

Pre-Tour Venice Extension (Highly Recommend) Hotel Abbazia – Venice

If there is one upgrade I personally recommend on this entire journey, it’s arriving early in Venice.

I do it myself every time I travel, and after leading dozens of Italy tours, I can tell you that beating the jet lag and giving yourself time to settle in completely changes your experience of Italy from the very first day.

This pre-tour extension gives you extra time in one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic.” Instead of arriving tired and rushing into the itinerary, you ease into Italy at your own pace, explore the canals, enjoy a café along the water, and simply let the magic of Venice sink in.

To help you make the most of your time here, I’ve also written a 40-page Venice guide that covers everything from where to eat and drink, to shopping, museums, self-guided walking routes, and insider tips you won’t find in a typical travel book. It’s designed to help you feel confident and make the most of every moment in this incredible city.

Either go in a day early to beat the jet lag or join our tour manager with a guided experience.

2-Night Venice Guided Pre-Tour Extensions March 31, 2028

4 Days 3 Nights from \$999 per person double occupancy Included in this extension: 2 Breakfasts

March 30 – Overnight Flight

Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Italy. This is where the adventure starts, and where you make the decision to arrive early and start your experience the right way.

March 31 – Venice Arrival

Arrive in Venice, a floating city of palaces, canals, and timeless beauty. Today is completely at leisure, giving you time to settle into your hotel, relax, and begin discovering the area around you at your own pace.

A local hospitality representative will be available in the evening with helpful suggestions so you can make the most of your first night in Venice, whether that’s a quiet dinner, a canal-side walk, or simply sitting with a glass of wine and watching Venice come alive.

Why I Recommend This Extension:

After all my years leading tours to Italy, I can honestly say this is one of the smartest decisions you can make for your trip. You start rested instead of rushed, you experience Venice without pressure, and you begin the journey already in rhythm with Italy.

For many of my travelers, this extra time in Venice ends up becoming one of their favorite parts of the entire trip. I know it’s mine.



Rome Post-Night Extension (Highly Recommended)

April 13, 2028 Ponte Sisto Hotel – Rome From \$500 per room, per night

After an unforgettable journey through Italy, I strongly recommend adding one or two extra nights in Rome before heading home.

You are already in one of the most incredible cities in the world and this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy Rome. I can arrange a private golf cart tour which is one of the best ways to see Rome without the long walks, covering highlights like the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, The Pantheon with ease and comfort. And if you’d like to see one of the major landmarks up close, this is also a great opportunity to visit the Vatican or the Colosseum or any sight.

This is one of the smartest upgrades you can make. It turns your final day in Italy from travel logistics into one more unforgettable experience.



Scan this Q R Code to watch a short video where I answer most of your questions about traveling to Italy with me. Plus I personally took the shots so that will give you an idea of what you will see and experience.

Forward this to family and friends and then get a hold of me and we will meet up.

I look forward to sharing Italy with you!

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Join me and several fellow Nashvillians on a journey through a side of Italy that many visitors never experience. While most tours focus on the famous cities, this exclusive adventure takes us beyond the typical tourist route and into the heart of authentic Italy. Along the way, we'll discover hidden villages, stay in unique accommodations, enjoy unforgettable food and wine experiences, and take part in local traditions that few travelers ever get to experience.

I'll be traveling alongside you every step of the way, making sure you get the most from this incredible adventure. Having personally taken more than 800 Nashvillians to Italy, I've learned that the best trips are about much more than landmarks. They're about sharing meals, making new friends, discovering unexpected places, and creating memories that stay with you long after you return home. This tour is filled with hands-on experiences and authentic local traditions from truffle hunting, bread making, bar b ques, pasta making, canoeing and winery visits creating the kind of impactful moments you'll be talking about for years.

If you've dreamed of seeing the real Italy beyond the postcards and crowds, I invite you to join me on this unforgettable journey. Whether it's your first visit or you've traveled to Italy before, I think you'll fall in love with this itinerary. With our group limited to just 22 travelers, you'll enjoy a more personal experience and discover an Italy that most tourists never see. This may just become your favorite trip yet.

Andiamo! *Chuck Cinelli* owner of Coco's



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* please get with me soon, most tours fill up a year in advance

A small deposit reserves your spot
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Day 1: Nashville to Venice April 1, 2028 Hotel Abbazia
Your Italian adventure begins with an overnight flight. Buongiorno and welcome to Italy! Upon arrival in Venice, we'll board water taxis for a scenic ride across the Venetian Lagoon to our hotel. After settling in, we will enjoy your first afternoon exploring the canals, bridges, piazzas, and hidden corners of one of the world's most magical cities. I have personally written a guide for Venice that includes shopping, local foods, drinks, museums, etc. Consider coming a day early with me, I'll show you that there's no end to the magic of Venice.



Day 2: Venice April 2 - Includes Welcome Toast
Welcome to Venice, one of the most unique cities in the world, built across 117 small islands connected by canals and bridges instead of streets. Today is yours to settle in and begin exploring at your own pace. Let me help you get acquainted with the surroundings with a welcome walk from the hotel plus you will be armed with my 40 page guide to Venice. Shopping, foods, and sights are at your fingertips, this guide will help you navigate the winding waterways, hidden alleys, lively piazzas, with confidence. This evening, we'll come together for a welcome drink with your fellow travelers. Cheers! Lets celebrate, and officially kick off our journey through Italy.



Day 3: Venice - Gondola Boatyard Includes Breakfast
This morning we get a rare glimpse into Venice's rich traditions, starting with an up-close look at the crafting of the iconic gondola. Visiting one of the city's last two active boatyards, we'll discover the skill, precision, and artistry behind these iconic vessels and witness the skill and dedication that has kept this centuries-old tradition alive. Afterward, we'll enjoy a classic Venetian spritz and the Italian ritual of aperitivo, then the afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace. I'll help you plan the perfect day so you can make the most of every moment, whether you want hidden gems, shopping, famous sights, museums, or just time to wander and enjoy the city. Maybe take a gondola ride yourself, I'll help you arrange that or what ever suites your mood.



Day 4: Venice - Dozza - Romagna Countryside Borgo Conde Wine Resort
Borgo Condé Wine Resort Includes Breakfast & Dinner
We say "Arrivederci" to Venice and journey into the Romagna region, famous throughout Italy for its incredible food, wine, and relaxed way of life. Along the way, we'll stop in the charming hilltop village of Dozza, renowned for its colorful murals, winding lanes, and impressive medieval castle. Later this afternoon, we'll arrive at one of my favorite hotels in all of Italy, the Borgo Condé Wine Resort, our home for the next three nights. Nestled among the rolling vineyards of the Romagna countryside, this beautiful boutique resort offers a perfect blend of modern comfort and timeless Italian scenery. This evening, we'll enjoy an exclusive tour of the resort's winery, followed by a wonderful dinner paired with their expertly crafted wines. Everywhere you look, you'll be surrounded by vineyards, rolling hills, and the kind of breathtaking countryside that people dream about when they imagine Italy.



Day 5 Romagna Countryside - San Marino - Includes Breakfast, Dinner
After breakfast, we set out to explore San Marino, the tiny yet mighty republic nestled in the heart of Italy. As the fifth-smallest country in the world, San Marino is big on charm! Set high atop Mount Titano, this UNESCO World Heritage site, which offers jaw-dropping views over the Adriatic Riviera and the rolling hills of Romagna. We'll wander the medieval streets and explore the town's impressive fortress towers, walls, gates, and bastions. Take a moment to soak in the sights with a cappuccino in hand, perfect for a little people-watching as you take in the unique vibe of this historic town. Back at our wine resort this evening, we'll end our day with a memorable winepairing dinner, crafted to highlight the flavors of Romagna and the exceptional wines produced here. It's the perfect way to toast to our adventures in this stunning region!



Day 6: Romagna Countryside - Choice on Tour Includes Breakfast, Dinner
Today, it's your choice about your style of adventure! Start with breakfast, then choose your own journey in this beautiful region. Relax and soak up the countryside vibe at our wine resort hotel, where you can indulge in a luxurious, organic wine-infused mud treatment at the spa. Or, if you're up for exploring, take a short trip to the incredible city of Ravenna, a UNESCO World Heritage gem with a fascinating history. Once the heart of power at the end of the Roman Empire, Ravenna boasts breathtaking churches filled with mosaic art so stunning, they inspired Cole Porter's "Night and Day." Our expert guide will lead you through the city's most famous sites, making the history and beauty come alive. This evening, roll up your sleeves for a cooking class led by a local chef who'll teach you to make Romagna's signature pasta dishes- like garganelli and strozza-preti (yep, that means "priest stranglers"). Savor the delicious fruits of your labor over a relaxed dinner together, rounding off another memorable day in Italy.



Day 7: Urbino – Pesaro, Marche Region Hotel Charlie Includes Breakfast
This morning, we'll leave the vineyards of Romagna behind and journey into Italy's beautiful Marche region, one of the country's best-kept secrets. Along the way, we'll visit the hilltop city of Urbino, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the birthplace of the famous Renaissance painter Raphael. Surrounded by ancient walls and rolling countryside, Urbino feels like stepping back into the Italy of centuries past. We'll explore the magnificent Ducal Palace, one of the most important Renaissance landmarks in Italy, and wander through the charming streets that have inspired artists, scholars, and travelers for generations. Later this afternoon, we'll continue to the coastal city of Pesaro on the Adriatic Sea, where we'll settle in for a relaxing two-night stay. With its seaside promenade, welcoming atmosphere, and beautiful beaches, Pesaro offers a wonderful blend of authentic Italian life and coastal charm.

Day 8: Pesaro, Marche Region Includes Breakfast
Today we'll experience one of the Marche region's most treasured culinary traditions, the hunt for truffles. We'll head into the countryside with a local truffle hunter and his specially trained dogs as they search the woods for these prized delicacies. It's a chance to see a side of Italy that most visitors never experience and to meet the people who have been preserving these traditions for generations. After our hunt, we'll enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at the family's organic farm, featuring local ingredients and flavors that make this region so special. These are the kinds of authentic experiences that turn a good trip into an unforgettable one. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure back in the seaside town of Pesaro. Take a stroll along the Adriatic sea, relax at a café, do a little shopping, or simply enjoy the slower pace of life that makes this part of Italy so appealing.



Day 9: Santo Stefano di Sessanio, Abruzzo Mountains
Hotel Sextantio Albergo Diffuso includes breakfast & dinner
Today we travel deep into the Abruzzo Mountains, one of Italy's most untouched and dramatic regions. As we leave the coast behind, the scenery shifts to rolling hills, rugged peaks, and landscapes that feel a world away from the busy tourist cities. We arrive in the medieval village of Santo Stefano di Sessanio, a beautifully preserved, pedestrian-only hill town where time seems to slow down. Here, our stay becomes part of the experience itself as we settle into a unique *albergo diffuso*, with rooms spread throughout restored historic buildings inside the village. This evening, we connect with local traditions during a hands-on experience making regional bread and cheese. Afterward, we'll gather together for dinner featuring what we've prepared, enjoying the simple, authentic flavors of mountain life and the peaceful rhythm of this unforgettable village.



Day 10: Abruzzo Mountains - Campo Imperatore Includes Breakfast
Today we experience one of the most breathtaking landscapes in all of Italy as we travel across the Campo Imperatore plateau, sitting more than 7,000 feet above sea level. Often called the "Little Tibet of Italy," this wide-open high-altitude plain offers sweeping views of the Gran Sasso mountains, the highest peaks in central Italy. Along the way, we'll stop to enjoy a true Abruzzo tradition: *arrosticini*, grill-it-yourself lamb skewers cooked over an open flame. Simple, rustic, and deeply connected to the region's shepherding heritage, it's one of those authentic food experiences you don't forget. This afternoon, back in Santo Stefano di Sessanio, you'll have two great options. You can join a guided walking tour of the village to explore its fortified layout, stone alleyways, and centuries-old buildings or take on a more adventurous guided hike to Rocca Calascio, one of the most dramatic mountain-top fortresses in all of Italy, rising high above the surrounding peaks.



Day 11: Santo Stefano di Sessanio - Rome
Ponte Sisto Hotel Includes Breakfast & Lunch
This morning our first stop is the Tirino River, known for its crystal-clear blue-green waters and some of the purest freshwater in Italy. Here, we slow things down and take to the water by canoe, gently drifting along one of the most serene river valleys in the region. Surrounded by reeds, open skies, and the sounds of nature, it's a quiet and unexpected moment that shows yet another side of Italy few travelers ever experience. After our time on the river, we continue on to the Eternal City because as the saying goes, all roads lead to Rome. This is a great location near the trendy Trastever neighborhood.



Day 12: Rome Includes Breakfast & Dinner
This morning we set out on an immersive walking tour through Rome's medieval district, a fascinating neighborhood built directly on top of the layers of ancient Rome. As we wind through narrow cobblestone streets and dramatic stone buildings, you'll see how centuries of history have been woven together where ancient ruins, churches, and everyday Roman life all exist side by side. One of the highlights of the day is a visit to the panoramic terrace of the Vittoriano, where we take in one of the most breathtaking views in all of Rome. From this vantage point, you'll look out across the Eternal City, taking in the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, and the incredible layers of history that define this remarkable place. This evening, we come together one last time for a farewell dinner, sharing stories, laughter, and a toast to the unforgettable journey we've experienced together through Italy.

