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| TOUR | Grand Tour of Italy Oct 01, 2021 – Oct 14, 2021 | \$3,709.00 |
| FLIGHTS | With independent air travel | |
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Price With Required Items: \$3,709.00⁺

⁺ Prices are per person based on double occupancy. See additional costs below for other configurations.

Fees & Supplements

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| PRIVATE BUS FEES | 0 – 20 Travelers <i>minimum of 14</i> | \$350.00 |
| | 21 – 25 Travelers | \$150.00 |
| ROOMS | Single | \$600.00 |



Grand Tour of Italy with Patsy Gaut

15 days | 17 days with Rome extension | September 30, 2021—October 14, 2021

The true question on a tour of Italy is, “Where not to go?” The country is bursting with personality and beauty, making the possibilities for cultural discovery virtually endless. On this sweeping Italian tour, you’ll see the best of the country, exploring legendary cities like Venice, Florence, and Rome and smaller-yet-iconic towns like Ferrara and Assisi.



Your tour package includes

- 13 nights in handpicked hotels
- 13 breakfasts
- 6 dinners with beer or wine
- 7 guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Villa Carlotta
- Roman Theater of Verona
- St. Mark’s Basilica
- Florence Duomo
- Assisi’s basilicas
- Pompeii ruins
- Colosseum
- Roman Forum

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you’ll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Milan today.

Lake Como Region → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Milan & transfer to Lake Como Region

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Italy! Transfer to your hotel in the Lake Como region. Then, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Como & Villa Carlotta

Included meals: breakfast

Head out on a morning trip to explore Como, a city known for its mix of cultural and natural attractions.

- Enjoy free time in Como for lunch and shopping, while admiring the lakeside vistas
- Transfer to the beautiful Villa Carlotta to soak in spectacular views from the elaborate villa gardens

Please note: From November through February, a funicular to Brunate will replace the visit to Villa Carlotta.

Enjoy a free evening in the Lake Como region or add an excursion.

+ Lake Como Cruise & Bellagio

Venice → 2 nights

Day 4: Venice via Verona

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

En route to Venice, stop in Verona and walk through the city with your Tour Director.

- Stroll through the city's UNESCO-recognized historic center
- Admire the Roman arena, Piazza delle Erbe, and the balcony of Shakespeare's Juliet

Enjoy free time before continuing on to Venice where you'll enjoy an included dinner.

Day 5: 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 → 3 nights

Day 6: Florence via Ferrara

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

On your way to Florence, stop in Ferrara. There, you'll have free time to eat lunch and explore the city's historic center, home to beautiful Renaissance architecture including Este Castle and Palazzo dei Diamanti.

Continue on to Florence and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Florence

Included meals: breakfast

Set off on a guided tour of Florence, the city at the center of the Renaissance.

- View the legendary Florence Cathedral, known as the Duomo
- Pass Giotto's Campanile, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture
- See the medieval Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, center of Florentine life
- Step inside the Basilica of Santa Croce, burial site of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and Galileo

Enjoy free time in Florence or add an excursion.

+ Accademia Gallery

Day 8: Free day in Florence

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Florence or add an excursion.

+ Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

Assisi → 2 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Assisi and sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Drive through spectacular Umbria to hillside Assisi, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of the town's UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Visit Assisi's lower and upper basilicas
- See Giotto's magnificent frescoes and other late-medieval art

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 10: Free day in Assisi

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Assisi or add an excursion.

+ Perugia: City Highlights & Wine Tasting

Sorrento Peninsula → 2 nights

Day 11: Sorrento Peninsula via Pompeii

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

En route to the Sorrento peninsula, stop in Pompeii for a guided tour of the city's famed ruins.

- Discover how Roman citizens lived before Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.
- View the excavated Roman ruins of theaters, villas, temples, and baths

Continue on to the Sorrento peninsula and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 12: Free day on the Sorrento Peninsula

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day on the Sorrento peninsula or add an excursion.

+ Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

Rome → 2 nights

Day 13: Transfer to Rome & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Rome and 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
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- 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

Day 14: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy an elegant, four-course farewell dinner. While you dine, you'll be treated to some of opera's best-loved arias.

Please note: The opera performance is seasonal and runs from March through November. Dinner will take place at a local restaurant from December through February.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Flight Home

Day 15: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Rome.

+ Rome extension

Have your sights on more art, history, and street life? Rome is sure to deliver. Only in the Italian capital can you sip cappuccino in front of the Pantheon and have an audience with the pope all in one morning. Your Tour Director will tell you their favorite ways to savor the city, and all you have to do is soak it in.

Rome → 2 nights

Day 15: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add excursions.

+ Walking Tour of Rome's Iconic Sights

+ Rome Cooking Class & Dinner

Day 16: Free day in Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

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

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

Catacombs

Flight Home

Day 17: 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: grouptoursite.com/patsygaug | 800-438-7672

Day 3: Lake Como Cruise & Bellagio

\$85/\$95* (5 hours, departs in the evening with dinner)

Hop aboard a scenic cruise of Lake Como to soak in some of Italy's most beautiful estates and gardens. Float past charming lakeside towns to Bellagio, a village whose scenery has inspired poets and young lovers for centuries. You'll have time to take in Bellagio's classic beauty before heading to a local restaurant, where you'll sample cuisine from a carefully chosen menu. Please note: Your included meal may be lunch or dinner as departure time varies by season. This excursion is weather-dependent.

Day 5: Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

\$69/\$79* (25 minutes, departure time varies)

More than 100 waterways 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. Please note: This excursion runs as weather permits. A private, two-person gondola ride is available for an additional cost.

Day 5: Private Gondola Ride: Canal Cruise for Two

\$159/\$169* (25 minutes, departure time varies)

More than 100 waterways 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. Please note: Cost is per person and both travelers must book the excursion. This excursion runs as weather permits.

Day 7: Accademia Gallery

\$39 (2 hours, departure time varies)

Home to Michelangelo's masterpiece David, the Accademia Gallery is one of the most famous museums in Florence. Join a local guide for 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 8: Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hilltowns

\$109/\$119* (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 10: Perugia: City Highlights & Wine Tasting

\$89/\$99* (6 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Discover Perugia on a guided tour. While the city is the capital of the Umbria region, it still maintains a charming feel thanks to its rich collection of Renaissance art and sweeping countryside views. You'll see Perugia Cathedral, Palazzo dei Priori, Fontana Maggiore, and the shops of Corso Vannucci. Enter the Collegio del Cambio, home to the historic exchange guild. The building dates back to the 13th century and you'll step inside to view famous, well-preserved frescoes by Renaissance painter Pietro Perugino. Then, head to the Rocca Paolina fortress for a lunch of typical Umbrian cuisine that incorporates seasonally fresh ingredients. Warm, hearty foods like lentil soup will be served in the fall and winter. Whereas summer will bring fresh, bright pasta dishes. You'll also visit a cave wine cellar to enjoy a tasting of three wines—a local white, red, and Vin Santo, or dessert wine.

Day 12: Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

\$115/\$125* (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 have spent their vacations in Capri. If 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.

Day 14: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$109 (3.5 hours, departure time varies)

This guided tour takes you inside the world's smallest state, Vatican City. Skip the lines upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headsets, and immediately begin diving into the Vatican's incredible history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are over 500 years old and hold many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, where you'll gaze up at what is perhaps 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, including Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà. Please note: This excursion is not available on Sundays. Backpacks are not allowed in the Vatican and a dress code of no shorts or sleeveless shirts is enforced. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 15: Walking Tour of Rome's Iconic Sights

\$49/\$59* (3 hours, departs in the morning)

Set out for a stroll through central Rome with a local expert. From the Spanish Steps, where Bernini's Baroque-style fountain has stood since the 1600s, head to the intricately carved Trevi Fountain. (Don't forget to toss in a coin and wish for a return trip to Rome!) Enjoy a gelato tasting before entering the Pantheon, the best-preserved ancient Roman temple. Your walking tour ends at Piazza Navona, the city's most famous square, where you'll view Bernini's stunning the Fountain of the Four Rivers. Please note: Comfortable shoes are recommended, as this excursion involves a moderate amount of walking on cobblestone streets.

Day 15: Rome Cooking Class & Dinner

\$85/\$95* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join in on this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef. During this evening in Rome, you'll learn how to make traditional dishes such as ravioli, gnocchi, and fettuccine. Then, enjoy eating the foods you cooked during an included dinner with wine.

Day 16: Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

\$65/\$75* (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 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 inadvisable for claustrophobic travelers.

*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