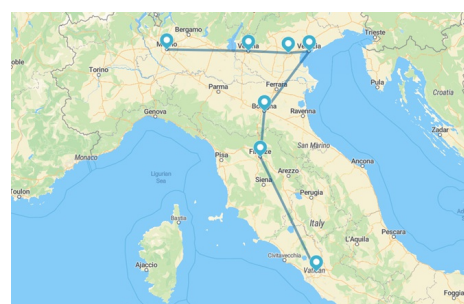


Italy, 10 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through the Great Italy, from Milan to Rome

Exploring Italy at the wheel is one of the best ways to discover the beauty and idiosyncrasies of a country full of contrasts. Considered one of the most famous itineraries in the world, the "Top to Toe of Italy, from Milan to Rome" tour will let you explore some of the most beautiful places and emblematic attractions in the country, as well as undergoing simply the best experiences. Discover some of the world's most seductive cities and landscapes at your own pace! Blessed with an unequalled historical, artistic and cultural legacy, this European nation cherishes some of the Western World's most important masterpieces. With forty-seven places declared World Heritage Sites, Italy is the country with the greatest presence on this privileged UNESCO list. Appreciate Italy with all five senses! This is also a gourmet's paradise, home to an exquisite cuisine of worldwide fame and excellent certified wines. Sign up to a tasting session at one of Tuscany's historic wineries! Come and join us on this fascinating self-drive journey to discover design and fashion in the ever-vibrant city of Milan; to fall in love with romanticism in Verona and Venice; to soak up in the cultural and university atmosphere of Bologna; to admire the splendour of the Renaissance in Florence; to marvel at the power, glory and grandeur of the Roman Empire in Eternal Rome; to discover the heart of Christianity and priceless works of art in the Vatican City, and so on. The 'Top to Toe of Italy, from Milan to Rome' is an essential journey that many adventurers plan to do at least once in their lifetime. Enjoy the route while revelling in the unmistakable Italian lifestyle!



CULTURAL

URBAN

Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - MILAN

Flight departure from the city of origin to Milan. Arrival and rental car pick-up.

And here your adventure on Italian soil begins!

The road trip through Italy kicks off in the mighty and attractive city of Milan. Capital of fashion and design, and many other things, visiting it always is a great idea. From Charlemagne to Napoleon, many historical figures set their eyes on this vibrant city that masterfully combines a turbulent past with a modern and creative present. A gentle stroll along the city centre streets will reveal an important architectural and artistic heritage. Must-sees include the Piazza del Duomo, with the incredible Cathedral; the Royal Palace and the entrance arch to the Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery; the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie, which houses the priceless "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci; the Teatro de La Scala, one of the most important opera houses in the world; and the bohemian and artistic Navigli, a buzzing waterfront area where great food, art, nightlife and a fantastic atmosphere are guaranteed... Enjoy a mouthwatering dinner by the canal! In the beautiful Sempione Park, one of the main green areas of the city, you can admire the Sforzesco Castle (which houses interesting art galleries) and the Peace Arch. But Milan is much more. The city is a true paradise for shopping lovers, who flock here from all corners of the world attracted by its infinite range of stores, artisan workshops, avant-garde outlets, showrooms and high-end boutiques... Make sure you take a leisurely stroll around the glamorous Quadrilatero d'Oro! For art lovers, we recommend the Brera district, with its must-visit Pinacoteca. Dotted with cosy cafés and terraces, Brera is perfect for savouring the delicious typical Milanese antipasti, as famous as they are delicious. Our final recommendation takes us to the City, where you can discover the most modern face of the city.

Overnight stay in Milan.

● DAY 2 · MILAN - VERONA

Milan is an excellent starting point to set off on the 'Top to Toe of Italy' tour. Our next stop will be the romantic city of Verona, located about two hours away.

Few places in the world have such a seductive atmosphere. Known as the city of Romeo and Juliet, the lovers immortalised by Shakespeare, Verona is the perfect place to round off an unforgettable day. Take a leisurely stroll along its enchanting streets in search of the eternal lovers and head to the House of Juliet, a magnificent twelfth-century palace which is the supposed residence of the Capulets, where you can climb up to the mythical balcony from where she spoke with Romeo (Via Capello, 23). Nearby is the Nogarola Palace, believed to be Romeo's house.

But this city of Roman monuments, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches has much more to offer to the traveller. From the River Adige, which runs through the city, you can marvel at unique sunsets. Cross the bridges that join both parts of the city and head to the stunning historic quarter, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. And as a finishing touch, the elegant Piazza dei Signori, where you can have a coffee and a delicious "pandoro" or enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner.

Overnight stay in Verona.

DAY 3 · VERONA - PADUA - VENICE

Further time to explore the romantic city of Verona: the Arena di Verona: Amphitheatre, Via Mazzini and its chic boutiques, Piazza Erbe with the Lamberti tower and the Palazzo Comunale, the Scaligleri arch, and Piazza Bra... We hit the road again, this time to discover Venice - located about 120 kilometres away - a unique city which, along with Verona, always appears in the rankings of the most beautiful and romantic cities in the world. On the way, we recommend that you stop off at the university city of Padua and enjoy its spectacular artistic and cultural heritage. The city, known for its connection with Saint Anthony, is dotted with magnificent churches and civil buildings which devotedly guard major works by artists such as Giotto, Luini and Mantegna. The Musei Civici agli Eremitani and Scrovegni Chapel, commissioned by Enrico Scrovegni in memory of his father, are must-visits. The Chapel, created by the brilliant Giotto, is famous for its humanist approach, which was to represent a revolutionary approach in contrast with the artistic dictates of the Middle Ages. Take a leisurely stroll through the lively squares and visit the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua (with the saint's tomb and the Equestrian Statue of Gattamelata by Donatello), the cathedral baptistery, the magnificent Palazzo della Ragione with its wonderful collection of fifteenth-century frescoes... And let's not forget the beautiful botanical gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered some of the oldest and most beautiful in Europe. Say farewell to the city with a delicious "gelato" in busy Plaza Prato della Valle. Onward with our journey. There are now only 40 kilometres between us and the captivating city of Venice. One glance at the four-kilometre-long Grand Canal, which is criss-crossed by bridges as famous as the Rialto, and you will realise why this city is unique in the world. (Note: Line 1 of local water taxi Vaporetto runs the full length of the Grand Canal. The legendary Rialto Bridge and its surroundings feature markets and small shops where you can find beautiful souvenirs). End this unforgettable day with a trip on a gondola underneath the Bridge of Sighs. Overnight stay in Venice.

DAY 4 · VENICE - ISLANDS OF MURANO AND BURANO - VENICE

Again we wake up in a magical city, which shifts between real and dreamlike in time with the rhythm of the water. To this day, it's still surprising just how audacious the Venetians were in daring to square up to the high tides and design a city full of marble palaces in the middle of a lagoon. The city, famous for its carnivals, is also a renowned centre for art, music, and Italian cuisine. After breakfast, we set out to explore the city. Our route will need to take in unique sites like the Palazzo Ducale, the Museo Correr with the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, the Gallerie dell'Accademia, the monastery on San Giorgio Maggiore... Venice is also famous for the captivating Piazza San Marco, a true treasure trove waiting to be discovered. The image of doves flying over the imposing basilica is famous worldwide. Soak up the atmosphere that for centuries has attracted major artists and writers to Caffè Florian. And climb up Il Campanile bell tower to enjoy one of the best views in the city. Around the square lies a maze of old and romantic canals dotted with palaces and golden domes that remind the traveller of a golden age in which the Republic of Venice was an important Mediterranean power. If you have time, we recommend a boat trip to the islands of Burano, famous for its fine lace, and Murano, known for its excellent glass crafts. (Note: Cars are not allowed on the islands. You can reach the islands in a "vaporetto" (local water taxi). The journey from the quay to the islands takes about 30 minutes. Tour not included). The day ends with a glass of Aperol in one of the typical osterie (taverns).
Overnight stay in Venice.

DAY 5 · VENICE - BOLOGNA

After a tasty breakfast by a Venetian canal, we'll set off for Bologna, the land of Dante, known throughout the world for its fascinating historical and cultural heritage and for being home to Europe's oldest university in Europe and the recent Bologna Process for higher education. (Note: It takes about 1 hour 30 minutes to get back to Padua on the A57 and A4. Afterwards, take the ring road in the direction of Bologna and then the A13 heading southwest. If you have enough time, take a detour to Ferrara, whose historic quarter has been recognised as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO). And then we'll get to Bologna! Sheltered to the west by the Apennines and to the east by the Adriatic Sea, its urban centre reflects the architectural, cultural and literary splendour of a glorious past built by the city's noble families. It boasts a rich heritage and a truly marvellous medieval quarter (one of the best preserved in the world) with twenty towers.

Any suggestions?

Enjoy laid-back walks along Via dell'Indipendenza; discover the leaning towers of Asinelli and Garisenda, the palaces of Podestà, Poggi and dei Banchi; visit the Basilica di San Petronio; attend an opera at the Teatro Comunale; or stroll around the fascinating exhibitions at the International Music Museum or at the Pinacoteca Nazionale... The cultural and creative universe of the city is fascinating. Included in the network of Creative Cities promoted by UNESCO, the city gives travellers the chance to enjoy interesting concerts, activities and festivals. Check out the calendar of events before embarking on your journey! This 'Grand Tour' is also a culinary journey into the different nuances and excellent products of Italian cuisine. Make sure you try some Parmesan cheese, balsamic oil from Modena and the ever-popular prosciutto.

Overnight stay in Bologna.

DAY 6 · BOLOGNA - FLORENCE

We'll leave Bologna behind today to visit the universal Florence, another of the major artistic and cultural cities in the country. (Note: To get to Florence, head out of the city in a westerly direction and take the A1. From here, there are around 110 kilometres to Florence). Decipher its artistic genius, unravel its impetuous humanistic spirit, and visit its most emblematic landmarks, museums and streets. Donatello, Masaccio, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo, Raphael and Dante are just some of the illustrious names forever linked to this city. You'll soon discover their legacy. Are you ready? The Duomo neighbourhood is an excellent starting point. Here you can admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, located in the very heart of the city, and discover its bell-tower, the baptistery and the famous Gates of Paradise. Around the Duomo are a wealth of beautiful piazzas, churches, palaces and museums. It's definitely worth popping into the neighbourhoods of San Lorenzo and San Marco, in Medici territory, and visiting the Gallery dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's world-famous David. From there we can head to the Piazza della Repubblica and stroll along the palace-lined streets up to the Santa Maria Novella area. Overnight stay in Florence.

DAY 7 · FLORENCE

More time to explore this fascinating city that endears itself to the traveller with its art galleries, its outstanding businesses, its unique boutiques and its stylish restaurants... You'll be amazed to see how art permeates everything and becomes a way of life. After wandering around the most historic streets, we'll head towards Via de Tornabuoni, an elegant shopping area full of designer boutiques and some of the most stylish parts of the city. This area is also home to the famous Uffizi gallery. And for lovers of another type of Italian art, two additional suggestions: the Gucci Museum and the Salvatore Ferragamo Museum. Don't leave Florence without strolling through the bustling Oltrarno neighbourhood, visiting the magnificent Palazzo Pitti and its beautiful Boboli gardens, or enjoying a snack with a view near the Ponte Vecchio. A day trip? Make your way over to Fiesole, a quiet village full of charm and located just 9 kilometres from the city. You'll fall in love with its Renaissance villas, its views of Florence and its laid-back atmosphere. Overnight stay in Florence.

● DAY 8 · FLORENCE - ROME

After enjoying the ever-vibrant city of Florence, we'll set off to the imperial and historical city of Rome. (Note: The fastest route to Rome will take just over 3 hours on the A1 and E35).

Known as the Eternal City, built on seven hills and nerve centre of the Roman Empire, the vibrant Italian capital is an authentic open-air museum that fuses the beauty of ancient Rome with the attractions of Renaissance, Baroque and modern Rome. A heritage that has made this stunning Italian city one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Stroll through its historic centre - declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO - and discover some of the most impressive monuments of ancient times. Among its classic treasures are the Coliseum, a grandiose amphitheatre inaugurated in 80 AD by Emperor Tito for gladiator fights, and the jaw-dropping Pantheon, a building that changed the course of world architecture. Another of our recommendations is to visit the Via Forums and discover the forums of Caesar, Augustus and Trajan. Much of the appeal of Rome lies in its magnificent squares, such as Piazza Venezia, Campidoglio, Popolo, Piazza della Rotondo, Minerva, Piazza Spagna, with its fabulous steps... And if you want to admire privileged views of the city, head to Monte Gianicolo and marvel at one of the best panoramas around. In the evening, you can savour Rome's delicious cuisine and soak up its ever-bustling street life in the picturesque neighbourhood of Trastevere.

Overnight stay in Rome.

● DAY 9 · ROME

More time to continue exploring the amazing city of Rome. Today, we recommend a trip to the Vatican City. The smallest state on the planet and the epicentre of Christianity, the Vatican City is also part of UNESCO's privileged list. It's a fascinating journey into the history of art and religion. You can visit the fabulous St. Peter's Square, presided over by the imposing Basilica of the same name, where you can admire works as famous as Michelangelo's Pietà and Bernini's dome and baldachin. Here, the Pope addresses thousands of believers in masses that attract Catholics from all four corners of the globe. Set aside some time to admire the magnificent treasures of the Vatican, as it's one of the world's largest 'art museums'. Must-sees are the Sistine Chapel, which was created by Michelangelo, Botticelli, Perugino and Ghirlandaio; the magnificent Vatican Museums; and the idyllic Vatican Gardens, a place of rest and meditation of Popes since the 13th century. Meanwhile, a visit to the catacombs and clandestine churches will let you explore the origins of Christianity. We'll continue the day discovering the essence of Rome along the bustling retail arteries of Via Condotti and Via del Corso, or at the restaurants of Campo dei Fiori. The charming terraces dotted along Rome's streets are the ideal place to soak up daily life and taste the city's world-famous gelatos. Before you leave, make sure you'll return to Rome one day by throwing a coin back into the legendary Fontana di Trevi. Overnight stay in Rome.

● DAY 10 · ROME - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Milan.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Milan.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Verona.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Verona.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Venice.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Bologna.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Florence.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Florence.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rome.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Rome.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Milan direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Verona direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Venice direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Florence direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Rome direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Vaporetto (water taxi).
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Milan



Verona



Padua



Venice



Bologna



Florence



Rome



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before

3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- Explore Verona at your pace and avoid long queues thanks to the 24-hour or 48-hour Verona Card. Designed to save you time and money, the card will give you access to the city's main attractions, museums and churches. Check out all the benefits on www.turismoverona.eu. You can buy it online, at kiosks, at the city's tourist information offices and at the main attractions and museums covered by the card.

- 1. The transport card for Venice and its islands is the best way to get around the city, either by water or by land. It gives you access to the public transport network of Venice, which includes the famous vaporetti along the canals, the islands and Lido, and the ACTV urban bus network on the mainland, Mestre and Marghera (it doesn't give you access to ACTV transport lines to/from Venice Marco Polo Airport, lines 16, 19, 21 and the Casino and Alilaguna water buses). 1.1. The duration of the transport card begins when it's first used. From then on, you can use it for the specified time: 1, 2, 3 or 7 consecutive days. 1.2. To use public transport services in Venice, you can get the transport card at the ACTV automatic vending machines located throughout the city. 1.3. The price includes the transport of a piece of luggage where the sum of length/width/height is less than 150 centimetres. 1.4. Children under six years old go free on all public transport in Venice. 2. The Venezia Unica City Pass offers free and skip-the-line access to the main museums and churches in Venice, with savings of up to 28%. 2.1. The must-see attractions that you can enter for free with the Venezia Unica City Pass card are: - Venice Ducal Palace. - Three of the civic museums of the Marciana Area (San Marcos City Pass mode): Correr Museum, National Archaeological Museum, monumental rooms of the Marciana Library; or ten of the civic museums of Venice (City Pass Completa mode): Correr Museum, Archaeological Museum National, monumental rooms of the Marciana Library, Ca'Rezzonico, Mocenigo Palace, Carlo Goldoni House, Ca'Pesaro, Murano Glass Museum, Burano Lace Museum and Natural History Museum. - Three or sixteen of the churches included in the Chorus, depending on the mode selected. You can find the Chorus Pass churches on this link. - Querini Stampalia Foundation. 2.2. The modes are: 2.2.1. San Marcos City Pass: includes access to the Doge's Palace, three of the civic museums of the Marciana Area, three of the Chorus churches, the Querini Stampalia Foundation and the Venice Casino. 2.2.2. And City Pass Completa: includes access to the Doge's Palace, ten of the civic museums of Venice, sixteen of the Chorus churches, the Querini Stampalia Foundation and the Jewish Museum. 3. The Venezia Unica City Pass lets you enter each attraction once and is valid for seven consecutive days from the time it is first used. 4. To activate the card and enter any of the attractions for free, just show the voucher at the ticket office. 5. The Venezia Unica City Pass is available for children over six years old. Most of the city's attractions have free admission for children under six years old.

- Parking in central Florence. The best way to enjoy Florence's historic centre is to park your car and explore the old town by foot. Please note that car parks in the city centre are usually more expensive. Depending on your hotel's location, here are some recommendations. There is a public car park in Piazzale Michelangelo, very close to the centre. It is usually filled early in the day due to its location. Another option is to leave your car in one of the car parks outside the city centre and take public transport, such as the tram or bus. For example, you could park in the Villa Costanza car park off the A1 motorway and, from there, take tram # 1 to the city centre. Near the centre, you'll find parking in Via del Sansavino and Via del Gelsomino. Another option is to go to the car park in Firenze Impruneta (formerly called Firenze Certosa), and from there take bus 37 to central Florence in 20 minutes. For more information, please check the official website of the municipality of Florence: <http://mobilita.comune.fi.it/muoversi/muoversi/parcheggi.html>. In the Firenze Parcheggi Sp section you'll find a list of car parks managed by the Firenze Parcheggi Spa public agency.

- Explore Rome at your own pace and without standing in long lines with the OMNIA Vatican and Rome Card that offers free and skip-the-line access to the main attractions of Rome and the Vatican (the Colosseum, Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel) as well as allowing unlimited public transport access. The card includes free admission to the following points of tourist interest: Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Mamertine Prison, Rome Tourist Bus (3 days) and St. Peter's Basilica. In addition to the above you can choose two of the following attractions: the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill, Capitoline Museums, Castel Sant'Angelo and/or Borghese Gallery. Another option is the Roma Pass card, a tourist card that allows you to access the main attractions at a discount and use unlimited public transport for 2 or 3 days. In addition to the discounts themselves, the Colosseum has a queue reserved for cardholders, which will save you from its long lines. These can be purchased at tourist information booths and at all participating museums and sites.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.

- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.

- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.

- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.