

ITALY ON A BUDGET



Day 1: **AUSTRALIA – ROME**
Meet at your international airport for your 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. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

Day 3: **ROME** **(B)**
Today is a free day for teacher organised activities, you may like to explore and experience Ancient Rome and its historical perspective. With your teacher you may like to make your own way to the Colosseum *(entrance fee at own expense)* *(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. This afternoon, 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 today are at own expense)*

Day 4: **ROME** **(B)**
Another free day for teacher organised activities, you may like to make your way to the Vatican City, here you can see its museums *(entrance fees at own expense)*, including the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica with its many treasures and masterpieces, including the famous Pieta' of Michelangelo. This afternoon 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 center. *(Any entrance today are at own expense).*

Day 5: **ROME** **(B)**
This morning after breakfast, the day is free for teacher supervised sightseeing. You may like to make your way *(walking or local bus at own expense)* to the Time Elevator. This is a multi-sensorial attraction showing 3000 years of Roman history from Romulus and Remus to the present day in an exciting and fun way, *(any entrance fees at own expense today).*

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Day 6: ROME – FLORENCE (B)
This morning after breakfast, you will make your own way to the train station. Here you will depart Rome by train for your journey to Florence. Florence is often considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and was long ruled by the Medici family. The Medici family was a powerful and influential Florentine family from the 13th to 17th century. The family produced three popes (*Leo X, Clement VII, and Leo XI*), numerous rulers of Florence, and later members of the French royalty. The family also helped to spur the beginning of the Italian Renaissance. Florence is also famous for its fine art and architecture. It is said that, of the 1,000 most important European artists of the second millennium, 350 lived or worked in Florence. On arrival you will make your own way with your teacher to your hotel. Depending if time permits the rest of the day is free for teacher supervised activities. (*One way train fare Rome to Florence included, any entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 7: FLORENCE – PISA – FLORENCE (B)
This morning after breakfast, you will make your own way to the train station with your teacher for your trip to Pisa, where you will board your train (*return train fare included*). There you can visit by far the best-known sight of Pisa the famous Leaning Tower, which is, but one of many architecturally and artistically important structures in Pisa. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or bell tower, of the Cathedral. It is situated behind the Cathedral and it is the third structure in Pisa's Campo dei Miracoli (*field of Miracles*). The tower is famous for its noticeable lean. It was intended to stand vertically, to serve as a bell tower, but began leaning soon after construction started in 1173, (*any entrance fees own expense*). In the late afternoon with your teacher make your way back to Florence by train.

Day 8: FLORENCE (B)
This morning after breakfast, with your teacher you may like to visit such sights as Il Ponte Vecchio, Il Duomo, Giotto Bell Tower and Signoria Square. This afternoon you may like to visit the Uffizi Gallery and explore the gallery with your teacher. Uffizi Gallery is home to priceless paintings and sculptures from the world's most important collection of Renaissance art. Giotto's – Maesta, Botticelli's – The Birth of Venus and Titan's – Venus of Urbino. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 9: FLORENCE – VENICE (B)
This morning after breakfast you will make your own way with your teacher to Florence train station for your journey to Venice (*one way train fare included*). On arrival you will make your own way to your hotel to check in for your three night stay. The rest of the day is free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher. You could take a Gondola ride (own expense) 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 10: VENICE (B)
This morning after breakfast, the day is free for teacher supervised activities. You may like to see such sights as St. Mark's square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doges Palace, the Bridges of Sigh. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*).

Day 11: VENICE – AUSTRALIA (B)
This morning make your own way with your teacher to the pier where you will board your water taxi (*one-way water taxi transfer included*) to Venice Airport for your flights back to Australia.

Day 12:
Arrive home.

AUSTRALIA

INCLUSIONS:

- Return International economy airfares.
- Accommodation: Based on 2 star hotels with multi-share for students and 2 staff will be accommodated in 1 twin share room.
- 4 nights Rome, 3 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice
- Breakfast daily
- Coach Service: Rome Airport to Rome hotel
- Train tickets: Rome – Florence, Florence – Pisa – Florence, Florence - Venice
- Water Taxi: Venice hotel – Venice Airport
- Trekset travel wallets.
- Local office Italy.

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