



Lord Byron Viaggi

incoming tour operator - agenzia di viaggi e turismo



Italian for beginners tour

Programme 8 Days / 7 Nights

Italian for beginners tour represents a well-balanced and happy synthesis between the wish to visit a country like Italy rich in beauties and the delight to learn its language in its more fundamental and informal aspects day by day.

This tour intends to escort the traveller in search of some of the most famous treasures of the Italian peninsula, across Rome, Naples and some beautiful spots of Central Italy and at the same time to make the traveller savour the language universally known as "Dante's language".

Daily skilled tour leaders and guides will be beside the travellers through an itinerary that is not simply tourist, but that has also an interesting and amusing cultural aspect. Italian for beginners tour is a different tour which can give an extra emotion.

2st Day (Wednesday): Italian lessons and Fiuggi

Italian class: the lessons take place during the morning for about three hours with a 15-minute coffee break. Lunch at the hotel. The afternoon is spent in Fiuggi, one of the most renowned spas in Italy, famous for the curative effectiveness of its waters in treating kidney diseases and gout.

The town consists of two centres: Fiuggi Fonte and Fiuggi Città. Firstly a walk through Fiuggi Fonte is expected, the modern part of the city where most of the accommodation facilities, bars and the two renowned spas are: Boniface VIII Spa and Anticolana Spa.

After the walk the group reaches Fiuggi Città (747 metres a.s.l.), lying on the top of a hill, where a guided visit of the historical centre (dating back to Middle Ages) takes place.

Dinner at a typical restaurant.

Transfer back to the hotel and overnight stay.

1st Day (Tuesday): Arrival

Pick-up at Ciampino or Leonardo da Vinci airport (Rome) and transfer to the hotel in Fiuggi. Arrival and accommodation. Before dinner, welcome drink for all the guests and after dinner short explanation of the weekly programme. Overnight stay.



3rd Day (Thursday): Herculaneum and Archaeological Museum of Naples

The whole day is spent discovering Roman's Era. In the morning, the group gets to Herculaneum.

The ancient name of Herculaneum comes from the legendary founding of the city by Hercules who had been captivated by its beauty. It was probably founded by the Oscans in 8th century BC and later governed by Etruscans, Greeks, Samnites and Romans (307 BC). Thanks to its innate natural beauty and mild climate, the city became a favourite residence of Roman nobility who built many splendid villas including the Villa di L. Calpurnio Pisone (Villa of the Papyrus), one of the most beautiful villas where famous European philosophers and writers used to meet. On 24th August in 79 AD, Vesuvius obliterated the town in a matter of hours. After a free time for lunch in Naples, the group visits the archaeological museum, one of the most important and leading archaeological museums in the world containing an unprecedented collection of Roman-Greek antiquities from Pompeii, Stabiae, Herculaneum and other archaeological sites located in and around the region of Campania.

Transfer back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



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4rd Day (Friday):

Italian lessons and Fumone

Italian Class in the morning. Lunch at the hotel. Late in the afternoon, a guided tour of Fumone takes place, the town known as the impregnable fortress. It represented a real lookout point to the south when the Medieval Popes were worried about invasions from the Saracens camped out on the banks of the Garigliano and the Longobards from the Kingdom of Benevento and the Normans from the Principate of Salerno and Capua. Great clouds of smoke came from the towers of Fumone's Castle and they were repeated by Rocca di Cave Castel San Pietro of Palestrina and Paliano until the towers of the Urbe signalled Rome of the imminent dangers. Transfer back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day (Saturday):

Rome (St Paul's Church, St Callisto's Catacombe, Colosseum, St Clemente's Church)

Guided tour of Rome, including visits to two of the most fascinating churches of the city, one where St Paul was buried and one which illustrates the continuity of religious worship from Mithraic times to the present, a visit to the Catacombs in the Appian Way, the underground burial chambers of the early Christians, and a tour of the inside of the Colosseum, famous as a gladiatorial amphitheatre for 70,000 people built during the first century A.D. Free time for lunch in Rome. Transfer back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



7th Day (Monday):

Montecassino Abbey and D.H. Lawrence's House

After breakfast, transfer to Montecassino Abbey, founded by St. Benedict approximately in 529 A.D. approximately, the place where the saint wrote his Rule Ora et Labora (Pray and Work). After many destructions and reconstructions, the abbey offers itself in all its magnificence and beauty still today. After Montecassino, a romantic and fascinating tour starts treading in the English writer D.H. Lawrence's footsteps leading to the Comino Valley, and precisely in the territory of the town of Picinisco, where the renowned Lawrence's house lies. After a visit in the house, a special local product-based lunch at the house takes place. Free afternoon for relax. Transfer back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



6th Day (Sunday):

Italian lessons and Anagni (optional)

Italian class in the morning. Lunch at the hotel and visit to the town of Anagni, known as "The Popes' Town" for it was the birthplace of important Catholic popes, the most famous of which was Pope Boniface VIII. Transfer back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



8th Day (Tuesday):

Departure

Breakfast/light lunch at the hotel and departure of the group. Transfer to Ciampino or Leonardo da Vinci airport (Rome).