

# ITALIAN LANGUAGE & LIFE



**Day 1: AUSTRALIA – ROME**

Meet at the airport for your International flight to Rome, Italy.

**Day 2: ROME**

On arrival into Rome you will be met and transferred by coach to your hotel. The rest of the day is then free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher.

**Day 3: ROME**

**(B)**

Today you will explore and experience Ancient Rome and its historical perspective. After breakfast meet your guide for your half-day walking tour of Ancient Rome. You will see the sights of the Colosseum (outside) (opened by the Emperor Vespasian in A.D. 80). With a circumference of 580 yards and height of 157 feet, the Colosseum would hold 50,000 persons. You will then continue on with your tour visiting the Arch of Constantine and the Roman Forum. The afternoon is then free to spend time with your teacher sightseeing, you could visit places such as, Il Campo de' Fiori, Arch of Titus, the Pantheon, the Spanish steps, Victor Emmanuel Monument, and the Trevi Fountain, *(any entrance fees at own expense)*.

**Day 4: ROME**

**(B)**

This morning you will meet your guide for your second half-day guided tour of Rome. You will visit the Vatican City and its museums, including the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica with its many treasures and masterpieces, including the famous Pieta' of Michelangelo. The rest of the day is then free for independent sightseeing supervised by your teacher. You may like to take a walk to Piazza Navona, which is a vast and beautiful square lined with baroque palaces. The square has three fountains, including Bernini's masterpiece "Fountains of Rivers" in the centre, *(any entrance fees at own expense)*.

**Day 5: ROME – SORRENTO AREA**

**(B)**

This morning you will depart by coach from Rome to Sorrento area. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to check in for your two night stay. The day is then free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher.



**Day 10: FLORENCE (B)**

This morning you will make your own way to your Italian Language School where you will begin your 3 hours of Italian Language Lessons. After your lesson the day is then free for teacher-supervised activities. You may like to visit the Bargello (*Museo Nazionale del Bargello*). The National Museum has its setting in one of the oldest buildings in Florence and one of the most beautiful in Italy, which was begun in 1255. Initially the headquarters of the Capitano del Popolo and later of the Podestà, in the sixteenth century it became the residence of the Bargello or head of police spies from which it took its name. Throughout the eighteenth century it functioned as a prison. Since 1865 it has become the National Museum, displaying the largest Italian collection of gothic and renaissance sculptures (14th - 17th century). The museum also has a fine collection of ceramics, textile, tapestries, ivory, silver, armours and old coins, or you may like to do some last minute shopping, (*any entrance fees at own expense*).

**Day 11: FLORENCE – VENICE (B)**

This morning you will board your coach and transferred to the train station where you will board your train Venice (*one-way train fare included*). On arrival you will make your own way to your hotel to check in for your two night stay. The rest of the day is free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher. You could take a Gondola ride down the Grand Canal. Don't miss the sunset from Doge's palace square facing Santa Maria della Salute. Or take a visit to the Giardinetti Ex-Reali (*Ex Royal Gardens*), the gardens have benches that face the water and you can sit down, rest your feet while watching the gondolieri pass by, (*any entrance fees at own expense*).

**Day 12: VENICE (B)**

Today is free to explore Venice with your teacher. You could visit such sights as St. Mark's square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doges Palace, the Bridges of Sigh or purchase a vaporetto pass (*at own expense*) and visit the islands of Murano and Burano, where you can see lace making and glass blowing demonstrations. Murano has been the "home" of the glass making industry since the 13<sup>th</sup> century and Burano is the "home" to the lace making industry, (*any entrance fees at own expense*).

**Day 13: VENICE – MILAN (B)**

This morning you will make your own way to the train station with your teacher where you will board your train to Milan (*one way train fare included*). On arrival you will be met by your coach and en-route to the hotel you will have a half day guided tour of Milan. You will visit Il Duomo, La Scala Opera House, Castello Sfozesca, the Galleria and Vittorio Emanuele II, after you tour is complete you will then re-board your coach and transfer to your hotel, (*any entrance fees at own expense*).

**Day 14: MILAN – AUSTRALIA (B)**

This morning after breakfast you will board your coach for your transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

**Day 15: AUSTRALIA**

Arrive Home.

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Return International economy airfares: Australia - Rome // Milan - Australia.
- 12 nights 2/3 star hotels (private facilities).
- Student's multi-share.
- 2 complimentary teachers 1 twin share room.
- 12 breakfasts.
- 9 hours of language classes.
- Coach travel as per itinerary.
- Train travel: Florence – Venice – Milan.
- 2 half day guided Tours in Rome.
- 1 half day guided tour in Pompeii.
- 1 half day guided tour in Milan.
- Entrance Fees into Pompeii Excavations.
- Trekset travel wallets.
- Local office Italy.

## **CONDITIONS**

Conditions apply. The price is based on the exchange rate AUD1.00 = EUR 0.6036 dated 30/5/08. It is based on 20 students and 2 staff complimentary in low season. All taxes are approximate and included taxes for the 2 complimentary staff. Please contact your Trekset Tours representative for all terms and conditions.

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