



The different regions of Italy offer much art, culture, and architecture to experience but are spread out enough that you will need to decide on a general area of the country to visit. This sample itinerary shows you how you could experience a great first trip to Italy with a focus on the major cities in the northern half of the country.

DAY 1

Arrive in Venice, Italy (If flying in from the United States do not go to bed. Stay up to get acclimated to the time zone difference). Be picked up by your ground transfer service and drop your bags at your hotel. Enjoy being in the center of the city and consider an afternoon visit to Murano to see and to learn more about its famous glassmaking.

DAY 2

Start the morning with a good breakfast and then head out for a full day of exploring. Enjoy a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and Doges Palace. After a leisurely lunch in a local café, be sure to take a private gondola ride through the Grand Canal and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

DAY 3

Today, enjoy the beauty of the Italian countryside train as you head to Florence. The afternoon is the perfect time to take in the skyline that includes the Piazza del Duomo. The more adventurous types can climb the bell tower for breathtaking views.

DAY 4

Enjoy a good breakfast before exploring the Uffizi and Accademia art galleries. Marvel at Michelangelo's David and enjoy some of da Vinci's works. Finish off the day with a gourmet dinner at one of the six Michelin star rated restaurants.



**DAY 5**

After breakfast, depart Florence by train for Rome. On arrival, take a private transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon you'll have some time to explore the city at your leisure.

DAY 6

Put on some sleeves and cover your knees today as you visit Vatican City. Enjoy a guided tour that takes you through the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Square and St. Peter's Basilica.

DAY 7

Skip the line with a private, guided tour through the historic marvel of the Roman Colosseum and Forum. Enjoy lunch in a café that overlooks the Colosseum before a free afternoon.

DAY 8

Take your time with a leisurely breakfast and snag a few gifts with some last-minute shopping before you fly home.



Enjoy your trip!

