



ITALY 2023

APRIL 19 - MAY 2

Our staple Bella Italia tour enters its 21st year of operation. This two-week tour covers the best of beautiful Italy, starting in the Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, and Pompeii for three days before continuing on to the Eternal City of Rome for three days, Siena and Tuscany for two days, Florence and Pisa for two days, and ending with three days in the unique city on water, Venice.

APRIL 19

You will be picked up from the airport and we will then depart for Sorrento on the Amalfi Coast. Afternoon orientation around Sorrento. Welcome dinner. Stay three nights near Sorrento.

APRIL 20

Take a driving tour around the Amalfi Coast, visiting scenic towns such as Positano, Amalfi, and Ravello.

APRIL 21

Take a private boat to Capri for the day, including a visit to the Blue Grotto, Augustus' Gardens, and Capri town.

APRIL 22

Transfer to Rome in the morning, stopping by Pompeii to visit one of the best preserved Roman towns in the world. Stay three nights in Rome.

APRIL 23

Visit the Vatican Museums (including the Sistine Chapel) and St. Peter's Church, the center of the Catholic world. Afternoon is free to shop and roam Rome's old center.

APRIL 24

In the morning we take an in-depth tour of Rome, including the Colosseum, Forum, Capitol Hill, and much more. Afternoon for the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and the site of the first deaf school in Italy. Dinner at the Hotel Hassler, owned by a deaf man.

APRIL 25

Depart for the Val d'Orcia, one of the most beautiful parts of Tuscany. The Val d'Orcia is a UNESCO recognized site for its combination of natural and man-made beauty. We visit Montepulciano and Pienza. Continue on to Siena. Stay two nights in Siena.

APRIL 26 • • •

Today we visit the beautifully preserved medieval town of Siena, and then take an afternoon side trip to San Gimignano. End our day with a visit to a deaf-owned winery.

APRIL 27 • • •

Transfer to Florence. We take an orientation walk in Florence, covering the Accademia, Duomo, Baptistery, and Ponte Vecchio. We also visit several of Florence's beautiful churches and its Renaissance masterpieces at the Uffizi. Stay near Florence for two nights.

APRIL 28 • • •

Drive to Pisa in the morning to visit the Leaning Tower. Then visit the beautiful town of Lucca with a local deaf guide in the afternoon.

APRIL 29 • • •

Depart for Verona in the morning to visit the famous Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony, and have some free time in the pleasant city center. Move on to Venice, arriving in the late afternoon. Stay three nights in Venice.

APRIL 30 • • •

We visit the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Church in the morning, plus the Correr Museum and the Bridge of Sighs. Afternoon free.

MAY 1 • • •

Take a boat tour to the islands of Burano and Murano. Farewell dinner. Prepare for departure.

MAY 2 • • •

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

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\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space. The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis. 100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

\$3,700
per person /double occupancy

14 DAYS

SMALL GROUP 14

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WHAT'S INCLUDED??

- 13 nights in 3-star accommodations.
- 16 meals: Breakfast (13), Dinner (3)
- Services of a deaf Tour Leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- All transportation expenses.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 discount per person on your next regular tour.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Domestic and/or international airfares.
- Tips for your tour leader and local tour guides.
- City and tourist taxes.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses.
- Any COVID-19 related tests.
- Travel insurance.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Tour begins in Rome and ends in Venice.
- Tour will be confirmed when we meet the minimum number of participants.
- When the tour is confirmed, additional deposits/payments may be required.
- Substantial amount of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.
<https://handson.travel/resources/terms/>
- Hands on Travel recommends that you purchase a travel insurance plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. To learn more:
<https://handson.travel/resources/protection/>
- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**