GO AHEAD TOURS



New Year's Eve in Florence with Venice & Rome

9 days | 11 days with Sorrento Peninsula extension

Start your trip in Venice, where romance is at the forefront alongside sprawling Baroque palaces and meandering, gondola-dotted canals. Then, head to Florence to celebrate the new year where the legacy of the world's greatest artists can still be felt. And in Rome, history is ever-present, from the crumbling Colosseum to the Forum. The people, the food, the way of life—experience what Italy is all about as you make your way from one city to the next.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
3 dinners with beer or wine, including a celebratory New Year's Eve dinner with Champagne toast
3 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

New Year's Eve in Florence
St. Mark's Basilica
Florence Duomo
Ponte Vecchio
world-famous Italian cuisine
Colosseum

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

Group size

15–38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Included meals: dinner
Board your overnight flight to Venice today.

Venice → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Venice
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Italy! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Later, meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: 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.

- Step into the iconic St. Mark's Square and enter 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

Enjoy a free afternoon in Venice or add an excursion.
+ Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise
+ Private Gondola Ride: Canal Cruise for Two

Florence → 2 nights

Day 4: Transfer to Florence & sightseeing tour
Included meals: breakfast
Cross through the Apennine Mountains as you make your way to Florence. Once you arrive, get to know the city with a local guide.

- View the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo
- Pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture
- Walk past Piazza della Repubblica to the medieval Ponte Vecchio
- Stroll along the Arno River and through the courtyard of the Uffizi Gallery to Piazza della Signoria, center of Florentine life

Day 5: Free day in Florence & New Year's Eve celebration
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Enjoy a free day in Florence to explore the city at your leisure or add an excursion.
Tonight, you'll welcome the new year with a special multi-course dinner and Champagne toast. Then, the evening is yours to enjoy the city's festivities.
+ San Gimignano: Medieval Sights & Tuscan Flavors

Rome → 3 nights

Day 6: Transfer to Rome
Included meals: breakfast
Depart Florence for Rome, where you'll have a free evening to explore the city.

Day 7: 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
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla

Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome or add an excursion.
+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

Day 8: Free day in Rome
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Enjoy a free day to explore the city or add an excursion.
Then, join your group at tonight's farewell dinner.
+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit the Sorrento peninsula.

+ Sorrento Peninsula extension

From its perch high above the Bay of Naples, Sorrento waits to welcome you with its candy-colored villas, beautiful sea views, and food you'll be talking about for a long time. Continue on with your Tour Director to explore the Sorrento Peninsula, which is just as inviting as it sounds, and uncover history on a tour of Pompeii.

Sorrento Peninsula → 2 nights

Day 9: 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 before Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79
- View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths

Day 10: Free day on the Sorrento Peninsula
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy free time to explore the Sorrento peninsula or add an excursion.
This evening, sip a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the 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.ca/VF6 | 1-800-754-5066**

Day 3: 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 3: 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 5: San Gimignano: Medieval Sights & Tuscan Flavors
$159CAD/$169CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)
Travel through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to discover the medieval village of San Gimignano. During the Renaissance, the rival Guelph and Ghibelline political factions flexed their muscles by constructing tall towers throughout San Gimignano; fourteen of those towers survive today. Later, visit a local winery for a taste of the area's wines and a sampling of olive oil and balsamic vinegar that you simply won't find anywhere else. Then, enjoy lasagna during a light lunch.

Day 7: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs
$125CAD/$135CAD* (4 hours, departure time varies)
Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through the burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome. Originally founded by Constantine the Great, the Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul.
Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the Basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be challenging for claustrophobic travelers.

Day 8: 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.

Extension excursion options

Day 10: 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 enjoy a boat ride around the island. Later, you'll enjoy free time to discover why everyone from Roman emperors to Sophia Loren has spent their vacations in Capri. If the weather prohibits a boat ride, you'll travel to the village of Anacapri, which offers stunning views of the surrounding scenery.
Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. Travelers prone to seasickness should take the proper precautions.

*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.ca/terms