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Classic Italy - 2024

Start in Naples Italy - End in Venice Italy

This is Tauck's #1 Selling Journey Worldwide!

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Classic Italy



Your Tour Planner

Think of Italy and a host of images comes to mind... the glories of Rome, taking shape in the now silent roars of the Colosseum, priceless works of art by Michelangelo and other famed Italian artists whose masterpieces eternally evoke awe in Europe's greatest museums...

Discover bella Italia on one of Tauck's most popular journeys... in scenic Tuscan hill towns, centuries-old cities and countryside villages, and along the Amalfi Coast... in the treasures of Florence, coloring an era of enlightenment with a rich palette of paintings and architecture by Renaissance luminaries like da Vinci, Botticelli and Brunelleschi... along saltwater roads in Venice lined with magnificent palaces frozen in time... in sun-dappled Tuscan villages, medieval icons reigning over vineyard-draped landscapes that produce wines and foods that are regionally inspired, locally flavored and ultimately delizioso... and on an after-hours guided visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel for an extraordinary look at ageless masterpieces – without the crowds – during a three-night stay in the Eternal City...

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Guests: Roaming Boomers Traveler
+ 1.
Journey: Classic Italy
Journey Begins: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Naples Italy
Journey Ends: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 Venice Italy

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	QTY	AMOUNT
Classic Italy	\$11,290 USD	2	\$22,580 USD

Pricing is subject to change. All monetary values listed are in United States Dollars (USD); additional information is on the final page of the document. Tour Planner is not a booking and does not hold space for you on this departure.	Total Package Cost	\$22,580 USD
	Total Deposit Due	\$1,200 USD

Itinerary

ONLY WITH TAUCK

- TAUCK'S YELLOW ROADS – Encounter spectacular scenery around every bend on a drive along the celebrated Amalfi Coast – the perfect blending of earth, sea and sky
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – After-hours guided visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, without the crowds – see the Vatican treasures at your own pace
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Learn about the masters of the Renaissance in Florence when an art historian shares insights about what you'll see inside the Galleria dell'Accademia and during your special after-hours visit to the Uffizi Galleries
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Avoid the lines and the crowds during an exclusive after-hours tour of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, when it's closed to the public and it's all yours to savor

TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

- A boat cruise along the Mediterranean shores of Cinque Terre for an in-depth look at these remote, centuries-old coastal villages (weather permitting)
- Cruising the canals of Venice in an iconic gondola
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
- 26 meals; service charges, gratuities to local guides, admission fees, taxes and portorage

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 04, 2024

Arrive in Naples and head to Sorrento

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Hilton Sorrento Palace. A transfer is included from Naples International Airport to Hilton Sorrento Palace in the southern resort town of Sorrento. Get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening. **Note:** We're offering guests who pre-stay or arrive early in Sorrento an optional daytime sightseeing tour from Sorrento to the island of Capri on Day 1; see Pricing & Availability for details or ask at booking.

- **MEALS:** Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hilton Sorrento Palace

DAY 2 - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 05, 2024

A drive along the spectacular Amalfi Coast

Take an unhurried drive along the Amalfi Coast, one of Europe's most dramatic shorelines. Stop in Positano and visit Amalfi, where some medieval dwellings date to the 10th century, and Ravello, perched on towering cliffs above the sea. Explore Sorrento's piazzas, old Roman streets and narrow alleys as you please upon your afternoon return, spending the evening as you wish and enjoying dinner on your own.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hilton Sorrento Palace

DAY 3 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 06, 2024

Explore Pompeii, then on to eternal Rome

Today, explore an ancient community captured in time – the excavated ruins of the Roman city of Pompeii, buried in volcanic ash when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Walk through city streets with a local expert, where you'll discover remarkably preserved ancient architecture and artifacts that portray what daily life was like in this 1st-century city. Continue on to remarkable Rome, where your next three nights are spent at InterContinental Rome Ambasciatori Palace, one of the most prestigious addresses on the famed Via Veneto.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Rome Ambasciatori Palace

DAY 4 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 07, 2024

Exclusive after-hours Vatican Museums visit

Your sightseeing today begins with a drive to St. Peter's Square in Vatican City for a tour of St. Peter's Basilica to view the art and architecture of one of the largest and most famous churches in the world. After a free afternoon spent as you wish in Rome, your evening is highlighted by a special Tauck Exclusive – an after-hours guided visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel (subject to availability and day of the tour may vary). This after-hours visit means you'll avoid the long lines found earlier in the day; the experience is rich when you explore the treasures in the Vatican Museums without the usual crowds. See the Candelabra Gallery, Map Gallery, and the Tapestries. In the Sistine Chapel, you'll view artist Michelangelo's masterpiece frescoes adorning the chapel's ceiling – and be able to contemplate all that you see in quieter surroundings. It's certain to be a true highlight on this most memorable of escorted Italy tours... one that you'll remember forever.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Rome Ambasciatori Palace

DAY 5 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 08, 2024

Imperial Rome's Colosseum & more

A sightseeing excursion begins the day in Rome, once the virtual capital of the ancient world, and now Italy's capital city. Witness the grandeur of the 2,000-year-old Colosseum; see Circus Maximus, the 4th-century BC stadium where chariot races were held, and the ruins of the Imperial Palace. This afternoon and evening, enjoy some free time to explore what interests you most in Rome.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** InterContinental Rome Ambasciatori Palace

DAY 6 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 09, 2024

Orvieto's Duomo and on to Perugia

Journey to Orvieto, set on a 984-foot-high plateau overlooking vineyards below. Visit the Duomo of Orvieto, a notable Romanesque-Gothic cathedral built over a span of 300 years. After a trattoria lunch near the Piazza del Duomo and some time to explore, continue through the wine-producing regions of Umbria. Arrive in the region's capital, Perugia, and your home for the next two nights, Sina Brufani – an elegant 5-star hotel in the heart of the medieval city. Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel's renowned restaurant.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sina Brufani

DAY 7 - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Back in time in old Assisi

Drive to Assisi, a well-preserved medieval hill town designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its art and architecture, and the hometown of St. Francis, the revered patron saint of animals and founder of the Franciscan order. Visit the Basilica di San Francesco, built to honor Assisi's beloved saint and favorite son and his final resting place. Gaze at the basilica's impressive 13th- and 14th-century frescoes, some of Italy's finest, and enjoy some free time in the center of town. This afternoon, return to your hotel where the remainder of the day is free.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Sina Brufani

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Medieval San Gimignano

Depart your Umbrian resort and head for Tuscany, where for centuries the beauty of nature has blended with the ingenuities of mankind; your travels through the rolling Tuscan hills take you through golden landscapes dotted with olive and fig trees. Arrive in the hilltop town of San Gimignano, one of its gems. Medieval towers, built in the 12th century by the nobility, are visible from afar. Stroll along the quaint streets and visit Piazza della Cisterna, one of Italy's most picturesque town squares. Continue your journey through lush Tuscan countryside to Bagni di Pisa, a celebrated hotel, for an overnight stay; dine at your hotel this evening.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Bagni di Pisa

DAY 9 - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

Cinque Terre's seaside storybook villages

Travel this morning to Cinque Terre, accessible only by sea for hundreds of years; its five picture-book fishing villages nestled between the Mediterranean's blue waters and the rugged coastal mountains. Cruise along the shores of the Italian Riviera (weather permitting) where views of these centuries-old Cinque Terre villages, set on rocky bluffs hemmed in by steep cliffs, are a knockout! Next, travel by train through the mountains to one of the villages, where you'll get a look at daily life – from the colorful fishing boats home from the sea, to the wine, olives, and citrus fruit produced locally. You'll have some time to explore the cobblestone streets and alleyways, perhaps sampling the unique flavors of the local cuisine for lunch. Journey on to the Tuscan city of Florence for a three-night stay in its Renaissance heart; you'll have an opportunity to dine at your hotel's glass-walled rooftop restaurant with 360-degree views of one of the world's most beautiful cities.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** The Westin Excelsior, Florence

DAY 10 - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

All about art in Renaissance Florence

A briefing by an art history lecturer precedes a walking tour of Florence and a guided visit through the collections of works by many of the greatest artists of the 14th and 15th centuries – including Michelangelo's famous sculpture of *David* and paintings by Botticelli, Uccello, Ghirlandaio, del Sarto and others – at Galleria dell'Accademia. Flourishing for more than four centuries, the world-renowned institution was established in 1563 as the first art school in Europe. Following an included lunch, you'll have time on your own in Florence this afternoon; your hotel is right in the heart of the city, which makes it easy to explore! Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** The Westin Excelsior, Florence

DAY 11 - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

Masterpieces of the Uffizi Gallery

Today, Florence is yours to enjoy as you please; you may want to visit the Pitti Palace or the Medici Chapels, or stroll across the Ponte Vecchio to the lovely Boboli Gardens. Tonight, join a local expert for an after-hours, guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery, Florence's extraordinary art museum founded by the Medici family in the 16th century; it can be rightfully called the oldest art gallery on Earth. Admire some of the world's greatest art masterpieces on display within its walls, including works by Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and more.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast
- **ACCOMMODATION:** The Westin Excelsior, Florence

DAY 12 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

By high-speed rail to Venice

Guests rave that one of the things they like best about our Italy tours is traveling by different modes of transportation; *Classic Italy* continues today with a journey aboard a sleek high-speed train from Florence to Venice. Transfer by canal boat to your hotel, conveniently located near St. Mark's Square; after lunch, you'll indulge in the quintessential Venetian experience, a serenade aboard a gondola on the canals followed by an afternoon to explore Venice as you wish. Dinner tonight is on your own in Venice, a city embraced by the most popular Italy tours for its many fine restaurants! This evening, depart your hotel for a private, after-hours tour of St. Mark's Basilica, surely to be a highlight during your stay in Venice!

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch

- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Danieli

DAY 13 - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The romance of Venice, as you please

This morning, enjoy a guided tour of the sumptuous Doge's Palace, once the official residence of the elected officials of the Venetian Republic. The rest of your day is free to do as you please in Venice – and to say that you have a lot of choices is an understatement. You might decide to visit the museums, an eclectic group housing some of the world's most famed art; stroll the winding, narrow streets that lead to countless bridges; or perhaps you might choose to take a boat to one of the islands in the Venetian Lagoon, such as Murano, Burano or Torcello, where centuries-old crafts and a kaleidoscope of color are found... This evening, join us for a farewell cocktail reception and dinner that marks the end of one of Tauck's most popular escorted Italy tours.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner
- **ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Danieli

DAY 14 - TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Ciao and homeward bound

Tour ends: Venice. Fly home anytime; a transfer is included from the Hotel Danieli to Venice's Marco Polo Airport. You should allow a minimum of 3 hours for flight check-in.

- **MEALS:** Breakfast

The official currency in Italy is the euro and most reputable establishments will accept major credit cards. The Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) in Italy are known as Bancomats, and they are widespread. Using a credit card, or even better, a debit card or your local bank ATM card, is very easy. If you are unsure about the compatibility or the banking systems, contact the bank or institution that issued your card. The Bancomat will dispense Euro. Many banks are now charging large fees for cash advances on credit cards that negate any advantage of using the Bancomat in the first place. We advise that you use your regular ATM card and simply withdraw money from your account just as you would do at your local bank.

To obtain the most current exchange rates for all national currencies, you may want to check your local newspaper or log on to the website, oanda.com, by clicking [here](#).

All customary gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff and local guides are included. **Note:** Tauck Director and driver gratuities are not included.

Tour prices are per person. All hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, first-class accommodations on the *Italo* high-speed train from Florence to Venice, entertainment, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, portage, and the services of the Tauck Director, local guides and drivers are included. **Note:** Tauck Director and driver gratuities are not included. Transportation from Naples International Airport or Naples Central Train Station to the Tauck-approved hotel in Sorrento is included, regardless of the time you check in to the hotel, provided you have furnished us with accurate flight arrival information at least three weeks before to the start of your tour. If you are arriving into another local train station please retain a receipt from your transfer and submit it to your Tour Director for reimbursement. Transportation from the Tauck-approved hotel in Venice to Marco Polo Airport or Santa Lucia Train Station is also included on when you check out of the hotel. Transportation to and from airports and train stations may be shared with other Tauck guests.

To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding or following your tour or cruise. As a service, we will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis using special rates only available through us. Hotel room charges will be added to the tour or cruise cost. Transfers for these extended stays are included (as noted). If you wish to spend additional nights, please consult Extend Your Stay in the Accommodations section and discuss it with your reservations sales consultant or your travel advisor when you book your tour or cruise.

We pledge to make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. We reserve the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to you. Any resultant added expense will be covered by us. Although not expected, prices on this website may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecast at the time of publication.