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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Venice, Rome and Florence

From £1,399 per person // 9 days



Italy's three most popular cities in one itinerary. Travel to Italy via Switzerland and the Gotthard route through the Alps, before experiencing the canals of Venice, the rich history of Rome and the culture of Florence.

The Essentials

- Travel through the Alps to the unforgettable city of Venice
- Explore history, religion and culture in Rome
- Take in the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio & Uffizi in Florence
- Return via Nice on the French Riviera

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 8 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Zurich

Take the Eurostar in the morning from London to Paris Gare du Nord. Cross to the Gare de Lyon and catch a TGV Lyria service down through France and across the Swiss border to Zurich. On arrival in Zurich, check in at the conveniently located Sorell Rütli Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.



Day 2 - Venice Via The Gotthard Route

After breakfast, return to the station in Zurich and catch a train via Milan to Venice. The journey from Zurich to Milan takes you along Lake Zurich, before plunging into the Gotthard Base Tunnel and emerging in the beautiful Italian-speaking Swiss region of Ticino. Cross the spectacular lagoon bridge onto Venice Island and arrive into Santa Lucia station in the early evening. Make your way to your hotel where you will have a 2-night stay at the Hotel Bisanzio (or similar).



Day 3 - Venice

Visitors always gravitate towards St Mark's Square, the regal piazza that opens out onto the mouth of the Grand Canal and the Venetian Lagoon. Elsewhere, don't miss the art collection at the Accademia, or a boat ride to one of the other islands in the lagoon such as Murano or Burano. TMR RECOMMENDS: Why not stay for an extra night and give yourself two full days of sightseeing to take in the Doge's Palace, La Fenice Opera House and St Mark's Square?



Days 4 & 5 - Rome

Catch a train journey of just under 4 hours to Rome. Arrive in the mid-afternoon and settle into The Guardian Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay, before beginning your exploration here. There are so many iconic landmarks to be discovered here, including the Colosseum and Roman Forum, the ornately decorated St Peter's Cathedral and Sistine Chapel in the Vatican City, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain, where you can throw a coin to ensure your return.



Days 6 & 7 - Florence

Leave the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation' and head north by train to Florence, a journey of just an hour and a half. Florence is the stunning capital of Tuscany with a UNESCO World Heritage listed historic centre. You'll stay at the central Berchielli Hotel (or similar) for 2 nights. Spend your free days here soaking up the scenery and discovering famous sights including the magnificent cathedral and the Boboli Gardens.



Day 8 - Florence To Nice

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast today before making your way back to Santa Maria Novella station and boarding a train to Milan. An easy change of trains and you'll be heading for the coast and the border with France. Just across the border at Ventimiglia, change onto a local train for a short journey to Nice, where you have an overnight stay at the Hotel Excelsior (or similar).



Day 9 - Nice To London

After breakfast this morning, catch a high speed TGV service to Paris. A simple change of stations in Paris brings you to the terminal for the Eurostar at the Gare du Nord where you will board your Eurostar service for the final journey home.

Pricing

From £1,399 per person

Low season (November-March) from £1,399pp

High season (April-October) from £1,699pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.