



# New Year's Eve in Venice with Florence & Rome

12 days | 15 days with Naples extension

Try as you might, it's impossible to choose a favorite among Venice, Florence, and Rome. Each city is unique by its own right, with distinctive flavors, sights, and sounds. Float along Venice's meandering canals before watching New Year's Eve fireworks light up the sky and water. Then, gain new respect for the Renaissance masters in Florence and walk in the footsteps of the ancients in Rome.



## Your tour package includes

10 nights in handpicked hotels  
10 breakfasts  
4 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 Venice  
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 and unpaved paths, 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 Venice today.

## Venice → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Venice

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Italy! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Later, meet your group at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Venice & New Year's Eve celebration

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

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.

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 as you please.

+ Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

+ Private Gondola Ride: Canal Cruise for Two

### Day 4: Free day in Venice

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Venice or add an excursion.

+ Islands of the Venetian Lagoon: Burano & Torcello

## Florence → 3 nights

### Day 5: Transfer to Florence

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Cross through the Apennine Mountains on your way to Florence, where you'll meet a local guide for a tour of the city.

- 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
- Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 6: Free day in Florence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Florence or add an excursion.

+ Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

### Day 7: Free day in Florence

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend another free day in Florence or add excursions.

+ The Leaning Tower of Pisa

+ Accademia Gallery

## Rome → 4 nights

### Day 8: Rome via Orvieto

*Included meals: breakfast*

En route to Rome, stop in the Etruscan hilltop city of Orvieto for free time.

- Hop aboard a funicular to make your ascent to Orvieto
- See Orvieto Cathedral, a striking example of Gothic architecture

### Day 9: 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

Spend free time in Rome or add an excursion.

+ Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

### Day 10: Free day in Rome

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

### Day 11: Free day in Rome

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Enjoy another day to explore Rome at your leisure or add an excursion.

Later, gather with your group at tonight's farewell dinner.

+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

## Flight Home

### Day 12: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to explore Naples.

## + Naples extension

What's that line that Dean Martin sang? Ah yes... "That's amore!" He was singing about Na-ples, of course, and for good reason: There's so much to love about this second-to-none desti-nation. Discover that feeling while exploring with a local guide and seeking out your interests with the help of your Tour Director.

## Naples → 3 nights

### Day 13: Transfer to Naples & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Say *arrivederci* to Rome as you make your way to Naples. Upon arrival, join a local guide for a sightseeing tour of this beautiful bayside city.

- Enjoy a panoramic tour with a scenic drive along the Naples waterfront
- Pass Castel dell'Ovo, the seaside castle on a peninsula in the Bay of Naples
- Visit the National Archaeological Museum and see relics of Roman history

### Day 14: Free day in Naples

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a free day in Naples or add excursions.

+ The Lost City of Pompeii

+ A Naples Tradition: Neapolitan Pizza

#### **Day 15: Free day in Naples**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Naples or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

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### **Flight Home → 1 night**

#### **Day 16: 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.com/VF8](https://goaheadtours.com/VF8) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

\$89/\$99\* (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

\$165/\$175\* (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 4: Islands of the Venetian Lagoon: Burano & Torcello

\$85/\$95\* (5 hours, departure time varies)

Visit the islands of the Venetian lagoon, a favorite day trip for locals and travelers alike. First travel by water taxi to Torcello, where the story of Venice began. It was here that mainlanders sought a safe haven from invading barbarians. Step inside the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, whose famous mosaics depict The Last Judgement. The next stop is the tiny fishing village of Burano, where brightly colored homes greet visitors. Wander as you please throughout Burano, and be sure to stop in at the island's bakeries.

## Day 6: 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 7: 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 7: Accademia Gallery

\$65 (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 9: Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

\$119/\$129\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

In this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef, you'll learn to make pasta—perhaps pillowy ravioli or castellane, a ridged shell pasta that's rolled into a long, oval shape—using traditional techniques you can keep on practicing when you get back home. Then, sit down for dinner and enjoy the dishes you've prepared, along with wine.

## Day 10: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$125 (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 11: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

\$89/\$99\* (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.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 14: The Lost City of Pompeii

\$89/\$99\* (5 hours, departure time varies)

Travel to Pompeii for a guided tour of the famous ruins. Discover how Roman citizens lived 2,000 years ago, before Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79 and smothered the town of Pompeii in a flood of volcanic ash. View the excavated ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths. Pompeii is located near the idyllic Bay of Naples, known for its expansive views of the area's islands, capes, and nearby Mount Vesuvius.

### Day 14: A Naples Tradition: Neapolitan Pizza

\$79/\$89\* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Visit one of Naples' most famous pizzerias for a demonstration of the local art of pizza making—and a tasting of the final product, of course. Pizza as we know it today was born in Neapolitan peasant towns in the late 18th century, nearly 200 years after explorers brought tomatoes back from the New World. Lucky for pizza lovers, the fruit finally made its way onto rustic, yeast-based flatbreads. The new creation drew tourists in to the poorer areas of the town just for a taste—and this tradition of quality and freshness still reigns supreme in Neapolitan kitchens.

### Day 15: Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

\$125/\$135\* (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.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)