

Splendors of Italy: Venice, Florence, and Rome with Michael Phillips

Prices start at \$3,399 / per person
based on double occupancy



Visit three famous Italian Cities for one incredible vacation with favorite our host, Michael Phillips. As a tour director, Michael has taken groups through his most beloved European cities showing them the history, art, and iconic not to be missed experiences all will enjoy.

Date	Daily Schedule
Oct 14	Depart the U.S. to Venice, Italy
Oct 15	Venice
Oct 16	Murano and Burano Island tour and Venice city tour
Oct 17	Venice to Florence via Ravenna
Oct 18	Florence
Oct 19	Carrara Quarry and Pisa
Oct 20	Florence – Tuscany – Rome
Oct 21	Rome – Optional Visit to Rome Temple – Old Town
Oct 22	Morning optional Church Service – Afternoon tour of Ancient Rome
Oct 23	Pompeii
Oct 24	The Vatican with a free afternoon
Oct 25	Return to the U.S.

TOUR INCLUDES:

Deluxe/Air-Conditioned motor coach transportation • Local Licensed Guides and experienced LDS Tour Director • 10 nights hotel accommodations in Venice, Florence, and Rome in Deluxe 4-star hotels • Sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary • Meals as outlined in the itinerary • Entrance fees to all noted locations and museums • Transportation and a scheduled visit to the Rome Temple • Audio headsets • Document packet • Digital tour app

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Highlights of the Tour:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour!
- Advance time entry tickets to attractions included
- We include all tipping for hotels and restaurants where meals are provided
- A scheduled visit to the LDS Rome Temple

Not included:

- International round trip flights to Italy
- Any private sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Tour gratuities for the bus drivers, local guides, and tour director
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not included in tour outline

Payment Information:

- Deposit is \$500.00 pp
- Cash Discount of \$100.00 pp offered for final payment by Check
- Final Payment is due June 10, 2023
- Program based on a minimum of 30 travelers

Optional Pricing Per Person:

- Double/Single Share/Triple - \$3,399.00
- Single - \$4,399.00
- Group Air from Salt Lake City - TBA

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Depart U.S.A to Venice, Italy

Today we will depart the states and fly overnight to Venice, Italy.

Meals: In-flight

Day 2: Sunday, October 15, 2023

Venice

Our Italian experience will begin as we arrive at the Venice airport and are greeted by our tour manager. We will take a short transfer to the hotel to freshen up and continue to the mainland boat terminal for a private transfer to St. Mark square. Here we experience a delightful walking tour of the 'City of Islands'. Along the way, we see and enter St. Mark's Square and Basilica. Next, we see the Bell Tower, the Clock Tower, and the Bridge of Sighs to name some favorite sites. This evening we enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner and have a chance to get to know each other better before making our way back to the hotel to overnight.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Monday, October 16, 2023

Murano and Burano Island Tour and Venice City Tour

After breakfast we will board our coach again to the boat terminal and board our private boat for a cruise past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, the Public Gardens, the tip of Sant' Elena, and the Lido famous beach resort to Murano Island. Known worldwide for its colored glass, we will see mouth blown glassmaking in progress and enjoy a factory tour. Next stop is Burano Island. This picturesque island is famous not only for its lace, but also, for the fishermen's houses painted in bright colors. We will enjoy this place before cruising back to the main island for a lunch break. Enjoy some time at leisure and transfer back to your hotel on the mainland for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Venice to Florence via Ravenna

This morning we will leave Venice and begin our scenic journey to Florence. We'll stop in Ravenna to visit this treasure chest of art, history, and culture. The richest heritage of mosaics in the world, preserved in the basilicas and baptisteries of the city, is clear evidence of the extraordinary period. For their universal value and the uniqueness of their mosaics, eight monuments of Ravenna have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continuing south, we'll arrive in Florence, known as the Cradle of Renaissance.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 5: Wednesday, October 18, 2023**Florence**

After breakfast, we enjoy a walking tour of Florence, taking in all the amazing outdoor art and sculptures along the route. Our guided tour includes the Cathedral of Santa Maria Dei Fiore, known as the Duomo, and the home of Giotto's bell tower and Brunelleschi's famous dome. We also tour the Academia featuring Michelangelo's statue of David. The afternoon we will explore the many treasured art works at the Uffizi Gallery. You will have dinner on your own and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

**Day 6: Thursday, October 19, 2023****Carrara Quarry and Pisa**

Today is unquestionably another tour highlight as we make our way out to Florence to the mountains, visiting the historic Carrara marble quarry. We enjoy a jeep ride up the hill to the quarry opening where Michelangelo, and other famous sculptors, picked their marble that we still marvel at today. We get to try our hand at the chisel and see many works of art. After a wonderful local lunch, we continue to Pisa and its iconic "leaning tower" for a city tour before returning to Florence. You will have dinner on your own and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7: Friday, October 20, 2023**Florence to Tuscany to Rome**

This morning we bid farewell to Florence and head south to Rome. Before leaving the city, we drive up to the overview spot of Piazzale Michelangelo, to enjoy a breathtaking view over the city and its skyline made of famous monuments, churches, and buildings. We then drive through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to San Gimignano, beautiful medieval town famous for its unmistakable skyline. The town is known as the city of "hundred towers". Next, we arrive in Siena, notice the medieval ramparts greeting us with the Latin inscription 'Cor Magis Tibi Sena Pandit' (Siena opens its heart to you). We walk through the maze of narrow streets, see the Piazza Del Campo where the famous 'Palio Horse Race' is held, and view the 13th century cathedral. We end our day in Rome. Dinner is served at the hotel and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 8: Saturday, October 21, 2023****Rome – Optional Visit to Rome Temple – Old Town**

After breakfast for those who choose, we board our coach and transfer to the LDS temple and enjoy attending a session and touring the grounds. Later in the day we return to the hotel. This afternoon we start exploring Rome with a guided walking tour in the old town and see famous places such as the Spanish steps, the Pantheon, built over 2,000 years ago to honor Caesar

Augustus and later converted to a Christian church, the Trevi fountain and Piazza Navona. Dinner is on your own tonight and overnight.

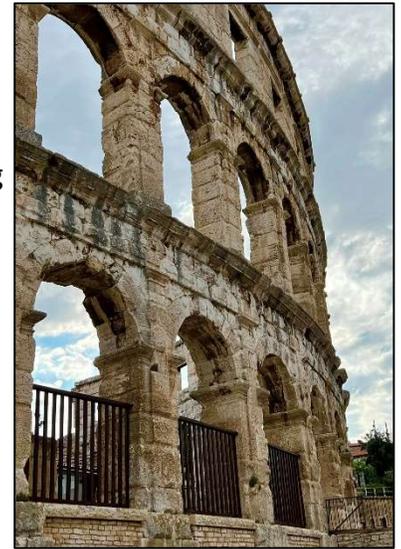
Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Sunday, October 22, 2023

Morning optional Church Service– Afternoon tour of Old Town

Today for those interested, we will attend a local LDS Sacrament meeting or other local church services before our visit to the famous sites of Ancient Rome. After we arrive at the Colosseum grounds, we will walk underneath the Constantine Arch and then enter the huge arena dating from 79 AD. Our next stop is the Roman Forum, where the ancient marketplace seems to jump to life as we stroll through the ruins. Dinner on your own and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast



Day 10: Monday, October 23, 2023

Pompeii

Today we will take a day trip from Rome to Pompeii. The Roman town was destroyed and buried under meters of volcanic ash after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The imposing volcano will be the backdrop to this visit. Today, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Italy. Largely preserved under the ash, the excavated city offers a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried and an extraordinarily detailed insight into the everyday life of its inhabitants. Return to Rome for dinner on your own and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

The Vatican with a free afternoon

This morning we tour the Vatican, the world's smallest independent country. Our guide provides an overview of the history of the Vatican museums, with the highlight of the tour being the Sistine Chapel, where the ceiling is covered with Michelangelo's most famous paintings. As the tour continues, we explore St. Peter's Square, with Bernini's 284 columns, before entering St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. This afternoon you are free to enjoy the city of Rome on your own. Tonight, a farewell dinner is served at a local restaurant including live music entertainment.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Return to the USA

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