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ITALY IN 10 DAYS

LUXURY TOUR

Milan, Cinque Terre, Florence and Rome

PROGRAM



Lombardy, Liguria, Tuscany, Umbria, Lazio: 5 regions where you will admire the extraordinary beauty of Italy, you will be seduced by its enchanting landscape, you will enjoy different habits and traditions as well as diverse yet most savoury cuisine!!

TOUR SUMMARY

- Group size: 2 to 10 pax
- Duration: 10 days and 10 nights
- Tour Start Date: OPEN
- Tour End Date: OPEN
- Tour starts in Milan and ends in Rome

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Milan, the 2,000-years-old vibrant capital of Northern Italy
- Parma, where food is an art
- Cinque Terre, the stunning five villages perched on the rocks
- Pisa with the Leaning Tower, how can it stand?
- Florence, an open-air museum
- Val d'Orcia, where Man and Nature blend perfectly
- Orvieto, the city "on the rocks"
- Rome with the Coliseum and the Imperial Fora, Caesars and gladiators
- The Vatican with the Basilica of St. Peter, Popes and power
- Tivoli, an invitation from the Emperor

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY	ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM
Day 1 Milan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-hour private walking tour of Milan city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide – Admission to Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" - Free time in Milan city centre - In the late afternoon, private transfer to your accommodation in Parma area <i>Overnight in Parma area</i>
Day 2 Parma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private guided tour of a Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory – Private Parmesan Cooking class in a Villa near Parma - In the late afternoon, private transfer to your accommodation in Cinque Terre <i>Overnight in Cinque Terre</i>
Day 3 Cinque Terre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private Boat Cruise along the Coast, with lunch on board (May to September) <i>Overnight in Cinque Terre</i>
Day 4 Pisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private transfer to your accommodation in Florence city centre – Stopover in Pisa, free time <i>Overnight in Florence city centre</i>
Day 5 Florence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3-hour private walking tour of Florence city centre with an Authorised Tourist Guide – Admission to Galleria dell'Accademia - Free time in Florence - Dinner at a panoramic restaurant in Florence city centre <i>Overnight in Florence city centre</i>
Day 6 Chianti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full-day private Food Tour with a Sommelier Guide in Chianti area – Private visit of a Supertuscan Chianti wine cellar and tastings – Private visit of a Tuscan olive oil mill with tastings <i>Overnight in Florence city centre</i>
Day 7 Val d'Orcia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private transfer to your accommodation in Orvieto area - Stopovers in Pienza and Bagno Vignoni in Val d'Orcia, free time <i>Overnight in Orvieto area</i>
Day 8 Orvieto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2-hour private walking tour of Orvieto city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide - Tour of Orvieto Underground - Private transfer to your accommodation in Rome city centre - 2-hour evening golf cart tour of Rome city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide <i>Overnight in Rome city centre</i>

DAY	ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM
Day 9 Rome	- 2.5-hour early-entry guided tour of the Vatican Museums in Vatican City - 3-hour private walking tour of Classic Rome with an Authorized Archeological / Art Historian Tourist Guide - Admission to the Colosseum and Imperial Fora Archeological Area <i>Overnight in Rome city centre</i>
Day 10 Tivoli	- Full-day private tour to Tivoli with an Authorized Archeological / Art Historian Tourist Guide - Admission to Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este - Farewell dinner at a Michelin-starred restaurant in Rome city centre. <i>Overnight in Rome city centre</i>

DATES & PRICES

January to March – November & December: € 8,160 / pax (2-pax group) - € 6,165 / pax (4-pax group)

May to September: € 9,120 / pax (2-pax group) - € 6,810 / pax (4-pax group)

April - October: € 8,470 / pax (2-pax group) - € 6,480 / pax (4-pax group)

Groups of 5 to 10 pax - Single Room Supplement: upon request

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Accommodations in Double Room with Continental Breakfast (*):**

- Day 1: 4* Relais in Parma area
- Days 2 & 3: 4* Hotel in Cinque Terre area
- Days 4 to 6: 5* Hotel in Florence city centre
- Day 7: 4* Wine Resort in Orvieto area
- Days 8 to 10: 5* Hotel in Rome city centre

(*) The Hotel list is available upon request

- **Transfers (**):**

- Day 1: Private transfer to your accommodation in Parma area
- Day 2: Private transfer to your accommodation in Cinque Terre
- Day 4: Private transfer to your accommodation in Florence city centre – Stopover in Pisa
- Day 7: Private transfer to your accommodation in Orvieto area - Stopovers in Pienza and Bagno Vignoni in Val d'Orcia
- Day 8: Private transfer to your accommodation in Rome city centre – Stopover in Civita di Bagnoregio

(**) All transfers by private Luxury Sedan (2 pax) / Minivan (3 to 5 pax) / Minibus (6 to 10 pax)

- **Private Guided Visits / Tours / Activities (***):**

- Day 1: 3-hour private walking tour of Milan city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide – Admission to Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper"
- Day 2: Private guided tour of a Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory – Private Parmesan Cooking class in a Villa near Parma
- Day 3: Private Boat Cruise along the Coast of Cinque Terre, with lunch on board (May to September)
- Day 5: 3-hour private walking tour of Florence city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide
- Day 6: Full-day private Food Tour with a Sommelier Guide in Chianti area – Private visit of a Supertuscan Chianti wine cellar and tastings – Private visit of a Tuscan olive oil mill with tastings
- Day 8: 2-hour private walking tour of Orvieto city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide - Tour of Orvieto Underground - 2-hour evening golf cart tour of Rome city centre with an Authorized Tourist Guide
- Day 9: 2.5-hour early-entry guided tour of the Vatican Museums in Vatican City - 3-hour private walking tour of Classic Rome with an Authorized Archeological / Art Historian Tourist Guide
- Day 10: Full-day private tour to Tivoli with an Authorized Archeological / Art Historian Tourist Guide

(***) All tours by private Luxury Sedan (2 pax) / Minivan (3 to 5 pax) / Minibus (6 to 10 pax)

- **Admission Tickets to:**

- Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan
- Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence
- Orvieto Underground
- Vatican Museums in Rome
- Colosseum Underground and Imperial Fora Archeological Area in Rome
- Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este in Tivoli

- **Meals:**
 - Dinner at a panoramic restaurant in Florence
 - Farewell dinner at a Michelin Starred Restaurant in Rome
- **Full assistance 24 hours/day by our Back Office**
- **List of recommended restaurants and assistance with bookings**
- **All taxes (tips not mandatory)**

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- All transfers and other services not specifically mentioned in the above program
- Meals not specifically mentioned in the above program
- Wine and beverages
- Porterage fees at every accommodation
- Camera or Video fees
- Tipping for local guides and drivers
- Laundry, telephone calls and other expenditures of personal nature
- Travel / Vacation insurance

OPTIONS

- Pick up and drop off at Airports / Railway Stations
- Meet & Greet at airports and railway stations (Porterage and assistance with luggage, tax refunds, customs clearance)
- Other activities upon request

DETAILED PROGRAM OF THE TOUR (Day-by-Day)

DAY 1 - MILAN

Benvenuti in Italia, welcome to Italy!

Milan is first of all the Fashion Capital of Italy! The showrooms of all Italian manufacturers are located in the city, and here buyers from worldwide distribution find the one and only "Italian Style"! But Milan is not only fashion, it is also



and above all art, beauty and culture! Piazza del Duomo is the geographical and historical centre of the city. Palaces surround it with arcades; in the middle, you can see the **Duomo**, one of Europe's biggest Gothic cathedrals, whose construction started in the 14th and ended in the 20th century. And on the Gran Guglia, the Cathedral's highest spire, the Madonnina, a symbol of Milan, stands. On the left of the square, the 19th century **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II** links the grand Piazza del Duomo with Piazza della Scala, featuring mosaics and a wrought iron and glass roof.

You will not miss Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece in Santa Maria delle Grazie, "**The Last Supper**". Did you know that this painting miraculously survived a bombing in 1943, when a bomb fell just 100 meters from the northern wall of the Refectory? Luckily, the wall was protected with scaffolds and sandbags, and the painting was not damaged.

Then, you may stroll down the streets of "**Quadrilatero D'Oro**", the heart of the fashion industry, admiring the shop windows of Prada, Armani, Versace, Ferragamo, Dolce & Gabbana and Valentino. The multi-concept store by Giorgio Armani, **Spazio Armani**, in the elegant Via Manzoni, extends for 6,000 square meters and offers fashion showrooms, furniture, flowers and hi-tech Sony equipment. After shopping, enjoy an aperitif or a coffee at the Emporio Armani Cafè upstairs or book a table at the Japanese restaurant Nobu.

And in the late afternoon, taste a gorgeous Cappuccino at Pasticceria Cova, as locals often do in via Montenapoleone, “Montenapo” for the Milanese!

At dinner, what about a tasty yellow “Risotto alla Milanese”? According to an ancient tradition, the Duomo is where Risotto alla Milanese was “born”, invented by a boy who worked for the stained-glass artist Valerio di Fiandra, nicknamed “Zafferano” for its habit of adding spices to his colours. One day, he also put some saffron in the rice, and the result was a great success!

DAY 2 – PARMA

Parma is known for its delicious food products. First, you will visit a **Parmigiano Reggiano** factory, where you will see cheese masters at work: an extraordinary way to get into the area's production culture and discover how a true gastronomic gem is made (more about Parmesan cheese in our [BLOG](#)).

Later on, you will savour authentic Italian cuisine in a fun-filled cooking class led by a local “**rezdora**” (a female cook in the Parmesan language). Immerse yourself into the tradition of fresh Italian pasta and study the secrets of preparing pasta dough from scratch, using just flour and eggs. You will make your own “Tortelli d'erbetta” (Parma most traditional pasta with a filling of ricotta cheese and chards) and delicious tagliatelle with tomato sauce – all local ingredients! Once your fantastic meal is ready, you will enjoy what you prepared matched with a glass of local Lambrusco wine. A very tasty experience at the end of an unforgettable day!



DAY 3 – CINQUE TERRE

Welcome to Cinque Terre, the beautiful villages on the Ligurian Sea included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. You will be stunned by the sea views and the contrasts between the sea and the cliffside. From Monterosso, you may



reach the other fishing villages by train or on foot: Corniglia, Vernazza, Manarola and Riomaggiore. The vineyards, typical of this area, contribute to creating a unique landscape with dry-laid stone walls, winding paths, enchanting beaches between cliffs and clear waters!

The area is divided into five seaside and agricultural villages enriched with colours, simplicity and charm. The first stop in Cinque Terre is **Monterosso**, a well-known tourist destination embellished with elegant villas and a large beach. The old town centre, whose narrow alleys clamber up the hill, is home to the Gothic parish church of San Giovanni Battista and the 17th-century church of San Francesco, which is connected to the convent of the Capuchins.

Next is **Vernazza** and its charming marina, surrounded by the medieval little town and its characteristic little piazza, two Genoese lookout towers and the enchanting Gothic two-storey church dedicated to Santa Margherita d'Antiochia.

Just a short distance away is **Corniglia**, a village perched on a promontory ridge and connected to the beach by a stairway with 365 steps. The view of the village and the surrounding vineyards is just marvellous.

Then, **Manarola**, with its enormous black cliff overlooking the sea and its colourful houses, apparently coming out of the rock.

The last town in the Cinque Terre, and the heart of the homonymous park, is **Riomaggiore**, a picturesque fishing village with tall, narrow, pastel-coloured houses and alternating light and darkness coming from the tight alleyways.

You are in Liguria, so you will not miss **Linguine** with the real “**Pesto Genovese**” because only here you can find the original ingredients, basil in particular (if you want to know more about Pesto, see the article in our [BLOG](#)). If you like anchovies, you may try the local “**acciughe**”, they are a speciality of Monterosso! And what about Ligurian wines? **Sciachetrà** will seduce you!!

DAY 4 – PISA

On the way to Florence, you will stop in the beautiful Tuscan town famous worldwide for its “Torre Pendente” (Leaning Tower).

Pisa is famous worldwide mainly for the Tower, but its wonderful square, **Piazza dei Miracoli**, set over an ample greenfield, hosts three other whiter-than-white masterpieces of exquisite Medieval art: the Cathedral, the Baptistry and the “Camposanto” (Graveyard). They are so unique that their creation gave origin to a new style, “Pisan Romanesque”.

This area was chosen to construct the **Duomo of Santa Maria Assunta** strictly for its centrality; founded in 1064, it was intended to celebrate the grandeur of Pisa during the Marine Republic’s epoch of power. “The temple of marble white as the snow”; that’s how the structure is described on the gravestone of its architect, Buscheto di Giovanni Giudice. Consisting of five naves with its transept divided into three naves, it is surmounted by a splendid dome encircled by a loggia. The Duomo’s façade and exterior lateral sections feature elaborate decoration in marble (which can also be seen on its interior), mosaics, and bronze.



In front of the Cathedral stands the **Baptistry**, also in a particular version of the Romanesque style. Initiated in 1152 by Diotisalvi, the Baptistry was finally completed in the 14th century; at that point, Gothic elements were also added. Of cylindrical form and circled by arcades of columns, this structure in white marble even boasts impressive acoustics.

The **Camposanto** closes the northern end of the piazza, in which the complex lies. This monumental cemetery, begun in 1278, is bordered by a marble fence and houses a cloister at its centre. Unfortunately, most frescoes that once coloured its walls were destroyed in a fire in 1944 during the battle for Pisa.

Ultimately, the true symbol of Pisa is the **Campanile**, the Leaning Tower, which completes the image of this city. Because of land sinkage beneath it, the Tower stands at a significant incline – this sinkage impeded its very construction to a great extent. It was started in 1173, taken up again in 1275, and not completed until the second half of the 1300s. In cylindrical form, the blind arcades of its lower part mutate into six floors of loggias, repeating motifs from the Duomo. Inside, a spiral staircase of 294 steps leads to the heights of one of the most famous towers in the world, where the lovely belfry and a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape await.

DAY 5 - FLORENCE

Welcome to Florence, the symbol of the Italian Renaissance.

Despite its international fame and greatness, Florence is also a small city whose history has been interwoven with that of its passionate citizens for more than one thousand years

In Piazza Duomo, you will be astonished by the **Duomo** with the incredible Brunelleschi’s dome, a masterpiece of art and architecture whose building techniques are still covered by a veil of mystery. Beside it, Giotto’s Campanile (Belltower) and the Baptistery, one of the oldest buildings in the city, with its famous bronze doors made by no and Ghiberti in the 14th and 15th centuries. In Piazza della Signoria you will walk in the middle of bronze and marble masterpieces by Giambologna and Cellini inside the marvellous **Loggia dei Lanzi**, and will admire the imposing

Palazzo Vecchio, one of the symbols of Florence and still the seat of government of the city. You may also spare some time to relax, visiting a typical market for shopping, strolling through the city's pedestrian streets, and crossing the oldest bridge in Florence, "**Ponte Vecchio**" (Old Bridge), rich in jewellery shops.



Your itinerary includes **Galleria dell'Accademia**, hosting Michelangelo's David, the most famous sculpture in the world. The David was uncovered and shown to the Florentines on September 8, 1504, and with its height of 4 meters, the impeccable physical features and the political significance that the iconography of David had taken over the previous century left the Florentines of the time speechless and has done the same ever since with visitors from all over the world.

If you want to stay away from crowds and still marvel at the sight of a true masterpiece, you should not miss the funeral chapels of the Medici family, "Le Cappelle Medicee". Here you will admire Cappella

dei Principi (the Chapel of the Princes), a monumental mausoleum decorated entirely in polychrome marbles and semi-precious stones, and the Crypt with the giant sculptures executed by young Michelangelo.

Florence is also the main Italian centre for the production of **high-quality leather goods**. The Florentine artisans are so famous that many fashion brands have opened their factories in the city or close to it due to their high skill and the continuous inspiration that designers take from the town's masterpieces. The area around Piazza Santa Croce, in particular, hosts many leather shops and workshops.

Thanks to the tradition of Tuscan tanneries, there is no better place to find **shoes for all tastes** than Florence: from the creations, designed and produced by hand by skilled craftsmen, to the extensive collections available in stores, renewed every season. Above all, Ferragamo (also worth seeing the museum), Gucci and Prada for refinement and elegance. If you prefer a simpler style, many shops specialise in handmade shoes and sandals across the river Arno.

At dinner, taste the simple yet unforgettable recipes of the Tuscan tradition, such as "**Crostini**", "**Panzanella**" and "**Peposo**". And remember, Florence is the home of "**Fiorentina**" steak! In case you are a vegetarian, don't worry: Tuscan cuisine offers tasty alternatives like "**Pappa al Pomodoro**" or "**Ribollita**" (read the [article](#) in our BLOG to know more about Tuscan Cuisine).

DAY 6 – CHIANTI

Today you will wander around Chianti, home of the world-famous wine!

Only a few regions can offer such a beautiful and rich panorama as Chianti: green hills sketched by miles and miles of vineyards and olive groves, ancient walled villages, panoramic curvy roads. Chianti Classico spreads from Florence to Siena and includes the municipalities of Greve, Panzano, Radda, Gaiole and Castellina. Most of the route consists of roads connecting larger towns to villages and castles, like the one leading to **Radda**, former headquarters of the Chianti Military League, and then to **Castello di Brolio** where Bettino Ricasoli devised the "recipe" for Chianti wine.



For lunch, you may stop at the famous "Macelleria Cecchini", probably the most famous meat shop in Italy. Next to the shop, Mr Cecchini cooks the original Tuscan meat, above all "Fiorentina" steaks, he has personally selected at farms in the area (don't worry, there's also a vegetarian menu).

DAY 7 – VAL D’ORCIA

On the way south, today you will explore Val d’Orcia, one of the most fascinating places in Italy, included by UNESCO in the list of World Heritage Sites.

The landscape of Val d’Orcia is a part of the agricultural hinterland of Siena, redrawn and developed when it was integrated into the city-state's territory in the 14th and 15th centuries to reflect an idealized model of good governance and create an aesthetically pleasing picture. The landscape’s distinctive aesthetics, flat chalk plains with almost conical hills and fortified settlements on top, inspired many artists. Their images have come to exemplify the beauty of well-managed Renaissance agricultural landscapes.



First, you will visit **Pienza**, “Pio’s town”: here, Pope Pius II decided to build the perfect palazzo for his papal court according to the project of an “Ideal City” drawn up by artists such as Piero della Francesca. From the loggia of the Palace, you will enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the landscape all around! Pienza is also famous for its typical Pecorino cheese: at lunch, taste all its different varieties, above all the excellent “Pecorino di Fossa” (Pecorino seasoned in a cave), an absolute delight to the palate!

In the afternoon, you will stop in **Bagno Vignoni**, a tiny and charming village where the main square is a pool 49 meters long and 29 wide. Several hot springs, whose therapeutic quality have been renowned since antiquity, bubble up from its bottom! All this creates such a pleasant sensation; it will be hard to leave!

DAY 8 - ORVIETO

Orvieto in Umbria is perhaps the most beautiful hill town in Italy, perched upon a volcanic rock, its history dating back to the Etruscans.

Although just an hour from Rome, the architecture is different, with many buildings constructed out of “tufo”, a volcanic rock. Orvieto’s main attraction is its 14th-century **Cathedral** – a masterpiece of Gothic architecture with a glistening façade of stained glass, mosaics and sculptures. Another attraction is St. Patrick’s Well, a 62-meter-deep (203 feet) feat of engineering characterized by two spiral staircases that wind around the well (yet never meet), with 248 steps down to the water. A pleasant guided tour along a straightforward route makes it possible to get to know Orvieto’s underground world, created by its ancient inhabitants over about 2,500 years of uninterrupted digging. A tour to discover a millenary, surprising and unexpected “Underground City”, you will surely enjoy it!



At lunch, don’t miss “salumi di cinghiale o cervo” (boar or deer sausage) and pecorino cheese and taste the region's prized white truffle oil together with the delicious white wine of the area, Orvieto Classico!

DAY 9 – ROME

Here you are in Rome, a place where ancient history, excellent art and religious icons mix in a unique blend! Start from the 2,000-year-old **Colosseum**, the most famous amphitheatre in the world, and the Imperial Forums, the administrative and monumental centre of the Roman Empire. On the Palatine Hill, the majestic ruins of the Palaces of Augusto, Tiberius and Domiziano still dominate the **Circus Maximus** valley, 50-meter-high structures giving a unique view of the city.



Close to the Colosseum, you may see the famous Michelangelo's sculpture of "**Moses**" inside the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli.

From Piazza Venezia, you will head inside "Baroque" Rome, starting with the **Pantheon**, dedicated to the worship of every god (Pan-every Theon-divinity), now the memorial chapel of great Italian people of the past. After that, don't miss the Church of **St. Louis of the French**, famous for the cycle of paintings of the great Caravaggio at the end of the

16th century. Then **Piazza Navona**, a splendid oval area corresponding to the underground Domitianus' Stadium, with the gorgeous Fountain of the Four Rivers by Lorenzo Bernini in the centre of the Piazza. And finally, **Fontana di Trevi**, the biggest and most famous fountain of the city, a Rome icon renowned worldwide: here, statues of travertine marble stand over the cliff and the broad basin, in an epic representation of the Kingdom of the Oceans.

On the other side of River Tevere, the immense St. Peter's Basilica dominates the extraordinary Piazza framed by the magnificent four column-deep colonnades designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. The Basilica itself is an extraordinary casket for some of the most beautiful works of art in the world, such as Michelangelo's "La Pietà" and Bernini's "Baldacchino", along with works of the most important artists of the Renaissance, from Raphael to Canova.

Inside the Vatican Museums, you will be astonished by the exquisite and unique **Sistine Chapel**, the "Sancta Sanctorum" ("Holy among the Holiest" in Latin) of the Roman Catholic Church, where cardinals gather to elect the new Pope! The Sistine Chapel takes its name from Pope Sixtus IV della Rovere (pontiff from 1471 to 1484), who had the old Cappella Magna restored between 1477 and 1480. The decoration of the walls was executed by a team of painters, Pietro Perugino, Sandro Botticelli, Domenico Ghirlandaio and Cosimo Rosselli, assisted by their respective shops. Julius II della Rovere (pontiff from 1503 to 1513), the nephew of Sixtus IV, decided to partly alter the decoration, entrusting the work in 1508 to Michelangelo Buonarroti, who painted the Ceiling and, on the upper part of the walls, the lunettes. The nine central panels show the Stories of Genesis, from the Creation to the Fall of man, to the Flood and the subsequent rebirth of humanity with the family of Noah. Again, towards the end of 1533, Clement VII de' Medici (pontiff from 1523 to 1534) asked Michelangelo to paint the Last Judgement on the altar wall. How could he refuse? And, in fact, he did not, but painted his vision of the Judgement, with a powerful and irate Jesus Christ.



To make the most of your visit, you will have an exclusive chance to enjoy the Vatican Museums before the crowds. Your Vatican Museums guided tour includes **VIP early entry** before regular ticket holders are allowed inside. You'll wander the almost empty halls and marvel at the Sistine Chapel, with an expert guide to fill you in on the cultural and

religious context of the Vatican's famous treasures. Then, as the first regular visitors begin to stream into the museums, you will enjoy a rich American breakfast in the evocative atmosphere of the Cortile della Pigna.

At the end of the day, sit down at a local "**trattoria**" or "**fiaschetta**", the typical home-style restaurant, to taste the authentic Roman cuisine in a popular and cheerful atmosphere (for an overview of Roman cuisine, see our [BLOG](#)).

DAY 10 - TIVOLI

Discover one of Italy's hidden gems! Here is Tivoli, a small town about 30 Km east of Rome, boasting 2 of the most spectacular sites in Italy, Emperor Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este.



Emperor **Hadrian** built his villa to escape the crowd and turmoil of the capital. Much of the enormous, luxurious ancient villa remains intact today, and you will be surprised by the innovative application of Renaissance plumbing in the fountains and waterworks, perfectly integrated with the landscape.

The other masterpiece in the area is **Villa d'Este**, the great Villa commissioned by Cardinal Ippolito of the Este family around 1560. Among the masterpieces of the Italian Renaissance that most inspired landscape architects and painters, it is an

ideal reinterpretation - in a sumptuous way - of the hanging Eden of Babylon. The prestigious residence is surrounded by terraces, stairways and avenues set on each other, decorated with water games so audacious to reveal considerable engineering skills. The monument was elected the most beautiful park in Europe and UNESCO Heritage with the motivation: "one of the first gardens of wonders, which from the beginning had a decisive influence on the development of European landscape painting ».

The tour is over, but the memories of a fantastic journey will accompany you for a lifetime!

Arrivederci with another tour at the discovery of Italy with VITOR, Visit Italy on the Road.

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