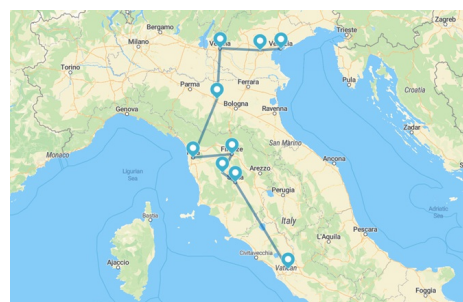




Italy, 11 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through Heritage Sites and Treasures

Join us on the "Tour of Italy's UNESCO Heritage Sites and Treasures", an unbelievable self-drive itinerary that will take you to some of the country's most enticing destinations. Italy is home to great artists such as Dante, Donatello, Botticelli and Michelangelo; top-flight designers such as Prada, Gucci and Salvatore Ferragamo; famous car firms such as Maserati, Lamborghini and Ferrari; landscapes as magical as those of Tuscany or the beautiful Venice with its typical gondolas crossing the Bridge of Sighs; romantic tales such as Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet; world-famous culinary delights, and much more... Italy is also the nation with the most cities and treasures listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Authentic jewels recognised for their "exceptional universal value", ranging from spectacular old quarters such as those of Rome, Florence, Siena and San Gimignano and cities as beautiful and romantic as Venice and Verona, to valuable works of art, majestic cathedrals, world-renowned museums, stunning palaces, and sites of an astonishing natural beauty. Epicentre of the Roman Empire and birthplace of the Renaissance, few countries in the world so harmoniously combine modern proposals with outstanding historical enclaves. All the stops on this tour are truly unique. Together they form a fascinating itinerary and one of the most famous road trips in the world. A journey to the very heart of Italy that will let you enjoy its unmistakable lifestyle. An exceptional itinerary to rediscover the pleasure of driving and soak up the Italian dolce vita.



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Departure date: Departures from August 2026 till July 2027

From: London

Travel details

DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - ROME

Flight departure from the city of origin to the cosmopolitan and history-laden Rome. Arrival and rental car pick-up. Your adventure begins here!

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 Rotonda, 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 2 · 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 3 · ROME - SIENA

Rome is a city with so much to offer. Depending on the time you have, you can take advantage of the morning to visit Castel Sant'Angelo, Villa Borghese, the Capitoline Museums or the bohemian district of Monti. And then back on the road to beautiful Siena. (Note: Both cities are connected by the A1 autostrada. The journey will take you about 3 hours). Rest of the day at your leisure to discover the city. Legend has it that the sons of Remus founded the city, which is another jewel in the Italian crown. Historical rival of Florence and with deeply-rooted traditions, this city is famous for its medieval charm, its historic horse race known as the "Palio" and its vibrant spirit, which is reflected in its interesting culinary and entertainment offerings. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets emanating from the Piazza del Campo, the heart of a historic city and a true masterpiece of medieval town planning. The piazza is home to must-visits such as the Torre del Mangia and the Palazzo Pubblico, current venue of the Civic Museum. Essentials include the Opera della Metropolitana di Siena and the historic Duomo, one of the most important cathedrals in Italy.

Overnight stay in Siena.

● DAY 4 · SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - FLORENCE

After enjoying the ever-vibrant city of Siena, we'll set off to the cosmopolitan and artistic city of Florence. The drive will take us through the beautiful vineyards of the Chianti valley. (Note: There are two ways to reach Florence. The fastest, which will take you approximately 1½ hours, is on the RA3 Siena - Firenze Raccordo. The second option is along the spectacular SR222 road. This will take an hour extra, but will let you see some sublime landscapes of vineyards). En route, you can stop in San Gimignano, with its skyline of towers that earned it the nickname of "the New York of the Middle Ages", clearly visible from the road and surrounded by a fertile landscape. Considered one of the best examples of a medieval city, its stunning historical quarter is a World Heritage Site. (Note: San Gimignano is about 40 kilometres from Siena. We recommend heading towards Florence and taking the SS429). And now we've arrived in Florence! We'll have the rest of the day to 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 5 · 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 6 · FLORENCE - LUCCA - PISA

We'll leave Florence behind to head for the charismatic city of Pisa. En route, and if you have time, you can take a detour to the beautiful medieval town of Lucca. From the car, we'll spot Lucca surrounded by over four kilometres of gigantic city walls towering 12 metres high. Simply amazing! You'll be looking at one of the best preserved fortresses in Europe. (Note: To reach Pisa from Florence, you'll have to drive approximately 1½ hours along the A11 autostrada. After the motorway and the toll, take Via Aurelia (SS1) and head towards the centre of Pisa). Pisa is one of the most unique places in Europe, famous for such emblematic sights as Piazza dei Miracoli and its iconic Leaning Tower. The Duomo, the Battistero, the Camposanto, the Museo delle Sinopie and the Museo dell'Opera will be just some of our next stops. Take advantage of your journey to discover the mighty past of this overseas power, its monumental and artistic spaces and its vibrant city atmosphere... And to enjoy this buzzing atmosphere, just head over to the lively Piazza delle Vettovaglie. At night, you can go for drinks in the area, eat out at an affordable price and enjoy the nightlife under 15th-century porticoes alongside Pisans, university students and tourists.

A real treat before heading off to bed.

Overnight stay in Pisa.

● DAY 7 · PISA - MODENA

Ciao to Pisa, and after approximately 2½ hours we'll arrive in the stunning town of Modena, one of the country's culinary temples and famous for products such as balsamic vinegar, Parmesan cheese and Lambrusco wine. Experience an authentic gourmet experience at the lively Albinelli market or at one of the town's famous restaurants. Known for its ties to some of the big names in the car industry (world-famous companies such as Maserati, Lamborghini or Ferrari have their roots here), and for being the birthplace of the great Luciano Pavarotti, the town instantly entices travellers with its magnificent medieval quarter and its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, such as the magnificent Romanesque cathedral (Duomo), the Ghirlandina Tower and Piazza Grande. Art lovers will find their particular haven at the Museum Palace, which houses the city's main museums and boasts works of art by great maestros such as El Greco and Velázquez. And if you want to stretch your legs and explore the main sights of Modena from another perspective, you can rent a bike to tour this low-lying city and view such stunning buildings as the church of San Vincenzo or the Palazzo Ducale. And in the evening, watch an opera at the famous Pavarotti Theatre. Without a doubt, an unforgettable experience.

Overnight stay in Modena.

● DAY 8 · MODENA - VERONA

After savouring the pleasures of Modena, we'll hit the road again en route to the romantic city of Verona. (Note: The drive along the A1 and A22 takes approximately 2 hours).

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 9 · 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 Scaligieri 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. (Note: You'll need just over an hour to get from Verona to Padua on the A4 autostrada. We recommend turning off at the "Padova Ovest" junction and taking the SP47 after the toll).

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 10 · 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. The square is surrounded by a maze of romantic canals flanked by palaces and domes that will evoke a golden age in which the Republic of Venice was a leading Mediterranean powerhouse. 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 11 · VENICE - 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 Rome.	✓ Selected meal plan in Rome.	
✓ Stay in selected hotel in Siena.	✓ Selected meal plan in Siena.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Florence.	
✓ Selected meal plan in Florence.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Pisa.	✓ Selected meal plan in Pisa.	
✓ Stay in selected hotel in Modena.	✓ Selected meal plan in Modena.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Verona.	
✓ Selected meal plan in Verona.	✓ Stay in selected hotel in Venice.	✓ Selected meal plan in Venice.	
	✓ Insolvency protection.		
✓ 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 Rome direct payment in facility.			
✗ Accommodation taxes in Florence direct payment in facility.			
✗ Accommodation taxes in Verona direct payment in facility.			
✗ Accommodation taxes in Venice direct payment in facility.	✗ Possible toll charges.	✗ Vaporetto (water taxi).	

Destinations Visited

Rome



Siena



San Gimignano



Florence



Pisa



Modena



Verona



Padua



Venice



Important remarks

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 Parcheggio Sp section you'll find a list of car parks managed by the Firenze Parcheggio Spa public agency.

- 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.

- 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.