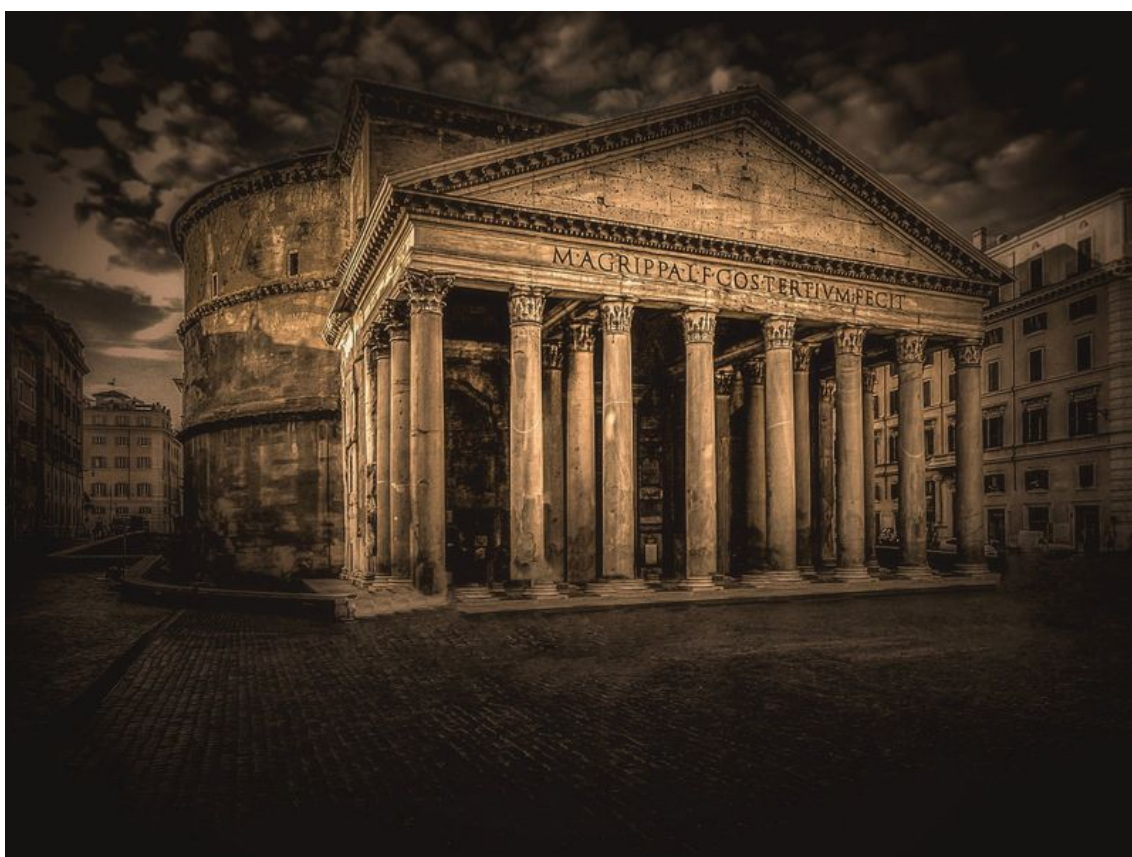




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TRATTATIVA RISERVATA

There are historic cities, idyllic fishing villages, islands, lakes and canals that you can find only in Italy. This tour immerses you in this wonderful land and let you taste the fabulous and typical food of each region.

#### 1° Day: WELCOME TO VENICE

Arrival at Venice Airport and transfer to your Hotel in the surroundings of Venice.

#### 2° Day: VENICE AT LEISURE

Breakfast and transfer to Tronchetto to catch the private ferry to St. Mark's Square. See the Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. In the afternoon free time in Venice for your own visits and shopping. Return to Tronchetto by boat and transfer to the Hotel by bus.

#### 3° Day: VERONA/LAKE GARDA

Breakfast and departure to the elegant city of Verona, legendary home of the Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. Walk with local guide past the Roman Arena to the reputed famous balcony in the courtyard of the Capulet home. After free time to explore, the tour continues to Sirmione, a little fishermen's village with its SPA and Scaliger's Castle of the 13th century. Departure to Milan.

#### 4° Day: MILAN

Breakfast and meet with local guide. City tour by bus to see one of the most important cities of Italy for its commerce industry and its banking houses. Visit to the Cathedral, the Vittorio Emanuele's Gallery, the Scala Opera House with its beautiful Square (just outside) and the Sforza Castle. Free time in Milan.

#### 5° Day: LAKE COMO

Breakfast and excursion to Lake Como. The visit starts in Como with "Piazza del Duomo" and the Cathedral of Santa Maria Maggiore, the historic town hall and the "Torre del Comune", a beautiful scene full of art. After that, departure for Tremezzo and visit of the wonderful "Villa Carlotta" of the 17th century. From Cadenabbia you can reach the small charming village of Bellagio, the Lake Como's pearl. Back to Milan.

#### 6° Day: CINQUE TERRE

Head for the port of La Spezia and meet with local guide and departure by train to Vernazza, Manarola and Monterosso, three of the five small scenic villages called Cinque Terre, one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes Heritage of UNESCO. Return to La Spezia along the rugged Ligurian coast by boat.

#### 7° Day: PISA AND ARRIVAL IN FLORENCE

Breakfast and drive to Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See also the splendid Cathedral and Baptistery. Free time. Departure to Florence.

#### 8° Day: FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Breakfast and meeting with local guide. The visit starts with Duomo or Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the baptistery and bell tower, Piazza della Signoria (open air museum), exterior of the famous Uffizi Gallery and Ponte Vecchio the old bridge. The joys of Florence are varied so the afternoon will be free for your own personal exploration.

#### 9° Day: TUSCANY / UMBRIA

Breakfast. Journey through the picture-perfect scenery of the Tuscan hills, where deep-green cypress trees pierce blue skies and olive groves hug the rolling hillsides. Stop for a tasting for local products and wine in Tuscany. Arrival in Rome.

#### 10° Day: ROME

Breakfast and meeting with your local guide and enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including a tour at the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. The visit ends with the visit of the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon the visit goes on with the spectacular Trevi Fountain, don't forget to throw a coin in the beautiful fountain as you are guaranteed to return to Rome if you do; Navona Square, Spanish Steps and the Pantheon.

#### 11° Day: ANCIENT ROME

Breakfast and meeting with the local guide. The visit proceed to the ancient Rome with the roman Forum and the grand ruins of Colosseum, also known as Amphitheatrum Flavium. Afternoon free time for your own visits and shopping.

#### 12° Day: POMPEII AND SORRENTO

Breakfast and departure to Sorrento. Stop for a visit with local guide in Pompeii, buried in AD79 by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. After the visit departure to your Hotel in Sorrento/surroundings.

#### 13° Day: CAPRI EXCURSION

Breakfast and transfer to the pier in Sorrento. Meeting with the local guide and cruise to Capri Island for a visit. Capri is known as the 'Pearl of the Mediterranean' and a trip to this marvelous island is definitely worthwhile for any visitor to Italy. Tour of the Island by minibus and free time for own visit.

#### 14° Day: "SASSI" OF MATERA

Breakfast and departure along country roads to Matera and exploration of the extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site "Sassi", a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. Mel Gibson chose Matera as the biblical backdrop for his film "The Passion of the Christ". After the visit continue to Apulia.

#### 15° Day: ALBEROBELLO

Alberobello is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Its narrow street crowded with conical, white-washed trulli. After the visit transfer to Locorotondo, the paradise for wine-lovers, for a tasting of red wine and local products.

#### 16° Day: ARRIVEDERCI

Breakfast and transfer to Bari airport. Bid farewell to Bella Italia.



