

Italy

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Italy's illustrious history is evident everywhere you go and each city treasures its own collection of cultural masterpieces.

The picturesque qualities of its cityscape and its rich cultural history give Rome an air of romance. Begin your exploration at the Spanish Steps or the Piazza St. Maria Maggiore, popular meeting places where visitors mix easily with locals. In the Holy See, you can spend days perusing the vast collections of the Vatican Museum & Gallery. Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel continue to mesmerize tourists and pilgrims alike.

Florence is Europe's capital of beauty and the birthplace of the Renaissance. Must-sees here include the Academy and Uffizi galleries, which house some of the world's finest collections of paintings and sculptures. The Duomo boasts sculptures by Michelangelo, and the Palazzo Vecchio is a splendid palace dating back to 1299.

Venice lives up to its reputation. Every bit as beautiful as you imagine, it is built on 120 tiny islands networked by canals, an elegant feat of engineering. A ride in a romantic gondola and a walk through the quaint streets are quintessential ways to tour the city. In St. Mark's Square, watch the figures in the Clock Tower signal the end of the day as you sip a rich coffee blend at Florian's historic bottega de caffè.

A visit to Milan is an encounter with the height of Italian fashion and sophistication. The spired cathedral in the central Piazza del Duomo is aptly inspiring. You can easily find a table at one of Milan's many fine restaurants, but you'll have to make reservations to view da Vinci's Last Supper in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie.

Each of the old Mediterranean seaside towns of the Amalfi Coast has its own distinct character. Highlights include the church of Santa Maria Assunta in Positano, Villa Cimbrone and Villa Rufolo in Ravello, and the views from the "Amalfi Drive," a narrow cliff-top route to Sorrento.

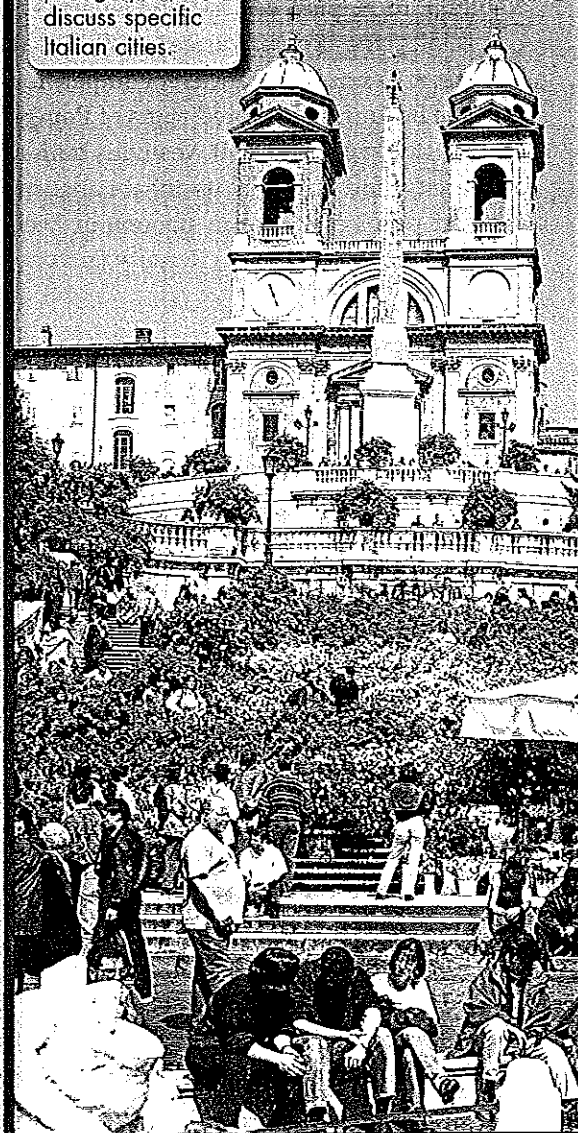
String together the jewel cities of Italy and create one unforgettable vacation.

Travel Brochure

Features:

- descriptions of travel services
- specific tour dates and times
- photos of destinations and landmarks
- text written for a general audience

This first paragraph gives a general statement about visiting the country of Italy. Following paragraphs discuss specific Italian cities.



Rome Sightseeing

Monumental Rome

Marvel at the glory of Rome via guided bus tour • View the Piazza della Repubblica Fontana di Trevi. Castel Sant'Angelo, and St. Peter's Basilica, home of Michelangelo's Pietà • Tour stops at the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and St. Peter's • Half day, mornings

Naples & Pompeii

Ride via deluxe motorcoach along the toll road A1, nicknamed Autostrada del Sole (Sun Highway) to Naples • In Naples, see the Mergellina, Lungomare Caracciolo, the Royal Palace, and the San Carlo Theatre • Continue to ancient Pompeii for lunch • Visit the beautifully restored ruins of Pompeii where, in AD 79, the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius buried portions of the city and some of its inhabitants in volcanic ash and pumice • Take in panoramic views of the Tyrrhenian Sea • Return to Rome • Full day

Florence

Ride via deluxe motorcoach along the Autostrada del Sole superhighway to Florence for a day of art and architecture • Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and Baptistry, and the Academy Gallery, where Michelangelo's David resides • Lunch in a Florentine restaurant • Proceed to the Piazza Santa Croce for free time and shopping • End the day with a stop at the Piazzale Michelangelo for a panoramic view of Florence and the scenic Ponte Vecchio • Return to Rome • Full day

Illuminated Rome

Tour begins on the elegant Via Veneto • See the Aurelian Walls, Triton Fountain, and Quirinal Square with the Presidential Palace • Stop at the famous Trevi Fountain • Pass through Piazza Venezia and see the Colosseum and Theatre of Marcellus • After a visit to Piazza Navona, it's on to Castel Sant'Angelo and St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City • Departs 8pm • Daily

Subheadings direct the reader to specific information about the different tours available.

Photos depict locations mentioned in the text and indicate to the reader what is being discussed in this section of the brochure.

