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## YOUR WINTER IN ITALY: TURIN, COURMAYEUR, MILAN, VERONA, FLORENCE, ASSISI, PERUGIA & ROME HIGHLIGHTS



- 11 days/10 nights tour
- Period: from December to the end of March
- Arrival to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) and departure from Rome (FCO)
- 4-star accommodations in Turin, Florence and Rome, studio-suite in Verona
- Transportation: private transfers and high-speed trains from Turin to Verona, from Verona to Florence and from Florence to Rome
- Visit **ICONIC ITALIAN DESTINATIONS** and immerse yourself in authentic experiences, including:

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- Turin, “Italy’s first capital”
- Courmayeur, charming small town at the foothills of Mont Blanc
- Milan, “the Fashion Capital”
- Verona, “the City of Lovers”
- Florence, “the Cradle of the Italian Renaissance”
- Rome, “the Eternal City”
- Enchanting Umbrian towns: Assisi and Perugia

## DAY 1

*PICK-UP AT MILAN MXP AIRPORT AND DROP OFF TO THE HOTEL*

**BENVENUTO, WELCOME TO ITALY!** After your arrival at the **Milan Malpensa Airport**, our driver will welcome you and transfer to the **hotel** located in Turin City Center (transfer time: approx. 1h and 20 min.). **CHECK IN** at the hotel and enjoy some time for relaxation after your long journey to the “Italy’s First Capital”. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 2

*TURIN 3-HOUR WALKING TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE*



**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.**

After breakfast, you will be met by our **expert guide**, who will take you to discover the beauties of Turin. Turin was Italy’s first capital after the unification and one of the most influential cities during the Risorgimento period. It is also

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the place where FIAT (today FCA) started its business and where several gastronomic events are held each year.

Turin is a fantastic mix of art, culture, industry, and gastronomy. In fact, UNESCO declared part of the historical city center a World Heritage Site in 1997. During the leisurely **3 HOUR WALKING TOUR**, you will discover part of this heritage: the majestic castle Piazza Castello, the Royale Palace, Piazza San Carlo and the ancient cafeterias, Via Po, and Piazza Vittorio. Lunch will be on your own. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 3

### LEISURE DAY IN COURMAYEUR



**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.** After breakfast, you will be **transferred to COURMAYEUR** (transfer time: approx. 2h). *“The nature here is gentle, expressive, majestic, whimsical, wild, fascinating, and it seems to call out and say: stay!”*. This is how Auguste Argentier described Courmayeur in 1864, using words that do true justice to the timeless charm radiated from this small town at the foothills of Mont Blanc. An important ski tourism draw the world over, **Courmayeur**, in Valle d'Aosta, is known for both its beauty and hospitality. This ancient village weaves that authentic Alpine atmosphere into its entire being: the visitor can feel it whether walking through its main streets - such as the central **Via Roma** - or getting lost in its most hidden corners. Courmayeur stands at the 4,016 feet-marker of **Mont Blanc**, within a verdant basin surrounded by firs, spruces and larches, and of course mountain peaks, glaciers and other gorgeous and traditional towns along the Dora Baltea River that traverses the entirety of Valle

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d'Aosta! Spend your morning walking through its main street and doing shopping! Lunch will be on your own. In the afternoon, you can decide if spending the

afternoon in town or spending 1h and 30 min. in Aosta, historical Roman city located 40 minutes from Courmayeur. In late afternoon, you will be **transferred back to Turin**. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 4

### LEISURE DAY IN MILAN



**BREAKFAST AND CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL.** After breakfast, you will reach Turin train station and catch the **high-speed train to Milan** (transfer time: approx. 1h and 15 min.). After your arrival in Milan, you will reach the city center on your own (we recommend to take a taxi). Enjoy your time in Milan, Lombard capital that stupefies for the emotions only it can offer, is a culture, modern, and lively city that is rich in beauty and artistic masterpieces. The Duomo, or Cathedral, with its luminous, marble (from Candoglia) façade and late-Gothic architectonic style, is the monumental symbol for this metropolis in Northern Italy! In the heart of the city rises the Palazzo Reale, seat of the Communal Government of Milan, and the historic halls of which host frequent and important art exhibits.

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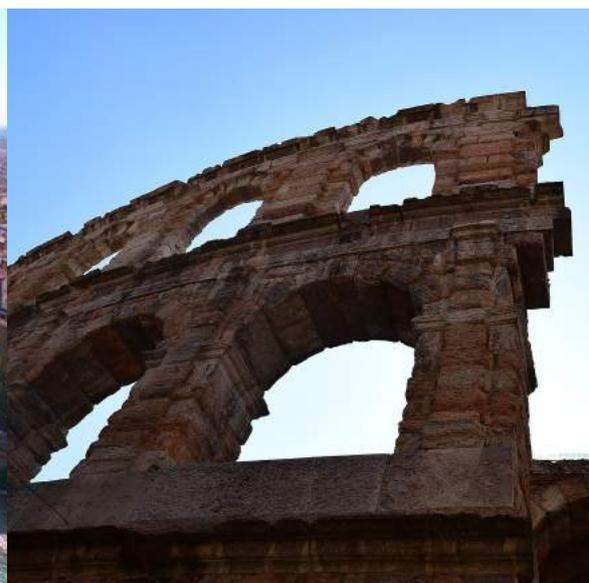
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Next to the Palazzo is the uber-modern Museum of the 20th Century, boasting a number of artworks from the 1900s only. And nearby is another of the city's well-known icons, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, fundamentally a pedestrian street intersection covered by glass-vaulted arcades. Inside are historic restaurants, bars and fashion boutiques, as well as its lovely mosaic flooring! Furthermore, Milan is recognized internationally as one of the world's most important Fashion Capitals! Every day thousands of people walk through its most elegant street, "Via Montenapoleone", where the most sophisticated, (and expensive) fashion

shops of Armani, Gucci, Versace and other famous Italian fashion designers are located. Mainly Via Montenapoleone but also the adjacent streets are the heart of the Italian Fashion. The boutiques of Prada, Armani, Versace, Roberto Cavalli, Salvatore Ferragamo, Laura Biagiotti, Fendi, Renato Balestra, Rocco Barocco, Genny, Krizia, Gucci, Missoni, Trussardi, Moschino, Mila Schön, Fiorucci and many other top fashion brands are all lined up in this area. Lunch will be on your own. In late afternoon, you will reach Milan train station (we recommend to catch a taxi) and catch the **high-speed train to Turin**. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 5

### TRANSFER TO VERONA



**BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL.** In the morning, you will reach Turin Train Station on your own and catch the **high-speed** train to **VERONA** (standard class seats, approx. 2h and 30 min.). After your arrival at the **Verona Train**

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**Station, you will be transferred to your accommodation by private transfer.** You will have the privilege to staying in an studio-suite located in the Court of Juliet, the site of the famous Statue and notorious Balcony! Leisure time in Verona. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN VERONA AT STUDIO-SUITE (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH ONLY BED SERVICE.**

## DAY 6

### *VERONA 2,5-HOUR WALKING TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE*

**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.** After breakfast, you will be met by our **expert guide** and together you will explore the beauties of the City of Lovers, without forgetting Shakespeare ... The tragic story of Romeo and Juliet is a legend, nobody can tell if the two unlucky lovers of Verona ever lived. Nevertheless, like in every legend, there are many elements of the story that have references to real places and historical facts of Verona. For example it is history the bloody struggle between Guelphs and Ghibellines, the pope party and the emperor party, the two factions fighting, not over religion but over secular power. In the middle age, families belonging to one faction or the other, although living in the same town, feuded ferociously. The Montecchi family (Montague in the English version) really existed in Verona, and lived in that sort of middle age fortress which is now considered Romeo's house. The high walls of the building are characterized by the peculiar "swallow tail" battlement symbol of the emperor party. Dante, who belonged to Ghibelline faction, fleeing from Florence, a Guelph town, found hospitality in Verona at the time in which the events are thought to have happened, under the rule Bartolomeo della Scala lord of Verona. In the Purgatorio, Dante wrote few mysterious verses about the two families Montecchi and Capuleti (Montagues and Capulets). Shakespeare wasn't the first to write about the sad story, he based his tragedy on some Italian versions (especially those by Luigi da Porto and Matteo Bandello) quite popular in Italy and Europe at that time and that were probably based on some kind of oral tradition. In all these versions can be found references to historical facts and characters, places and buildings so that through the centuries, tradition has identified some city buildings with the places where the story took place: Juliet's house (with Capulets family crest), Romeo's house, the 13th century gate through which Romeo left Verona in exile, Juliet's tomb, in the only existing monastery outside city walls at that time. Lunch will be on your own. Leisure time in the afternoon. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN VERONA AT STUDIO-SUITE (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH ONLY BED SERVICE.**



## DAY 7

*TRANSFER TO FLORENCE, FLORENCE 3-HOUR WALKING TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE*

**BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL.** In the morning, you will be transferred to Verona train station and catch the high-speed train to FLORENCE (standard class seats, transfer time: approx. 1h and 45 min.). Arrive at the Florence train station and transfer to the hotel on your own (we recommend to catch a taxi). Time for check-in and relax. Lunch will be on your own. In the

afternoon, you will be met at the lobby of your hotel by our expert guide who will lead through the beauties of Florence, the “cradle of the Italian Renaissance”: the Piazza Duomo with Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s Bell Tower (external visit), Piazza del Signoria with the imposing Palazzo Vecchio (external visit), the Ponte Vecchio (the old bridge) and the area of Santa Croce. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN FLORENCE AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 8

*LEISURE DAY IN FLORENCE*

**ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL.** Spend the day at leisure exploring Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance known as the birthplace of opera and an important arts and cultural hub of Italy. Walk through narrow, medieval pathways before popping into the modern city center. Centuries of arts and architecture are right at your fingertips as you get lost in the city. From the city center, you can climb to the church of San Miniato al Monte for the most amazing view of the city. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN FLORENCE AT 4-STAR**



**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## **DAY 9**

*TRANSFER TO ROME, VATICAN MUSEUMS, SISTINE CHAPEL & ST.PETER'S BASILICA 3-HOUR WALKING TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE*

**BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL.** After breakfast, you will reach Florence Train Station and catch the **high-speed** train to **ROME** (standard class seats, approx. 1h and 30 min.). After your arrival at the **Rome train station**, you

**will be transferred to the hotel.** Lunch will be on your own. In the early afternoon our **driver will transfer you to the Vatican Museums.** Here you will be met by our **expert guide** who will lead you through the works of art of the **VATICAN MUSEUMS.** Vatican Museums is a unique experience that must be experienced at least once in a lifetime. This visit is a long and interesting trip that will fill you with emotions through more than twenty centuries of history and art. Next we will visit **THE SISTINE CHAPEL**, including the rooms of Raphael and the art gallery Pinacoteca (just a small part of their extensive priceless collection). The Sistine Chapel is a must-see for your trip, as the site draws more than 5 million visitors per year (more than the population of Norway!). Last but not least, visit the **ST.PETER'S BASILICA**, the largest church in the world. The

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basilica which is home to the Holy See and considered the most important religious temple of the Catholicism. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN ROME AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

## DAY 10

### *ENCHANTING UMBRIAN TOWNS: ASSISI & PERUGIA*

After **BREAKFAST** at the hotel, you will be transferred to the Medieval town of **ASSISI** (transfer time: approx. 2h and 30 min.) a **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE** and homeland of St. Francis, the famed saint who renounced all his possessions



in order to devote his life to helping the needy. With our guide, you will visit the amazing historical center, Piazza del Comune (central square), the Basilica of St. Francis, and the Oratory of St. Francesco Piccolino. Cathedrals and fortresses dot the city and strike an image both imposing and memorable. Lunch will be on your own with recommendations from our guide. In the afternoon, we will visit **PERUGIA**, the splendid capital of the Region of Umbria. We will visit the Rocca Paolina, the Porta Marzia (Etruscan gate), the Piazza del Sopramuro with the Loggia dei Lanari and Palazzo of the Captain of the People, the Corso Vannucci, the Piazza IV Novembre with the Palazzo dei Priori and Sala dei Notari, the Cathedral and the Fontana Maggiore. While exploring the hidden squares and regal architecture, you will be enchanted by the lush trees and greenery throughout the Umbria region. After the tour of the city center, **you will be transferred back to the hotel in Rome. OVERNIGHT STAY IN ROME AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

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## DAY 11

### *TRANSFER TO ROME AIRPORT*

**BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL.** Pick-up at the hotel and **transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO)** according to your flight schedule. Arrivederci and we hope to see you again!

#### **PRICE:**

- on request.

#### **SERVICES INCLUDED:**

- Pick-up at Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) and drop off to the hotel in Turin by private transfer (Day 1);
- 4 nights in Turin at 4-star hotel accommodation, double room (double occupancy) with bed and breakfast service (Day 1-5);
- Turin 3-hour walking tour with private guide (Day 2);
- Private transfer to Courmayeur (Day 3);
- High-speed train from Turin to Milan, and from Milan to Turin (Day 4);
- High-speed train from Turin to Verona (standard class seats, transfer time: approx. 2h and 30 min.), pick-up at Verona Train Station and drop-off to the accommodation in Verona - the drop off point will be approx. 200 meters from your accommodation. The exact meeting point will be defined at the time of booking (Day 5);
- 2 nights in Verona at Studio-Suite (double occupancy) with only bed service (Day 5-7);
- Verona 2,5-hour walking tour with private guide (Day 6);
- Pick-up at your accommodation in Verona (the pick-up point will be approx. 200 meters from your accommodation. The exact meeting point will be defined at the time of booking) and transfer to Verona train station, high-speed train from

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- Verona to Florence (standard class seats, transfer time: approx. 1h and 45 min. ), Florence 3-hour walking tour with private guide (Day 7);
- 2 nights in Florence at 4-star hotel accommodation, double room (double occupancy) with bed and breakfast service (Day 7-9);
  - High-speed train from Florence to Rome (standard class seats, transfer time: approx. 1h and 30 min.), pick-up at Rome train station and transfer to the hotel, pick-up at the hotel and transfer to the Vatican Museums, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica 3-hour walking tour with private guide, entrance tickets to Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. **IMPORTANT NOTES:** Comfortable shoes suggested - we regret to inform that this tour is not suitable for guests with wheelchairs or with impaired mobility - entrance to Churches requires a strict dress code. We cannot be held responsible for entry denied due to improper dress (Day 9);
  - 2 nights in Rome at 4-star hotel accommodation, double room (double occupancy) with bed and breakfast service (Day 9-11);
  - Private transfer, Assisi and Perugia full-day tour with private guide (Day 10);
  - Private transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport (Day 11).

## SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Flight ticket;
- Visa;
- City tourist taxes;
- Lunch and dinners;
- Basic medical insurance: on request;
- Tips and everything not mentioned in the section "SERVICES INCLUDED".

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Period: from December to the end of March. Other months on request;
- Prices have been calculated with a minimum of 2-6 pax;
- Prices have been calculate with an occupancy of two pax each room;
- Private transfers during the trip: during the trip, the private transfers will be arranged by car/minivan and trains. The car/minivan can contain max. 1x20/23kg luggage per person and 1x10kg hand luggage per person;
- We create our quotes based on the best possible options for accommodations and experiences currently available, taking into account your budget and timeframe of travel. Italy is a popular destination for travelers and the availability may change while you are making your final decision. If any of the accommodations and services listed above are no longer available, we will do out best to place them with others of the same quality; however, the itinerary presented above includes the best options currently available. We recommend

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reviewing the program and returning your acceptance, changes, or rejection as soon as possible;

- The order of the day trips could be changed according to the supplier's availability;
- If some suppliers/travel experiences are not available they will be replaced by others
- of the same quality;
- The travel agency is not responsible for extra costs due to delays/strikes;
- We regret to inform that this tour is not suitable for guests with wheelchairs or with impaired mobility and difficulties in walking;
- We reserve the right to change an itinerary after departure due to local circumstances or events outside of our control;
- Booking: advance booking is recommended;
- Cancellation Policies: please see our Terms and Conditions.

## **PAYMENT:**

- 30% deposit at the time of booking (non-refundable).
- Balance 90 days prior to the departure date.

## **CONDITIONS & TERMS:**

- In case of cancellation after the booking, the organizer will keep the amount equal to 25% of the price referred to Article. 6, paid pursuant to art. 5 and can hold an additional sum equal to 5% of the price paid, as penalty for the reimbursement of the cost of individual practice management, cost of insurance coverage required at the time of conclusion of the contract or other services already given, except, in each case, the claim of the major damage pursuant to Art. 1382, paragraph 1, of Civil Code;
- in case of withdrawal from 119 days to 90 days before the departure, the organizer will keep an amount equal to 50% of the price paid;
- in case of withdrawal from 89 days to 60 days before the departure, the organizer will keep an amount equal to 75% of the price paid;
- in case of withdrawal from 59 days to day of departure an amount equal to 100% of the price paid will be retained to the tourist.
- It is, however, expressly excluded - pursuant to art. 32, paragraph 2, Code of tourism - the right of withdrawal of the customer as provided for in Art. 64 and ss. Legislative Decree no. 206/2005.