

THE **TRAVEL CLUB**

Pre-Departure Itinerary
FLORENCE & VENICE
Italy's Iconic Treasures
8 DAYS: Friday, April 17-Friday, April 24, 2027



Join the Travel Club during the 2027 Spring Break on a holiday that includes two of Italy's most fascinating cities – Florence and Venice. Each city offers a unique blend of history, culture, cuisine and romance.

Art, Architecture, Culture, Cuisine

The birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence is awash in stunning art and architecture – landmarks such as the Cathedral with its iconic dome, the majestic Palazzo Vecchio, and the world-renowned Uffizi Gallery, home to masterpieces by Botticelli and da Vinci. Strolling along the Arno River, you can admire the picturesque Ponte Vecchio, lined with artisan shops. Florence's vibrant street life, delicious Tuscan cuisine, and charming piazzas invite visitors to immerse themselves in the local culture.

Mesmerizing, Enchanting, Captivating, Unforgettable

Venice enchants visitors with its picturesque canals, historic gondolas, and charming bridges. The grandeur of St. Mark's Basilica and the lively atmosphere of the piazzas create an unforgettable experience. Iconic landmarks such as St. Mark's Basilica, with its stunning mosaics, and the grand Doge's Palace reveal Venice's rich history and architectural marvels. Filled with narrow alleyways, quaint bridges, and vibrant markets, Venice invites exploration and discovery. Whether savoring fresh seafood at a canal-side trattoria or enjoying an evening stroll through illuminated piazzas, Venice captivates the heart and soul. Together, these cities showcase Italy's artistic brilliance and timeless beauty, making them essential destinations for any traveler.

INCLUDES

- Six nights' four-star accommodations: Three nights at **Hotel Berchielli, Florence**; three nights at **All'Angelo Art Hotel, Venice** (or similar)
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant in Florence
- Guided walking tour of Florence with lunch at a local restaurant
- Excursion to Siena with a guided walking tour and San Gimignano for free time
- Transfer by coach to Venice
- Guided walking tour of Venice followed by lunch at a local restaurant
- Day at leisure in Venice
- Farewell dinner at local restaurant in Venice
- Escorted, private, round-trip airport/hotel transfers
- Services of professional local Tour Manager

RATES

\$3369 Prices are LAND ONLY per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement: \$800. Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Airfare from Boston is available starting at \$950 per person. Finalized air rates will be posted in May 2026. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500. Please note – if you wish to extend your tour or request air or hotel upgrades, please advise us at the time of booking.

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Depart from Boston this evening on ITA Airlines. Dinner is served aloft along while crossing the Atlantic. Relax and enjoy in-flight entertainment.

Day 2: Arrive Rome - transfer to Florence

Continental breakfast will be served on board before landing. In Rome, clear immigration and passport control and retrieve our luggage before we make our way into the arrivals hall. Here we'll meet our Tour Manager who will assist us to our private motorcoach for the transfer to Florence and the **Hotel Berchielli**. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

Hotel Berchielli

Lungarno Acciaiuoli, 14 - 50123 Firenze Tel: +39 055-264061

Overlooking the Arno River, just a short distance from the Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria, Hotel Berchielli – a recently renovated 4-star hotel – is one of the landmarks in Florentine hospitality. Offering views of Arno River and Ponte Vecchio, the 4-star Hotel Berchielli is centrally located in Florence, on the riverfront. It serves a varied breakfast buffet including many local products. The Uffizi Gallery is just 800 ft away and guests can reach Santa Maria Novella Train Station and Florence Cathedral by foot in around 10 minutes. Rooms at Berchielli are decorated in a classic style with antique furniture and historic details. Each one is air conditioned

and soundproofed, and comes with free Wi-Fi and satellite TV. Guests can enjoy a coffee or a cocktail from the snack bar. There are many restaurants specializing in Tuscan cuisine surrounding the hotel.





Day 3: Florence

After breakfast at the hotel depart for a walking tour of Florence - "The Cradle of the Renaissance." Many great artists like Michelangelo and Brunelleschi lived and worked in Florence and left their mark here. A local guide will lead a walking tour to discover this great artistic heritage that features the Duomo, with its distinctly colored marble and topped by the "Cupola" (dome by Brunelleschi); the Bell tower by Giotto and the Baptistery with the famous "Gate of Paradise" by Lorenzo Ghiberti. We continue our walk along the elegant Via dei Galzaiuoli to the Piazza della Signoria and the Palazzo Vecchio with the replica of Michelangelo's *David*. After our tour, we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. **(B L)**





Day 4: Excursion to Siena & San Gimignano

Today we'll enjoy a journey through southern Tuscany, travelling over rolling hills covered with olive groves and vineyards. Our first stop is Siena where we'll meet with a local guide for a walking tour. The highlight of Siena is the Piazza del Campo, the central square constructed in the shape of a seashell. There will be free time to have lunch on our own. Later we'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of San Gimignano, a small enchanting medieval town known worldwide for its forest of towers emerging from the ancient houses. **(B)**



Siena



San Gimignano



Day 5: Transfer to Venice

After breakfast we'll depart by motorcoach to Venice. **(B)**

All'Angelo Art Hotel

Calle de l'Angelo 403 San Marco 30124 Venezia +39 041 520 9299

Set in a 17th-century building on the canal of Palazzo Ducale and 2 minutes' walk from St. Mark's Square, All'Angelo Art Hotel is in the heart of Venice. WiFi throughout is free. The spacious rooms at All'Angelo Art Hotel are elegantly furnished and come with a satellite flat-screen TV, a marble bathroom and air conditioning. Paintings by Matisse, Braque, Vedova and San Tommaso can be admired in public areas and in some rooms. A buffet breakfast is served daily and includes homemade cakes and pastries. Angelo Art Cafè wine bar provides high-quality wines served with traditional Venetian snacks, called cicchetti. The hotel also features a private landing for water taxis.



Day 6: Venice

After breakfast, you'll meet your guide for a walking tour of Venice, during which we'll see the main sights including Piazza San Marco and the Basilica, the Rialto Bridge, and more. The tour ends at Piazza San Marco. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. **(BL)**





Day 7: Day at leisure in Venice

After breakfast, the day is yours to explore Venice on your own. Tonight, you'll be treated to a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(B D)**





Day 8: Return to Boston

Transfer to Venice airport and board your flight to Rome. Upon arrival proceed to your international flight to Boston.

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.

