



Italy Mediterranean Surf and Turf Tour

An Adventure through Paradise

Hosted By Travel with Me-Allen B
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Highlights

A 14-day tour on both land and sea beginning in stunning Venice, Italy, driving through the spectacular Dolomites Mountains and embarking on a fabulous 7-night Mediterranean cruise on Norwegian Cruise Line through Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Sicily, Amalfi and Rome, Italy. All this curated and lead by your Italian speaking host, Allen Bartimioli.

There is also a CRUISE ONLY OPTION



An Adventure of Land and Sea

Did you know that Italy is home to 27% of the Alps? That is second only to Austria at 29%. The entire top of Italy is Alps. Italy shares Monte Bianco (Mont Blanc) with France in the West. It shares the Matterhorn with Switzerland, but arguably the most beautiful range within the Alps is known as the Dolomites (Dolomiti in Italian) I have been there multiple times and this area is like nothing I have ever seen anywhere else in the world. While many people have heard of the Dolomites, many of my clients are surprised to find out that they are just north of Venice, Italy, about 2 hours.

My hosted tours, Italy: The Road Less Traveled, Sicily: An Intimate Journey, and Israel: The Holy Land, are all very well received and book out way in advance. I have added a tour each year and wanted to add a fourth for 2027. As I write I am on the Norwegian Jade in the Bahamas after being invited to a Seminar at Sea with Norwegian. While in the group training, I came up with my plan for my fourth tour.



Your journey will begin in the fabulous city of Venice Italy

Note: For this Adventure, I recommend Arriving 2-days early, giving yourself a full day to recover from jet-lag and ensuring that flight delays don't cause unnecessary challenges

Day 1

We start our adventure with a guided, "Venice in a Day Tour" where we will visit the iconic St Mark's Cathedral, tour the spectacular Doges Palace and take a gondola ride. We end our day with a wonderful dinner together.

Day 2

We will spend this day wandering the streets of Venice and take a guided tour sampling the famous street food. Today will be a great day to wander over to the Rialto Bridge, and maybe hop over by ferry to the islands of Burano and Murano to see the famous handmade artisans create their glass and lace works of art. Dinner will be on your own since lunch will be shared on the street food tour.

Day 3

After breakfast we head over to VCE airport to pick up our vans and drive into the majestic Dolomites mountains. We will settle into our hotel and wander the area nearby. We will have dinner together to close the evening

Day 4

Today we will wander the beautiful mountain village of Orisei. We will take the funivia (Gondola lift) to the Alpe di Suisi plateau for spectacular views and lovely easy hiking trails. In the afternoon we will take one of the many short regional drives to take in more of the vast Alpine landscapes. We will end our day together for dinner in Ortisei,



Day 5

Today we will drive through the alps to the otherworldly Val di Funes, probably the most photographed area of the Italian Alps. Here we will wander the breathtaking valley, visiting the churches of St. Magdalena and St. John. This day will be filled with photo stops along beautiful rivers, Alpine apple orchards and marvelous vistas. We will share either lunch or dinner together, (TBD)



Day 6

Today we begin our journey out of the mountains, but never fear, we will be stopping in the fabulous city of Trento which hosts a beautiful centro storico with castles and ancient churches, some dating back 1,000 years. After lunch we will head to Bologna and wander another stunning historic center. And yes, you can get some great bologna here. We will spend a couple hours wandering this famous Italian city in the region of Emilia Romagna. From Bologna we head south to Ravenna where we will check in to our hotel ending the “turf” part of our tour.



Important Notes: This portion of our trip requires at least 2-3 miles of walking a day. There are hills, stairs and sometimes we walk at pace. Also, we will travel a few windy roads through mountains and hillsides. Some of our drives are hours long. If you struggle with any of the above, this trip is probably not for you.



Day 7

We embark from the port in Ravenna on our 7-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Sun. You will choose your stateroom upon reserving this tour. Included in your cruise are the following:

- Unlimited open bar
- Unlimited soda package
- 3 specialty dining meals
- \$50 excursion credit
- 150 minutes of free Wi-Fi

Day 8, Split, Croatia: A vibrant Adriatic city where ancient stone streets blend with café's, shops, and seaside promenades.

Day 9, Zadar, Croatia: Zadar, a city on Croatia's Dalmatian coast, is known for the Roman and Venetian ruins of this peninsular Old Town.

Day 10, Kotor, Montenegro: Nestled at the end of Europe's southernmost fjord, Kotor is a UNESCO-listed town of medieval walls, red-roofed buildings, and dramatic mountain scenery.

Day 11, Corfu, Greece: A lush Ionian island known for Venetian architecture, emerald hillsides, and beautiful beaches.

Day 12, Messina, Italy: The gateway to Sicily, Messina sits on a strategic strait between the island and mainland Italy and is famous for its grand cathedral and astronomical clock.

Day 13, Amalfi Coast (Salerno): A lovely coastal city on the Amalfi Coast with a charming historic center, seaside promenades and easy access to the rest of the Amalfi Coast cities.

Day 14, Civitavecchia (Rome)

Return home from FCO



Cost starting at ~~\$3,884~~ per-person **3,500** (Depending on stateroom for Cruise)
Non-refundable \$500 deposit holds your spot.

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There are no single traveler provisions for this trip. All prices are per-person
Based on double occupancy

Rate Includes:

- All Accommodations for 6 land nights
- All tours, attractions and activities mentioned including tours and lifts and Entrance tickets listed.
- All transportation costs and fees including vehicle rentals, fuel, tolls, and parking while in Italy
- Daily breakfast buffet and one other significant meal each day on land
- All gratuities and taxes on land
- Flight Trip cancellation if you fly with me (If you want to use points or arrange your own flights, my trip cancellation insurance will not cover you)
- Cruise fare including all meals and amenities listed above

Rate does not include:

- Extras not mentioned.
- Round-Trip International Airfare
- Cruise pre-paid gratuities
- Lunches (During land portion)
- Snacks (Yes, this includes gelato)
- Traveler's medical insurance.
- Trip cancellation insurance

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