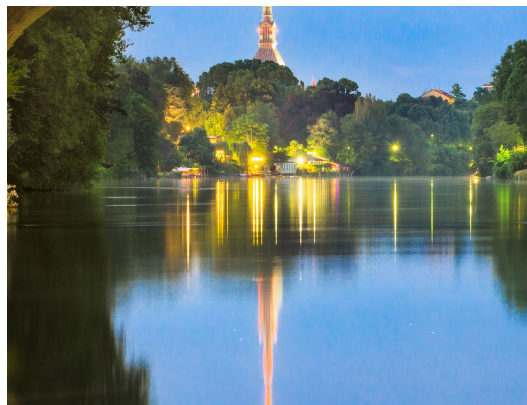
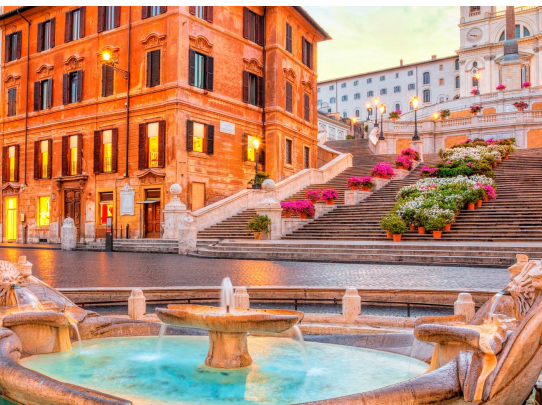


JLW TRAVEL PRESENTS
GRAND ITALY & SICILY

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS | 13 June 2025



GRAND ITALY & SICILY



DAY 1: 13 JUNE 2025

Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. End the day getting to know your fellow travelers over Roman specialties during dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Hotel St. Martin, Rome or Similar

DAY 2: 14 JUNE 2025

Vatican City and Rome with a Local

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica, then cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus, come up close and personal with the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, walking on the ancient pavement. Discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel St. Martin, Rome or Similar

DAY 3: 15 JUNE 2025

Pisa and Santa Margherita Ligure

Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves. With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure or Similar

DAY 4: 16 JUNE 2025

The Charms of the Cinque Terre

Head to the famous Cinque Terre, which translates to Five Lands. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on a gorgeously wild yet hospitable part of the coastline. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). In Monterosso, spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, famed for its colorful houses. Browse the boutiques and stay a while in the cafe bars on the piazzetta, watching the yachts moored in the harbor. Then cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast

to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure or Similar

DAY 5: 17 JUNE 2025

Lake Maggiore

Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel Simplon, Baveno or Similar

DAY 6: 18 JUNE 2025

Onto Venice

Your travels continue pass the Soave vineyards, passing Padua and on to the canals of Venice. In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena or Similar

GRAND ITALY & SICILY



DAY 7: 19 JUNE 2025

Venice and the Magic of La Serenissima

Cruise by private boat on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to the island of Murano. Witness the artistry of expert glassblowers as they create beautiful handcrafted glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena or Similar

DAY 8: 20 JUNE 2025

A Scenic Journey to Florence

Bid farewell to Venice and begin your journey to Renaissance Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on

foot to admire the multi-colored marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local caffè, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli or Similar

DAY 9: 21 JUNE 2025

Florence, Birthplace of the Renaissance

Start the day with a traditional Florentine leather-work demonstration, then there is plenty of time to shop with the rest of the day at your leisure. Perhaps join an optional experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano?

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli or Similar

DAY 10: 22 JUNE 2025

Ill-fated Pompeii and on to Sorrento

Journey south through the volcanic hills of Frascati to Pompeii, which was buried in A.D. 79 by Mount Vesuvius' catastrophic eruption. Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets for a glimpse into the daily life of civilization during the Roman Empire. Follow the clifftop road to the resort town of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel Isabella, Sorrento or Similar

DAY 11: 23 JUNE 2025

Capri, the Isle of Dreams

Meet your Local Expert and cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius Caesar to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town. Explore the narrow alleyways and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later, perhaps explore the Amalfi Coast?

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hotel Isabella, Sorrento or Similar

GRAND ITALY & SICILY

DAY 12: 24 JUNE 2025

Sassi di Matera and Alberobello

After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until 1950s. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next two nights.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello or Similar

DAY 13: 25 JUNE 2025

The Trulli of Alberobello

Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within. They are built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. In the evening, delight at the freshly prepared Farm to Table dinner. Enjoy a typical meal and learn about life in the region through the local food.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri, Alberobello or Similar

DAY 14: 26 JUNE 2025

Sicily and the Taormina Riviera

The local roads will take you south, following the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region. Travel along the Purple Coast to the very 'toe' of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily. According to ancient legend, it was here at the Straits of Messina where the twin whirlpools of Scylla and Charybdis carried unwary seafarers away to their doom! After disembarking, continue to the Taormina Riviera. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theater, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Hellenia Yachting Hotel & SPA or Similar

DAY 15: 27 JUNE 2025

Taormina and the Dawn Coast of Europe

Spend the day at leisure to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps join an optional experience to Mt. Etna?

Meal(s): Breakfast.

Hotel(s): Hellenia Yachting Hotel & SPA or Similar

DAY 16: 28 JUNE 2025

Palermo, Capital of Sicily

Head to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. On arrival, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the capital. Palermo Cathedral

has been altered over the years and a venture inside will help you to appreciate the composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. With the outside completely covered in glittering ancient mosaics, it provides an insight to what's within. Join your traveling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine.

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner with Wine.

Hotel(s): Astoria Palace or Similar

DAY 17: 29 JUNE 2025

Depart Palermo

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone-Borsellino Airport.

Meal(s): Breakfast.

17 days from
\$10,695 per person
Twin Share
\$1,740 per person Single Supplement

INCLUSIONS

- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Hotel portage where available of 1 bag per person.
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted (Hotels listed to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category).

Jennifer Whybird
From JLW Travel

HIGHLIGHTS

- 16 Breakfasts & 8 Dinners with Wine
- Explore Cinque Terre's Villages
- Visit the elegant fishing village of Portofino and admire the colored houses and yachts moored in the harbour.
- Walk with a Local Expert through the cobbled streets of Pompeii - this ill-fated town, frozen in time since the first century.
- Explore the town on Matera. It is this town that Mel Gibson chose as the setting for his film 'The Passion of the Christ.'
- Enjoy exclusive access to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes during an after-hours visit.



BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

What's Not Included: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Please note that travel insurance is highly recommended. Please ask your travel agent for further details.

Price: The advertised price is in Australian dollars, per person twin share unless otherwise stated.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required within 7 days of booking.

Final Payment: The balance of monies due for the tour must be paid by 14th April 2025. For preferred method of payment, refer to your travel agent. Payments after this date may incur a late fee payment.

Cancellation Fees: In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. Deposit will be forfeited on cancellation prior to final balance payment. After due date for final payment, additional cancellation charges will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact JLW Travel.

Amendments: A fee of \$50 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

Refunds: No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any trips, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilised.

Itinerary Changes & Trip Cancellation: Prices are based on costs, charges, tariffs, taxes, levies and exchange rates

at the time of publication. In the event that such fluctuations affect the price to be paid for services, JLW Travel reserves the right to adjust the price as necessary at any time. Insight Vacations reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any trip departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trip requires minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met, JLW Travel reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

Passport and Visas: You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements for this trip, contact JLW Travel.

Hotels: The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

Porterage: for one suitcase is included in the trip price and at arrival or departure from each trip hotel. Due to limited coach capacity this single bag should have a weight not exceeding 30kg (66lbs) and dimensions not exceeding 77.5cm (30.5in) x 56cm (22in) x 32cm (12.5in). Charges will be levied in the event these limits are exceeded and our promise to transport you as indicated may be invalidated. Note: Airlines may restrict check-in baggage to 20kgs per person.

Documentation: Approximately 2 weeks prior to departure from Australia, documentation will be received by your travel agent. A tree will be planted in guest's name if they choose to receive their documentation electronically.

Holidays & Changes: During local or national holidays abroad, certain facilities such as museums, sightseeing and shopping may be limited. In such instances, and whenever possible, slight itinerary adjustments are made to minimise inconvenience to our passengers. If, however you feel your enjoyment might be diminished by such minor limitations please check with the respective national tourist office before selecting a specific departure. Similarly, holidays, closing days and other circumstances may necessitate a change of the day of the week for scheduled highlight dinners, sightseeing or other activities. Due to the unreliability of domestic air scheduling, religious festivals, and other unforeseen circumstances, the itineraries, hotels or order of sightseeing may change at short notice.

Additional terms and conditions These conditions incorporate the basis upon which bookings are accepted by JLW Travel and Insight Vacations. By making a booking you are agreeing to these terms & conditions. Insight is not responsible for the costs of any other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellations or re-scheduling of any trip departure. For further information about Insight Vacations please refer to the Insight Vacations brochure. These conditions must be carefully studied prior to making the commitment of paying the deposit as they must be referred to. Additional terms and conditions may be applicable to this group and are available from JLW Travel.



For enquiries contact Jennifer Whybird
E: jlwhybird@jlwtravel.com.au
P: 61 4 222933387



INSIGHT VACATIONS