



# RENAISSANCE ITALY TOUR

13 DAY INSPIRATIONAL TOUR | JUNE 1-13, 2024



You are invited to join Dr. Scott Seay on a 13-day tour of Italy, focusing on the Renaissance, which transformed almost every aspect of life, including new scientific laws, new forms of art and architecture, and new religious and political ideas. This tour combines well known cities like Milan, Venice, Florence with less frequently visited places such as Padua, Sirmione, Mantua, Sabbioneta, Lake Garda, Genoa and San Gimignano. You'll see stunning buildings, dine on delicious Italian food, stay in magnificent hotels, and enjoy excellent company!



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# ITINERARY



**Key: IF = In Flight Meals, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

**Day 1: Saturday, June 1, 2024: Flight to Milan**

We will depart today for our overnight flights to Milan, Italy. **(IF)**

**Day 2: Sunday, June 2, 2024: Arrival in Milan**

On arrival in Milan, we will meet our tour director and transfer to her hotel. The afternoon is at leisure and we will dine together this evening in Milan. **(IF/D)**

**Day 3: Monday, June 3, 2024: Pavia, Milan**

We will begin our day with a visit to the Certosa di Pavia which was built in 1396–1495 as home to a cloistered monastic order of Carthusian monks. This is one of the largest monasteries in Italy and was built in Gothic and Renaissance styles. In the afternoon, we will see the magnificent Il Duomo. It is one of the world's largest churches and can hold up to 40,000. It was constructed in the 14th century and took almost 500 years to complete. Surprising to many, the Reformation thrived in Italy during the 1520s and 1530s but was sadly crushed by the Roman Inquisition of 1542. We will dine in a restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**

**Day 4: Tuesday, June 4, 2024: Sirmione**

Our first stop of the day is to see Leonardo's Last Supper, located in the Santa Maria delle Grazie church (subject to availability). On the banks of Lake Garda, Sirmione is known as "the pearl of the islands and peninsulas". We will visit the medieval Scaligero Castle which will give us stunning views of the town. The afternoon is at leisure and we will meet up for a sunset boat ride to experience the beautiful Lake Garda. **(B)**



### **Day 5: Wednesday, June 5, 2024: Padua**

We will travel to Padua today, a city that's even older than Rome. Galileo said that the 18 years that he spent in Padua, to be the happiest of his life. The renowned university is the 5th oldest in the world and is considered to be the birthplace of modern medicine. We will visit the Scrovegni Chapel which has 14th frescoes by Giotto di Bondone, It is said to have sparked the Italian Renaissance. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the large town square or visit some of the many museums and churches **(B)**

### **Day 6: Thursday, June 6, 2024: Venice, Padua**

We will have a day trip today by train to the spectacular city of Venice. our guide will take us on a walking tour of Venice, including inside visits of the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Square, the Bell Tower, and the impressive St. Mark's Cathedral. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore. We can shop in the famous market area around the Rialto Bridge, watch glassblowing, take a gondola ride, or enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at St. Mark's Square. We have open-return train tickets, so we can spend as long as we'd like in Venice. **(B)**

### **Day 7: Friday, June 7, 2024: Mantua**

We will travel to the Lombardy region today, known for its art and architecture. Built around three lakes in the Po Valley, Mantua is a UNESCO world heritage site. It was home to the Gonzagas family, who built stunning buildings, including the Ducal Palace, the Castle of San Giorgio, the Cathedral, and the Rotunda di San Lorenzo. Inside the Ducal Palace, we will see Bridal Chamber, frescoed by Montegna between 1465 and 1474. For dinner we will dine on local delicacies, such as pumpkin tortellini and the famous Sbrisolana cake. **(B/D)**





**Day 8: Saturday, June 8, 2024: Mantua, Sabbioneta, Genoa**

On our way to the Cinque Terre, we will stop in Sabbioneta, which is considered one of the most beautiful towns in Italy. It was founded by the Gonzagas family in 1556 as the ideal Renaissance city and shows the influence of Humanism and the impact of the Renaissance on town planning. We will continue on to Genoa, the capital city of the Liguria region. **(B/D)**

**Day 9: Sunday, June 9, 2024: Genoa**

Genoa has played a central role in maritime trade for centuries and was one of the four largest trading cities during the Renaissance. Christopher Columbus was born here in 1451. Genoa has one of the most extensive medieval centers in Europe, with a maze of alleys leading to stunning squares. We will view the city from the Spianata Castelletto and visit the Romanesque Cathedral of San Lorenzo, the Palace of Saint George, La Commenda di Pre and other key sites. We will dine in our hotel this evening. **(B/D)**

**Day 10: Monday, June 10, 2024: Cinque Terre, San Gimignano**

We will travel through the Cinque Terre today, visiting charming fishing villages like La Spezia, Porto Vener and Monterosso. We will continue our drive to San Gimignano. Known as the Town of Fine Towers, this small walled medieval town has incredible views. No trip to Italy is complete without gelato and we will stop at the world famous Dondoli ice-cream shop where you can purchase a sweet treat. We will stay in a Tuscan villa for 2 nights. **(B/D)**

**Day 11: Tuesday, June 11, 2024: Florence, San Gimignano**

We will drive to Florence this morning, stopping first at the Piazza Michaelangelo for a stunning view of the city. After free time to purchase lunch from the renowned sandwich shop, All'Antico Vinaio, our guided walking tour will include the Ponte Vecchio bridge, a visit to Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's incomparable "David", and the Duomo with its famed Baptistery. We will dine in a Tuscan winery this evening. **(B/D)**

## Day 12: Wednesday, June 12, 2024: Assisi, Rome

We will travel through beautiful Tuscany to Rome, via Assisi. This traditional Umbrian hill-top town was made famous by the St. Francis and the UNESCO-listed Basilica of St. Francesco. We will visit the basilica, which has hand-painted frescos from the 13th and 14th centuries. In the main city square we will see one of the best-preserved Roman temples in Italy. We will have a special farewell dinner in Rome this evening **(B/D)**



## Day 13: Thursday, June 13, 2024: Return

We will transfer from the hotel to the airport for our flights. Post-tour nights are available in Rome. **(B/IF)**



# PRICING

**The land price of this tour is based is \$4,099** based on double occupancy and a minimum of 20 travelers. These rates are subject to change if there is a significant fluctuation in the exchange rate. The single supplement (for those not sharing a room) is \$850.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned coaches
- Accommodations (double-occupancy) in 4-star hotels
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the tour
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- All taxes and tips – other than the tour director and driver
- Full color tour book
- Personalized travel app

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip air transportation and related taxes and fees
- Arrival and departure transfers separate from the group
- Single supplement (\$850)
- Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.
- Passenger trip cancellation insurance
- Gratuities for the tour director and driver



# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**SIGN UP:** Please click the registration link on the website: [ReformationTours.com/package/RSC24](https://ReformationTours.com/package/RSC24).

**PAYMENT METHOD:** Payments can be made directly on the registration platform, using a credit card (3.5% fee), or a bank debit. You can also send checks made payable to "Reformation Tours" to 12316 244th St., Chisago City, MN 55013-9688.

**FIRST DEPOSIT:** A \$350 per person, partially-refundable deposit at the time of registration will secure your space.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by March 3, 2024.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We highly recommended insuring your tour and there are two options (see below). Enhanced insurance needs to be paid within two weeks of paying the deposit.

**ROOMING and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:** All

passenger details including, rooming preferences, dietary needs and any medical conditions are collected at registration, or via email.

**CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations must be received in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the last business day of the applicable period. The postmark date will determine the refund amount due.

From time of deposit until 100 days before departure	\$100 per person
From 99 - 30 days before departure	\$350 plus any non-refundable deposits
Less than 30 days before departure	No refund

In addition to our cancellation costs, we may need to charge for any unrecoverable deposits to suppliers and any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets, once printed, are not refundable.

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Trip Cancellation** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Trip Interruption** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Additional Trip Interruption Travel Companion Hospitalization	Included under Trip Interruption benefit Maximum up to \$150 Per Day Limited to 5 Days	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Missed Connection	\$500	✓	✓
Trip Delay	up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$750	✓	✓
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense Dental Expense Sublimit	\$25,000 \$750	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation: Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Political or Security Evacuation & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$25,000	✓	✓
Baggage and Personal Effects Passport, Visa or Other Travel Documents Replacement Credit Card Charges and Interest Per Article Limit Items Subject to Special Limitations	\$1,500 \$100 \$50 up to \$300 \$600 Maximum Combined	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Baggage Delay	\$300 Up to \$50 to expedite the Return	✓ ✓	✓ ✓

PLAN	RATE
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