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Italy's cities are like museums unto themselves. Rome is full of remnants from the ancient empire, from the Colosseum to the Forum. The Leaning Tower of Pisa saw Galileo test his revolutionary scientific theories. Meanwhile, on the French Riviera, the culture of southern France is in the air—sense it in Nice, in Monaco and at a perfume factory in Eze.

#### **Everything you get:**







Comfortable motorcoach: TGV highspeed train with extension

7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension)

European breakfast and dinner daily

3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (5 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour (2 with extension)

Entrance to: Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Duomo; Leather-making demonstration; Pisa Baptistery; Pisa Cathedral; Perfume factory; With extension: Versailles; Louvre; Notre Dame Cathedral

> You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

#### Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport

#### Day 3: Rome

- Take a guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take a guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome
- Enjoy a pizza dinner

#### Day 4: Rome

- Enjoy a free day in Rome
- Optional: Pompeii

#### Day 5: Florence

- Travel via Siena to Florence

#### Day 6: Florence

- Take a guided tour of Florence: Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio; Chiesa di Santa Croce; Gates of Paradise
- Visit the Duomo
- See a leather-making demonstration

#### Day 7: Pisa | French Riviera

- Travel to Pisa
- See the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Visit the Pisa Baptistery
- Visit the Pisa Cathedral
- Continue on to the French Riviera

#### Day 8: Monaco | French Riviera

- Visit the principality of Monaco - Tour a French perfume factory in Eze
- Take a walking tour of Nice

#### Day 9: Depart for home

#### **3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION**

#### Day 9: Nice | Paris

- Travel by TGV train to Paris

#### Days 10-11: Paris

- Take a guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower
- Take a guided tour of Versailles
- Visit the Louvre
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Latin Quarter
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral

#### Day 12: Depart for home

#### Nice and the French Riviera

Stroll down the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais and get a taste of the Old Town during your walking tour of Nice. Soak up the scenery, from the white-washed villas to the flower market to the emerald waters that lap Nice's endless beaches. Enjoy an excursion to the seaside town of Eze. You'll tour a perfume factory and watch olfactory experts concoct new fragrances. Then, visit Monaco, a tiny principality that packs wealth, royalty and the world-famous Casino Monte-Carlo into just 0.8 square miles. Pass by the Cathédrale de Monaco, where Prince Rainier wed movie star Grace Kelly, a union that ultimately sparked an influx of Hollywood stars and starlets to the French Riviera.



**Promenade des Anglais** Nice, France



#### **Florence**

Florence marks the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance, and works of art like Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*, still reside here today. As you stroll through the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise at the Baptistry. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a Medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop. Then, visit a leather workshop, the perfect place to find Florentine souvenirs.

#### **Duomo** Florence, Italy

#### Rome

No place integrates its past into the present quite like Rome, where history comes to life. Explore the world's most famous arena on your sightseeing tour to the Colosseum. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.



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