



10 Day Enchanting Italy Tour

Florence ♦ San Gimignano ♦ Tuscany
Siena ♦ Assisi ♦ Rome

April 12 - 21, 2027

\$4,890.00 per person from Houston

Price Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Houston, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day - Buffet Breakfast And Dinner, Daily Sightseeing, Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges - Which Are Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides And Drivers.

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10 DAY TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 01 HOUSTON / FLORENCE

Begin your adventure as you depart from Houston, bound for the vibrant Florence, Italy. This journey marks the start of an exciting exploration of European culture and history.

DAY 02 FLORENCE

Welcome to Florence, the heart of Tuscany! Once you land, a friendly tour guide will greet you, and you will be transported to your hotel. Enjoy a delightful dinner featuring regional cuisine, then retire for an evening of restful sleep, preparing for the adventures ahead.

DAY 03 FLORENCE

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Florence on a guided tour highlighting its architectural and artistic treasures. Visit the magnificent Piazza del Duomo, dominated by the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and wander through the Basilica of Santa Croce, known for its artistic significance. Stroll across the historic Piazza della Signoria, marvel at Giotto's Bell Tower, and explore the Baptistery of St. John. Your journey culminates with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia di Firenze, home to Michelangelo's iconic statue of David. End the day savoring a sumptuous dinner in Florence, followed by a peaceful overnight stay.



Vineyard in Chianti, Tuscany

DAY 04 SAN GIMIGNANO / TUSCANY

Set off to the enchanting medieval town of San Gimignano, often referred to as the "Town of Fine Towers." As you wander the cobblestone streets, admire the town's well-preserved architecture and iconic towers that create an unforgettable skyline. After exploring this picturesque location, visit the renowned Castello Verrazzano winery nestled in the scenic Chianti region. Here, you will learn about the intricate art of winemaking and enjoy a tasting of exquisite Chianti wines. Return to Florence for another delightful dinner and a restful overnight stay.

DAY 05 SIENA / ASSISI

This morning, embark on a drive to the historic city of Siena. Explore the famous Piazza del Campo, a shell-shaped medieval square celebrated for hosting the Palio Horse Race. Discover the breathtaking Siena Cathedral (Duomo di Siena), known for its stunning interior and the remarkable Piccolomini Library. For a panoramic view of the city, ascend the Torre del Mangia. Take some time to wander the charming medieval streets, explore local shops and cafes, and indulge in Tuscan delicacies such as paninis and gelato. Later, continue your journey to Assisi, where you'll enjoy dinner and spend the night.



Siena

DAY 06 ASSISI

Today is dedicated to exploring the spiritual heart of Assisi. Begin your tour at the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, which houses the Porziuncola and St. Francis' Chapel. Visit the serene Rose Garden and the Francis Cave, significant sites in St. Francis' life. Conclude your tour at the Church of St. Clair, where the St. Damoni crucifix is said to have spoken to St. Francis. After a day filled with spiritual exploration, enjoy dinner and relax overnight in Assisi.



St Francis of Assisi

DAY 07 ASSISI / ROME

Depart from Assisi and make your way to the bustling city of Rome. In the afternoon, discover the rich history of the Eternal City with a tour of St. Paul's Church outside the walls, the ancient Appian Way, and the intriguing catacombs. Don't miss the opportunity to reflect on the past at Quo Vadis. Wrap up your day with dinner in Rome before settling in for the night.

DAY 08 ROME

Prepare for a full day of exploration in Rome, starting with a visit to the awe-inspiring St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the Christian world. Next, explore the vast collections housed within the Vatican Museum and stand in wonder beneath the stunning frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, including Michelangelo's "Pietà." Continue your tour at St. Peter in Chains, which is home to the majestic statue of Moses, crafted by Michelangelo. Finally, toss a coin into the famous Trevi Fountain, ensuring your return to this beautiful city. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Rome.



Ancient Colosseum, Rome

DAY 09 ROME

Your Roman adventure continues as you visit the ancient Colosseum, a symbol of the city's imperial past. Explore the historical St. Mary Major and the ruins of the Roman Forum, alongside the Mamertine Prison, where St. Paul was once imprisoned. After a fulfilling morning, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure, allowing you to explore the city's charming streets, shops, and cafes. Relish a final dinner and enjoy an overnight stay in Rome.



View of Rome



Trevi Fountain

DAY 10 ROME / HOUSTON

Conclude your remarkable journey as you transfer to the airport for your flight back to Houston, taking with you lasting memories of the stunning landscapes, rich history, and captivating cultures you experienced along the way.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfare is based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and include certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once tickets are issued, they are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CANNOT BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL**. Please refer to our CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY below. Airfare and tour prices are based on prices effective as of **JANUARY 1, 2027** and are subject to change without notice.

Surface/Land Transportation: All surface/land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by modern motor coach, designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred upon arrival and departure.

Hotels: We only use first-class hotels. Hotel accommodations are based on double occupancy (2 per room). We reserve the right to substitute hotels of similar quality for those specified in the itinerary.

Single Room Supplements: If you would like a single room, there is an additional cost of **\$1,200.00** that will be added to the tour price. Single rooms are limited and will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none is available, you will be considered a "forced single," and charged one half (½) of the Single Room Supplement cost.

Meal Plan: Meal plans include two (2) meals per day, breakfast and dinner, with timing depending on the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on restaurant bills are included in the tour price for these meals. **A list of any and all dietary requests or food allergies must be emailed to cathy@inspirationaltoursinc.com for hotel/airline accommodation at least seven (7) days before departure.** We cannot guarantee any dietary accommodations but will make all efforts to secure special dietary requests. In the event airlines or hotels are unable to accommodate dietary requests, you will be responsible for your meals; it is the individual's responsibility to choose appropriate foods while on the tour. Unused meals will NOT be reimbursed.

Baggage: Inspirational Tours, Inc. restricts all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage (max. 50 lbs.) and one (1) carry-on (max. 18 lbs.). **All passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight/dimension information and restrictions, which are subject to change at any time before departure.**

Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges: are included in the tour price and are subject to change.

Tips On The Tour: Tips to guides, drivers, and porters are included in the tour price, unless otherwise specified.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses related to issuance/renewal of passports, laundry, mineral waters, wine & liquor not mentioned in the itinerary, after-lunch/dinner tea, coffee, or food not included in the meal plan above; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services other than those specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary; insurance for baggage or personal trip or health insurance; all items of a personal nature, in addition to those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: **A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person**, payable via cash, check or money order, is required at the time of registration. No registration will be processed without a deposit. Invoices for final balances are issued at or near 90 days before departure. Full and final payment is due 60 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full. If there is any outstanding balance by the Final Payment due date listed on your invoice, all travel services will be subject to automatic cancellation and cancellation fees will apply. A service reinstatement fee may be added to your invoice and must be paid in advance in order to apply for reconfirmation of services. **WE ONLY ACCEPT CASH, CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS FOR THE REGISTRATION FEE.** Payment by credit card is accepted ONLY for final balances or payments towards final balances; all credit card payments will be assessed a **3% non-refundable** convenience fee, which will be added to the total amount being charged.

Cancellations and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR U.S. MAIL.** The date of the cancellation request is the date used for purposes of any assessed cancellation fees. Please note that some Registration Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE as stated on the Registration Form. Cancellation fees (as to any monies paid over the deposit for a tour with a non-refundable deposit) depend on the timing of the cancellation request, and are as follows: request received between time of registration and up to 59 to 45 days prior to departure—cancellation fee of **50%** of tour cost; request received 44 days or less prior to departure through date of departure—assessed **100%** of the tour cost (air and land, and any deviation fees) as the cancellation fee. Additional charges/fees for deviations and/or upgraded seats may require full payment at time of booking/confirmation, and may be non-refundable; **if a non-refundable air ticket has been issued prior to receiving notice of a cancellation request, you will be 100% responsible for those fees, in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.** Package cancellation fees include airfare. Once airfare is purchased, either at time of booking, including but not limited to, deviations or seat upgrade requests, or at time of full payment, airline tickets will be issued and are always subject to a 100% penalty. Once full payment is received, Inspirational Tours, Inc. will issue airline tickets, which are non-refundable. If the tour is canceled for any reason, including but not limited to, tour leader's decision, decision of Inspirational Tours, Inc., weather or natural disasters, strike, acts of war, terrorism, acts of god, quarantine, disease, virus, epidemic, pandemic, compliance with government orders, travel restrictions issued by the U.S. Department of State, or any other force majeure event, Inspirational Tours, Inc. reserves the right to charge a minimum \$300.00 administrative fee per person, plus any non-reimbursable expenses incurred from airlines and/or overseas operators. **ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.**

Deviations/Seat Upgrades: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally allowed only on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and is subject to availability.** There is a **minimum** change fee of \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. Seat upgrade requests may also require additional fees by the airlines and vary. Any additional fees required to be paid by the airline for deviation requests and/or seat upgrade requests will need to be approved by the passenger in writing before confirmed/reserved, and

if the request requires payment at the time of confirmation, this must be paid by the passenger at the time requested, and may be non-refundable. **ALL deviation or seat upgrade requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days prior to your departure date.**

Tour Prices: All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this tour are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of the original tour agreement with your tour host and Inspirational Tours, Inc. and are subject to increase without notice prior to departure. **NOTE:** Our tours are based on a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any tour for any reason including insufficient participants, or events beyond our control. Any cancellation will be advised at the soonest date possible. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for any costs related to the issuance and/or cancellation of airline tickets or visa fees that are not refunded by those entities.

Travel Insurance: To protect your travel plans, **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE.** A brochure for a company we recommend will be provided with your deposit confirmation letter, upon our receipt of your registration and deposit. We do not sell travel insurance and travel insurance is not included in the tour price.

Passports: It is your responsibility to provide us with a copy of your current passport with your Registration Form. Validity date on passports must be for at least six (6) months after the date of return of the tour as per the tour dates, or any deviation request. If we do not receive a copy of your current passport, the information you provide on your Registration Form will be used for ticketing purposes. If ANY information provided (name, date of birth, etc.) does not match what is on your passport, you may be subject to penalties or fees for corrections to airline tickets, and/or may be denied boarding by the airline. Any name change, including minor spelling corrections, may require reservations to be canceled and re-booked. Reservations will then be subject to availability and pricing at the time of re-booking; any increase in airfare will be borne by the passenger. Inspirational Tours, Inc. will not be held responsible for the denial of services by a carrier due to any name or passport discrepancies. If you have a passport issued from any country other than the U.S., it is your responsibility to contact the embassies of the countries to be visited to determine if a visa will be required, and if so, it will be your responsibility to obtain such visa before departure. Please contact us for further information if this applies to you.

Travelers Needing Special Assistance: We recommend you please select a tour suitable to your physical capabilities. Our tours are often-times fast paced and may require lengthy walks over uneven terrain and/or steps. If you require any form of mobility assistance or for any sight/hearing disabilities, you are required to notify us before registering so we can best assist you and/or determine if this tour is suitable. Inspirational Tours, Inc., tour leaders/coordinators, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel, transfers or ship personnel will not provide individual services, such as assistance with walking, pushing wheelchairs, or helping one embark/disembark motor coaches, cruise ships, etc. We reserve the right to reject participation or remove an individual from a tour in the event that notification was not provided and/or when, in our sole judgment, continued participation would significantly hinder the services to be provided to all guests. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. **Wheelchairs & Walkers:** certain features of tours may not accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, or other special equipment. We cannot provide individual assistance to travelers with wheelchairs or other mobility devices. We regret that some itineraries cannot accommodate these devices. You are required to notify us before registering of a need for a wheelchair, walker or other mobility devices.

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