

# ITALY AND SWITZERLAND ULTIMATE TOUR

13 NIGHTS /14 DAYS

## ROME – AMALFI COAST – FLORENCE – LUGANO – LUCERNE – VENICE - MILAN





## **ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

Day 01	Arrival in Rome and Vatican city tour
Day 02	Rome city tour
Day 03	Transfer to Amalfi by Train
Day 04	Capri Day tour from Amalfi
Day 05	Transfer to Florence and walking Tour
Day 06	Pisa, Siena and San Gemignani tour with Wine Tasting
Day 07	Transfer to Lugano
Day 08	Day at leisure in Lugano
Day 09	Transfer to Lucerne
Day 10	Mt Titlis Excursion from Lucerne
Day 11	Transfer to Milan and city tour
Day 12	Venice Excursion with iconic Gondola Ride
Day 13	Day free in Milan
Day 14	Departure

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## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1. See the world's most beautiful church, St Peter's Basilica at Vatican City
- 2. Explore the ancient ruins of the iconic Colosseum in Rome
- 3. Take a scenic drive along the winding Amalfi Coast
- 4. Enjoy a leisurely walk in Florence's old town and explore the historic Duomo
- 5. Take a food tour to taste delicious Tuscan specialties from Florence
- 6. Spend leisure time in the beautiful Lugano region of Switzerland
- 7. Take a Gondola ride to top of Mt Titlis and enjoy adventure activities at the top
- 8. Experience a romantic gondola ride along the canals in Venice
- 9. Shop at high street brands in Milan the world's fashion capital

## **PACKAGE COST**

	Deluxe Hotels	Premium Hotels
Package Cost (Double / Twin Sharing)	Starting from ₹ 1,99,999 per person	Starting from ₹ 2,34,999 per person

\*These are indicative prices. Actual price will depend on your travel dates and availability.

## **HOTELS ENVISAGED**

	Deluxe Hotel	Premium Hotel
Rome (02 nights)	Hotel Tuscolana/ Hotel Tuscolana/ Hotel Best Western Artdeco/ or similar	La Griffe Roma Mgallery by Sofitel/ Hotel Montecarlo/ Hotel Palladium Palace/ or similar
Amalfi (02 nights)	Hotel Residence / Hotel Aurora / or similar	Hotel Marina Riviera / Hotel La Bussola / or similar



Florence (02 nights)	Hotel Machiavelli Palace/ Hotel Delle Nazioni/ Albergo Firenze/ or similar	Hotel Botticelli / Hotel Executive / Starhotels Michelangelo / or similar
Lugano (02 nights)	Hotel Admiral Lugano / Hotel Victoria / or similar	Lugano Dante / Hotel Walter au Lac / or similar
Lucerne (02 nights)	Ibis Styles Lucerne Hotel   De La Paix Hotel   Ambassador Hotel Or Similar	Hotel Monopol   Cascada Hotel   Flora Hotel   Continental Park Or Similar
Milan (03 nights)	Best Western Hotel Madison / Hotel Bristol / Or Similar	Nh Milano Machiavelli / Hotel Windsor / Best Western Hotel City Milano / Or Similar

## **COST INCLUSIONS**

- Stay for 13 nights in proposed hotels on bed and breakfast basis
- Transfer from Rome airport to hotel in private vehicle
- Big Bus Hop-On Hop-Off 2 Day tour tickets
- Pisa, Siena and San Gimignano day tour from Florence including Lunch (SIC)
- Mt Titlis tour from Lucerne using Eurail pass
- Milan City Tour on Hop-On Hop-Off 24 Hr tour
- Transfer from Milan hotel to airport in private vehicle
- 7 day Eurail flexi pass for all train transfers :
  - Train Transfer from Rome to Salerno in standard tourist class
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$   $\,$  Train Transfer from Salerno to Florence in standard tourist class  $\,$
  - $\circ$   $\,$   $\,$  Train transfer from Florence to Lugano in standard tourist class  $\,$
  - $\circ$   $\,$   $\,$  Train transfer from Lugano to Lucerne in standard tourist class  $\,$
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Train transfer from Lucerne to Milan in standard tourist class
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$   $\,$  Train Transfer from Milan to Venice and return in standard tourist class  $\,$

## **OPTIONAL TOURS**

Vatican Museum with Sistine Chapel – Skip the line tickets

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- Colosseum in Rome Skip the Line tickets
- Boat tour to Capri from Amalfi (SIC/private)
- Florence Walking Tour (SIC)
- Tuscany Wine Tour from Florence (SIC/private)
- Fox town shopping village tour from Lugano
- Lake Como and Bellagio Tour from Milan (SIC/private)

## **COST EXCLUSIONS**

- Applicable Government Taxes (5% GST and 5% TCS)
- All optional tours and any other tours not mentioned in inclusions
- Any increase in charges of Train Tickets
- Visa charges and assistance charges for Schengen Visa
- All International and internal flights
- Tips, city tax, security deposit or any expenses of personal nature such as porterage, laundry expenses, mini-bar, mineral water, telephone charges, food & drink that are not a part of the package.

## DAY 01: ARRIVE IN ROME AND VATICAN CITY TOUR

On arrival at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport, you will be met by our local representative in Italy for a brief meet and greet. Later, proceed to your city centre hotel in Rome for check-in.

The capital of the Great Roman Empire and home to the Roman Catholic Church, Rome has been at the centre of European politics and Christianity since antiquity. After the fall of the Roman empire due to corruption and overindulgence, the city eventually fell into despair and ruin until the city's rebirth as a centre for awe-inspiring art and culture, and delicious cuisine. Today, Rome is one of the most visited city in the world, where tourists come from all over the world to explore its history and culture and fell in love with this 'eternal city'.





After freshening-up at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the world's smallest country, Vatican City.

Home to the Pope, Vatican City is an independent country with a population of just 800 people located within the city of Rome. We will start the sightseeing tour of the Vatican with a visit to St Peter's Square. This beautiful space with glorious fountains and Egyptian Obelisks is the place where people gather every Wednesday to see the pope and seek his blessings. Next we will visit St Peter's Basilica. Built on the same spot where St Peter was buried, the basilica is a awe-inspiring church with breath-taking beauty enshrined in its religious sculptures built by famous artists such as Michelangelo.



Overnight stay at your city-centre hotel in Rome.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci International Airport
- Check-in at your city centre hotel in Rome
- See the world's largest Church, St Peters's Basilica at Vatican City

### DAY 02: ROME CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a city tour of Rome to see some of Rome's best-preserved ancient sites.

We will start the city tour with a visit to the Colosseum, one of the new seven wonders of the world. With a seating capacity of 80,000 spectators, it was the largest amphitheater in the world at the time of its construction in 72 AD. Its arena was used for gladiator fights, animal hunting, reenactments of famous battles and mythological plays. After the



tour of Colosseum, we will take a tour of the Roman Forum, an iconic plaza at the hub of daily life in ancient Rome. Important public affairs such as elections and public speeches were conducted at the Roman Forum, which is dotted with ruins of the Senate House, Temple of Saturn and more.

Later proceed to Trevi fountain. Made in Baroque style using Travertine Stone, it is believed that wishes come true for all those who make a wish at the fountain and throw a coin. We will also visit the Pantheon, an iconic temple built for Roman Gods in 126 A.D., it was later consecrated as a Christina Church. The tour shall end at Piazza Navona, a bustling square with beautiful fountains, street artists and painters.

Overnight stay at hotel in Rome.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

• See the iconic historical sites in Rome on a sightseeing tour

### DAY 03: TRANSFER TO AMALFI COAST BY TRAIN

After breakfast at the hotel, we will check-out and proceed to the Railway Station to catch a train to Salerno. Upon arrival, transfer to the coastal town of Positano on Amalfi Coast and check in at the hotel.

The popular and picturesque Amalfi coast is a winding coastline along the Tyrrhenian Sea which is sprinkled with small towns and villages that attract people from all over the world who come here to enjoy their delicious cuisine and relax by the beaches. Positano is the most beautiful among these small fishing town and is embellished with colourful buildings cascading down the hill all the way down to the nice beach. Enjoy the rich culture and tradition of this small town while soaking in the sun.



Rest of the day is free for you to explore Positano on your own.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Positano.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION - Enjoy a tour of the most charming and romantic coastal towns of the world on a tour of the Amalfi coast. Drive down this 50 km long UNESCO

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certified coastline to see and stop at small towns such as Maori, Ravello, Minori and more. With a private car, you can wander about these delightful town as per your liking for as long as you want, have a coffee at the local coffee shop or take a stroll along its winding lanes. Return back richer, with memories that you will treasure for a lifetime.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Learn about ancient Roman life while exploring the ruins of Pompeii
- Arrive in Positano on Amalfi coast and check-in at your hotel
- Laze around Positano beach as the day is free for your leisure
- Drive down the Amalfi coast in a private car [RECOMMENDED]

## DAY 04 : CAPRI TOUR FROM AMALFI COAST

After breakfast at the hotel, we will catch a ferry to the famous Island of Capri.

Famous for its magnificent scenery, Capri is a favorite holiday destination of both Italians and international travelers. The island has two main towns Capri (East) and Ana Capri(west) and is the favorite rest stop for a number of migratory birds.





We will start the tour of Capri with a boat trip to the Blue Grotto. The sea cave has an extremely small opening and requires the passengers to lay back on the bottom of the boat to enter it. Tourists are rewarded by sights of an out-worldly cave glistening in shimmering blue light. After going to the depths of Blue Grotto, we will take a chairlift to the top of Mount Solaro. Along the ride, you will enjoy exciting panoramic views of Capri Island and the beautiful Amalfi coast. Finally visit Capri's Piazzetta Umberto I. This is Capri's main square and the hub of all island activity. The square is lined with cafes which are frequented by celebrities and commoners alike. Rest of the day is free for you to explore Capri on your own.



In the evening, we will take the return ferry to Positano.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Positano.

### HIGHLIGHTS

• Travel to the famous island of Capri and see its glorious sights



### DAY 05: TRANSFER TO FLORENCE AND WALKING TOUR

After breakfast, we will check out from the hotel and transfer to Naples Train Station. From Naples, we will catch a train to the city of Florence.



During Medieval times, Florence was one of the wealthiest cities in the world and was at the centre of arts and culture. Today, Florence occupies a place in the hearts of art aficionados and is the capital of the beautiful Tuscany region of Italy. The city features artworks by the most notable personalities such as Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Dante and Botticelli. Financially backed by the powerful Medici family of Florence, these greats gave birth to the Renaissance movement that spread throughout the world.



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After freshening up at the hotel. Head out for a walking tour of the lively Historic centre of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, at Piazza del Duomo, you shall witness the beauty of the majestic Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Baptistry, Campanile of Giotto and several others notable buildings. The architecture of these buildings, their surrounding sculptures and their artwork are products of 600 years of profound artistic activity in the region in the 15th and 16th century. Marvel at the most famous sculpture in the world, that of David by Michelangelo at Gallerie Dell'Academia. Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.

**SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION** - Originally built as an office complex for the powerful Medici family of Florence, the private viewing gallery on the top floor expanded to occupy the whole building which is now called the Uffizi Gallery, the world's largest collection of Renaissance art. For any art lover, this place is a must visit, featuring priceless artwork from some of the greatest artists of all time.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out from the hotel and catch a train to Florence
- Discover the historic centre of Florence on a walking tour

### DAY 06: PISA, SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO TOUR WITH WINE TASTING

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed for a tour of the beautiful Tuscany region.

Begin the tour with a visit to the the medieval gem of Siena. Pass through the picturesque streets and explore main piazza of the city - Piazza del Campo. Other sights include the beautiful Siena Cathedral and Torre del Mangia.





Next, drive about one hour through the rolling hills of Tuscany to reach a lovely winery in the countryside outside of San Gimignano. Indulge in a wine tasting of high-level wines accompanied by a delicious typical Tuscan meal with meat and cheese plate, pasta, and dessert.



Then drive onwards to the hilltop town of San Gimignano. Sometimes called a medieval Manhattan, San Gimignano is visible from close and far, with its unmistakable medieval "skyscrapers." there are still thirteen towers intact in this perfectly preserved hilltop town. Viist the main square - Piazza della Cisterna, where you can find the Cathedral, Duomo, and lovely architecture.



Finally, visit the medieval city of Pisa. Here we will marvel at the iconic Leaning Tower of Pisa which is renowned world over for its outrageous slant. Also located in the same complex, the cathedral and cemetery are architectural marvels that play with white marbles and colourful mosaics. The baptistry, also located nearby, is famous for its



amazing acoustic design which allowed the bishop to communicate with the people without using a mike.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Florence.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the beautiful towns of Siena, Pisa and San Gimignano
- Enjoy a food and wine tour to relish authentic Tuscan dishes
- Marvel at the leaning tower and other notable monuments in Pisa

## DAY 07: TRANSFER TO LUGANO

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the train station to board a train to Lugano. Upon arrival in the city, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Lugano, nicknamed as the Monte Carlo of Switzerland, is a popular tourist's destination in Switzerland known for its laid-back lifestyle and lovely scenic beauty, which entices tourists and wanderlust travellers from all over the world to its shorelines. A number of mountains, parks, Mediterranean style squares and arcades, and mountainous viewpoints surround the city that is a traffic-free historic township. In this city, you will surely fall for the amazing Italianate architecture, promenades by the side of the lakes, parks on the waterfront, shopping streets and full of life squares with arcades and restaurants.



#### Overnight stay at hotel in Lugano.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

Catch train to Lugano from Florence Train station

### DAY 08: DAY AT LEISURE IN LUGANO

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the train station to board a train to Lugano. Upon arrival in the city, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in. After breakfast at the hotel, rest of the day has been kept free for your leisure.

You can start the day with a walk through the historic centre of Lugano. Stroll through Lugano's main shopping district, and see locals enjoying themselves in the many outdoor restaurants. A highlight will be going inside of the 15th-century church which is simply called "the church". Inside, you'll see impressive mural paintings made by the Italian artist Bernardino Luini, one of Leonardo da Vinci's disciples.



You can also take a bus to the start of the Gandria Olive Trail where you'll enjoy a leisurely one-hour walk on the paved historic "Olive Trail" along the lakeside. You'll eventually reach the romantic village of Gandria, which is nestled along the banks of Lake Lugano.



Afterwards, board a public boat and cruise to one of Lugano's most scenic areas. Here, you can have lunch along with the local wine while overlooking beautiful Lake Lugano with its surrounding mountains and villages. Following your lunch experience, your boat will return you to the city.

Overnight stay at hotel in Lugano.

### HIGHLIGHTS

• Day free in Lugano for your leisure



## **DAY 09 : TRANSFER TO LUCERNE**

After breakfast, check-out from the hotel and transfer to the train station to catch a train to Lucerne. Upon arrival in Lucerne, check-in at the hotel.



Lucerne is a small, picturesque city in central Switzerland and located on a lake by the same name – Lake Lucerne. This German speaking Swiss city is surrounded by snowcapped mountains and offers a majestic mountain panorama. Lucerne is popular among tourists for its beautiful lakeside setting, excursion options to nearby mountains, iconic monuments like the Chapel Bridge and even shopping.

Overnight stay at hotel in Lucerne.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Check out from hotel and transfer to Lucerne



## DAY 10 : MT TITLIS EXCURSION FROM LUCERNE

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to the train station and catch a train to Engelberg for the unforgettable Mt Titlis mountain experience.

Upon reaching Engelberg train station, it's a 10 minute walk to the Titlis valley station. From here, climb onto the Titlis Rotair, the world's first rotating cable car that offers 360 degree views of the surrounding snow covered mountain peaks. Once you reach at the top, there are tons of activities you can enjoy at the Titlis glacier park which is a snowy theme park.



To reach the Titlis glacier park, you have to further ascend on the ice flyer chair lift which is quite an adventurous experience in itself. At the theme park, you should definitely indulge in snow tubing, as you whiz down the slope in a rubber tire and also cross the cliff walk, the highest suspension bridge in europe that connects Mt Titlis with a nearby mountain peak.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Zurich.



SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION – If you are travelling to Mt Titlis, upon your return, have dinner at Stadtkeller restaurant for a traditional Swiss dinner and enjoy their popular Swiss Folklore show. During the show the performers present music performances in their colourful traditional costumes and use alphorns, cowbells to create a fantastic experience.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Have the time of your life at Switzerland's best mountain experiences at Mt Titlis
- Experience a Swiss Folklore show at Stadkeller Restaurant, Lucern [OPTIONAL]

#### DAY 11: TRANSFER TO MILAN AND CITY TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel, we will proceed to the train station to board a train to Milan. Upon arrival in the city, we will transfer to the hotel for check-in.



Known as the fashion capital of the world, Milan is a modern cosmopolitan city with a flair for art, fashion, food and history. It is the leading financial centre of the country and attracts immigrants from all over the world, making it one of the most diverse cities in Europe. The city has a continental climate with hot humid summers and damp chilly winters. With two world-renowned football clubs based in the city, AC Milan and Inter Milan, Milanese people are extremely passionate about the sport.



After resting at the hotel, we will proceed for a city tour of Milan.

We will begin the tour with a visit to the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to marvel at one of the most recognisable paintings in the world - The Last Supper by Leonardo Di Vinci. The spell-binding mural depicts the scene of the dinner when Jesus predicts that one of his 12 Apostles (disciples) would betray him. After being awed by the painting, we will proceed to the Duomo di Milano. One of the largest and most beautiful churches in the world, it is decorated with surreal life-like sculptures and colourful stained windows built by some of the greatest artists in the world. Next we will check out the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the oldest shopping arcade in Italy which houses exclusive high-end boutiques and stores of famous luxury brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci and Prada.



Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.

SEGV'S RECOMMENDATION - Opera is one of the oldest and most powerful form of entertainment that speaks directly to the heart of the audience. Those wishing to experience the magic of the Italian Opera should not miss out the chance to catch a classic Opera performance at Teatro alla Scala. Hosting performances by some of the finest Opera singers and performers in the world, the theatre is itself a masterpiece and is breathtakingly beautiful. Book this tour for a phenomenal cultural experience.

Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out from the hotel and catch train to Milan
- See the most popular places in Milan during city tour

### DAY 12: VENICE EXCURSIONS WITH ICONIC GONDOLA RIDE

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed to the train station to catch a train to Venice.

Considered to be the most romantic city in the world, Venice is built on an archipelago of 100 small islands that are intersected by multitudes of canals. The sleek and elegantly shaped gondolas that are used to transport the people and magnificent palatial buildings exude the old world charm that is characteristic of the city. One of the greatest sea ports of medieval Europe, it was the melting pot of European, Middle Eastern and Asian culture.



Hop on a gondola to enjoy a Grand Canal Cruise of Venice. These flat-bottom wooden boats takes you along the canals and narrow waterways of Venice. Just sit back and relax, as you enjoy the relaxing rhythm of water waves while being driven around by an expert gondolier.

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Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

• Board a train to Venice and enjoy the iconic Gondola ride along the grand canal of Venice

## DAY 13 : DAY FREE IN MILAN

After breakfast, the day is free for you to explore Milan on your own.

You can opt for the following experiences or request us for more personalized experiential tours that are suitable to your liking -

1. <u>Shopping Experience at Serravalle Village -</u> The Serravalle Designer Outlet is a huge complex comprising of more than 240 stores of the world's leading luxury brands. It is part of 11 global shopping destinations that offer leading luxury brands at one places and discounted prices. Those uninterested in shopping can



enjoy the culinary experience offered by numerous restaurants and coffee shops present in the village.



<u>2.</u> <u>Watch a Football match</u> - The largest stadium in Italy, San Siro stadium is home to football's two fiercest rivals - AC Milan and Inter Milan. It brims to life every week as 75,000 people take their seat in the stadium to cheer for their favourite team. Watching a football match in the stadium is a uniquely Italian and exciting experience which should not be missed (Schedule permitting).



Overnight stay at the hotel in Milan.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Day is free for you to explore Milan on your own
- Enjoy shopping experience at Serravallo Designer Outlet [Recommended].
- Watch an exciting football match at Italy's largest stadium San Siro Stadium [Recommended].

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## DAY 14: DEPARTURE

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to Malpensa Airport airport to catch our flight back to India.

Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Italy tour organized by State Express Global Voyages, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.



## **"TOUR END"**

