



VENICE TO ROME
OCTOBER 4, 2016

CLASSICAL ITALY & THE ADRIATIC

“The creator made Italy from designs by Michelangelo” MARK TWAIN

Of all the countries of the Mediterranean, Italy is perhaps the most alluring: its art, architecture, history and, of course, food have seduced travellers for centuries. You'll journey from the dazzling splendour of Byzantine Venice and the evocative ruins of Pompeii to the hill towns of Urbino and Lecce.

You will also enjoy the outstanding natural beauty of the Adriatic as you cruise to Split and the walled port of Dubrovnik, once described by George Bernard Shaw as “Paradise on Earth”. The ancient site of Butrint in Albania and hedonistic Corfu follow en route to Taormina in Sicily.

It is then on to Amalfi and ancient Paestum, followed by romantic Sorrento and Pompeii. Your journey ends with a two-night hotel stay in Eternal Rome.



16-DAY CRUISE-TOUR FROM £2,645pp

2016	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
OCT 4	Fly to VENICE Italy Transfer to hotel		overnight hotel
OCT 5	VENICE Italy		overnight hotel
OCT 6	VENICE Italy Embark Aegean Odyssey		7.00pm
OCT 7	URBINO Italy	8.00am	8.00pm
OCT 8	SPLIT Croatia	8.00am	8.00pm
OCT 9	DUBROVNIK Croatia	8.00am	11.00pm
OCT 10	LECCE Italy	8.00am	7.00pm
OCT 11	SARANDE Albania (<i>Butrint</i>) CORFU Greek Islands	7.00am 2.00pm	12.30pm midnight
OCT 12	At Sea		
OCT 13	TAORMINA Sicily Cruise through the Strait of Messina and past Stromboli	7.00am	1.00pm
OCT 14	AMALFI Italy (<i>Ravello</i>) Cruise Amalfi Coast SORRENTO Italy	7.00am 6.00pm	2.00pm overnight
OCT 15	SORRENTO Italy (<i>Pompeii</i>)		overnight
OCT 16	SORRENTO Italy		2.00pm
OCT 17	ROME Italy Disembark in Civitavecchia and transfer to Rome hotel	6.00am	overnight hotel
OCT 18	ROME Italy		overnight hotel
OCT 19	ROME Italy Transfer to Rome Airport for flight home		

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VENICE AND RENAISSANCE URBINO

Your holiday starts with a two-night hotel stay in Venice and a guided stroll around its heart – Piazza San Marco. During the rest of your stay, why not visit the stunning island of Torcello or simply walk to the Rialto? One evening, you will enjoy an exclusive visit to St Mark's Basilica: not to be missed. Perched on two hills, the walled town of Urbino contains some true treasures. Here you will visit the birthplace of Raphael, tour the Palazzo Ducale, Italy's most beautiful Renaissance palace, and view the magnificent Duomo.

NATURAL AND ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE ADRIATIC

The Croatian town of Split is home to one of the greatest of all Roman sites, the Palace of Diocletian. There will be a morning tour of this remarkable palace including the Temple of Jupiter and Diocletian's mausoleum. In the afternoon, there is the option of visiting one of the true gems of the Dalmatian coast, the delightful island of Trogir. Included sightseeing in Dubrovnik features the magnificent fortifications including the 10th century city walls, the Baroque Church of St Blaise and the Cathedral.

Set in the south-eastern tip of Italy's boot, Lecce is a city of architectural treasures. These include the 25,000-seat Roman amphitheatre and the stunning Palazzo Tamborino with its seductive secret garden. The Albanian archaeological site of Butrint has been occupied since at least the 8th century BC. The legacy of British rule is evident in Corfu Town as you will see during the afternoon tour. You will also visit the Byzantine Museum housed in the church of Panagia Antivouniotissa.

SICILY, AMALFI AND PAESTUM

After a relaxing day at sea, you come to Taormina on the island of Sicily. With its mountainous background and spectacular views of Etna, the Graeco-Roman theatre is our morning destination. In the afternoon you cruise through the Strait of Messina and later pass by volcanic Stromboli – hoping for a magical firework display. From picturesque Amalfi there's a visit to Paestum. Legend has it that Paestum was founded by Jason of Argonaut fame. What is undoubted, however, is the majesty of the three Greek temples that were the heart of this 6th century Greek city.

MYSTERIES OF POMPEII & THE GRANDEUR OF ROME

From cliff-top Sorrento you will drive to the magnificent remains of Pompeii. The town, some of which dates back to the 6th century BC, was engulfed by lava erupting from Vesuvius in August 79AD. From the casts of the bodies of its inhabitants, to the ancient surgical implements and beautiful frescoes, nowhere else gives us such an insight into the lives of the ancients.

Alternatively, you can visit the nearby town of Herculaneum which perished in the same eruption. There will also be time to visit the wonderful isle of Capri or the National Archaeological Museum in Naples.

Disembark for a two-night hotel stay in the Eternal City. Your morning tour starts at the Colosseum, constructed in 80AD by Emperor Vespasian as a means of gaining the love of the people by building a venue for gladiatorial games with a capacity of 50,000 spectators. Finally, to the sumptuous Basilica of St Peter's in Vatican City. In leisure time you can walk to some of the city's other wonderful sites.

16 DAYS FROM VENICE TO ROME

STATEROOM CATEGORY		FULL FARE	EARLY BOOKING FARE
M	Standard Inside	£2,795	£2,645
L	Premium Inside	2,975	2,825
K	Premium Inside	3,150	2,950
J	Standard Outside	3,295	3,095
I	Premium Outside	3,495	3,295
H	Premium Outside	3,675	3,475
G	Premium Outside	3,850	3,650
F	Deluxe Stateroom/ Outside	4,095	3,845
E	Deluxe Stateroom/ Outside	4,250	4,000
D	Deluxe Stateroom/ Balcony	4,995	4,695
C	Deluxe Stateroom/ Balcony	5,195	4,895
B	Junior Suite/ Balcony	5,750	5,400
A	Owner's Suite/ Balcony	6,195	5,845

LOW SINGLE FARES see pages 70, 71.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy.
 †Savings based on double occupancy.
 Terms and conditions apply, please see pages 72, 73.

See Venice from a new perspective as you sail past the Grand Canal into the Adriatic

Visit Italy's classical cities

Sail through the Strait of Messina and past Stromboli

Explore Pompeii and take in the beauty of the Amalfi coast



Two-night hotel stay in Eternal Rome



The highlights of the Adriatic



Sailing past Stromboli

Rising from the blue waters of the Mediterranean, Stromboli's smoking silhouette conforms to everyone's idea of a classic volcano. Stromboli is in a constant state of activity punctuated by the occasional major eruption the last of which was in 2007. Also you will cross the coast of the picturesque Lipari Islands.

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