

Tour Code: KKIT27

Discovering Italy

September 13–23, 2027

Hosted by
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Omaha Beach



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Day 1: Monday, September 13, 2027 • Departure
Your Italian adventure begins as you board your international flight bound for Rome, the Eternal City. **Inflight meals**

Day 2: Tuesday, September 14, 2027 • Rome
Upon arrival, meet your tour director and enjoy a panoramic introduction to Rome. We pause for lunch before checking in to our hotel. This afternoon we explore Ancient Rome with a local guide, on our walking tour of the Palatine Hill and Capitoline Hill. We tour the Colosseum and walk through the Roman Forum, where the ruins of 2,000 years ago still come to life. We admire the Arch of Constantine and visit San Pietro in Vincoli to see Michelangelo's Moses. Tonight, we gather for a festive Welcome Dinner, toasting the journey ahead. **D**

Day 3: Wednesday, September 15, 2027 • Rome
This morning a local guide takes us on a tour of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel. We also visit St Peter's Basilica. We continue to the vibrant neighborhoods surrounding the Spanish Steps and Piazza Navona, known for their lively streets, fountains, and artistic energy. This evening, we gather near the Trevi Fountain for dinner at a traditional trattoria, savoring appetizers, fresh handmade pasta, main courses, and homemade desserts. **B/D**

Day 4: Thursday, September 16, 2027 • Montecatini Terme
This morning, we take the fast train to Florence, where a local guide introduces us to the city's artistic and architectural treasures, including the Baptistry, Giotto's Tower, the Pitti Palace, and the Accademia, home to





Michelangelo's incomparable *David*. We explore the bustling San Lorenzo Leather Market and the shops along the Ponte Vecchio before continuing to Montecatini Terme, where we check into our hotel for the next three nights. **B/D**

Day 5: Friday, September 17, 2027 • Montecatini Terme
Our sightseeing today includes a visit to the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, followed by a lunch break in the charming walled city of Lucca. Known for its Renaissance-era ramparts and peaceful, pedestrian-friendly streets, Lucca offers a delightful glimpse into Tuscan life. We return to Montecatini this afternoon and have the balance of the day free to relax and enjoy this city, world-renowned for its spas and wellness culture. **B**

Day 6: Saturday, September 18, 2027 • Montecatini Terme
Today we journey to the Ligurian coast for an unforgettable excursion to Cinque Terre, a series of colorful fishing villages clinging to rugged seaside cliffs. We begin with a scenic boat ride along the sparkling sea, then continue by train and on foot, strolling along the famed Via dell'Amore (Lovers' Lane) with breathtaking views of the coastline. As we explore the villages, we observe the unique character of local life, from the fishermen at work to the charming homes they return to each day. We have dinner in Venice then return to the mainland and check in to our hotel. **B**

Day 7: Sunday, September 19, 2027 • Venice
We travel north to Venice, where canals replace streets and gondolas glide silently beneath arched bridges. After lunch on our own, we are introduced to the city with a guided tour of St. Mark's Square, including its grand basilica and bell





tower, followed by a cruise along the Grand Canal. We check in to our hotel and enjoy dinner together this evening. **B/D**

Day 8: Monday, September 20, 2027 • Como
Our journey continues north to Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet. A local guide leads us on a walking tour featuring the Roman Arena, Bra Square, Juliet's Balcony, and the lively Erbe Square. We enjoy lunch on our own. After soaking in the historic atmosphere, we continue to the shores of Lake Como, where we check into our hotel amid stunning alpine and lakeside scenery. **B/D**

Day 9: Tuesday, September 21, 2027 • Como
This morning, we board a hydrofoil for a leisurely cruise across Lake Como's sparkling waters to Bellagio, the "Pearl of the Lake." Enjoy time exploring its charming lanes, elegant villas, and boutique shops before continuing by ferry to Villa Balbianello, a masterpiece of 18th-century architecture with terraced gardens and cinematic views, featured in *Casino Royale* and *Star Wars: Episode II*. We return to Como for a relaxing afternoon and evening to enjoy the lakeside ambiance. **B/D**

Day 10: Thursday, September 22, 2027 • Como
Enjoy a full day at leisure in Como. Stroll the lakeside promenade, explore charming streets and shops, or simply relax and soak in the beauty of Lake Como at your own pace. **B**

Day 11: Friday, September 23, 2027 • Return
We drive to Milan Airport and board our return flights home, filled with memories of Italy's beauty, history, and flavors. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
Breakfast / **D**inner

***Please be aware**: This tour includes **considerable standing and walking and some hiking**. We recommend that tour participants be able to walk a mile or more at a moderate pace, navigate some uneven terrain, cobblestone streets, steps and hills. Caution is recommended for those with walking or breathing difficulties. If a guest requires mobility assistance, they must be accompanied by an able companion who is totally responsible for providing the guest's necessary assistance. Ed-Ventures does not provide personal attendant services.*

Tour Cost: $6,259

per person, double occupancy, land & air with a minimum of 25 participants

Single Supplement: $1,600

Your Tour Includes

- Round-trip airfare (Minneapolis to Rome and return from Milan), including related taxes, fees, and fuel charges; seat assignment fees may be in addition
- Land transportation via private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in superior three and moderate four-star hotels
- Meals per the itinerary
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary, except those listed as optional
- Services of a professional tour manager
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Luggage handling of one piece per person, where available
- All taxes and tips for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include

- Meals, other than indicated above
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End-of-tour gratuities for Coach Driver and Tour Manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passports, visas, etc. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- Optional insurance for health, baggage, and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and recommended.)*

Payment Schedule

- A deposit of $500 per person is due with reservation.
- A second deposit of $1,000 is due March 17, 2027.
- Final payment is due June 15, 2027. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Insurance

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended. Cost is 7.2% of the trip. This insurance is non-refundable and to qualify for pre-exisitng conditions, must be purchased at time of deposit.

Currency

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure, a $100/person administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-46 days, a $300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets, once purchased, are non-refundable. Anyone canceling less than 45 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we reserve the right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

The airline(s) concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on their planes or conveyances. The passenger's contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this tour and/or passenger. Any and/or all transportation companies herein mentioned shall not have nor incur any responsibility to any traveler aside from their liability as common carriers. Air and land costs are subject to change without notice. **Air transportation is via special, non refundable airfare. Any additional airfare assessments made by the airlines for any changes whatsoever shall be the responsibility of the client.** Other rules may also apply. Services of any A.R.C. or I.A.T.A. carrier may be used in conjunction with this tour. If there is a change in air prices and/or currency exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust prices.

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Please register me for KKIT27:

Prices are Per Person, Land & Air

☐ Double Occupancy • $6,259

☐ Single Supplement • $1,600

☐ Trip Insurance • 7.2% of trip cost

1st Traveler Information	
Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. **Include a copy of the photo page of your passport**.	
Legal Name	
Name for Name Badge	
Passport #	
Passport Expiration Date	
Passport Authority	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Gender *(required by airline)*	☐ Male ☐ Female
Dietary Needs	

2nd Traveler Information	
Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. **Include a copy of the photo page of your passport**.	
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Dietary Needs	

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address			
City		**State**	**Zip**
Home Phone	**Cell Phone**	**Work Phone**	
Email			

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name	**Phone**

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sleeping Preference ☐ Double Bed *(1 bed)* ☐ Single Beds *(2 beds)*

Roommate Name **OR** ☐ Single Supplement

TRAVEL INSURANCE *(7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)*

☐ I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

☐ I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out-of-pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

DEPOSIT PAYMENT INFORMATION (please check one)

☐ Enclosed is my $_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). ***Make check payable to Alex Travel.***

☐ Please charge $_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicalbe) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa.

Credit Card Number	**Expiration Date**
Card ID Code *(last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card)*	

AGREEMENT

	Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit ***www.tsa.gov*** for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 11.12.26. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, and increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I agreee to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st Traveler _____ **Date** _____

Signature of 2nd Traveler _____ **Date** _____

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