

Italian Treasures

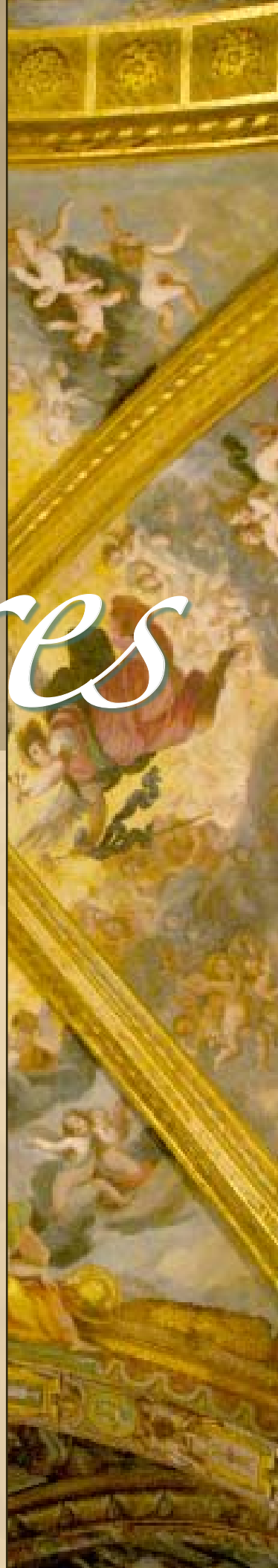
Live the great Italian experience in Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Enjoy plenty of free time to do what you want to do, while experiencing the authentic Italian lifestyle.

Travel in a small group and discover Italy's most amazing historical cities, memorable cuisine, and unbeatable shopping.



Tours for people who don't go on tours.



Not just a trip, a true Italian experience.



Experience a fascinating culture and thousands of years of history on a relaxing small group tour.

Perhaps you've been wanting to go to Italy on your own, but worried about things such as the language barrier, challenging driving conditions, and the task of figuring out which places are truly worth visiting and which are the infamous tourist traps. On the other hand, you don't feel quite the tour type and don't want to end up imprisoned with dozens of strangers on a big 'cattle-bus', right? So, here is the perfect compromise: if you love history, art, food & wine, but don't want to be rushed during your vacation, these trips are for you! You can see and do what you want, shop, walk, visit a museum, or just sit back at a café, while feeling confident you're not missing out on all the good stuff.

Eat well, drink well, live well.

That's the 'Italian way'! Thoroughly enjoy the historic towns that Italy is known for at a comfortable pace for any age, no early wake-ups, and no hurried meals in tourist restaurants! Experience local delicacies, people, historic places, and yes, well-deserved relaxation! After all, it's a vacation, isn't it? Leave the stressful planning up to us while you sit back and enjoy the ride.

Have your pizza-pie... and eat it too!

Small groups allow you to receive a personal approach to the regional culture, dine in small family-owned restaurants, and discover the way Italians manage to live life in the modern world while keeping the balance with traditions and a historical context.

Experience Italy as a local, not a tourist!

Buon Viaggio!

Buongiorno!

Nada Vergili was born and raised in the beautiful 'cradle of the Renaissance', Florence, Italy. While now living in the United States, a big part of her heart remains in Italia (and her stomach too!). Being there for so many years has allowed her to find unique destinations, true gems that are often found away from the typical tourist routes.

Not-so-typical tours for not-so-typical-travelers.

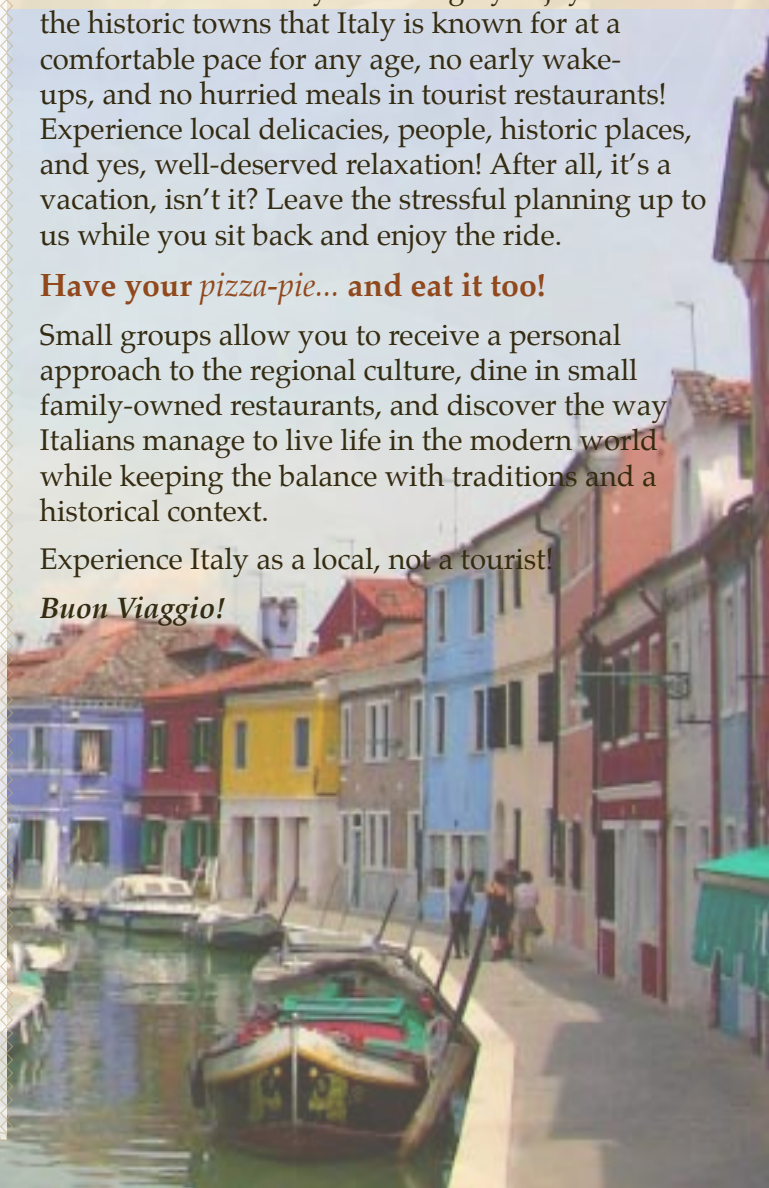
With so many tour companies covering Italy, Nada's mission has always been to be different by offering a memorable experience that travelers would not expect from a tour. In her words: "I want for my guests to feel at home and get to know the wonderful Italian culture firsthand. But at the same time, I realize people love different things, so I found a way to create a trip where everyone is able to enjoy the things they love, while not missing out on the important sites."

Whether you're a shopper, explorer, a history buff, or a wine and food lover, you can finally have it all!

On Nada's tours you will be able to enjoy the delightful things that Italy is known for, while having a completely worry-free vacation.

Nada's priority is that you have fun, feel safe, and have the most authentic and wonderful experience in Italy.

Nada Vergili - Owner & Tour Leader



The Small Group Advantage

🦋 **Small groups of:** only 12 travelers!

🦋 **Full-time service** of a professional English-speaking local Italian guide, including meal time (in most cases, it's Nada!).

🦋 **No Early wake-ups!** Unlike most tours, our typical day-trip departs anywhere between 9:00-10:00am (or later!).

🦋 **Free time** on your own during day trips for shopping, exploring, relaxing, etc. so you can do what YOU want!

🦋 **Calmer pace:** maximum of 3 different hotel stays per tour so you don't have to pack and unpack everyday, and you don't waste time checking in and out of hotels.

🦋 **Less time driving: more time having fun!** Regional tours allow you to experience the local culture without having to drive from place to place to place to place..

🦋 **Smaller vehicles** can access historical centers, so you are right where you want to be, without wasting time getting there (unlike large buses, which need to be parked outside the city center, making big groups walk longer distances).

🦋 **Beverages included** with meals, including red & white wine.

🦋 **Most meals included:** Fine wine, excellent food in upscale locations as well as authentic family owned restaurants, so you can experience only the best food Italy has to offer and not worry about ending up in a lousy tourist 'trap'!

🦋 **Fixed Trip Price & No Hidden Costs:** Once your balance is paid, the trip price is fixed so you don't have to worry about exchange rate fluctuations! Also included in trip price: local VAT taxes, government fees, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees, staff tips, and all other travel expenses relating strictly to activities included in tour.

🦋 **Activities Included:** Escorted daily activities such as: museum visits (including entrance ticket), "insider" walking tours with local guides, artisan shops, wine tours, excursions by boat, cooking classes, day-trips, and much more! (Many tour companies give you a 'special price' that may sound like a great deal, until you realize you need to add all the costs for day-trips, meals, activities, etc. you wish to include, without which the trip wouldn't even be worth taking.)

🦋 **Pre-trip assistance:** travel advice and packing help to make sure you're prepared!

🦋 **Personal approach:** family farms, cooking classes, visits to local craft shops, vineyards, and access to other destinations where you will feel especially pampered in an exclusive but friendly environment.

🦋 **No luggage limit!** While many other tours have luggage limits, Nada's Italy lets you bring as much or as little as you want (but airline restrictions still apply, so prepare accordingly!)

🦋 **Option to pay by Credit Card:** Nada's Italy is proud to accept Visa, MC, Discover, and American Express.

🦋 **Customer loyalty reward:** after your first trip, you'll receive a **\$300 credit** on all your future trips with us!

🦋 **Materials for trip:** Guide Book & Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, Maps for each town visited during tour, and much more to prepare you for your trip!

🦋 **Stays in unique and cozy accommodations:** Stay in a villa overlooking the hills of Tuscany, or try a Medieval Castle with original antiques, or why not a family-owned B&B in one of the most historical streets of Florence? Either way, you are sure to have an exciting and memorable experience during your stay on a Nada's Italy tour!





Italian Treasures

The best Italy has to offer is finally within reach.

Decisions...decisions.... For eager explorers and knowledge-addicts such as yourself, having to choose just one destination in a country that offers such historical marvels, is almost as hard as choosing which food you'll be putting on your plate if you were at the highest quality buffet restaurant. Among all this wonderful, colorful, and genuine food, what will you pick to fill you up? Are you the type that will be piling on their plate with as much food as possible, racing back to the table, pouncing at your meal in one fell swoop, or are you the type to enjoy a small but selective specialty, then sit and savor it slowly at the table, easing back to the buffet and discerningly gazing over the various dishes before nominating your next privileged morsel? Either way, the marvelous "Italian buffet" is waiting for you to come and enjoy it! This tour is perfect for those who want to get a good overview of Italy's most important sites, while not exhausting themselves, nor stressing out about planning hotels, transportation, museums, and other activities.

A small group tour will insure a personal approach, while keeping the focus on your needs. See the best Italy has to offer, from the most important capitals of the Ancient World, the Renaissance, and Middle Ages, to smaller villages, where you can get the "real" Italian lifestyle experience, away from crowds. Enjoy **Rome, Florence, Venice, Siena**, and many more fabulous destinations while learning about the history of humanity at a comfortable pace, with the help of friendly local guides.



THE 20 REGIONS OF ITALY.

As much as we think of Italy as a very ancient country, it was only unified in 1861 (in 2011 we celebrated its 150th anniversary!), so in reality, it is a new nation. It wasn't until after WWII that we have the final borders set to where they are today. Of course, civilizations have been here for thousands of years, coming from all corners of the Mediterranean, from Spain, to Greece, to the Middle-East, even Northern European people have invaded us at one point or another. This tremendous mixture of cultures and traditions, which we see in our architecture, food, even the way we look and speak, has contributed to the unique diversity that is found in this amazing little country by each person who travels there. Not only does each of the 20 regions that Italy is divided into offer its own distinct history, cuisine, and wines, but every little town, every little village, has its own identity, never to be generalized or confused with any other. That is why you can travel time and time again to Italy, finding a different reality each time.

So, don't expect to find *cannoli* in Tuscany, don't look for *spaghetti carbonara* in Venice, and certainly don't ask for *polenta* in Rome. Truthfully, the best way to explore the "Belpaese" and to give it due respect is to enjoy the food, wine, cheese, and everything that reflects the history and traditions of a particular town, while dropping any preconceived notions.



THE ITINERARY

(Itinerary is subject to change with or without notice. Sequence of day trips may vary. Final itinerary will be given upon arrival.)

Friday Day 1 - Benvenuto! Welcome to amazing Italy!!

Arrival in Rome - check in hotel and get some rest in what the Romans called 'Roma Caput Mundi' (Rome, Capital of the World). Start the trip of a lifetime in one of the world's most beautiful cities! Stay in a historical aristocratic palazzo, turned into a luxury hotel, located just a few steps away from the elegant Via Veneto, the Spanish Steps, and the Trevi Fountain. You'll be in the heart of great dining and shopping, and close to some of the major historical sites. Start your journey through ancient times with a local Roman guide. Besides walking by many sites, your afternoon will also include a panoramic view of the city by private transportation through some of the city's most famous landmarks: the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, a baroque jewel, the Pantheon (meaning "Temple of all the Gods"), the best preserved of all ancient Roman buildings, and Piazza Navona, among many others. Mingle with your travel mates over dinner at a local's favorite featuring local delicacies! Over-night stay in Rome. **D**

Saturday Day 2 - L'arte nei Secoli: Art through the Ages

Accompanied by a local Roman guide we'll enter the Vatican City, where we'll visit the impressive St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which will include entrance to the head-tilting and jaw-dropping Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Savor the rest of the afternoon and evening on your own. With so many nice boutiques and plenty of opportunities, why not enjoy some shopping? **BL**

Sunday Day 3 - La Gloria dei Gladiatori: Gladiators' Glory

After breakfast, you'll discover the splendors of the classic Roman Empire! Travel back in time, gazing at gorgeous sites during our walk with an expert local guide. We will then walk along the ancient pavement, which crosses the evocative ruins of the Roman Forum, the Curia, the Reggia. You will then be able to admire the Temple of Vesta, the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Costantine. The tour will continue with the visit of the massive structure of the Colosseum (internal visit). Enjoy a leisurely afternoon and dinner on your own. **BL**

Monday Day 4 - Incredibile Rinascimento: Incredible Renaissance

Check-out from hotel and head up to Florence by private transportation. Lunch along the way in Orvieto, a beautiful hilltop town in Umbria, founded by the Etruscan civilization over two thousand years ago. Arrival in Florence in the mid-afternoon. Check-in, relax, refresh, then enjoy a private walking tour through the historical streets of Florence, guided by an expert local guide who will show you the main sites, churches, and shopping areas that Florence is known for. Your guide will also take you to the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's David up close and personal! (Entrance fee & reservation included). **BLD**

Tuesday Day 5 - Tra Castelli e Torri: Among Castles and Towers

San Gimignano, our first stop, is an absolutely astonishing example of walled Medieval hilltop town, also known for its dry white wine, Vernaccia and its colorful local crafts: hand-painted pottery, alabaster, olive wood items, and many more. Enjoy plenty of free time and lunch on your own. Quick drive by Monteriggioni and the rest of the evening in amazing Siena, where you have free time to explore the town and visit its amazing Cathedral. Group dinner in Siena. **BD**

Wednesday Day 6 - Chianti Classico & the Black Rooster

Morning drive through the soft-shaped, serene hills of Chianti, with a stop in one of its most picturesque villages: Montefioralle. Then enjoy an extraordinary experience in an 11th-Century Castle. A sommelier will take us on a journey into the finest Chianti Classico paired with a tasty antipasto. Then a little shopping and gelato in Greve in Chianti is a must before we head back to Florence. **BLD**

Thursday Day 7 - L'arte nei Secoli: Art through the Ages

Are you ready to have some fun and a hands-on experience with the delicious Tuscan cuisine?! Learn to make classic recipes during a fun cooking class, followed by group lunch (which by then, you will have earned!). Enjoy the rest of the afternoon for yourself, shopping, or exploring some of the extraordinary museums. Dinner is on your own tonight in Florence. **BL**

Friday Day 8 - Incantevole Venezia: Spellbinding Venice

After breakfast, we say "Ciao, ciao!" to Florence and make our way to Northern Italy. A sort of "obligated" detour will make us stop in Treviso (because it's too beautiful to miss!), an absolute gem, often overlooked even by the most savvy travelers. We'll have a group lunch, then continue on to sumptuous Venezia, also known as La Serenissima, where we'll be escorted to our hotel for check-in and luggage drop-off. Group dinner in a nearby restaurant with local Venetian specialties. **BLD**



🌿 Saturday Day 9 - Storia e Mistero: History and Mystery

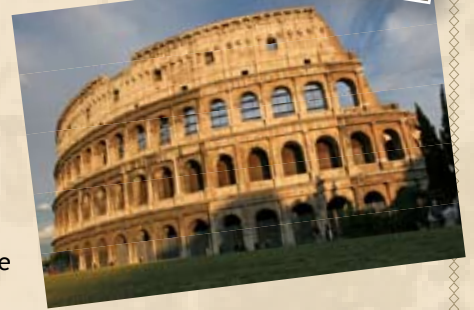
This morning we'll meet a private local guide, who will take us on a unique walking tour of historic Venice, telling us about traditions, culture, and amusing facts of Venetian life through the ages. The walking tour ends in St. Mark's Square, from here you can enjoy the rest of the afternoon and dinner on your own. If you need suggestions, the hotel's front-desk will also be available to help you with reservations for restaurants, concerts, and events. **BL**

🌿 Sunday Day 10 - L'arte nei Secoli: Art through the Ages

This morning we are taking a trip to the Island of Murano by private water-taxi, with a private visit to a traditional glass factory, where glass masters have been creating the most intricate designs for chandeliers, vases, and jewelry for over five centuries. Free time to explore and shop around. We continue to Burano, a colorful quaint fishing village that appears to be worlds away from bustling Venice. Burano is very known for exquisitely hand-embroidered linens. Burano is still a small community where time stands still, where life is still about family, friendship, and solidarity. It is truly one of the most amazing places you'll ever visit. Lunch in a local eatery in Burano. Dinner is on your own so you can enjoy some free time on your last night in Venice - make it a special one! **BL**

🌿 Monday Day 11 - Arrivederci! See you next time!

Hopefully you will stay longer and explore other beautiful cities of this amazing country! We hope you enjoyed your stay with us and wish to have you back soon. Ciao! **B**



A luxury journey totaling 10 nights/11 days, of which 3 nights are spent in a centrally-located hotel in Rome, 4 nights are in a charming B&B in the historical center of Florence, and 3 nights are in a 3-star hotel in Venice.

For dates, price, and availability, please visit NadasItaly.com
or contact us: info@nadasitaly.com

“A man who has not been in Italy, is always conscious of an inferiority, from his not having seen what it is expected a man should see.” - Samuel Johnson





LUXURY SERVICES INCLUDED

✂ 3 nights lodging in a centrally-located hotel in Rome + 4 nights are in a charming B&B in the historical center of Florence, + 3 nights are in a hotel, once a residential palazzo in Venice. A trip totaling 11 Days/10 Nights (depart US on Thursday and return on Monday).

✂ Small group travel! Maximum of 12 travelers per group!

✂ Privately escorted day-trips with 2 professional private drivers and full-time service of bilingual tour leader.

✂ **Trip Materials:** Italy Guide Book, Italian Travel Phrase book, DVDs, Luggage Tags, Maps, and much more!

✂ Guided tour of an 11th-century winery in Chianti Classico, followed by lunch & tasting.

✂ 1 Cooking Class by a local Chef in Florence (includes souvenir apron).

✂ **Meals included:** all breakfasts, 8 lunches, 5 dinners (included meals are shown at bottom of the description for each day, marked by "BLD").

✂ **Beverages included:** bottled water, soft drinks (in limited amounts), coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per person (choice of red or white) with included lunches and dinners.

✂ **Private Walking Tours by locally licensed English-speaking guides:**

- Historical Highlights of Rome
- Vatican Museums (includes entrance reservation & ticket)
- Colosseum and Roman Ruins
- Historical Highlights of Florence
- Walking tour of Siena
- private tour of the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's David in Florence (includes entrance reservation and ticket)
- off-the-beaten-path Venice and its main landmarks

✂ **Destinations included:** Rome, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Tuscan countryside, Orvieto, Treviso, Venice, islands of Murano & Burano (private boat tour).

✂ **Private transportation** for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned vans (does not include: transfer from and to airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

✂ Local VAT taxes, government fees, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees, and tips!



ITALY IS WAITING - SIGN UP NOW FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Please see our website for the price* of this tour package.

*Nada's Italy has a "no hidden costs, no hidden stress" policy. We are clear about what is included and what isn't so you don't have any surprises on your trip. Tour prices are based on double occupancy and include taxes & fees, as well as staff tips. All quoted rates are for land-package only and do not include airfare. Rates are subject to change with or without notice until the deposit and Trip Registration Form & Agreement has been received.



HOW SOON SHOULD I BOOK?

This is a very special, exclusive, small group tour limited to only 12 travelers. Availability is on a first-come-first-served basis, so don't delay in reserving your spot. No spots are held without a deposit. To register for this tour, please send your Trip Registration Form and deposit of 50% of the trip cost. If minimum participation of 6 travelers is not met, your deposit is 100% refundable.

Balance is due 60 days prior to trip, please ask us about your balance due date.

CANCELLATION POLICY

For details on our Cancellation Policy and our Terms & Conditions, please refer to the Trip Registration Form & Agreement, which can be downloaded from our website or requested by email and/or mail.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

By phone: 704.877.6232 or email: info@nadasitaly.com. Find photos, travel tips, packing suggestions, and other information on NadasItaly.com

THE JOURNEY DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE!



Want to stay longer and see more of Italy? Nada's Italy may be able to help!

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TRAVELING SOLO?

Not being able to find someone to travel with you doesn't mean you shouldn't travel. Nada's Italy is proud to be a safe option for those who wish to see Italy on their own, providing a safe and friendly environment.

A Single Supplement is required only for individuals who require a single room for the duration of the tour. If you wish to be paired up with another single traveler to share your room with, please contact us and we will make our best effort to do so. Keep in mind that if you share a room, you will each have a twin-size bed and will share one in-suite bathroom. A single room supplement for this tour is **\$900 (for a double-room for individual use with private bathroom)**. All couples get their own in-suite bathroom.

NOTE ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip. This is not a physically challenging trip, nonetheless there will be plenty of walking uphill and standing for extended periods of time, often times several hours. If you are not interested in some of the scheduled activities, you can stay at the accommodation or plan a different activity on your own. During the day trips, you will have free time on your own, during which you decide whether you prefer being more or less active. However, this is not a recommended trip for those with mobility issues, strict diets, or particular health concerns.