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*Sample Tour: Italy  
Typical 9 Day Itinerary*

# *Italian Tours*

*Tailor-Made*



An overseas tour to Italy is a great way to give young people the opportunity to broaden their experiences and to share their fun with fellow travellers. Ben Lawries Travel creates tailor made tours to Italy from cooking courses in Florence to rugby tours across the country. Detailed below is just one example.

### Italy: Italian Tours – 9 days

Italy's three millennia of history, culture and cuisine seduces just about everyone who has the fortune to visit the country. And if there is a single national characteristic, it's to embrace life to the full. A grand tour of Italy is one way to experience these charms.

#### Day 1 – Arrival Venice

Early afternoon arrival into Venice airport where you will be met by your driver and guide for the tour. Transfer a short distance to your hotel in Jesolo. *Dinner and overnight in Jesolo.*

#### Day 2 – Venice

After breakfast, you travel by land and sea into Venice. Your guide will introduce you to the area around St Mark's Square and Doge's Palace. You then have the remainder of the day free to explore one of the most beautiful and unique cities in the world. *Dinner and overnight in Jesolo.*

#### Day 3 – Florence/Montecatini Terme

After breakfast, depart Mestre and begin travelling south through Italy into Tuscany. Your first stop is Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance, where you will be met by your guide who will introduce you to the city. See the Santa Croce Church and the Duomo, the breathtaking cathedral of Florence. You will have some free time to shop for leather goods, or perhaps visit the Accademia or Uffizi museums. Late in the afternoon depart Florence continuing on to the spa town of Montecatini Terme. *Dinner and overnight in Montecatini.*

#### Day 4 – Tuscany/Leaning Tower of Pisa

An excursion into Tuscany today begins with a visit to Vinci, the birthplace of Leonardo. Visit Leonardo's citadel home and tour the museum which displays many of his machines and designs. Continue on to San Gimignano, a classic medieval walled Tuscan hilltop city, famous for its many towers. In the late afternoon return to Montecatini and, time permitting, visit the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa on the way. *Dinner and overnight in Montecatini.*

#### Day 5 – Pompei/Sorrento

After breakfast, continue travelling south stopping off near Naples to visit Pompei, the tragic city lost to an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. A local guide will introduce you to Pompei giving you a marvellous insight into ancient Roman life. Late afternoon, depart Pompei travelling south to Sorrento. *Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.*

#### Day 6 – Isle of Capri/Rome

A morning at leisure for some sightseeing or shopping in Sorrento. Thereafter take a boat trip to the beautiful Isle of Capri and ride through the Blue Grotto, a natural cavern that is filled with an ethereal and eerie light reflecting on the clear blue water. In the afternoon, make the final leg of your journey northward to Rome, the Eternal City. *Dinner and overnight in Rome.*

#### Day 7 – Vatican/Sightseeing

After an early breakfast, meet your local guide who will take you on a tour of the Vatican City including the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, the guide will introduce you to Rome, including such highlights as the Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum and the ruins of Ancient Rome. *Dinner and overnight in Rome.*

#### Day 8 – Museums/Historic Sites

On your final day in Rome, you will be free to explore the seemingly endless museums and historic sites the city offers. *Farewell dinner and overnight in Rome.*

#### Day 9 – Depart Rome

After breakfast, transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for your return flight to the UK.

Guide Prices £499 per person including flights ex Edinburgh based on 8 nights half board. Destination coach transfers and all excursion fees included.

The above itinerary is for illustration purposes only. All tours are tailor made to the requirements of the individual client.

#### Other Italian Tours

8 day Rugby Tour – £475 per person

