

Experience the Best Gems of Italy 22 day Escorted Tour



1st September - 22nd September 2018



From NZD \$12995*pp

Highlights

Italian culture, cuisine,
wine, and history:
architecture, art and all the
best Italy has to offer along
with off the beaten track
local real experiences.

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**1 night
Stopover
in Singapore
included**

ROME ♦ ORVIETO ♦ SIENA ♦ FLORENCE ♦ CINQUE TERRE ♦ VENICE ♦ MILAN

Taste and experience the best Italy has to offer; fresh produce, fine wines, castles and canals, markets and ruins.

This tour - with a good amount of free time - is a trip of a lifetime!

Escorted by NZ's own amazing travel blogger Megan Singleton and with our local hosts, you will be able to experience not only the best of sightseeing but also the lifestyle - Live it like a local.

Itinerary

B Breakfast | **L** Lunch | **D** Dinner | **T** Tastings

Sat 1st September
(L, D) **FLIGHT TO SINGAPORE - 1 night Stopover Singapore**
Departing Auckland, we fly on Singapore Airlines directly to Singapore, with transfers to you 4 star hotel.

Sun 2nd September
(B) **EXPLORING SINGAPORE - 1 night Stopover**
Enjoy exploring the fabulous Asian Cuisine, shop or sightseeing during your free time here in Singapore - 1 night 4 star Hotel included.

Mon 3rd September
(B, D) **ROME**
Arriving fresh into the eternal city of Rome, our own personal guide will take you on short walking tour in the heart of Rome, to familiarise you with the culture, people, stories and history. The Pantheon, Piazza Navona and backstreets away from the crowds. The afternoon is free before we meet for our evening Dinner together away from the tourists for a local experience to get our first taste of Italy. incl Wine.

Accommodation: Hotel San Francesco , Rome - 3 nights
in the heart of the Trastevere district with its own rooftop terrace and bar

Tues 4th September
(B) **ROME - Colosseum & underground Rome**
Today we really explore and with our local guide, VIP entrances, we explore the Colosseum, and head below the streets to ancient 1st and 4th Century Roman houses, streets and temples are. Free afternoon.

Wed 5th September
(B, D) **ROME - Vatican & Beyond the city of Rome**
Avoiding the crowds, VIP tickets, our local guide, we head into explore the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica.
In the afternoon we head out of Rome to explore the best kept secrets of Castelli Romani including Lake Nemi perched above the crater lake, underground tunnels below the streets of Castel Gandolfo the popes summer villa, views of the Mediterranean sea, renaissance villas and finally and a 3 course locally-sourced dinner & wine in the piazza of Frascati as the sun sets over St Peters Basilica Dome.

Thurs 6th September
(B) **ORVIETO**
Heading to Orvieto, we stop at the stunning dying village of Civita di Bagnoregio, perched on top of a mountain reached only by a walking bridge spanning from one side of the valley to the village.

Accommodation: Altarocca Wine Resort, Orvieto - 2 nights
with stunning views of Orvieto, a charming winery & wellness hotel for total relaxation

Fri 7th September
(B) **ORVIETO**
We'll enjoy a morning walking tour of the picturesque town of Orvieto perched on top of the mountain top, followed by a free afternoon for you to enjoy the village, italian lifestyle, ancient caves or relax by the swimming pool, wine tasting or some wellness treatments.

Sat 8th September
(B) **SIENA - Assisi**
Today we head out through untouched Umbria to Assisi to enjoy the peace of St Francis' birthplace and the majestic Basilica. Our next stop is medieval town of Siena famous for the Palio - the piazza horse race .

Accommodation: Hotel Alma Domus, Siena - 3 nights
Rooms with a view of the Cathedral of Siena, set in the heart of St Catherines Sanctuary.

Sun 9th September
(B) **SIENA**
Our local guide will take us on a journey through the Palio, its contrada districts, the race and all the amazing life that this city revolves around. Time on your own to walk the cobbled streets & enjoy.



Mon 10th
September
(B, L, T)

DAY TRIP TUSCANY

Exploring Tuscany through the eyes of our locals, we explore with our guide, Montepulciano: underground wine cellars, Montalcino, Bagno Vignoni a Medici Village, and Pienza famous for cheeses.

Tues 11th
September
(B, T)

FLORENCE - San Gimignano

Today we head to Florence with a visit of San Gimignano to explore this true gem and its commanding views of Tuscany. In Florence your local guide will take us behind the scenes away from crowds to experience its best sights, local cuisine, wine and VIP entrance to see Michelangelo's David.

Accommodation: Hotel Loggiata dei Serviziti, Florence - 2 nights

the heart of Florence, the markets, Duomo, accedemia all at your feet.

Wed 12th
September
(B)

FLORENCE

Free day in Florence, using your local knowledge from our previous days guided tour. We can arrange skip the line tickets to climb the tower, Uffizi museum, Pitti Palace or great piazza's to people watch.

Thurs 13th
September
(B, D)

CINQUE TERRE

On our way to Cinque Terre we enjoy some time with the leaning tower of Pisa before arriving to the picturesque coastal towns of Cinque Terre. Monterosso is our base with swimming beaches, the walks, boats and trains between the towns, to the amazing food and wine.

Accommodation: Hotel Baia , Cinque Terre - 3 nights

Monterosso central beach views, with great access to the old town, beaches & trains.

Fri 14th
September
(B)

Cinque Terre

You are free to explore with the help of your travel escort Megan, the natural walks between towns, swimming the mediterranean, explore the villages by train, boat or shopping and dining.

Sat 15th
September
(B)

Cinque Terre

Relax and free time is yours to decide, and those that wish to, can explore with Megan the northern beach villages.

Sun 16th
September
(B, D)

VENICE

Our journey takes us through the hills of Liguria, and to Venice, this splendid unique city that seems to float nestled below the Alps. Arriving in style in a watertaxi down the grand canal just as venetians do Dinner will be together at a little local hideaway to enjoy local cuisine.

Accommodation: Hotel Flora Venice - 3 nights

great location makes this our place to stay with access to all the sights with ease

Mon 17th
September
(B, T)

VENICE

When in Venice do as Venetians do, and this we do with our local guide to get away from the crowds to live it like a local. The fresh produce & fish markets, crossing the Grand Canal by ferry gondola, tasting local Cicchetti tapas & wine, Rialto, San Marco and a gondola ride through the tranquil canals. Time to explore, shop and sightseeing on your own.

Tues 18th
September
(B)

VENICE

Our Local Guide will take you out on the waterboats to the vast lagoon and islands. Visiting a real local non touristy glassblower studio on Murano gives you a real experience to remember before we take in Burano and the picturesque brightly coloured fishing village famous for lacework. Back on Venice Island is a chance for you to explore further into the Doges Palace or wherever you desire. Be a local.

Wed 19th
September
(B)

MILANO

Our journey on the waterboats will take out of Venice to our fast train that brings us into the heart of Milan for our last night together.

Accommodation: Hotel Navigli Art, Milan - 3 nights

Good central Hotel in the canal district, with access to main sights.

Thurs 20th
September
(B)

Heading Home

our final day together with Megan in Italy is coming to an end but we still have our flight home to Auckland, NZ. arriving back 22 September. Those that wish to stay longer in Italy or have other plans, are welcome to do so on request subject to T&C for flight adjustments.

22 Day Escorted Tour

from

NZD **\$12,995***

Per person twin share

Single supplement on application



Want to extend your stay?
Available T&C apply



Meet Megan your Tour Escort

Hi , I'm Megan Singleton, and I've been galavanting around the world travel writing full time for 16yrs and blogging for 10. I'm passionate about

travel. And not just because it's fun, it's what you do to treat yourself, or to take a break. But because travel opens up a whole new world. As you experience other cultures and meet strangers in far off lands, your world view changes, you are impacted, you turn in awe at the beauty.

This trip to Italy is amazing unique opportunity to take you into the world of Italy away from all the crowds and experience the Italian Lifestyle, history, culture, people and the amazing diversity of cuisine & Wine

Megan Singleton, "Bloggeratlarge" was runner up for Best Travel Blog in NZ 2016 & 2017 and received the US Travel Ass. Travel Writers Award in 2009 and 2017. She also features regularly as a Sunday travel correspondent on Newstalk ZB.

What's included

- Return Flights Auckland to Rome, Milan to Auckland on Singapore Airlines, Economy Class, including all taxes
- 1 night stopover Singapore 4 star Hotel, & Transfers
- 3 nights BB Rome Hotel
- 2 nights BB Oriveto hotel
- 3 nights BB Siena Hotel
- 2 nights BB Florence Hotel
- 3 nights BB Cinque Terre Hotel
- 3 nights BB Venice Hotel
- 1 night BB Milan Hotel
- Total 18nights accommodation incl all local hotel taxes in central, boutique or 4 star hotels.
- 14 days of excursions visiting major sights and many local off the beaten track sights away from the crowds.
- All transfers from airports and between cities in luxury private vehicles and waterboats.
- Private guided sightseeing tours and entrance skip the lines fees as per itinerary with quality Weka Local Guides.
- All breakfasts included.
- Special lunches or evening meals & Banquet dinner at local restaurants as per itinerary.
- Local experiences & immersion with local guides.
- Wine & local food tastings as per itinerary.
- Local knowledge from Weka Travel staff and Megan to help you for the best how to and where information so you can enjoy your free time stressfree.
- Escorted by Travel Blogger at Large, Megan Singleton.
- Fun and Smiles.

What's not included

- Travel Insurance, Passport & Visa Fees
- Personal meals, beverages (unless incl in Itinerary)
- Laundry and items of personal nature.



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