

10 days | 9 nights | 1 Country(ies)

Start date: 24 May 2026

# ITALIAN ESPRESSO

\$2447 per person Twin Share Price

\$650 (subject to availability) Single Supp Price

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**24 May 2026**

#### Day 1 Start Rome

Welcome to Rome! Once known as the 'capital of the world' this richly historic, passionate and elegant city will steal our hearts as soon as we arrive. We'll meet and greet our Contiki crew at 4pm, before taking to the streets for an included Italian feast. After dinner we'll head on an orientation tour of the city ticking off all the sights in Rome.

Guests to make their own transfer arrangements.

Meal(s):Dinner

Hotel(s): Hotel Archimede (or similar)

**25 May 2026**

#### Day 2 Rome to Florence via Siena

Rise and shine, we're headed to another historical heavyweight today... But not before stopping off at Siena for lunch. This place has medieval masterpieces and the historic city centre has been declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site. We'll soak up all of that historic beauty and grab a bite before heading onto Florence... Florence is one of the foodie capitals of Italy, so we won't waste any time trying the local delicacies before turning in for the night, dreaming of the Florentine adventures that await us tomorrow.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): BB Centro (or similar)

**26 May 2026**

#### Day 3 Florence

Florence is often referred to as a 'walking museum', and today we'll find out why. With

a locally guided walking tour, we'll discover Renaissance Florence on foot, swooning at Giotto's Bell Tower, Basilica Santa Croce, and Piazza della Signoria. We'll also see the Duomo, one of the world's most remarkable architectural feats. Later, we'll get together for a Tuscan Risotto Evening indulging in wine from the nearby vineyards. Watch a risotto demonstration whilst our hosts have cooked up a feast of antipasto and Italian specialties. Save some room for 'dolce' i.e a mystery homemade dessert!

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): BB Centro (or similar)

**27 May 2026**

#### Day 4 Florence to Cinque Terre via Pisa and Lucca

Farewell, Florence. We'll never forget you. But we've got more dreamy Italian hot spots to hit up. Another stopover will let us check out lovely Lucca, with its charming piazzas, Renaissance architecture and historic cafes. Opt for wines at the local vineyards outside of Lucca. Or it's a perfect spot to grab a bite before we hit the road again. We can't be this way of the world without a sneaky visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Depriving you of the chance to perfect the holding-up-the-tower shot would be criminal. Welcome to the Italian Riviera! You're going to fall head over heels with this region over the coming days...

Meal(s):Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Hotel Le Grazie (or similar)

**28 May 2026**

#### Day 5 Cinque Terre

Some people think Cinque Terre is just one place, but it actually translates to the 'five lands' and is made up of 5 stunning towns

with their own unique identity and traditions. Included in your trip is an unlimited Cinque Terre hike and train ticket, and whichever way you choose to get around will be sure to make you fall in love with the dramatic cliff-faces and pastel coloured buildings.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hotel Le Grazie (or similar)

**29 May 2026**

#### Day 6 Cinque Terre to Milan via Como

We're hitting the road today to one of the most elegant cities in Europe. But not before experiencing the glitz and glamour of Lake Como, with its attractive villages and gorgeous gardens. The showstopper is the lake itself, of course, and we'll have the option to get out on the water for a cruise. Welcome to Milan, the sophisticated cityscape that rewards the curious traveller. We have a free night to check out the local nightlife, and eat some of the local delicacies. As always, your Trip Manager will have the top tips on where to go and where to avoid...

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): B&B Hotel Milano Sesto Marelli (or similar)



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#### Day 9 Venice to Rome via Bologna

#### Day 7 Milan to Venice via Verona

The dreamy destinations just don't stop coming... Welcome to Verona, the heart of Renaissance romance (and the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet). Beautiful architecture, rich history and plenty of jaw-dropping art makes this place a very worthy stopover. We'll check out Juliet's balcony, part of a gorgeous 13th century house then it's onto another very romantic city...

Welcome to Treviso! Nothing like a free evening to spend the Italian way... Tonight you'll have the option to walk around this idyllic version of Venice (before taking on the real thing tomorrow!). Grab some local food on the way. And maybe even treat yourself to some tiramisu (because this little town is where it was born!). Seriously, it doesn't get more authentic than this.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese (or similar)

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#### Day 8 Venice

Wake-up sleeping beauties! Hop onto our coach because we've got this entire day to explore Venice. We'll be jumping aboard our own private boat and crossing the canal en route to the historical heart of the city. A gondola ride will be up for grabs, or you can always choose to get lost on your own and see where the maze takes you.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese (or similar)

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See ya, Venice. You'll always have a piece of our hearts. Today we're headed back to Rome to explore the city in more depth. But not before making a quick stop in Bologna. Home of prosciutto, mortadella, bolognese sauce and many more tasty Italian delights, Bologna is known far and wide as La Grassa (the Fat One). Come hungry, but make sure you're not too full to explore the Unesco-listed porticoes either. We'll have a free night for dinner and a chance to dine on a wholesome meal at a 17th-century tavern in Trastevere. All washed down with some fine Italian wine? If you say so.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hotel Archimede (or similar)

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#### Day 10 End Rome

Rome wasn't built in a day - so get up and get going early to make the most of this ancient city. Take a tour of the famous Colosseum and walk in the footsteps of Emperors and Gladiators with a guide, or snap epic selfies against a background of pink azaleas by the entrance. And with that, our trip has come to an end this afternoon. Swap contact details and start planning your next adventure!

Guests to make their own transfer arrangements.

Meal(s): Breakfast



## Experiences



- 2 Dinner (D)
- 9 Breakfast (B)



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## Experiences



- **Siena:** This medieval Tuscan city is packed with charming photo ops. From the Duomo to Piazza del Campo.
- **Florence:** See the Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery & Piazza della Signoria on a locally guided walking tour of Florence.
- **Pisa:** Your ultimate chance to 'hold the tower up' as you pose for that classic Insta snap.
- **Lucca:** Ramble around the cobbled streets of this Renaissance walled city in Tuscany. It's an Insta post waiting to happen!
- **Cinque Terre National Park:** We'll take care of your rail pass, so you can just zip around the iconic cliff-top villages and focus on the Insta stories.
- **Verona:** Ah! The sight of this famous balcony

### Terms and conditions:

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Trip Manager or Group Specialist for further details.

**PRICE:** The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due at time of booking.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Required 90 days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Trip Manager or Group Specialist.

**AMENDMENTS:** Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

**REFUNDS:** No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

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arrangements.

**PASSPORT AND VISAS:** You must have a valid passport with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements, contact your Trip Manager or Group Specialist.

**HOTELS:** The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

**TRANSFERS:** Your Trip Manager or Group Specialist can provide details of arrival and departure transfers.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** apply to this special departure. Full terms and conditions are available from Contiki. Refer also to the Contiki website at <https://www.contiki.com/media/i4ebvaj0/26-contiki-web-usa.pdf>

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**ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS:** All pricing is based on twin share accommodation. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid. Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.