

13 Days | Italian Indulgence | 2025

Rome - Assisi - Siena - Tuscany - Florence - Lucca - Pisa - Portofino - Cherasco
- Alba - Lake Como - Trento - Verona - Venice

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Learn to cook a delicious Tuscan meal in a traditional countryside villa

Join a truffle hunt with a local farmer and his dog amongst the scenic hills of Alba

Bask in the wonders of Lake Maggiore on a scenic boat tour of the Borromean Islands

Take in the exquisite scenery and opulent atmosphere of Lake Como

Description



Embark on a captivating journey through the heart of Italy with Back Roads Touring's immersive 13-day experience: Italian Indulgence.

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This meticulously crafted itinerary promises an intoxicating blend of ancient cities, picturesque landscapes, and unforgettable cultural encounters. Prepare to be whisked away on a voyage of discovery as you delve into the rich tapestry of Italy's history, art, and gastronomy.

Your adventure begins amidst the rolling hills and vineyards of Tuscany, where time seems to stand still in enchanting villages frozen in history. Wander through cobbled streets lined with rustic trattorias, where the scent of freshly baked bread mingles with the aroma of simmering sauces. Take in the panoramic views of the countryside dotted with medieval castles and Renaissance palaces, each telling a story of bygone eras.

As you traverse the scenic landscapes of Tuscany, you'll have the opportunity to indulge in authentic culinary experiences that celebrate the region's gastronomic heritage. Savor the bold flavors of Tuscan cuisine, from hearty ribollita soups to delicate handmade pastas drizzled with golden olive oil. Sample the finest wines from local vineyards, where generations of winemakers have perfected their craft, producing vintages that embody the

essence of the land.

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Journey onwards to the shores of serene lakes, where time-honored traditions meet breathtaking natural beauty. Immerse yourself in the tranquility of Lake Como, where elegant villas and lush gardens grace the shoreline. Cruise across shimmering waters aboard a private boat, soaking in panoramic views of snow-capped mountains and charming waterfront towns. Indulge in leisurely strolls along scenic promenades, pausing to admire the opulent villas that have enchanted artists and aristocrats for centuries.

Continue your exploration of Italy's diverse landscapes as you venture into the rugged beauty of the Italian Riviera. Discover the colorful villages of Cinque Terre, perched precariously on cliffs overlooking the azure waters of the Ligurian Sea. Hike along ancient footpaths that wind through terraced vineyards and olive groves, revealing hidden coves and secluded beaches. Delight in the simple pleasures of coastal life as you feast on freshly caught seafood and sip crisp local wines against a backdrop of breathtaking sunsets.

No journey through Italy would be complete without a visit to its iconic cities, where the past and present collide in a symphony of architecture, art, and culture. Explore the timeless streets of Florence, where Renaissance masterpieces adorn every corner and the echoes of Michelangelo's chisel still resonate in the air. Marvel at the grandeur of Rome, the eternal city, where ancient ruins stand as testaments to the glory of empires past.

Throughout your odyssey, you'll be accompanied by expert guides who will illuminate the hidden treasures and fascinating stories that make Italy truly unique. Whether you're exploring ancient ruins, savoring gourmet delights, or simply soaking in the beauty of your surroundings, every moment of Italian Indulgence promises to be an unforgettable experience. So come, join us on this extraordinary journey and discover the magic of Italy in all its splendor.



Itinerary

Day 1

Rome

They say all roads lead to Rome – and that is where we'll begin our delightful Italian adventure. After meeting the group, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: The Guardian Hotel (or similar)

Day 2

Rome Assisi Perugia

After breakfast, our route will whisk us away to awe-inspiring Assisi, the birthplace of St Francis. After getting to know the famous hilltop town a little better on an orientation tour, we'll move on to Perugia – the medieval capital of the Umbria region.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Fortuna (or similar)

Day 3

Perugia Siena Rural Tuscany

Introducing Siena: a magnificent Gothic city bursting with fabulous architecture. After exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town centre with our Tour Leader, we'll make tracks for tonight's idyllic accommodation: a country villa hotel set amidst the rolling Tuscan countryside. For dinner this evening, we'll come together to indulge in some superb local cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Tenuta di Artimino (or similar)

Day 4

Rural Tuscany

Interested in learning a few Italian culinary secrets? You're in luck! Today our friendly hosts will help us to prepare a classic Tuscan lunch. After indulging in our creations, the afternoon will be ours to take in the panoramic countryside views or take a dip in the pool.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Tenuta di Artimino (or similar)

Day 5

Rural Tuscany Florence Lucca

Today we'll turn our attention to Florence: the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of some of the world's most treasured masterpieces. A local guide will bring the city alive as we stroll by the likes of the Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio on a walking tour. Then, as the afternoon turns to dusk, we'll press on to lovely Lucca.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Alla Corte degli Angeli (or similar)

Day 6

Lucca Pisa Lucca

Prepare to see an Italian icon up close today as we pay a visit to the Campo Dei Miracoli: home to the legendary Leaning Tower of Pisa. There will be plenty of time for photographing this iconic landmark and uncovering the acoustic wonders of the Baptistry of St John before returning to Lucca. This afternoon, we'll have the chance to explore the cobblestone streets at our own pace.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel Alla Corte degli Angeli (or similar)

Day 7

Lucca Camogli and Portofino Ligurian Riviera

It's time to experience the glitz and glamour of the Italian Riviera! Today we'll make stops at romantic Camogli and glittering Portofino before settling along the Ligurian Riviera. This evening, take some time to wander along the beautiful seafront – taking in the pastel-coloured houses and elegant hotels.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Europa Hotel Design Spa 1877 (or similar)

Day 8

Ligurian Riviera Alba Langhe Region

Rise and shine – this morning we'll venture to the breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Piedmont region. We'll head out into the rolling hills of Alba to join a truffle hunt with a local farmer and his dog. Afterwards, we'll continue our journey south to the enchanting Langhe region where we'll enjoy some free time before a sumptuous group dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Santa Vittoria (or similar)

Day 9

Langhe Region  **Barolo**  **Asti**  **Lake Orta**  **Lake Maggiore**

Away from the coast and onwards to Barolo, in Piedmont: a region of rich red wines and luxurious cuisine. There's a treat in store for the bon vivants among us – we'll be visiting a local distillery near Asti to taste some local liquors. Later, we'll hit the road to the captivating Lake Orta: a tranquil retreat sitting pretty at the bottom of the imposing Monte Mottarone. Then: from one blissful Italian lake to another! Lake Maggiore will be the final stop on today's scenic journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Majestic (or similar)

Day 10

Lake Maggiore

Today we'll leave dry land behind us and set sail for the Borromean Island: a charming collection of islets located in the western corner of the lake. Get ready to explore idyllic Isola Madre and the pretty harbour of Isola dei Pescatori. We'll also wander around the Baroque Borromeo Palace on Isola Bella with a local guide before we return to shore. After a light lunch, we'll have some free time to spend at our leisure.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Majestic (or similar)

Day 11

Lake Maggiore  **Lake Como**  **Sondrio**

After bidding a fond farewell to Lake Maggiore we will venture along the shores of stunning Lake Como. Passing lakeside villages draped in opulence, here we'll receive a rare insight into how the rich and famous live. Continuing our journey, we'll stop to taste some local wine before arriving at Sondrio – our home for the night.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Hotel della Posta (or similar)

Day 12

Sondrio  **Lake Molveno**  **Trento**

Today we'll shine the spotlight on one of the most beautiful lakes in Italy: the spectacular Lake Molveno – a swathe of iridescent blue that lies at the foot of the Brenta Dolomites. Then, our Tour Leader will take us on a leisurely stroll around the mountain city of Trento before we settle in for tonight's farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: Grand Hotel Trento (or similar)

Day 13

Trento  **Verona**  **Venice**

Filled with impressive ruins and romantic hotspots, fair Verona beckons today. After taking in the city highlights on a walking tour with a local guide, we'll board the mini-coach one last time for the journey to our show-stopping finale: the floating city of Venice.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Premium Mini Coach Transportation
- Experienced Tour Guide
- 12 nights in hand picked accommodation
- 12 breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 4 Dinners
- Inclusions as per day to day itinerary

Guaranteed Departures: Not all tour dates listed have met minimum numbers to operate. Please contact Traveldream to check if your preferred departure is guaranteed.

Insurance: You will need to take out full travel insurance before travelling with Back-Roads Touring. Please ensure that you have adequate medical, personal effects and cancellation cover.

Group Size: Maximum of 18 passengers.

Exclusions

- Visas (where required)
- International flights
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals & drinks not mentioned
- Transfers where not mentioned
- Any additional requests
- Tipping

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