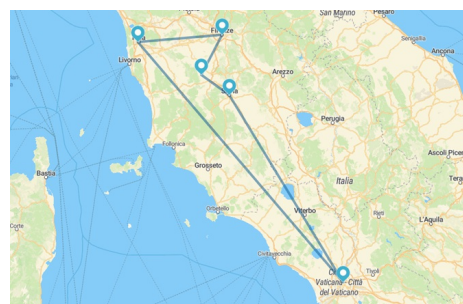




Italy, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through Italy's Treasures: the best of Rome and Tuscany

Amidst rolling hills, art and immortal cities, this road trip takes you through the cultural heart of Italy, visiting its greatest World Heritage treasures. From the classical grandeur of Rome to the medieval elegance of Siena and the Renaissance splendour of Florence and Pisa, this trip invites you to discover the essence of a country that has shaped the history of Europe. A perfect travel experience for those who love leisurely driving, surrounded by picture-postcard landscapes, art with a capital A and delicious cuisine. The epicentre of the Roman Empire and the cradle of the Renaissance, few countries in the world combine modern attractions with first-rate historical sites so naturally. All the locations on this route are special and unique. Together they form an exciting route through the heart of Italy, allowing travellers to enjoy its unmistakable lifestyle. An exceptional itinerary to rediscover the pleasure of driving and let yourself be carried away by the Italian dolce vita.



CULTURAL

FAMILIES

Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 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 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 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.

SIENA

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).

SAN GIMIGNANO

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).

FLORENCE

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 .

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

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 - ROME

We bid farewell to Tuscany and set off on our return journey to Rome, on a road trip that leaves behind golden fields, rolling hills and villages that seem frozen in time.

The journey, approximately 350 kilometres, follows part of the Autostrada del Sole , a well-paved motorway with scenic stops that invite you to enjoy the landscape.

ORVIERO

If the pace of the day allows it, it is worth stopping at Orviero, a beautiful enclave suspended on a rock and visible from miles away.

ROME

Arrival in Rome in the afternoon. Once again, the 'Eternal City' welcomes travellers with the same magnetism with which it bid them farewell: its golden domes at sunset, the murmur of its fountains and that air of grandeur and history that sums up the essence of the trip. You can end the day with a delicious dinner in Trastevere or on a terrace overlooking the Colosseum.

Overnight stay in Rome.

● DAY 8 · VENICE - CITY OF ORIGIN

After breakfast, you will have free time until your flight departure time. If your departure is in the afternoon, you can take advantage of the morning for one last Roman getaway: stroll along the Via del Corso and the Piazza di Spagna, enjoy a cappuccino in the Campo de' Fiori or visit Castel Sant'Angelo, with one of the most beautiful views over the Tiber and St. Peter's dome.

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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Vaporetto (water taxi).

Destinations Visited

Rome



Siena



San Gimignano



Florence



Pisa



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

- 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.