



Contiki Italian Espresso

10 days from only

R24 200

per person sharing

ID # 1653

Valid: 06 Mar 22 - 15 Mar 22

Duration: 10 Days

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Expert Trip Manager, Driver and Local Guides
- Included Experiences: -Welcome dinner at Altrove Restaurant in Rome (Contiki Cares) -Visit the iconic Tower of Pisa and pose for the classic insta snap -Hike or train between the pastel coloured 5 towns of the Cinque Terre National Park and much more!
- All transport included during the trip, coach transport style
- 9 nights hotel accommodation
- 9 Breakfast and 2 dinners
- 9 included experiences &

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DAY 1: Rome

Rome: Welcome to Rome! Once known as the 'capital of the world' this richly historic, passionate and elegant city will steal our hearts as soon as

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we arrive. We'll meet and greet our Contiki crew at 4pm, before heading on an orientation tour of the city. Yep, that means the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Piazza Navona, the Colosseum & the Roman Forum. With our eyes wide and camera roll full, we'll head to Altrove for an included Italian feast. This restaurant is a social enterprise that supports youth from disadvantaged backgrounds (Contiki Cares). Maybe washed down with some chianti. La perfezione!

Stay: Hotel St. Martin (or similar)

DAY 2: Rome to Florence via Siena

Rome: Rise and shine, we're headed to another historical heavyweight today...

Siena: But not before stopping off at Sienna for lunch. This place has medieval masterpieces and the historic city centre has been declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site. We'll soak up all of that historic beauty and grab a bite before heading onto Florence...

Florence: Florence is one of the foodie capitals of Italy, so we won't waste any time trying the local delicacies with an included feast. Then we'll turn in for the night, dreaming of the Florentine adventures that await us tomorrow.

DAY 3: Florence

Florence is often referred to as a 'walking museum', and today we'll find out why. With a locally guided walking tour, we'll discover Renaissance Florence on foot, swooning at Giotto's Bell Tower, Basilica Santa Croce, and Piazza della Signoria. We'll also see the Duomo, one of the world's most remarkable architectural feats. All of this sightseeing will no doubt make us hungry, so this evening we have the option to learn how to make authentic risotto from the experts - before sitting down and enjoying another authentic feast, including local wine and live music.

DAY 4: Florence to Cinque Terre via Pisa and Luca

Florence: Farewell, Florence. We'll never forget you. But we've got more dreamy Italian hot spots to hit up.

Pisa: We can't be in this part of the world without a sneaky visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Depriving you of the chance to perfect the holding-up-the-tower shot would be criminal.

Lucca: Another stopover will let us check out lovely Lucca, with its charming piazzas, Renaissance architecture and historic cafes. It's a perfect spot to grab a bite before we hit the road again.

Cinque Terre

Welcome to the Italian Riviera! You're going to fall head over heels with this region over the coming days...

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DAY 5: Cinque Terre

Some people think Cinque Terre is just one place, but it actually translates to the 'five lands,' made up of 5 stunning towns with their own unique identity and traditions. Included in your trip is an unlimited Cinque Terre hike and train ticket, so whether you're into trekking, taking it easy, or a combination of the two, you can explore Cinque Terre your way. Whichever way you choose to get around, it's hard not to fall in love with the dramatic cliff-faces, cute pastel coloured buildings tumbling down the coast and all sorts of historic monuments. The food here is pretty special, too. We recommend joining us for a pesto making class and dinner, so you can master the art of making the perfect sauce, and then enjoy it with some fresh pasta.

DAY 6: Cinque Terre to Milan via Lake Como

Cinque Terre: We're hitting the road today to one of the most elegant cities in Europe.

Lake Como: But not before experiencing the glitz and glamour of Lake Como, with its attractive villages and gorgeous gardens. The showstopper is the lake itself, of course, and we'll have the option to get out on the water and take a cruise to beautiful Bellagio.

Milan: Welcome to Milan, the sophisticated cityscape that rewards the curious traveller. We have a free night to check out the local nightlife, and eat some of the local delicacies. As always, your Trip Manager will have the top tips on where to go and where to avoid...

DAY 7: Milan to Venice via Verona

Milan: The dreamy destinations just don't stop coming...

Verona: Welcome to Verona, the heart of Renaissance romance (and the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet). Beautiful architecture, rich history and plenty of jaw-dropping art makes this place a very worthy stopover. We'll check out Juliet's balcony, part of a gorgeous 13th century house, as well as the epic Roman Arena. Then it's onto another very romantic city...

Venice: Welcome to Venice! Our hearts will swell at the mazy canals and ancient architecture. Tonight we'll have the option to go for a progressive food walking tour, to try different bits of cicchetti and local wines - the perfect way to kick-start our adventures here!

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DAY 8: Venice

Wake-up sleeping beauties! Venice is yours for the entirety of this glorious Italian day. We'll be jumping aboard our own private boat and hitting the canals en route to the historical heart of the city. A gondola ride will be up for grabs, or you can always choose to get lost on your own and see where the maze takes you. Later, maybe opt to cruise to the UNESCO-listed island of Burano and enjoy a sumptuous seafood dinner.

DAY 9: Venice to Rome via Bologna

Venice: See ya, Venice. You'll always have a piece of our hearts. Today we're headed back to Rome to explore the city in more depth.

Bologna: But not before stopping off for lunch in Bologna, a gorgeous medieval tumble of a place that also the home of Bolognese sauce, or Ragu.

As lunch stops go, it beats a roadside service station any day...

Rome: Arriving back in Rome, we'll have the option for a foodie experience, where we'll meet some locals and discover the finest food Rome has to offer.

Stay: Hotel St. Martin (or similar)

DAY 10: Depart Rome

Rome: Rome wasn't built in a day - so get up and get going early to make the most of this ancient city. When in Rome... take a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Religious or not, the Vatican's Italian Renaissance church will send shivers down your spine. Then our trip comes to an end in the afternoon. Swap contact details and start planning your next adventure!

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