa

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

As you travel to the Italian Riviera, stop at a balsamic vinegar villa. You'll sample the Modena province's famous vinegar, known as Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena, and enjoy an included lunch of local specialties.

After, continue on to the Italian Riviera.

Day 8: 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.

Florence → 3 nights

Day 9: Florence via Pisa

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make a stop in Pisa as you travel to Florence today.

- Walk through the Piazza dei Miracoli and see the famed Leaning Tower.
- Enjoy a tour of the adjacent cathedral and the Baptistery of St. John.

Then, continue on to Florence and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Florence

Included meals: breakfast

Set off on a guided tour of Florence, the city at the center of the Renaissance.

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

Enjoy free time in Florence or add an excursion.
+ Accademia Gallery

Day 11: Free day in Florence

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Florence or add an excursion.

+ Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

Rome → 3 nights

Day 12: Rome via Assisi

Included meals: breakfast

Drive through spectacular Umbria to hillside Assisi, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the town's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Visit Assisi's lower and upper basilicas.
- See Giotto's magnificent frescoes and other late-medieval art.

Then, continue on to Rome.

Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus.
- View the Colosseum, a monumental amphitheater that reverberates with the roar of ancient spectacles.
- Traverse the evocative ruins of the Forum, once the pulsating heart of Roman life.
- Pass Palatine Hill, see where ancient Romans raced chariots at Circus Maximus, and view the Baths of Caracalla.

Enjoy free time in Rome or add an excursion.

+ Food of Rome: Walking Tour of Trastevere

Day 14: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy an elegant, four-course dinner at a local restaurant with live musical entertainment.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Sorrento Peninsula → 3 nights

Day 15: Sorrento Peninsula via Pompeii

Included meals: breakfast

En route to the Sorrento peninsula, stop at Pompeii for a guided walking tour of the city's ruins.

- Discover how Roman citizens lived 2,000 years ago, before Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.
- View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths.

Then, continue on to the Sorrento peninsula.

Day 16: Sightseeing tour of the Amalfi Coast

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a full-day trip to the scenic Amalfi Coast.

- Travel by boat from Sorrento to the town of Amalfi and admire the impressive cliff-side villages.

- Enter Amalfi Cathedral, which houses the crypt of Saint Andrew.
- Enjoy free time to explore the charming town's shops, restaurants, and the beach.

Cruise back to Sorrento and transfer to your hotel where you'll enjoy a free evening or you can add an excursion.

Please note: In the event the boat is not operating due to poor weather conditions, a visit to Vietri by bus will replace the visit to Amalfi Town.

+ Rustic Italy: Farmhouse Dinner & Wine Tasting

Day 17: Free day on the Sorrento Peninsula

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Enjoy free time on the Sorrento peninsula or add an excursion.

Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.

+ Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

Flight home

Day 18: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Naples airport for your flight home or continue on to explore Sicily's Taormina region.

+ Taormina Region extension

"Picturesque" is the word that springs to mind when we think of the Taormina region's pretty piazzas and ocean vistas (although "jaw-dropping" and "mesmerizing" work, too). Fly to Sicily and explore this lovely locale with an expert guide in the lead.

Taormina Region → 3 nights

Day 18: Flight to Catania

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Catania, Sicily. Then, transfer to the Taormina region.

Day 19: Sightseeing tour of Taormina

Included meals: breakfast

Meet up with a local guide who will introduce you to Taormina, a scenic town perched high above the sea.

- Enjoy views of Mount Etna, Taormina Cathedral, and Palazzo Corvaja, seat of the first Sicilian parliament.
- Visit the town's 2nd-century Greek theater.

Spend a free evening in the Taormina region or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Sicilian Dinner & Wine Tasting

Day 20: Free day in the Taormina Region

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in the Taormina region or add an excursion.

This evening, raise a glass and toast to your trip with a farewell drink.

+ Mount Etna: Sicily's Volcanic Landscapes

Day 21: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Catania airport for your flight home.

Extension is available on select departure dates.

Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travelers is required.

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.ca/MIG | 1-800-754-5066

Day 4: Lake Como Boat Ride & Bellagio Lunch

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (7 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Head out with your Tour Director to explore Como, a city known for its mix of cultural and natural attractions. You'll enjoy free time to shop and admire the city's lakeside vistas. Then, hop aboard a scenic cruise of Lake Como to soak in some of Italy's most beautiful estates and gardens. Float past charming small 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 sit down for an included lunch.

Day 6: Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

\$125CAD/\$135CAD* (25 minutes, departure time varies)

More than 100 canals crisscross Venice, and boarding a sleek, black gondola to explore them has become a time-honored tradition. On this memorable excursion, join your fellow travelers for a tour through the canals of Venice, with a gondolier deftly guiding your boat along. Please note: This excursion runs as weather permits, and travelers should feel comfortable getting into and out of the gondolas. A private, two-person gondola ride is available for an additional cost.

Day 6: Private Gondola Ride: Canal Cruise for Two

\$225CAD/\$235CAD* (25 minutes, departure time varies)

More than 100 canals crisscross Venice, and boarding a sleek, black gondola to explore them has become a time-honored tradition. On this memorable excursion, you'll enjoy a private gondola cruise for two through the canals of Venice, with a gondolier deftly guiding your boat along.

Please note: This excursion requires two passengers. Cost is per person, and each traveler must book the excursion. Travelers should also feel comfortable getting into and out of the gondolas. This excursion runs as weather permits.

Day 10: Accademia Gallery

\$89CAD (2 hours, departure time varies)

Home to Michelangelo's masterpiece David, the Accademia Gallery is one of the most famous museums in Florence. Skip the ticket lines, and join a local guide on a tour of the museum as you learn about Renaissance art history and view a variety of pieces, including the marble statue of David. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

Day 11: Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

\$175CAD/\$185CAD* (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 13: Food of Rome: Walking Tour of Trastevere

\$189CAD/\$199CAD* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Meet up with a local guide for a culinary-themed walking tour of Trastevere. This historic neighborhood is located across the Tiber River and is home to some of the Rome's best shops, bars, and restaurants. Step inside four handpicked eateries, each of which showcases the area's rich culinary traditions. You'll enjoy tastings of aperitivi, pasta, pastries, and gelato—all quintessential Italian foods. Over an aperitivo and a glass of wine, your guide will talk about the various flavors and cooking techniques that have come to define the local cuisine. Watch locals go about their daily lives as you stroll along the charming trattoria-lined streets during your tour.

Day 14: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$175CAD (3.5 hours, departure time varies)

This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known: Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà.

Please note: Should this excursion fall on a Sunday, it'll be moved to another day of the tour. Backpacks aren't allowed in the Vatican, and shorts and sleeveless shirts are strictly prohibited. Due to closures of certain entrances and pathways, wait times may extend to several hours during busy travel months. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 70 days prior to departure.

Day 16: Rustic Italy: Farmhouse Dinner & Wine Tasting

\$175CAD/\$185CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take a short trip outside of Sorrento for a cultural experience at an agriturismo, or farm stay. Here you'll have a chance to explore the lush gardens, cultivated fields, and vegetation typical of many Mediterranean regions. After touring the farm, savor an aperitif of prosecco, meant to stimulate the appetite. A four-course dinner will follow, complete with a wine tasting led by an experienced sommelier. After an evening experiencing the Italian art of eating, return to Sorrento. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from March through October and inclusions may vary based on season. In addition, climbing stairs and walking is required in order to tour the farm.

Day 17: Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

\$149CAD/\$159CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Travel by ferry to the fabled Isle of Capri, a beloved resort since the days of the Roman Republic. Weather permitting, you'll board a small boat and enjoy a short cruise around the island. Later, enjoy free time to discover why everyone from Roman emperors to iconic actress Sophia Loren have chosen to spend their vacations in Capri. If weather prohibits a boat cruise, you'll travel to the village of Anacapri to visit the picturesque Gardens of Augustus, which offer stunning views of the surrounding scenery. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes. Travelers prone to seasickness should take the proper precautions.

Extension excursion options

Day 19: Traditional Sicilian Dinner & Wine Tasting

\$149CAD/\$159CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Venture into the foothills surrounding Mt. Etna for dinner and a wine tasting at a local vineyard. Like Sicily itself, Sicilian cuisine has been profoundly influenced by the myriad cultures that have made this island their home.

Day 20: Mount Etna: Sicily's Volcanic Landscapes

\$129CAD/\$139CAD* (7 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Travel from Taormina to the base of Mount Etna, Europe's largest and highest active volcano. Here, a local guide will board your bus and you'll ascend up to 5,000 feet, stopping at a scenic vantage point to snap photos and learn about the mountain's long history of eruptions, as well as its native flora and fauna. Continue up to 6,600 feet, where you'll have free time to walk among the volcanic craters and peruse the mountainside shops before sampling local delicacies at an included three-course lunch. Please note: Comfortable shoes and layered clothing are

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recommended. Temperatures on the mountain are cool in the summer and can be quite chilly the rest of the year.

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