



Italy

October 3 - 13, 2026

Colosseum



Gelato



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Saint Peter's Basilica

Day 1: Saturday October 3, 2026 • Depart
Our adventure starts today as we depart the USA on our scheduled flight to Rome. **In-Flight Meals**

Day 2: Sunday, October 4, 2026 • Rome
Upon arrival in Rome, we are welcomed by our local tour manager and private coach and begin a panoramic introduction to the Eternal City, taking in sights such as the Colosseum (exterior), Roman Forum, Piazza Venezia, and Circus Maximus as we orient ourselves to the city's rich history. We enjoy a three-course Roman welcome lunch featuring regional flavors before checking in to our hotel with time to relax, freshen up, or take a short walk in the surrounding neighborhood. Tonight we gather for a memorable welcome dinner at the hotel. **L/D**

Day 3: Monday, October 5, 2026 • Rome
Our day begins as we explore the heart of ancient Rome with a local guide on a walking tour of the Palatine and Capitoline Hills areas. We visit the iconic Colosseum and walk through the remarkable Roman Forum, where the ruins of temples, government buildings, and ancient streets bring 2,000 years of history to life. We also visit the Pantheon, one of the best-preserved monuments of ancient Rome. We continue to Capitoline Hill for sweeping views over the city. This evening we enjoy dinner at a local Roman restaurant. **B/D**

Day 4: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 • Rome
This morning we start at the Vatican to visit the Vatican Museums with the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica with the famous Pietà group, the masterpiece of the young Michelangelo. St. Peter's is the largest Christian church in the



Vatican



Orvieto

world. The rest of the day offers free time to explore Rome at our own pace. **B**

Day 5: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 • Florence
After breakfast and check out, we travel north stopping in the picturesque hilltop town of Orvieto. Here, we ride the funicular to the historic center, visit the stunning Orvieto Cathedral, and enjoy free time to explore. We continue to a family-run olive oil estate for a tasting and insight into traditional production methods before traveling on to Florence, where we check in to our hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. **B**

Day 6: Thursday, October 8, 2026 • Florence
Today, we travel into the Tuscan countryside, beginning with a visit to the Florence American Cemetery & Memorial, before continuing to the medieval town of San Gimignano for time to explore its charming streets and towers. We then enjoy a winery visit with tasting and a leisurely lunch before returning to Florence. **B/L**

Day 7: Friday, October 9, 2026 • Florence
We explore the artistic heart of Florence with a visit to the Accademia Gallery to see Michelangelo's *David*, followed by free time to explore the city's historic streets, shops, and cafés. In the evening, we gather for a group dinner at a traditional Tuscan restaurant. **B/D**

Day 8: Saturday, October 10, 2026 • Venice
This morning we check out and travel toward Venice. Enroute, we stop in Bologna, the lively, historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region for a guided walking tour. Our guide



Gondola in Venice

San Gimignano



will show us the highlights such as medieval and Renaissance structures, Piazza Maggiore, Quadrilatero Market, and more. We enjoy a lunch featuring regional specialties, before continuing on to Venice where we arrive by private water taxi and check in to our hotel. **B/L**

Day 9: Sunday, October 11, 2026 • Venice

Today, we enjoy a guided tour of Venice. Highlights include St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, followed by a private gondola ride along the city's iconic canals. This afternoon we enjoy free time to explore at our own pace. **B**

Day 10: Monday, October 12, 2026 • Venice

We travel by boat across the Venetian Lagoon for a half-day excursion to the colorful islands of Murano and Burano. This cluster of small islands is the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291. Later, we return to Venice for free time before gathering in the evening for a memorable farewell dinner. **B/D**

Day 11: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 • Return

We travel by private water taxi to Venice airport for our return flight home, bringing our journey to a close. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner



Tuscany

TOUR COST: \$8,898

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$2,000

(with a minimum of 20 participants)

Your Tour Includes:

- **Roundtrip airfare from DSM** to Rome, Italy and return from Venice, including related taxes and fees.
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) 4 star hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **Professional Tour Manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

Payment Schedule:

- A deposit of \$2,000 per person is due to confirm reservation and pricing
- Final payment is due June 26, 2026.

Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-46 days, a \$500 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 45 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

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