

Tailored travel itinerary for: ...

One week tour in Italy

A Delightfullyitaly itinerary



Suggested Itinerary

Introduction

Welcome to Italy! Here is your tailored Italian Itinerary, based on the request you sent to me by mail. In the next pages you will find:

- A day to day itinerary, and the links to reserve your trains
- Two suggested hotels by town, with the links to reserve them on www.booking.com. The hotels are selected based on the ratings (minimum 8.5, as far as possible), the convenience of the locations and their having, as far as possible, an “Italian feeling”. I’m providing you with 2 suggestion by location, available at the very moment I send you the itinerary. You can choose a different hotel, it would be kind of you to navigate Booking using the link I pasted on this guide
- A day to day itinerary, with the main things to do and see, and the links to some specific posts on delighfullyitaly.com to learn more.
- I will also add a selection of guided tours you may consider. Of course, you don’t necessarily need a guided tour. On the other side, the advantages of a guided tours are two: you will learn more about the places you visit, and you will save time on queuing and on logistics.
- My personal recommendation for restaurants – these are the ones I’ve been eating and that I liked, plus any suggestion for cheaper options (for instance for light lunches)
- Travel tips that, based on my personal experience, you may find useful to carve your Italian Experience (off the beaten path places, suggestions on logistics, etc)

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Some general comments and tips:

- You only have one week: this will make your itinerary very rushy! I may Consider adding some more days (ideally, you should give yourself 7-8 full days, excluding departure and arrival)
- In order to optimize logistics, you should purchase an “open jaws” ticket, landing in Venice and leaving from Rome. In case you can't do so, you should consider an additional half day to go back to your departure airport.
- Hotels are rather expensive in Italy: a minimum of 100€/night would be reasonable for decent locations in high season. In the main touristic destinations, such as Venice, Rome and Florence, a decent room in a convenient location may hardly cost less than 150 €/night. Apartments could bring down your total costs, since you will be able to cook: this would be my suggested option in case you travel with your family. Air B&B could be an option for stay longer than a couple of days.
- You may save money by staying far from the city center, but this would mean spending a lot of time on public transports. Not really an option if you only have one week.
- Since time is limited, using op on – op off buses, skip the line tickets and in general pre packaged tours (such as to visit selected Tuscany locations) could help you optimizing your time

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Daily planning

Day 1:

Landing in Venice
Recover Jet Lag, Venice walking tour

Day 2:

Visit Venice, quick trip to Murano

Day 3:

Early morning transfer to Florence by fast train
Florence in day walking tour

Day 4:

Day trip to Siena and San Gimignano

Day 5:

Early morning transfer to Rome by fast train
Barocco Rome walking tour

Day 6:

Imperial Rome & Vatican walking tour
Night walk in Rome

Day 7:

Flight back home

Train operators: Trenitalia, [Reserve here](#)
Italo, [Reserve here](#)



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Where to stay – suggested hotels

Venice: Hotels in Venice are very expensive, here are two good options in a medium price range, conveniently located

- ▶ **Locanda Cavanella, [Click here to see the hotel](#)**
- ▶ **Invisible Venice Bed and Breakfast [Click here to see the hotel](#)**

Florence: Florence city center is small, you can go everywhere by foot. Here are two medium price hotels in the very city center

- ▶ **Hotel dei mori, in the heart of Florence, walking distance from everything [click here to see the hotel](#)**
- ▶ **Santa Croce exclusive, very cosy hotel in medieval city center [Click here to see the hotel](#)**

Rome: In Rome you really need to stay close to the city center, so not too waste all your time in less than acceptable Roman public transports

- ▶ **The Hide Trastevere, in the most “Roman” of all neighborhoods, [Click here to see the hotel](#)**
- ▶ **Guest House al conservatorio, very close to Navona square, [Click here to see the hotel](#)**

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Day one: Milan

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Milan a free walking tour: follow my itinerary: [click here to see the tour](#)
- ▶ Visit the Last Supper, Leonardo's master piece
- ▶ Discover Milan happy hour, [click here to know more](#)

Suggested tours

- ▶ [Milan Hop on Hop off bus](#)
- ▶ [Milan Duomo and terraces - skip the line ticket + audioguide](#)
- ▶ [The last Supper: skip the line + audioguide](#)

Where to eat

- ▶ Enjoy Milan Great food and discover Eataly food hall: [discover Milan best restaurants](#)
- ▶ For the best food hall in town, go to the Eataly store, in Piazza

Insider's tips

- ▶ Leonardo's last supper needs a reservation months in advance, a guided tour can help
- ▶ The "Happy hour in Milan" comes with all sorts of self service, buffet food: it could easily substitute a dinner, at a very reasonable price (expect to pay around 8 €)
- ▶ Crazy about shopping? Regular buses bring fashion victims with major Outlets around Milan, such as Serravalle or Fox Town. Look for Zani Viaggi web site

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Day two: Venice

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Have a look at my post “20 top things to do in Venice”, [click here to see the post](#)
- ▶ San Marco and the Doge palace
- ▶ Punta della Dogana modern art Museum, as well as the Guggenheim
- ▶ World known attractions, such as the Carnival and the Regata Storica
- ▶ The Jewish Ghetto in Cannaregio
- ▶ Murano and its glass workshops, Burano and its colored houses

Suggested tours

- ▶ [Venice Hop On Hop Off tour](#)
- ▶ [Guided walking tour](#)
- ▶ [St Mark skip the line ticket](#)
- ▶ [Gondola ride on Venice channels](#)
- ▶ [Classical barocco concert](#)

Where to eat

- ▶ Cantina Do Spade (www.cantinadospade.com), close to Rialto, perfect also for a light appetizer
- ▶ Lots of local restaurants in Cannaregio, along calle della Misericordia

Insider's tips

- ▶ Want to take a gondola for just 2 €? Take the Gondola ferry across Canal Grande at Rialto fish Market
- ▶ For a cheap lunch (or dinner) try the Cicchetterie, sort of local bars that will serve you delicious fish appetizers and a glass of wine for 10-12 € (you pay per single appetizer)
- ▶ Queues to visit San Marco can be huge, do reserve your entrance in advance!
- ▶ Tired of Venice confusion? Just get out of the Station-Rialto-San Marco itinerary and discover “true” neighborhoods such as Cannaregio or the area around Campo Santa Margherita

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Day three: Florence and Tuscany

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Exploring the city center by foot, for your walking itinerary [click here](#)
- ▶ Admiring the sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo and San Miniato
- ▶ Dive into renaissance art by visiting the Uffizi and the Accademia museums
- ▶ Visit Florence amazing churches: Santa Maria del Fiore, Santa Croce, San Miniato
- ▶ Cross romantic Ponte Vecchio and visit Oltrarno, Palazzo Pitti and the Boboli gardens

Suggested tours

- ▶ [Uffizi gallery skip the line ticket](#)
- ▶ [Accademia gallery skip the line ticket](#)
- ▶ [Florence city center guided tour](#)

Where to eat

- ▶ The "[Mercato Centrale](#)", a XIX century market recently transformed into an amazing food hall

Insider's tips

- ▶ For a cheap lunch, try the typical "lampredotto" sandwich
- ▶ If you rent a car, remember you are not allowed to drive in the city center
- ▶ Florence has several train stations, chose "Santa Maria Novella", walking distance from the center
- ▶ Uffizi Gallery are overcrowded, make sure you reserve your entry in advance

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Day four: Siena and San Gimignano / Chianti

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Medieval Siena, its gorgeous cathedral, Piazza del campo
- ▶ Monteriggioni, 3 km from Siena, a perfectly preserved, lovely medieval fortified hamlet
- ▶ San Gimignano, the “medieval Manhattan”, doted with tens of towers
- ▶ Colle Val d’Elsa, and its cristal workshops
- ▶ [The “Chianti Shire”](#), its vineyards and its cellars!
- ▶ The beautiful countryside around Siena and San Gimignano
- ▶ Tuscany wine mecca: [Montalcino, its renowned Brunello and he beautiful Sant'antimo abbey](#)

Suggested tours

- ▶ [Siena and San Gimignano cheap round trip](#)
- ▶ [Chianti wine tasting tour](#)

Where to eat

- ▶ Tuscany has one of the best cuisine in Italy, and you can hardly have bad surprises . Look for “trattorie” that offer local dishes, [here is your guide to local food](#)

Insider’s tips

- ▶ In Siena, stop at historical Nannini pastry shop (close to piazza del campo) and taste the Ricciarelli and the Panforte, Siena classical sweets
- ▶ Still on the sweet side, don’t miss Tuscany cookies, the Cantucci, that you traditionally eat as a dessert: locals dip them into a sweet wine called Vinsanto

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Day five: Rome – Barocco Rome

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Visit the Barocco Rome, refer to day three of my itinerary [Rome in five days](#)
- ▶ Take an Hop On Hop Off city tour for an overview of the city
- ▶ Throw a coin in Fontana di Trevi
- ▶ Discover Rome by night by taking my [night walk itinerary](#)

Suggested tours

- ▶ [Hop on and off bus](#)
- ▶ [Hop On Hop Off cruise on the Tiber river](#)
- ▶ [The borghese gallery](#) , one of Rome best museums

Where to eat

- ▶ [Ristorante Matricianella](#) , close to Spanish steps, amazing wine list
- ▶ [Ristorante Sant'Ignazio](#) , excellent value for money in one of Rome nicest squares, close to Trevi

Insider's tips

- ▶ Don't miss your Roman Gelato at Giolitti, close to Pantheon
- ▶ Delightful food market in Campo dei Fiori square in the morning (except Sunday)
- ▶ If you like running, Villa Borghese is the perfect place to exercise, and it's just behind the Spanish steps
- ▶ If you have enough time, walk around the old Jewish Ghetto, located between Piazza Argentina and the Tiber river – it's also the perfect place to authentic Roman cuisine

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Day 6: Rome – Imperial Rome and St Peter

What to see and what to do

- ▶ Visit the colosseum and the forum, refer to day one of my itinerary [Rome in five days](#)
- ▶ Get amazed in St Peter cathedral,, refer to day two of my itinerary [Rome in five days](#)
- ▶ Climb on top of St Peter dome [See here how to do it](#)
- ▶ Enjoy Roman night life in Trastevere, [have a look at my walking itinerary](#)
- ▶ Discover the best view of Rome at Gianicolo terrace

Suggested tours

- ▶ [St Peter - skip the line ticket](#)
- ▶ [Colosseum - skip the line ticket](#)
- ▶ [Colosseum and forum guided tour](#)
- ▶ [Castel Sant'Angelo](#), emperor Adriano mausoleum, transformed in a fortress by the popes

Where to eat

- ▶ [Ristorante Roma sparita](#) , my best choice in Trastevere

Insider's tips

- ▶ Opposite Colosseum, the Rione Monti is a delightful neighborhood that has kept its old Rome feeling
- ▶ Colosseum is one of Rome main attractions, queues are terrible: do reserve your ticket in advance!
- ▶ An unmissable church opposite Termini station: Santa Maria degli Angeli (build by Michelangelo “recycling” the Roman baths

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Travel request (for reference)

Name: snowy

Email:

Which day are you arriving in Italy?: 21st september 2017

Which day are you leaving Italy?: 27th september 2017

How many persons? How many rooms?: 2 person, one room

Hotel budget (€/night): : 50 to 60

Which places would you like to visit?: milan, florence, venice, pisa, rome

Tell me more about yourself, your interest and your aspirations for this trip : I am an accountant, who travel a lot to explore different culture in every country. I love tiramisu and pasta so much so I have decided to pay Italy a visit!

Enjoy Italy!



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