



ITALY: THE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Rome, Florence & Venice

10-DAY PROGRAM



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the Vatican, Colosseum and hidden gems of Rome
- Delve into the diverse flavors of the Mediterranean
- Visit Pompeii and savor some classic Neapolitan pizza in Naples
- Enjoy the eye candy of Cinque Terre's colorful and picturesque coastal villages
- Create edible art with the best of the best at Tuscany's Lorenzo de' Medici Cooking School
- Glide through the canals of Venice and discover the city's unique cuisine

2024 PROGRAM DATES

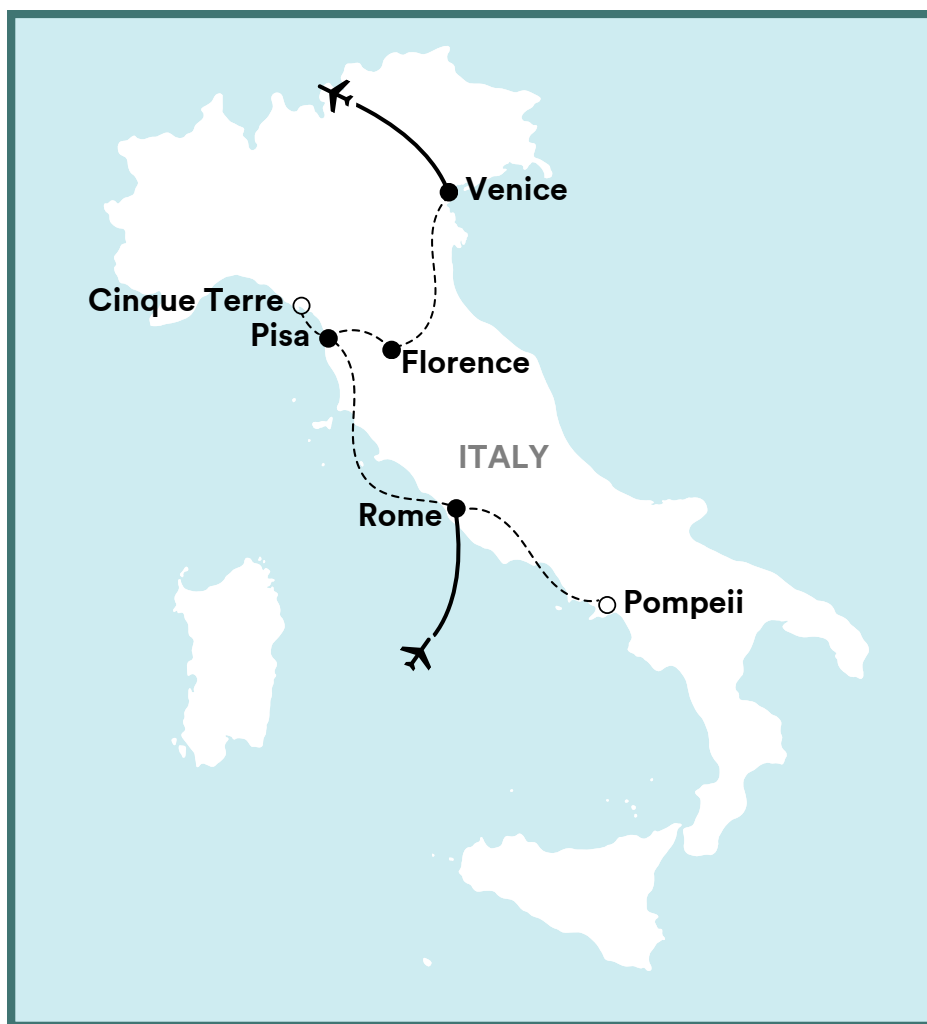
- June 23 - July 2

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ITINERARY

Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, site visits, activities and service work vary depending upon a number of factors, such as the weather, scheduling and constraints of the location.

Day 1: Arrival Day

Benvenuti a Roma!

Our Teen Travel Network Trip Leaders will meet you in the Rome airport arrivals terminal wearing their TTN t-shirts.

We will spend this first day settling into our accommodation and building connections with fellow travelers. Before we sleep off our jetlag, we will enjoy a local welcome dinner.

Days 2-3: Rome & Vatican City

Your Italian adventure begins in Rome, the Eternal City. With its rich history, culture and cuisine, Rome has something to offer everyone.

Visit the Vatican City and admire some of the most renowned art in the world. Try pizza al taglio the traditional way--cut into rectangles and sold by the pound--from the Pizzarium pizzeria, owned by the esteemed "Michelangelo of Pizza" Gabriele Bonci. Marvel at the ancient Colosseum and Roman Forum, which hold traces of civilizations that go back centuries. Check out the mouthwatering pizza on the Netflix show *Pizzarium*! Throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain and climb the artful Spanish Steps as you soak up the unique culture of one of Europe's oldest cities.

Try your hand at making some of Rome's most iconic dishes, from savory pizza to sweet gelato, ice cream's richer and creamier cousin. We'll be sure to try the foods the city is famous for, such as cheesy cacio e pepe pasta, tender saltimbocca alla romana and Roman trapizino, the original pizza pocket.

Days 4: Pompeii

Pause for a day in Pompeii and explore the beautiful UNESCO site of Pompeii, the ancient Roman city that was buried by a volcanic eruption in 79 AD and known for being the best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. Explore the meticulously excavated streets and houses, delving into the stories of its residents and their vanished lives.

Follow the day of exploration by going to Naples for an incredible neapolitan pizza. Known for its simplicity, you won't find a pizza fresher topped with fresh basil, mozzarella, olive oil, and tomatoes.



Days 5 - 6: Pisa & Cinque Terre

Time to travel to the Tuscan region where you will find some of the best fresh food! Journey to the famous city of Pisa to learn about its incredible diverse history, translated into phenomenal graffiti found in the city centre and home to the iconic Leaning Tower. Climb to the top of the tower and absorb the stunning views of the city and surrounding countryside.

Take a boat trip to the picturesque villages in the beautiful Cinque Terre region, a 5-town beach enclave. Explore their narrow streets and colorful houses and delight yourself with some of its incredible seafood dishes caught by local fishermen!

Day 7: Florence

Finish your Tuscan adventure with a visit to the fascinating city of Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Climb to the top of the Duomo for some breathtaking panoramic views of the city, followed by a visit to the famous ponte vecchio to do some shopping.

Take part in a private 3-hour cooking class at the world famous Lorenzo de' Medici Cooking School with master chefs where we will learn all the best kept secrets of Italian cuisine!

Days 8 - 9: Venice

Ciao Bella! We are in Venice! Explore one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in the entire world, woven with canals and bridges. We are in the company of a local guide to help us discover the stunning square of San Marco Square, where history echoes with every step you take.

Voyage on a gondola, one of the main forms of transportation in Venice, to the charming islands of Murano and Burano, renowned for glassmaking and craftsmanship. Explore the picturesque canals and vibrant houses that paint an idyllic picture.

Navigate Venice's labyrinth of canals and take a private tour of the Jewish quarter of Venice, known for being the hidden gem of authentic Venetian gastronomy. Here our local guide will take us on a restaurant crawl, that will make sure that we learn about the history of this beautiful neighbourhood and we end this visit stuffed with the real tastes of Venice.

Day 10: Departure Day

Before we know it, our Italian food adventure has come to an end. Head to the airport with incredible memories, new friends and confidence that will benefit you for life!

TTN Trip Leaders will accompany travelers to the airport and check them in for their flights home.

As you settle into your seat for the journey home, reflect on the things you saw, the people you met, places you went, and the amazing tastes. We'll see you on your next adventure! Welcome to the Network!

ABOUT TEEN TRAVEL NETWORK

Teen Travel Network was founded in 2022 by the leadership team of its 'sister company' Global Leadership Adventures. Global Leadership Adventures has been in operation for 15+ years and has sent tens of thousands of students on life changing international service related trips. Teen Travel Network was founded on the basis of discovery, insight and fun and operates trips for teens across Asia, Europe and Latin America. Our mission is to build confidence, curiosity, and connection in the next generation of global citizens through travel.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS

- Tuition: \$5,299
- Ages: 14 - 18
- Accommodations: Hotels, Youth Hostels
- Arrival Airport
 - Italy: FCO (Rome)
- Departure Airport
 - Italy: VCE (Venice)