

ROME ABROAD

A ROME-FLOYD CHAMBER PROGRAM

PROPOSED ITINERARY

Rome • Florence • Venice

April 9-18, 2027

A small-group journey to three extraordinary cities.

Private sightseeing, iconic landmarks, memorable food experiences, first-class rail and time to experience Italy at your own pace.

Presented by the Rome-Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

Travel arrangements by Magical Travel & Events

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Proposed itinerary - sightseeing, hotels, timing and sequence are subject to change.

DAY 1
SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Welcome to Rome & La Dolce Vita by Golf Cart

Benvenuti a Roma! Upon arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport, the group will be met for the transfer into central Rome and check-in at the hotel. If rooms are not yet available, luggage can be stored while travelers begin settling into the neighborhood.

In the late afternoon, discover the Eternal City by golf cart. The private La Dolce Vita experience winds through Rome's historic heart, with planned highlights including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona and a memorable pass by the Colosseum.

Planned inclusions: Group airport transfer; private 3-hour Rome piazzas golf-cart tour; headsets where applicable; overnight in Rome.

DAY 2
SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Ancient Rome, the Colosseum & Group Dinner

After breakfast, meet a private driver and guide for a panoramic exploration of Imperial Rome, including views of the Roman Forum and Circus Maximus.

The morning culminates inside the Colosseum. With a private guide, learn about the Flavian Amphitheatre, its architecture, gladiatorial contests and the public spectacles that once drew enormous Roman crowds.

Return to the hotel with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, gather again for a group dinner at the hotel or a nearby local restaurant.

Planned inclusions: Private transportation and guide for the Ancient Rome program; Colosseum admission; headsets; group dinner with included water and wine; overnight in Rome.

DAY 3
MONDAY, APRIL 12

Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's Basilica

After breakfast, travel privately to Vatican City for a guided morning devoted to one of the world's great collections of art and history. Explore the Vatican Museums and their remarkable galleries, sculptures, tapestries and Renaissance treasures.

The visit continues to the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's celebrated frescoes, followed by St. Peter's Basilica and its monumental architecture and works of art.

Return to the hotel after the tour. The afternoon is intentionally left free for lunch, shopping, another museum, a favorite piazza or simply time to enjoy Rome at your own pace.

Planned inclusions: Round-trip private transportation; private guide; Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica admissions; headsets; overnight in Rome.

Please note: Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica visits are subject to Vatican and Papal events and may require adjustment.

DAY 4
TUESDAY, APRIL 13

**First-Class Rail to Florence, Piazzale
Michelangelo & Pasta-Making Dinner**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, transfer privately to Roma Termini and board a first-class high-speed train to Florence. The journey is approximately 1 hour 30-40 minutes.

On arrival, transfer to the Florence hotel and enjoy time to settle in. Later, head toward the evening's culinary experience with a photo stop at Piazzale Michelangelo, one of Florence's classic viewpoints.

Then roll up your sleeves for a private, hands-on pasta-making class with an Italian chef. Learn to prepare two styles of traditional pasta and sauces, then sit down together to enjoy the meal you've prepared, accompanied by drinks and a traditional dessert.

Planned inclusions: Private station transfers; first-class high-speed rail Rome-Florence; Piazzale Michelangelo stop; private pasta-making class with dinner and drinks; overnight in Florence.

DAY 5
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Renaissance Florence & Michelangelo's David

Meet a private guide for a walking tour through the historic heart of Florence. Follow medieval streets to Piazza della Signoria, see Santa Croce from the exterior and continue through the Duomo complex area.

The morning concludes inside the Accademia Gallery, home to Michelangelo's David. Your guide will place the masterpiece in context and introduce the gallery's additional Florentine paintings and sculpture.

The rest of the afternoon is at leisure - ideal for shopping, a museum, a long lunch or simply wandering Florence's beautiful streets and piazzas.

Planned inclusions: Private 4-hour guided touring; Accademia Gallery admission; headsets; overnight in Florence.

DAY 6
THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Florence at Your Own Pace

Today is completely unscheduled, giving you the freedom to shape your own Florence experience. Revisit a favorite landmark, browse boutiques and artisan workshops, explore another museum, enjoy local gastronomy or settle into a cafe and watch the city go by.

This open day is intentionally built into the program so travelers can slow down, pursue individual interests and enjoy Florence beyond the scheduled sightseeing.

Planned inclusions: Breakfast and overnight in Florence.

DAY 7
FRIDAY, APRIL 16

First-Class Rail to Venice & Private Gondola Ride

After breakfast, check out and transfer privately to Florence's railway station for the first-class high-speed journey to Venice.

Arriving at Venezia Santa Lucia station is part of the experience: a private water taxi will take the group across Venice's waterways to the hotel, with historic palazzi and canals unfolding along the way.

After time to settle in, gather in the early evening for a private 30-minute gondola ride through Venice's canals. The remainder of the evening is free.

Planned inclusions: Private transfer to Florence station; first-class high-speed rail Florence-Venice; private water taxi to the hotel; private gondola ride; overnight in Venice.

DAY 8
SATURDAY, APRIL 17

St. Mark's, Doge's Palace & Farewell Dinner

Meet a private guide for a morning walking tour through the heart of Venice. Begin in Piazza San Marco and step inside St. Mark's Basilica, known for its blend of Byzantine, Gothic and Western influences and its extraordinary golden mosaics.

Continue into the Doge's Palace, once the residence of the Doge and political center of the Venetian Republic. Explore ceremonial rooms before crossing the legendary Bridge of Sighs.

The walk continues through Venice's narrow lanes, hidden passages and canals toward the lively Rialto area. After free time during the afternoon, gather in the evening for a farewell dinner together.

Planned inclusions: Private 3-hour guide; St. Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace admissions; headsets; farewell dinner with included water and wine; overnight in Venice.

DAY 9
SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Arrivederci, Italia

At the designated time, depart the hotel by private water taxi for Venice Airport and the flight home, bringing Rome Abroad to a close.

Planned inclusions: Private water transfer from the Venice hotel to Venice Airport.

Important Itinerary Notes

- This is a proposed itinerary. Sightseeing order, exact times, restaurants, transportation details and other operational elements may change as arrangements are finalized.
- Accommodations are planned in centrally located 4-star hotels in Rome, Florence and Venice. Specific hotel assignments may change; comparable category and characteristics are intended.
- Admission to major attractions is subject to availability, operating schedules, local restrictions and special events. Vatican visits are particularly subject to Vatican/Papal events.
- Free time is an intentional part of the itinerary, allowing travelers to explore independently, shop, dine, rest or pursue individual interests.
- Group transportation and touring will be provided as described in the final confirmed itinerary. A Magical Travel & Events and/or Rome-Floyd County Chamber representative will accompany the group as a primary point of contact; professional local guides will lead scheduled sightseeing.
- Travelers should expect substantial walking and standing, cobblestones and uneven surfaces, stairs and bridges, especially in Venice.

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