

# Italy

La dolce vita



Gondolas, Venice

Italy, the country that gave the world pizza and pasta, Julius Caesar and Sophia Loren, Michelangelo and Gucci, has through its thinkers, writers and artists, made contributions to western culture that have affected the lives of billions for over 2,000 years.

Italy dangles from the centre of western Europe like a stocking filled with marvels, some as inspiring as Venice,

St Mark's Basilica and Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper, others as strange and unexpected as the pagan tombs lying deep beneath St Peter's in Rome. There are the snowy peaks of the Alps in the north, the gently smoking caldera of Mount Etna in Sicily, the picture-perfect villages of the Italian Riviera, the Renaissance wonders of Florence, the pastoral landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria, the sparkling Bay of Naples dotted with islands and of course, Rome, the Eternal City.

Whilst the cities are living repositories of the country's amazing history they also offer smart shopping options and vibrant nightlife and are a must for most visitors. The countryside of Italy should not be missed. The calm, serene beauty of the Italian lakes and the jagged peaks of the Dolomites in the north, the Apennines flanked by rolling countryside sprinkled with Lombardy poplars and stately cypresses in the centre and the south's hot, dry mountain slopes and string of volcanoes all have an appeal that attracts visitors from around the world.



Capri



Palazzo Vecchio, Florence

**Sightseeing**

**Rome** – Monuments to the glory of Imperial Rome, Pantheon, Vatican City and St Peter’s Basilica, Sistine Chapel, Colosseum, Forum, mausoleums, Spanish Steps, walks along the River Tiber, Trevi Fountain, Via Veneto, Piazza Navona and Villa Borghese gardens.

**Milan** – Museums, the Duomo and La Scala Opera.

**Venice** – Piazza San Marco, Bridge of Sighs, Ducal Palace and Grand Canal.

**Verona** – A UNESCO World Heritage city because of its many monuments – Duomo, Piazza delle Erbe, Torre dei Lamberte, San Fermo Maggiore and Arena di Verona.

**Florence** – Duomo, called the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Uffizi Gallery, Piazza della Signoria, Bridge of Santa Trinita and Palazzo Vecchio.

**Siena** – Piazza del Campo, Palazzo Publico, Palazzo del Magnifico, Museo Metropolitan.

**Lucca** – Duomo, city walls, Museo della Cattedrale.

**Accommodation**

Centrally located city hotels, picturesque hotels in Tuscany and on Lake Garda.

**Family activities**

Theme parks - Gardaland (Castelnuovo del Garda/Lake Garda), Fantasy World – Mini Italia (near Milan); zoological garden - Parco Italia Viva; waterpark – Aqua Paradise Park Canevaworld Resort (Lazise/Lake Garda).

**Shopping**

What you can buy – Italian goods are famous for their quality and style, particularly clothing, shoes, jewellery, accessories, leather items and Murano glass from Venice.

Where you can buy – Stores, shops, boutiques and markets throughout the country.

**Entertainment**

Italians like to eat well – trattorias, restaurants and pizzerias offer excellent food choices. Major cities have lively nightclubs, bars and discothèques.

**Sports and leisure**

The national sport is football, the second passion is car racing. There is also golf, biking, walking, water sports along the coast and skiing in the Alps in winter.

**Honeymoon**

Italy is ideal for honeymooners. The land that created la dolce vita offers a host of romantic locales to celebrate a honeymoon or anniversary.

**Events**

Florence feast of St John the Baptist (June); Verona Arena di Verona Opera Season (June - August), Siena’s Palio (July and August); Rome’s Summer Festival (July/August); Venice Historical Regatta/Festa di Redentore (July); Venice Film Festival (August/September), Venice Burano Regatta (September); Grand Prix Formula 1 Monza (September); Carnival in Venice (January/February).

**Exploring by road**

With its good road system and relatively compact size, Italy is ideally suited for coach tours and self-drive.





Amalfi Coast

# Jewels of the South

8 days/7 nights • Overland coach tour

**Rome • Naples • Pompeii • Capri • Sorrento • Rende • Taormina • Etna • Syracuse • Piazza Armerina • Agrigento • Palermo**

- Highlights of the beautiful south, covering Amalfi Coast, Calabria and Sicily
- Enjoy a once in a lifetime journey through Italy's past and present

Enjoy this fascinating journey which takes you through some of the highlights of South Italy.

**Day 1: Rome**

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Rome.

**Day 2: Rome – Naples – Pompeii – Sorrento (265 Kilometres)**

Depart early morning from Rome for Naples. After a short visit continue on to Pompeii, the famous Roman city destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. After lunch we visit the excavation sites and proceed to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

**Day 3: Sorrento – Capri – Sorrento**

Start the day heading to Capri by boat and visit the Blue Grotto (weather conditions permitting). Return to Marina Grande and enjoy lunch in an authentic local restaurant at Anacapri, followed by a visit to Augustus' Gardens, which has a view of the Faraglioni. Return to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

**Day 4: Sorrento – Rende (Cosenza) (255 kilometres)**

Spend your morning at leisure. In the afternoon, depart to Rende to visit the magnificent Aragonese Castles. Dinner and overnight in Rende.

**Day 5: Rende (Cosenza) – Taormina (185 kilometres)**

After breakfast, depart to the beautiful town of Taormina and spend some time at leisure. Overnight and dinner in Taormina or Giardini Naxos.



Syracuse

**Day 6: Taormina – Etna – Syracuse – Taormina (230 kilometres)**

Depart for an excursion to Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe, up to the 'Rifugio Sapienza', 1,900 metres above sea level. Continue to Syracuse, for a guided visit of

the Neapolis Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Ear of Dionysus, an ear-shaped grotto. Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

**Day 7: Taormina – Piazza Armerina – Agrigento (220 kilometres)**

Today enjoy a guided tour of the Roman Villas of Piazza Armerina with their beautiful mosaics, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then depart to Agrigento to admire the Valley of Temples. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

**Day 8: Agrigento – Monreale – Palermo (180 kilometres)**

After breakfast, leave for Palermo. Your first stop is Monreale for a guided visit of the outstanding Moorish-Norman style Duomo, extensively decorated with mosaics and fine gold. After lunch continue to Palermo for a panoramic visit of the city and then transfer to the airport for your flight to Rome and onward departure flight. You also have the option of extending your stay in Rome.

**Total distance:** 1,335 kilometres.



**Tour available as:**

- Overland coach tour – Includes air-conditioned vehicle, English-speaking local tour guide and pre-booked 3 and 4 star accommodation.

# Enchanting Florence and Venice

6 days/5 nights • Overland coach tour



**Rome • Assisi • Siena • Florence • Padua • Venice**

- Highlights of Rome, Florence and Venice
- Picturesque Tuscan countryside and mediaeval towns
- A journey through the past – culture, art and historic architecture

This enchanting and inspiring tour takes you through the treasures of Tuscany and Northern Italy unveiling glimpses of the past; drive through picturesque Italian landscapes and experience fascinating art, architecture and culture. End your tour with a visit to one of the most romantic cities in the world – Venice.

**Day 1: Rome**

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Rome.

**Day 2: Rome — Assisi — Siena — Florence (380 Kilometres)**

Depart early morning for ancient Assisi, where the Basilica houses renaissance masterpieces by Giotto and Cimabue. Visit mediaeval Siena before dinner. Overnight in Florence.



Grand Canal, Venice

**Day 3: Florence**

A guided sightseeing tour of Piazza del Duomo, Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, Giotto's Bell Tower, St John's Baptistery, Michelangelo's 'David' in the Academy of Fine Arts and Cimabue's Crucifix in 13th century Santa Croce. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure, sightseeing or shopping. Overnight in Florence.

**Day 4: Florence — Padua — Venice (250 Kilometres)**

Depart for Venice via Padua; visit St Anthony's Cathedral, before your guided walking tour of Venice, including St Mark's Piazza and Basilica, Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs, the Prisons and a glass factory. Overnight in Venice.

**Day 5: Venice**

Spend the day at your leisure (optional excursion available). Overnight in Venice.

**Day 6: Venice**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. You also have the option of extending your stay in this romantic city.

**Total distance:** 630 kilometres.



**Tour available as:**

- Overland coach tour – Includes air-conditioned vehicle, English-speaking local tour guide and pre-booked 3 or 4 star accommodation.

# Rome

The eternal city



In its 2,500 years, Rome has acquired a marvellous concentration of history, architecture and legend. While visitors are awed by the city's magnificent temples, churches, piazzas, mausoleums, baths and arches, Romans seem unaffected by the city's intimate link with the past. Known as the eternal city, you will find masterpieces of Roman architecture in the world-famous Roman Forum and Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Quirinal Palace, Trevi Fountain, Michelangelo ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and other reminders of ancient glory. These monuments mark Rome as the capital of Italy and the cultural centre of the ancient world. The works of great architects Barromini and Bernini - masters of Baroque-style, have left an amazing mark on the city. The historic centre of Rome is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Today, Rome is a modern, cosmopolitan city, one of the most visited tourist destinations in Europe and is also considered one of Europe's most exciting cities.

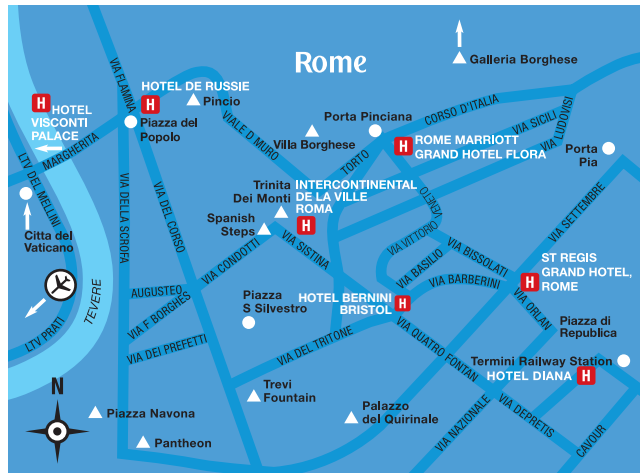
**Places of interest:** Spanish Steps, Colosseum, Forum, Vatican City and St Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and Villa Borghese gardens.

**Best buys:** High fashionwear available at Via Veneto; Via Sistina near

Spanish Steps on **Via Condotti**; streets between Piazza di Spagna and **Via del Corso** are lined with moderately-priced shops.

**Out and about:** Trastevere's narrow mediaeval streets, great for bars and dining; and Ludovisi's nightclubs and restaurants.

**Sporting attractions:** Football, biking and walking.



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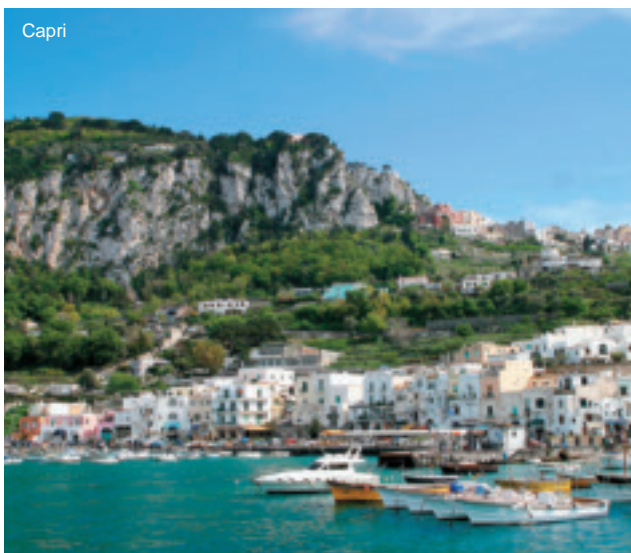
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☁️	MM	81	63	70	56	53	36	18	28	61	118	111	98

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## Naples and Capri

### Full-day seat-in-coach excursion with lunch

Your excursion begins from Rome with a drive along the **Autostrada del Sole** through the Roman, Ciociarian, (where you will see the **Abbey of Montecassino** perched on its mountain top) and **Campanian countryside** to Naples, where you board your steamer and cross the Bay of Naples to enchanting **Capri**. This limestone island's rocks have been eroded by the sea and the weather into fantastic formations.



Capri



Sculpture Fountain, Naples

Disembark at Capri's pretty harbour; weather and sea conditions permitting, you board a small boat to visit the **Blue Grotto**, a sea-filled cave where the reflections of the morning light turn the water into a shimmering, iridescent blue.

After returning to **Marina Grande**, a minibus will take you on a comprehensive tour of the island, including the flower-bedecked town of Capri packed with white-painted houses, jewellery shops and designer boutiques set around its ancient central square. We then move on to **Anacapri**, situated on the slopes of Mount Solaro for fantastic views of the island and **Bay of Naples**.

After lunch in a local restaurant, there is plenty of free time to explore and go shopping.

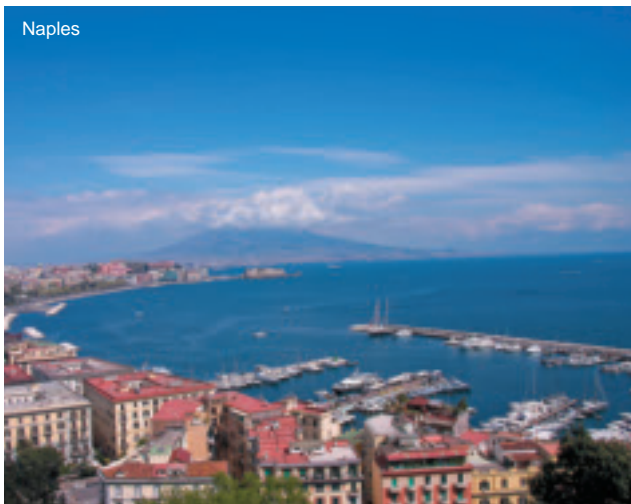
This coach excursion includes pick-up and drop-off at the hotel with an English-speaking guide. This excursion operates in summer only.

## Naples and Pompeii

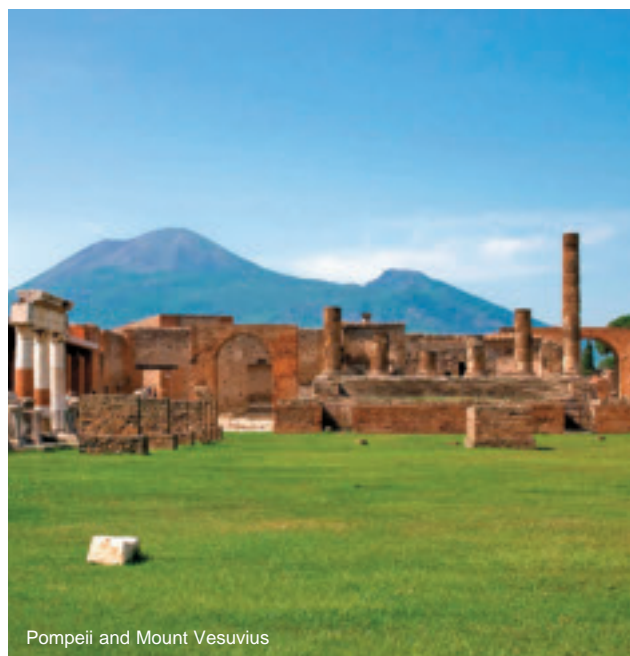
### Full-day seat-in-coach excursion with lunch

You will be picked up in the morning by coach from your hotel and drive south along the **Autostrada del Sole**, following the route of the **Roman Via Casilina** behind the coastal mountains. En route we pass **Castelli Romani**, where the hillsides are devoted to vineyards and the **Abbey of Montecassino** (totally destroyed in World War II but now rebuilt and spectacularly perched high on its mountain top). We continue via Naples, located between the sea and Mount Vesuvius, to Pompeii.

After lunch in a local restaurant, we visit the remains of the Roman city,



Naples



Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius

completely destroyed by a titanic eruption on 24th August AD 79, considered to be Mount Vesuvius' most powerful eruption. **Pompeii** was buried under the stones and ash of the eruption, becoming a time capsule of the Roman period. Almost everything we know today about the daily life of the ancient Romans has been learned from here. Pompeii is no mere ruin, walking along the old Roman high street you can peek into shops, read the graffiti on the walls and explore the homes of the ancient inhabitants.

This coach excursion includes pick-up and drop-off at the hotel with an English-speaking guide.

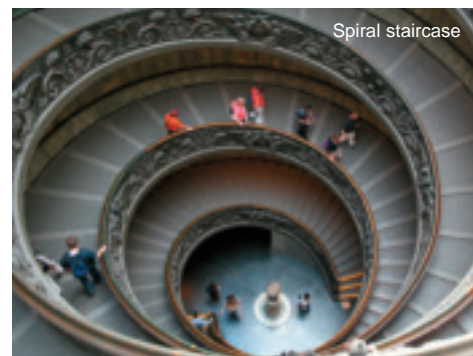


St Peter's Basilica

# The Vatican City

## Half-day seat-in-coach excursion

This fascinating tour reveals the splendours of the Vatican City. Sprawling over a hill west of the River Tiber and separated from the rest of Rome by a wall, it covers a total area of only slightly more than 40 hectares. Although it is the world's smallest independent sovereign state, the wealth of treasures and history it contains would be the envy of many large countries.



St Peter's Basilica, believed to be the largest church building in Christianity, covers an area of 2.3 hectares and has a capacity to accommodate over 60,000 people. The magnificent façade and the huge dome provide just a hint of the spectacular interior. St Peter's Square, the open space in front of the Basilica lined by four-deep rows of Tuscan colonnades can accommodate 300,000 people.

The Vatican Palace, the official residence of the Pope, is a complex of buildings, comprising of the Papal Apartment, several chapels and the Vatican Museum and Library. In all there are over 1,000 rooms of which the most famous include the Raphael's Rooms and the Sistine Chapel with its renowned ceiling frescoes painted by Michelangelo.

This excursion includes pick-up from your hotel with an English-speaking guide.

## Hotel de Russie



**Location:** Piazza del Popolo.

This luxurious, unique boutique hotel enjoys a marvellous location in the heart of the city of Rome between the Spanish Steps and Piazza del Popolo on the Via del Babuino. The hotel is within easy walking distance of Rome's key attractions, fashion houses and Via Condotti. The Vatican City, with St Peter's and the Sistine Chapel, is just a 10-minute walk from the Hotel de Russie while Piazza Navona and the Trevi Fountain are also within easy access. Hotel de Russie features extensive, terraced gardens which provide a tranquil oasis amidst the bustle of central Rome. This stylish and elegant retreat offers impeccable services and a wonderful base to explore this beautiful city. Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport is 32 kilometres away.



Dining at Hotel de Russie is an experience of its own. The gourmet restaurant Le Jardin de Russie features delicious Mediterranean cuisine emphasizing on locally produced and exquisite ingredients.

Relax at the de Russie Wellness Zone, designed to offer total relaxation, a refuge to conclude your day.



**Facilities:** 122 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting and interconnecting rooms.

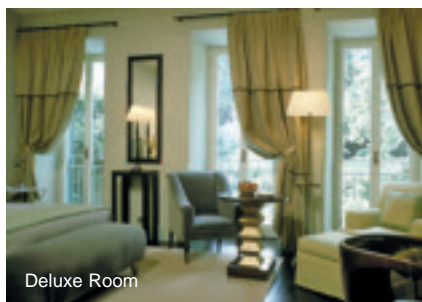
**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Junior Suites:** Additionally these rooms are larger and feature a spacious sitting area.

**Sports and leisure:** Indoor pool, fitness room, spa, sauna, steam bath and massage.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



## St Regis Grand Hotel, Rome



**Location:** Near Via Veneto.

Built in 1894 this luxurious hotel is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of the famed Via Veneto, the Spanish Steps and renowned shopping areas. The St Regis Grand's inimitable décor tastefully combines the grandeur of the old empire, with the allure of present-day Rome. Opulent interiors and an austere façade add to the seductive atmosphere of this landmark hotel. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 35 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 161 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Imperial Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room, sauna, steam bath and massage.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Imperial Room



## Hotel Bernini Bristol

**Location:** Piazza Barberini/Via Veneto.

Built in the late 19th century as a palace, Hotel Bernini Bristol is centrally located in the heart of the city, at Piazza Barberini and the beginning of famous Via Veneto, within easy reach of the Spanish Steps and renowned shopping areas. This elegant hotel features the glamour of the bygone, combined with modern facilities and amenities. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 32 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 127 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, beauty salon, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Classic Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room, sauna, steam bath, jacuzzi and massage.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Classic Room

## InterContinental De La Ville Roma

**Location:** Spanish Steps.

One of Rome's most prestigious hotels, the InterContinental De La Ville Roma is located at the top of the Spanish Steps – close to Via Condotti, Rome's most fashionable shopping district and a few minutes' walk from the Pincio Garden. It's individually furnished rooms and suites offer a world-class hotel experience. Guests can enjoy a delightful range of Italian and international cuisine at the romantic La Piazzetta restaurant. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 32 kilometres away.

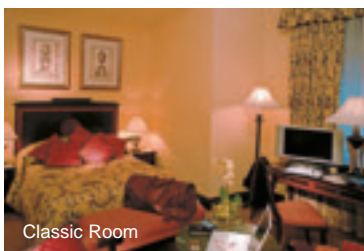
**Facilities:** 166 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, shop, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre and interconnecting rooms.

**Classic Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room.

**Check-in:** 1300 hours


**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Classic Room





Rome Marriott Grand Hotel Flora 

**Location:** Via Veneto.

This elegant hotel is located at the famous Via Veneto, a short walk from the Villa Borghese Gardens – the largest and most luxurious park in Rome and the exclusive shopping area. Famous monuments such as Piazza di Spagna, Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon as well as St Peter’s Basilica and the Vatican Museum are within easy reach. The hotel provides a stylish setting along with sophisticated service, ideal for the business and leisure traveller. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 40 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 156 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre and non-smoking rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Individually designed with antique collector pieces. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



Hotel Visconti Palace 

**Location:** Piazza Cavour, near Piazza del Popolo.

Hotel Visconti Palace is ideally located in the historic and business centre of the city, on the right bank of the river Tiber, between Piazza del Popolo and the Spanish Steps. This modern hotel is an ideal starting point to explore the beauty of ancient Rome, it is close to the Piazza Navona, the Vatican City and the shopping streets. The friendly staff offer personalised service which makes this hotel a great place to stay. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 33 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 242 rooms and suites.

Restaurant, bar, limited hours of room service, business centre non-smoking and interconnecting rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

Hotel Diana 

**Location:** Near Termini Railway Station.

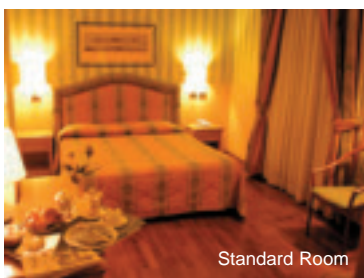
Hotel Diana is located in the centre of Rome, near the train station and the Opera House. It is within walking distance of the main shopping streets – Via Sistina, Via Condotti and Via Veneto and many historical sights. Founded by a traditional Roman family in 1939, this property offers guests a real taste in the art of hospitality. The friendly staff and warm atmosphere makes this hotel a great place to stay. Leonardo da Vinci International Airport is 35 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 166 rooms and suites. Restaurant, rooftop restaurant (during the summer months) with a beautiful view over the city, bar, limited hours of room service, safety deposit boxes and interconnecting rooms.

**Standard Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV and minibar.

**Check-in:** 1300 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Standard Room





## Milan

The fashion capital



The Duomo

Although Milan, with a population of over four million, is Italy's largest city and the most important financial, commercial and industrial centre, it offers a host of attractions for leisure travellers as well. From fashion and food, shopping and sightseeing to Gothic architecture and high-class entertainment, Milan is one of the most developed urban centres in Europe. Milan is also renowned as one of the world capitals of design and fashion.

**Places of interest:** The massive **Duomo**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture; Santa Maria delle Grazie, housing **Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper**; **Castello Sforzesco**, a reconstructed 15th century fortress; **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**; La Scala Opera, the monumental cemetery and the **Brera** neighbourhood's many art galleries.

**Best buys:** Milan is a world centre of fashion. The designer shops are concentrated around the Duomo and Corso Vittorio Emanuele II



(Via Montenapoleone, Via della Spigna and Via S Andrea). Less expensive are Via Torino, Corso Buenos Aires and XXII Marzo.

**Out and about:** Smart restaurants, avant garde cafés, the trendy late night bar society; live music venues, a long-established jazz scene and many dazzling clubs; **Teatro alla Scala** featuring the world's most distinguished singers.

**Sporting attractions:** Football, golf, walking and biking. Ice skating in winter.



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### Average climate in Milan

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
MAX °C	5	8	13	18	22	26	29	28	24	18	11	5
MIN °C	-2	0	3	7	11	15	17	17	13	8	4	0
HRS	4	4	6	7	9	9	11	10	8	6	4	4
MM	61	58	72	85	98	81	68	81	82	116	106	75

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Lake Como

# Lake Como

## Full-day seat-in coach excursion

You will be picked up in the morning from your hotel and transferred to the meeting point to board the coach. This tour is accompanied by an English-speaking guide.

**Lake Como** is of glacial origin and offers an extremely diverse landscape. Friendly villages, tiny ports and villas in the midst of exotic gardens are

dotted alongside the banks of this pre-alpine lake. The middle of the lake, where it's three arms come together, has the mildest climate and offers the broadest view.

Visit Como with its **cathedral** featuring different architectural styles and the scenic **Church of San Fedele**. You may opt for one of the many picturesque restaurants for lunch located on the lake shore. Enjoy a boat trip to discover the beauties of Lake Como. Proceed to **Bellagio** – stunningly located, at the centre point dividing the southern arm of Lake Como from Lake Lecco. Bellagio is renowned for the friendliness of its people and its excellent services and amenities as well as the **silk factory museum**.

In the late afternoon we return to Milan, arriving at the hotel in the evening.



Bellagio, Lake Como

## The Westin Palace



**Location:** Piazza della Repubblica.

Located in the heart of Milan's business district, the hotel is just minutes away from the Duomo and the world-famous shopping streets, as well as the church of Santa Maria Delle, which houses Leonardo's Last Supper. The Westin Palace is one of Milan's finest hotels and offers discreet, efficient service in a Renaissance setting. It features a majestic marble façade complemented with a classic interior decor of rich and elegant wood panelling, marbled pillars, chandeliers and fretwork balustrades. Milan Malpensa Airport is 50 kilometres away.



Guests can enjoy total relaxation and peace in the new fitness centre, housing two Turkish Baths, perfect after a long workout. The four treatment rooms offer a variety of services, including those designed specifically for couples.

Guest rooms are luxuriously appointed with 19th century antiques and elegant bathrooms in lavish pink and green marble. Guests can sink into the signature Heavenly Bed® for a memorable nights' sleep and also take pleasure in the new Heavenly Shower® in the bathrooms. Each guest room is fitted with a flat screen television. At the renowned Casanova Restaurant guests can discover the essence of Mediterranean cuisine.

**Facilities:** 228 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

**Classic Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, video, CD, DVD, data ports, minibar and safe.

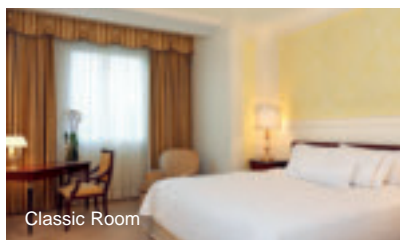
**Sports and leisure:** Fitness centre, spa, steam bath and massage.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



The Lounge Bar



Classic Room

Park Hyatt Milan 



**Location:** Via Tommaso Grossi.  
This elegant boutique hotel is located in the heart of Milan, adjacent to the famous shopping gallery Vittorio Emanuele II. It is just a few steps away from the Piazza del Duomo and the Teatro La Scala Opera House. It is also within walking distance from the ultra chic shops in Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga. Guests can relax and enjoy true Italian cuisine at the sophisticated Park restaurant. Milan Malpensa Airport is 50 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 105 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, bar, 24-hour room service, shops, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Park Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room, spa, steam bath and massage.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Park Room



Cupola Lobby Lounge

Hilton Milan 

**Location:** Via Galvani.

Set in the heart of Milan near the central train station, the Hilton Milan boasts a fantastic location within easy reach of shopping, the Opera House La Scala and the famous Cathedral Il Duomo. Opened in 1932, the hotel features a dominant and memorable Art Nouveau façade. The Hilton Milan is an ideal base for leisure and business travellers alike. Milan Malpensa Airport is 50 kilometres away.

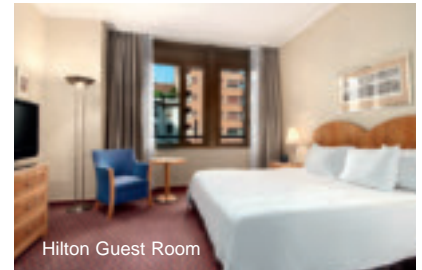
**Facilities:** 319 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms. Suitable for the physically challenged.

**Hilton Guest Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, minibar, TV, wireless connectivity, tea and coffee, iron and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Hilton Guest Room

Milan Marriott Hotel 

**Location:** Near the Exhibition Centre.

The Milan Marriott Hotel is a modern marble and glass property, ideally located in the elegant Art Nouveau district of Via Washington, near the Milan Fair Grounds. There are a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment venues nearby and the city centre is easily accessible by public transport or taxi. This popular and elegant hotel has a friendly atmosphere, modern facilities and is an ideal base from which to explore the city for leisure or business. Milan Malpensa Airport is 50 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 323 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, limited hours of room service, shop, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, minibar and safe.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room





# Venice

City of love



Venice Carnival

Venice, the only city in the world built entirely on water, stands on dozens of islets linked by some 400 bridges. Originally a merchant city, it has for centuries inspired poets, painters and writers, who have left a legacy of architectural and artistic treasures. It is easy to see why anyone could fall in love in Venice as it is the most beautiful city built by man, whether it's the delicious food, the cordiality of people, the fiestas, the leisurely promenade under the procuratie in the piazza at the end of the day or the open-air concerts in the evening. Perhaps the greatest Venetian experience is a

romantic gondola ride along canals flanked by gilded facades of palaces that recall Venice's glory.

Venice is made of different districts, the most famous of which is the area comprising the 118 islands in the main districts that are called 'Sestieri' and they are; Cannaregio, Castello, Dorsoduro, San Polo, Santa Croce and San Marco, where the main monuments and sights are located.

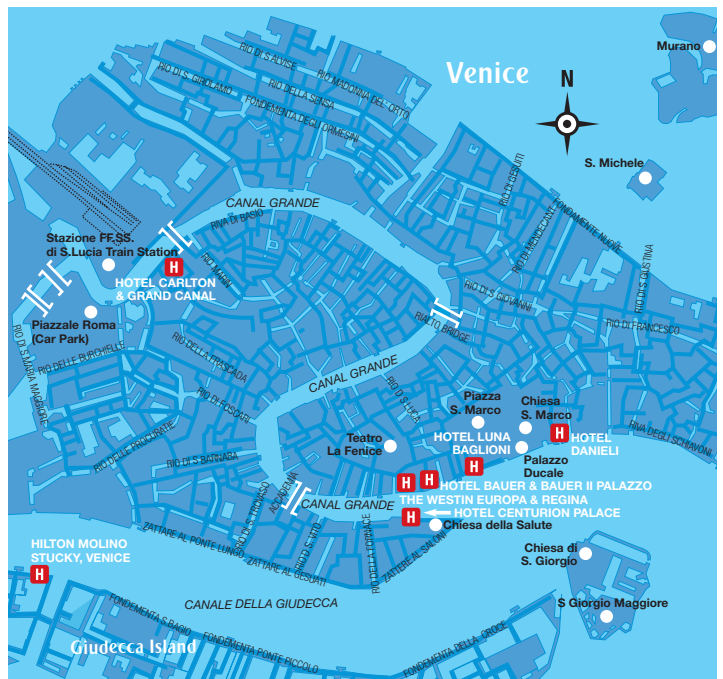
**Places of interest:** Piazza San Marco, Basilica di San Marco; the Doge's Palace; Guggenheim Museum; Academy of Fine Arts' Galleria dell' Accademia; Rialto Bridge and Bridge of Sighs; the Lido; and the islands of Murano and Burano.



**Best buys:** Murano glass (island of Murano); shops between San Marco and Castello; colourful carnival masks, marbled papers and lace. Main shopping areas for clothing, shoes, accessories and jewellery is between San Marco and Rialto.

**Out and about:** Romantic gondola ride on Grand Canal; exhibitions, theatre, musical events; a variety of cafés and restaurants.

**Sporting attractions:** Water sports at the Lido in summer and exploring the city on foot.



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Scala del Bavolo

# Discover Venice

## Two hour walking tour and Gondola ride

This combination of a walk and a gondola ride is undoubtedly the best way to see the glories of this unique, romantic and endlessly intriguing city. From **Piazza San Marco**, overlooked by the magnificent **Campagnile** and **Ducal Palace**, the walk takes you past the **Teatro la Fenice**, gloriously restored to its 19th century splendour; the **Palazzo Contarini's** flamboyant **Scala del Bavolo** spiral staircase displaying an exuberant mix of Renaissance, Gothic and Byzantine styles; and the 16th century **Rialto Bridge** lined with shops.



Rialto Bridge

Your exploration then takes to the water aboard a **gondola**, sailing along the **Grand Canal**, with splendid views of the **Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute**. Discover some of the narrow, minor canals that wind between houses and palaces, before returning to shore at **Vallaresso**, close to the **Piazza San Marco**.

The excursion operates daily in the afternoon, lasts for two hours and includes the services of an English-speaking guide. The gondola carries up to six people and the ride lasts for about 35 minutes. There is no commentary aboard the gondola.

## Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice ✓✓✓✓✓



**Location:** On Giudecca Island.

Set on the western end of Giudecca Island, a gondola-shaped group of islands and offering breathtaking scenery, this luxurious hotel is within easy reach of all major tourist attractions. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

With a choice of luxuriously appointed rooms and suites, impeccable service is something you can count on at Hilton Molino Stucky. Within the hotel there are five different restaurants and bars, offering a wide choice of cuisines and beverages. Relax at the Skyline bar with its stunning views along the Giudecca Canal to the Piazza San Marco, or enjoy fine dining in the intimate speciality restaurant.

For guests who want to relax, the hotel offers a superb range of leisure facilities, including a spectacular rooftop pool and a marvellous spa.

**Facilities:** 380 rooms and suites. Two restaurants, three bars, 24-hour room service, shop, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar, tea and coffee and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Outdoor pool, fitness centre, spa, sauna, jacuzzi and steam bath.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



Hotel Luna Baglioni 



**Location:** Behind Piazza San Marco.

The Hotel Luna Baglioni is Venice's oldest hotel dating back to the 12th century and located right behind Piazza San Marco, overlooking the lagoon and St Mark's basin. This most exclusive and luxurious hotel offers class, impeccable service, comfort and refined elegance. The devoted staff ensure guests a magical stay in charming Venice. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.



**Facilities:** 104 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Superior Rooms:** The rooms are exquisitely decorated in Venetian-style. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, complimentary wireless connectivity, iPod docking station, minibar and safe.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Additionally these rooms are larger.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room



Hotel Bauer and Bauer II Palazzo 

**Location:** Near Piazza San Marco.

Located on the Grand Canal, the two luxurious sister hotels are only steps away from Piazza San Marco. Bauer II Palazzo, an authentic, Venetian-style palace and adjacent Hotel Bauer offer warm hospitality and impeccable service. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** (Both hotels) 191 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, 24-hour room service, hairdresser, beauty salon, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

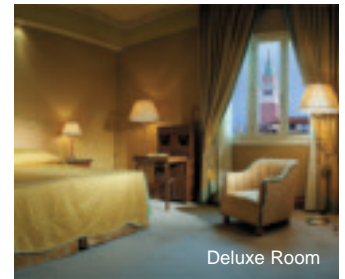
**Deluxe Rooms (Hotel Bauer):** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

**Palazzo Rooms (Bauer II Palazzo):** Rooms are located in the historical palace.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room, sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath and massage. Spa available at nearby Hotel Bauer Palladio.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

Hotel Danieli 



**Location:** Near Piazza San Marco.

This masterfully-restored palace is just steps away from Piazza San Marco. The main building is the original 14th century Venetian landmark lavishly appointed with pink marble, stained glass, ceilings decorated with golden leaves, Murano glass chandeliers and antiques. The restaurant La Terazza offers marvellous views overlooking the lagoon Bacino di Venezia. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 233 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Luxury Double Non-smoking Rooms:** Located in Palazzo Excelsior. Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Check-in:** 1500 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Luxury Double Non-smoking Room



## Hotel Centurion Palace

**Location:** Opposite Piazza San Marco.

This elegant hotel is ideally situated in the heart of Venice, on the Grand Canal overlooking St Mark's Square, next to the Basilica Santa Maria della Salute and near the famous Peggy Guggenheim Museum. The historical Palazzo Genovese has been turned into a hotel, where the grandeur of historic architecture blends well with contemporary interior design. The hotel's bar is the perfect place to relax and enjoy a drink while indulging in one of the most spectacular views over the city's landmarks. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 50 rooms and suites.

Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Superior Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, wireless connectivity, minibar and safe.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Superior Room



## The Westin Europa & Regina

**Location:** Near Piazza San Marco.

An architectural landmark on the Grand Canal, just steps from Piazza San Marco, this centuries-old and magnificently-restored hotel offers an ideal combination of traditional elegance and modern technology. La Cusina restaurant serves fine cuisine, whilst Bar Tiepolo is ideal for tea or cocktails. Marco Polo International Airport is 12 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 185 rooms and suites.

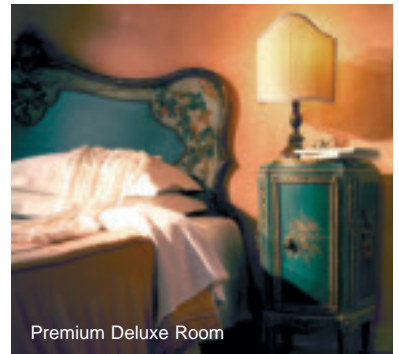
Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, business centre, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Premium Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room.

**Check-in:** 1500 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Premium Deluxe Room



## Hotel Carlton & Grand Canal

**Location:** Near the railway station.

This family run, elegant hotel is ideally located overlooking the Grand Canal within easy reach of all attractions, making the Hotel Carlton & Grand Canal a perfect choice for an unforgettable holiday to discover Venice. This Venetian-style hotel offers sophisticated services and facilities. Enjoy delicious food at the Cupola restaurant offering international and local cuisine or have a drink at the hotel's elegant bar Carlton Café. The rooms are beautifully appointed in 18th century

Venetian-style décor. Marco Polo International Airport is 13 kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 145 rooms and suites.

Restaurant, bar, limited hours of room service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.

**Standard Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Carlton Grand Bar







# Florence

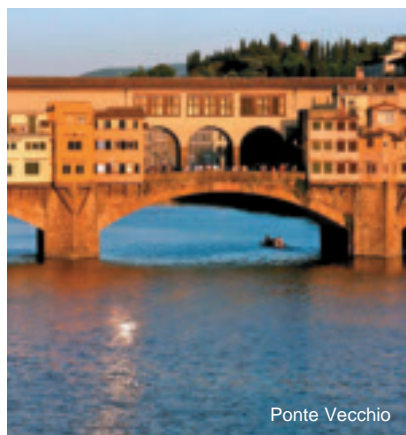
## Cradle of the Renaissance

Florence, Tuscany's lovely capital, was the hub of the Renaissance, powered by the towering genius of its citizens including Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Dante, Brunelleschi, Donatello, Machiavelli, Botticelli, Giotto, Ghiberti and Uccello. Continuing to attract millions of tourists each year, it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, a city of incomparable churches, monasteries, museums and galleries that will simply take your breath away. Florence is a city which bustles with industry and craft, commerce and culture, art and science, and is easily accessible from most of Italy.

**Places of interest:** Florence – the Duomo – the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**; **Uffizi Gallery**; Piazza della Signoria and Palazzo Vecchio; **Ponte Vecchio**; Pitti Palace; Academia; San Lorenzo Market, Medici Chapels, the Giotto's Bell Tower and the church of San Lorenzo.

**For the family:** Collodi, near Florence – **Pinocchio Park**, which has statues and fountains of all the Pinocchio characters and a delightful puppet show. Younger kids will love this charming, old-fashioned park. The fun food for kids is **gelato** ice cream. Florence lays claim to the invention of gelato by Bernardo Buontalenti, who made it for the Medicis.

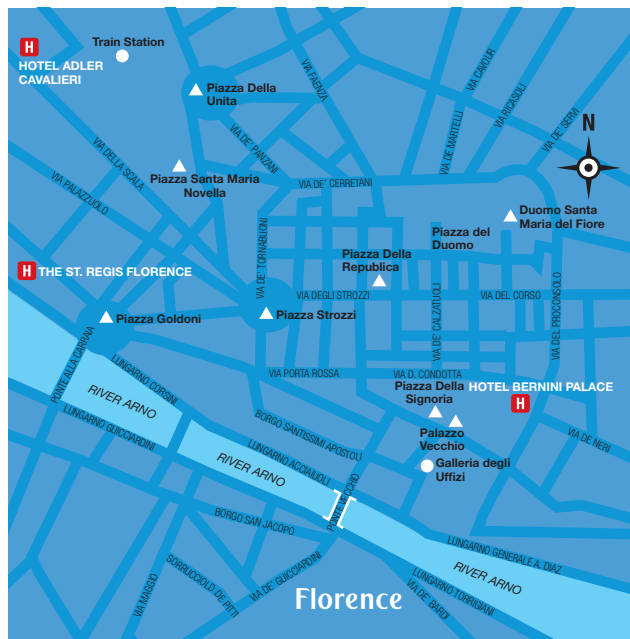
**Best buys:** Florence offers an enormous variety of shopping. The main shopping area is between the Duomo and the Arno River, with boutiques concentrated along Via Roma, Via dei Calzaiuoli and Via Porta Santa Maria, leading to the goldsmiths lining **Ponte Vecchio**. Florence's famed leather goods can be found in the city's markets.



Ponte Vecchio

**Out and about:** A variety of restaurants and cafés, theatre, museums, galleries, art exhibitions and festivals. Visit Pisa to see the impressive Leaning Tower and the Baptistery.

**Sporting attractions:** Tennis, golf, cycling, hiking and canoeing.



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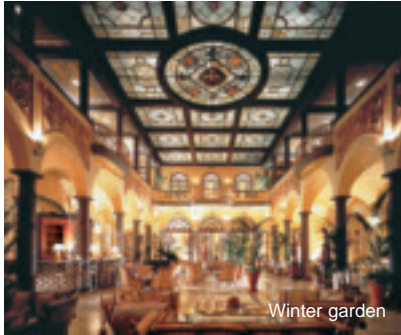
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## The St. Regis Florence

**Location:** Banks of the River Arno.

Located in Florence's historic centre, on the banks of the River Arno, the hotel is only a few minutes' walk from some of the world's most famous works of art and the city's most elegant shopping streets. With its richly appointed rooms, attentive service and historic setting, this elegant hotel is a Florentine masterpiece that bridges the centuries. Florence International Airport is eight kilometres away.



Winter garden

**Facilities:** 107 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, 24-hour room service, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, video, minibar and safe.

**River View Rooms:** Additionally these rooms are larger and offer beautiful views over River Arno and the Tuscan landscape.

**Check-in:** 1500 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



## Hotel Bernini Palace

**Location:** City centre.

This elegant hotel is conveniently located opposite the Palazzo Vecchio, in the very heart of cultural Florence and at a stone's throw from the River Arno. The Hotel Bernini Palace features traditional style with a contemporary touch. The Brunello Lounge & Restaurant is an ideal meeting point, a place to enjoy a meal and relax with state-of-the-art design as a backdrop, in an intimate atmosphere. Florence International Airport is eight kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 74 rooms and suites. Restaurant, bar, limited hours of room service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting, interconnecting and non-smoking rooms.

**Deluxe Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Jacuzzi.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Deluxe Room

## Hotel Adler Cavalieri

**Location:** City centre, near train station.

The appealing Hotel Adler Cavalieri is located in the historic centre of Florence, close to the main railway station and just a short walk away from the prime shopping and sightseeing areas. Originally a 19th century palace, the elegant Florentine furnishings, the precious marble, wooden décor and the fresco-painted ceilings create an enchanting atmosphere of old Italy. Florence International Airport is eight kilometres away.

**Facilities:** 60 rooms and suites. Restaurant, two bars, 24-hour room service, safety deposit boxes, babysitting and non-smoking rooms.

**Standard Rooms:** Air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, TV, data ports, minibar and safe.

**Sports and leisure:** Fitness room, sauna, jacuzzi and steam bath.

**Check-in:** 1400 hours

**Check-out:** 1200 hours.



Standard Room

