Great Italian Cities

August 5 – 15, 2027

11 Days, 13 Meals

Airfare Included!

Booking Deadline: March 9, 2027

Starting from: $5,999 per person

Low booking deposit of: $200 per person

From history carved in stone to romance floating on water and beauty framed by Tuscan hills, this journey through Rome, Venice, and Florence is more than a trip. It's a love affair with Italy!

Daily Itinerary

Thursday, August 5, 2027 - Depart Central PA for a flight to Rome, Italy

Your journey begins with a motorcoach transfer from Central Penn to a local international airport for an overnight flight* to Rome, Italy.

*Group air schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time of the initial deposit.

Friday, August 6, 2027 - Arrive in Rome – Welcome Dinner

Set off on a truly bellissimo adventure through Italy's most stunning cities, beginning in Rome, the legendary Eternal City. Meet your Travel Director for a wonderful welcome dinner, then ease into *la dolce vita* with an orientation drive showcasing Rome's most breathtaking landmarks. Hotel: *Grand Palatino* (Dinner)

Saturday, August 7, 2027 - Rome and Vatican City

Begin your day with a Local Specialist as you explore Vatican City. Discover the impressive treasures of the Vatican Museums and gaze up at Michelangelo's legendary frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, where you'll see his famous *Pietà*. Later, cross the Tiber River into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum.

**Please note: On some departures, access to St. Peter's Basilica may be restricted due to the Papal Audience.* You'll still have time to take in the atmosphere of St. Peter's Square during your visit to Vatican City. Hotel: *Grand Palatino* (Breakfast)

Sunday, August 8, 2027 - Free day to explore Rome

Spend the day at leisure discovering Rome at your own pace, or choose an Optional Experience to explore the poignant ruins of Pompeii, accompanied by a Local Specialist, uncover the stories of its past before returning to Rome, traveling past the

Abbey of Monte Cassino, a landmark marked by intense battles during World War II. Hotel: *Grand Palatino* (Breakfast)

Monday, August 9, 2027 - Travel from Rome to Florence

Travel north through the gentle landscapes of Umbria to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. With a Local Specialist, discover the life and legacy of this beloved saint during a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis. Continue onward through the beautiful Tuscan countryside en route to Florence. This evening, savor dinner at a *Be My Guest* experience, surrounded by postcard worthy olive groves and vineyards. Hotel: *FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo* (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tuesday, August 10, 2027 - Florence

Take a relaxed walking tour of Florence with a Local Specialist, immersing yourself in the city's extraordinary art and architecture. Explore the magnificent Piazza della Signoria, renowned for its statues and historic palaces, then wander through quaint cobblestone streets to the vividly colored marble Duomo and Baptistery. Pause to admire the picturesque Ponte Vecchio spanning the Arno River. The afternoon is yours to enjoy: stroll through Florence's historic heart, browse for the fine leather goods the city is known for, or admire the lasting artistic legacy of the Medici family at every corner. Hotel: *FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo* (Breakfast)

Wednesday, August 11, 2027 - Florence to Pisa

Spend your morning at leisure in Florence before traveling across the lush Arno Valley to Pisa. There, join a Local Specialist for a visit to the famous Square of Miracles, where you'll admire the remarkable Leaning Tower and the striking marble cathedral. Continue on to see the beautifully detailed Baptistery and the Camposanto, a grand cemetery said to be built from earth brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. Hotel: *FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo* (Breakfast)

Thursday, August 12, 2027 - Bologna and Venice

Head north through the Apennine Mountains to the medieval city of Bologna. On a guided tour with a Local Specialist, take in views of the iconic Kissing Towers, leaning toward one another as if in an embrace. Continue onward to Venice, the enchanting island city celebrated for its deep artistic and cultural legacy. Take part in an included excursion of taking a ride on the Gondolas and seeing the Grand Canal. Enjoy free time to explore the maze like streets, crossing bridges and wandering into peaceful campi. Hotel: *Amadeus, Principe* (Breakfast, Dinner)

Friday, August 13, 2027 - Venice – St. Mark's Square

Experience Venice's most iconic and surprising sights as you arrive by private launch into St. Mark's Square. Take in views of the Bridge of Sighs, elegant Palladian churches, the Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica, and the richly adorned Doge's Palace. Later, visit one of Venice's few remaining workshops to learn about the intricate craft of traditional glassblowing. The afternoon is yours to enjoy: wander through this floating city at your own pace or opt for an Optional Experience to the vibrant island of Burano, where brightly painted fishermen's houses edge the canals. Hotel: *Amadeus, Principe* (Breakfast)

Saturday, August 14, 2027 - Venice - Walking Tour to the Rialto Bridge

Join a dedicated lagoon conservationist for a thought?provoking MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience focused on protecting Venice's fragile environment. Later, explore landmarks immortalized in poetry, music, and literature on a walking tour with a Local Specialist, following the canals to the iconic Rialto Bridge. Here, centuries of Italian culinary tradition come alive at the historic food market. Wander through Venice's narrow *calli*, admiring the city's graceful architecture, and cross the Rialto Bridge before enjoying free time to discover sights of your choosing. This evening, celebrate the finale of your unforgettable journey through Italy's great cities with a farewell dinner. Hotel: *Amadeus, Principe* (Breakfast, Dinner)

Sunday, August 15, 2027 - Depart from Venice, Italy for Central PA

For now, bid a warm *arrivederci* to Italy and to the new friends who shared in its unforgettable sights, sounds, and flavors. as we head to an international airport in Venice for a flight* back to Central PA. (Breakfast)

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**Itinerary is subject to change at any time without advanced notice and/or compensation.

Highlights

- Fast Track Admission to the Vatican Museums
- Visit Vatican museums and the Sistine Chapel
- St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome
- Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi
- A glassblowing factory in Venice
- View the Colosseum in Rome
- Santa Croce Basilica
- Duomo in Florence
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice
- Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

Included Benefits

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation to a local international airport
- Roundtrip airfare from a local international airport to Rome, Italy, with return from Venice
- Nine nights of hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated in the itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of a professional Trafalgar Tours tour director, driver, and local guides
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- Meals included are 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Gondolas and a Grand Canal excursion (typically an additional charge)
- All local taxes, hotel service charges, and porterage for one suitcase per person
- Services of a AAA Discoveries Journey Manager

General Info

Payment:

Rates per person:

Double occupancy: $5,999
Single occupancy: $6,739
Triple occupancy: $5,969

Non-Members add $60 to the above rates. Single occupancy rooms are extremely limited and subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by the supplier. Rates are subject to availability at the time of booking and include taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges, which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 30 full-fare passengers.

A deposit of $200 per person will confirm your reservation. Final payment is due to AAA by **April 23, 2027.**

Cancellation penalties:

From January 4 – April 23, 2027: $200 per person, plus any additional suppliers’ fees.
From April 24 – July 6, 2027: 50% paid per person, plus any additional suppliers’ fees.
From July 7 – August 3, 2027: 80% paid per person, plus any additional suppliers’ fees.
After August 3, 2027: 100% non refundable.

Airfare is non refundable after the final payment date of April 23, 2027.

As travel policies are rapidly changing, final requirements will be communicated prior to departure. Please see your travel advisor for additional information.

Activity Level:

Moderate: Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

Travel Assistance:

For person comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What Travel Documents Do I Need?

Passport: Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank Visa page for Visa stamp(s) is required for this trip.

ETIAS: As of the printing of this brochure all guests are required to obtain an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System) travel authorization for travel to Europe's Schengen zone (not included in the price of the trip). Please see your Travel Advisor for additional information.

Do I need Travel Insurance?

For your protection, AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

What will the weather be like?

Temperatures for Italy in August average in the high 70s and 80s with cooler mornings and evenings. Casual clothes good for layering in order to be prepared for a variety of temperatures. Comfortable walking shoes are also recommended; be prepared for potential inclement weather.

How Many Bags May I Bring?

Due to limited space while touring, all passengers are limited to one checked bag no more than 50lbs. Soft sided carry-on bags no larger than 22in x 14in x 9in with a zippered enclosure are recommended. Wheeled carry-on cases that are used as carry-on luggage on airlines are too large and are not suitable as hand-carried luggage. You may also bring a personal carry-on item small enough to fit under your seat no larger than 18in x14in x 8in. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by the airlines or airport.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.