

Italy

An ultimate
21 days
Itinerary



21 DAY TRIP

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Get ready for the ultimate Italian adventure that will leave you breathless!

Welcome to my 21-day trip through the most iconic cities of Italy including Rome, Florence, Venice, and more. This carefully crafted itinerary is the ultimate travel experience.

From the ancient ruins of Rome to the artsy vibes of Florence and the romantic canals of Venice, each stop on this itinerary will create unforgettable moments and lifelong memories.

Pack your bags, and let's embark on the trip of a lifetime! Italy awaits, and I guarantee you'll return home with a heart full of joy, a camera full of stunning photos, and a taste for la dolce vita like never before.

BONUS at the last page: itinerary printable sheet and packing list to help your next travel


Milan
Venice
Florence
Rome
Naples
Positano
Capri



Day 1-4 : Milano

Milan is a fantastic city and has so much to offer. Milan is also really close to the alps and some of Italy's most beautiful cities so if you have a spare day (or two), make sure to take this opportunity to explore the surrounding area as well. I stayed 4 nights there as a base to explore other cities nearby.

Windsor hotel 4*.
This hotel was nice and in a great location, about a 10min walk to Milano Centrale. We paid 495€ for 4 nights

Milan Airport to hotel
I recommend booking a bus transfer, cheapest option and very reliable. I booked mine on Get Your Guide. From Malpensa Aiport to Milano Centrale Station the cost was 9€ per person

DAY 1: Spend the day in exploring the city of Milan.

5 Things I recommend doing in Milan

- ☑ The Dumo
- ☑ Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II for some shopping
- ☑ Terrazza Aperol to enjoy a drink with stunning views of the Duomo. Drinks on a the pricey side, 23€ for an Aperol Spritz and it is served with free appetisers. We waited around 30mins in line before getting a table.
- ☑ Terrazza Del Duomo Cathedral (Entrance fee is 10€ by stairs, I booked my tickets on Get Your Guide)
- ☑ Go for a stroll around Brera Streets



DAY 2:
Day trip to Lake Como

Milan - Lake Como

To get to Lake Como you will need to catch a train from Milano Central to Como S. Giovanni. It takes about 40 mins and cost 7.5€.

Once at the train station, you need to buy a ferry ticket to get to Bellagio which is 14.80€. The other ferry to get from Bellagio to Varenna (5€).

Lake Como - Milan

To get back to Milan we booked a train from Varenna-Esino to Milano Centrale on 'Trenitalia' which was 7.10€ per person.

There is a lot to see at Lake Como so if you really want to enjoy I would recommend staying there for 2 days. I personally did Bellagio and Varenna.

DAY 3:
Day trip to Lake Garda



Milan - Lake Garda

To get to Lake Garda you will need to catch a train from Milano Central to Desenzano Del Garda-Simione, it will take approximately 50 mins and cost about 35€ per person return.

4 Things I recommend doing in Lake Garda

- ☑ Book a boat ride
- ☑ Stroll through the streets
- ☑ Visit Jamaica beach
- ☑ Visit Castella Scaligero



DAY 4: Day trip to Switzerland

This tour is a must if you're in Milan. One of the highlights of my trip. I went in April, and there was still a lot of snow. It was such a magical day.

First stop was St Mortiz, the drive from Milan was 3 hours (long but worth it) Upon arrival, we had some free time to enjoy a panoramic walk along the lake area, some shopping, or sweet-tasting in one of the delicious local pastry shops.

In the afternoon, we headed over to the train station and get seated in one of the panoramic carriages on board the Bernina Express Train bound for Tirano.

Admire the view as the train travels into the mountains. Gaze in awe at the panoramas of the Morteratsch Glacier and the world-famous Montebello Curve.

We then boarded our bus to make the return journey to Milan.



From Milan: St.Moritz and Bernina Express Panoramic Tour
133€ per person on GetYourGuide



Day 5-7 : Venice

Venice's romantic atmosphere, historical significance, and unique charm make it a destination like no other. Venice also know has the floating city offers a truly unforgettable experience and is a must visit. Stay 2 nights. I thought that was enough to see everything but you could always add a 3rd night as well. Wouldn't stay more than 3 nights.

Liassidi Arico 3*.
310€ for 2 nights

Milano Centrale - Venice Santa Lucia

To get to Venice you will need to catch a train from Milano Centrale to Venice Santa Lucia. The train ride is 2.5 hrs and the cost is approximately 30€ per person.

DAY 5: Travel Day / Explore Venice

RECOMMENDATIONS:

-In Venice all transportation is via boat and tickets are quite pricey, I recommend booking a 'Vaporetto Pass' for the number of days you're staying that way you have access to unlimited public transports. You can book it on "Tiqets" cost is approximately 20€ per day / per person



DAY 6: Burano / Murano

Burano is a small fishing island, 7km away from Venice and is famous for its houses painted in bright colours. A magical place to explore!Wandering around Burano, you'll find a lot of souvenir shops selling the famous Murano glass which is all handmade, seafood restaurants and bars. There's not a lot to do on the island other than taking photos of the pretty houses and bridges.

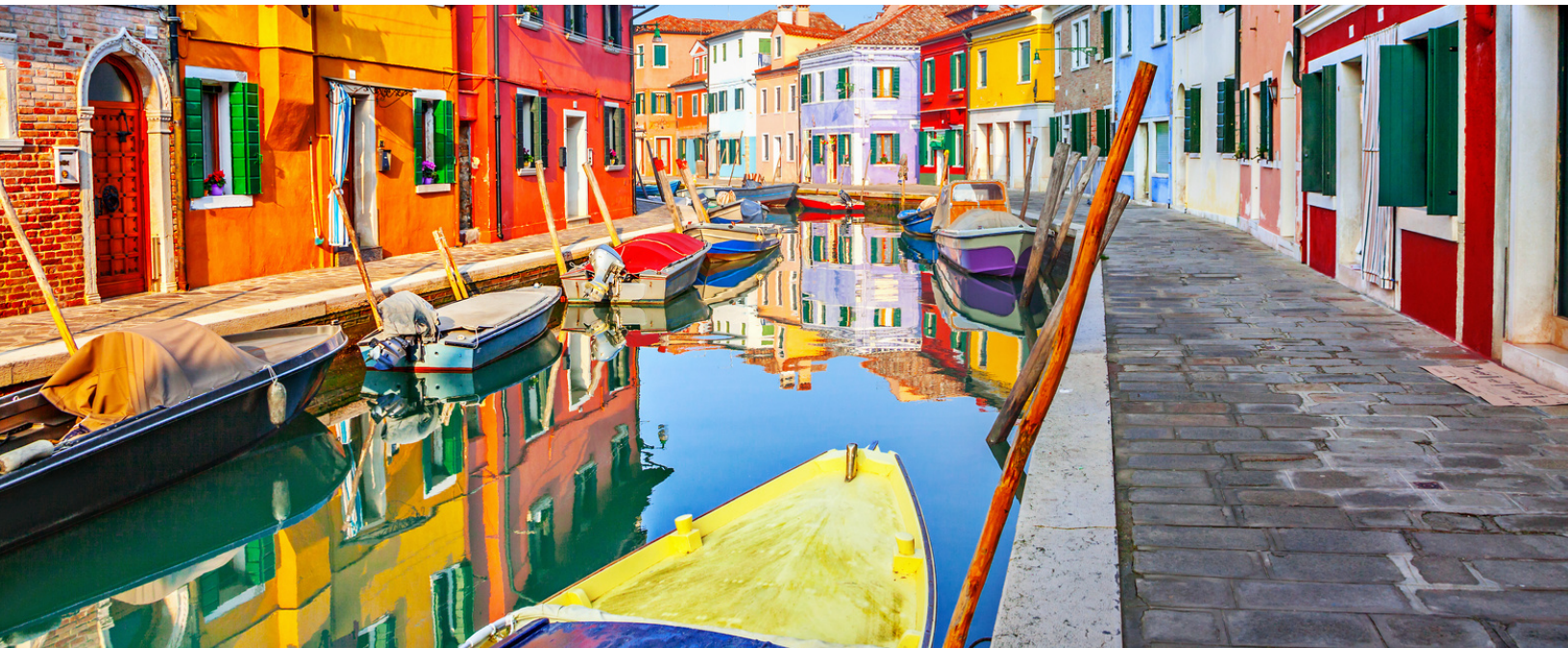
Venice - Burano

The easiest way to get there is to take the Vaporetto (water bus) ferries leave every 20-30mins throughout the day, and it will take about 45 mins to get there.

4 Things I recommend doing in Burano

- ☑ Visit the lace museum
- ☑ Leaning bell of Burano
- ☑ Santa Barbara Chapel
- ☑ Souvenir shops

After Burano, make a stop at Murano, this charming little island is famous for its mind-blowing glassmaking skills that have been passed down through generations. I recommend booking a glass experience and watch a demonstration of how the famous Murano glass is made



DAY 7: Explore Venice

7 Things I recommend doing in Venice

- ☑ Gondola ride, once in a lifetime experience (80€ for 30mins)
- ☑ Rialto bridge
- ☑ Piazza San Marco
- ☑ Visit Dodge's Palace (25€ per person, book in advance to avoid the line)
- ☑ Basilica of Santa Maria
- ☑ San Mark's Basilica (3€ per person)
- ☑ Bridge of sighs



Day 8-11 : Florence

Filled with museums, galleries, beautiful churches, and former palaces, this is a city where you'll want to spend at least two or three days, this should give you enough time to explore the city, shop for quality leather goods, and stuff your face with delicious Tuscan food.

Residenza Conte Di Cavour & Rooftop 4*.
This hotel was very well located, we were about a 5min walk to the Dumo and could see it from the rooftop of the hotel. Price was 250€ for 3 nights for 2.

Venice - Florence
To get to Florence you will need to catch a train from Venezia Santa Lucia. The train ride is 2 hours and 13 mins and the cost is approximately 45€ per person.



DAY 8: Travel Day / Explore Florence

Restaurant recommendations

- ☑ Trattoria Da Guido
- ☑ Gusta Pizza
- ☑ Osteria Pastella
- ☑ Trattoria dall'Oste

DAY 9: Day trip to Cinque Terre



Visit one of Italy's most enchanting destinations, Cinque Terre, on a day trip by coach, train, and boat. Each of these unforgettable little cities will take your breath away. We first boarded a train to Riomaggiore, a medieval town dating to the 13th century. Go for a stroll around the village and its charming houses leaning against each other. Next, we went to Manarola to enjoy panoramic views. Continued to Monterosso, an ancient fishing village considered the "pearl of the Cinque Terre." Finally, we took a boat across to Vernazza. You will get some free time in each location to walk around and visit.

From Florence: Seaside beauty day trip to Cinque Terre
100€ per person on GetYourGuide



DAY 10: Day trip to Pisa

In Pisa, besides the famous leaning tower and the Baptistery you can take a stroll along Arno River. admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria and stop by the museum of San Matteo.

Florence - Pise

To get to Florence you will need to catch a train from Firenze S. M. Novella to Pisa Centrale. The train ride is 1 hour and the cost is approximately 16€ per person return.

DAY 11: Explore Florence

7 Things I recommend doing in Florence

- ☑ Go to Piazzale Michelangelo lookout for the sunset
- ☑ The Duomo, you can go inside and climb to the top for one of the best views of Florence
- ☑ Explore Piazza Della Signoria
- ☑ Wine windows
- ☑ Visit Piazza Santa Maria Novella
- ☑ Walk to Piazza Della Republica

You can get a 72-hour pass for the Dome Complex (Bell Tower, Museum of the Duomo and Santa Reparata Crypt for 60€ on Get Your Guide)



Day 12-13: Napoli

I stayed 2 nights in Napoli, I wouldn't recommend staying longer, the city didn't feel very safe and wasn't very nice. I recommend staying in the area of 'Porto' near Castle Nuovo.

Angio Holiday Room 4*.

This hotel was well located and included breakfast. Price was 185€ for 2 nights for 2 adults.

Florence - Naples

To get to Napoli, you will need to catch a train from Firenze S. M. Novella to Napoli Centrale. The train ride is 3 hours and the cost is approximately 35€ per person.

DAY 12: Travel Day / Explore Naples

4 Things I recommend doing in Naples

- ☑ Visit Castle Nuovo
- ☑ Go to Galleria Umberto
- ☑ Stroll through 'Via Toledo' one of the main streets in Naples or 'The Spanish Quarters'
- ☑ Take a walk through Vila Floridiana Park



DAY 13: Pompeii

Book a day tour to Pompeii and the Vesuvius. There, you will get to wander around the ruins of Pompeii and see the Forum, Thermal Baths, Greek Theatre and Lupanare. Hear stories of the day that the city was buried by the eruption. Then, you will be driven close to the Vesuvius. You will walk to the crater and take in panoramic views of the Bay of Naples

From Naples: Pompeii Ruins & Mount Vesuvius Day Tour

100€ per person on GetYourGuide

Day 14-15: Capri

A jewel of southern Italy, the island of Capri is famous for many reasons. It has jaw-dropping natural beauty, delicious cuisine and world-class shopping. I only stayed 1 night in Capri, If you want to take your time to visit the whole island I would recommend staying at least 2 nights.



Angio Holiday Room 4*.
This hotel was well locate and included breakfast, the ocean view from our room was amazing. Price was 175€ for the night.

Naples - Capri
To get from Naples to Capri you will need to get on a ferry from Naples Beverello to Capri it takes about 50 mins and cost around 25€ per person. I booked the tickets on 'Omio'

DAY 14-15: Capri

6 Things I recommend doing in Capri

-Go on a boat tour around the islands, visit Blue Grotto (about 20 € per person for the tour)
-Hike up to see the Natural Arch
-Go to 'Belveder Di Punta Cannone' lookout, the view is amazing
-Have lunch at 'Al Capri' great food and stunning views
-Visit Anacapri
-Monte Solaro chairlift (tickets are 14€ return)





Day 16-17: Positano

The Italian gem is the must-see of the Amalfi Coast. You will like the colourful cliffside houses and breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea. I only stayed 1 night in Positano, if you want to take your time there and relax, I would recommend staying at least 2 nights.

Alcione Residence 3*.
Amazing hotel, lovely staff, Instagram views of Positano, breakfast included, delivered to your room! Price was 235€ for the night.

Capri - Positano
To get to Positano from Capri you will need to catch a ferry, time is approximately 30 mins and costs around 38€ per person. I booked my tickets on 'Omio'

DAY 16 - 17: Positano

7 Things I recommend doing in Positano

- ☑ Visit to most iconic beach: Spaggia Grande
- ☑ Grab a dink at 'Franco's bar' for the sunset
- ☑ Hire a scooter to drive around the Amalfi Coast (90€ for the day)
- ☑ Arienzo Beach Club
- ☑ Boat day with Blue Star Positano
- ☑ Have lunch at 'Hotel Ancora'
- ☑ Hike the path of gods

I do not recommend taking a car as the road are really narrow and need to be an experienced driver, mainly during the high season. Take the local bus instead, it's 1.20€ (you can't buy the ticket in the bus, you have to go to a tobacco shop)



Day 17-18: Amalfi

The Amalfi Coast visit won't be complete without the visit of Amalfi. From the Cathedral, you will find colourful streets with boutique shops and cafés. I stayed one night there but you could also stay a few nights as a base to explore other cities around

La Ninfa 3*.

Pros: The view! Breakfast (view a view) is included in the price
Cons: a bit far from Amalfi Center (around 1.5km) and the road steep and a bit dangerous, The hotel is also a bit dated. Price was 170€ for the night.

Positano - Amalfi

To get to Amalfi from Positano the cheapest option is to get the bus. Ticket is 2.40€ per person and will take approximately 1 hour

DAY 17: Amalfi

6 Things I recommend doing in Amalfi

- ☑ Take a walk to Atrani
- ☑ Head to Belvedere Cimitero Monumentale for amazing views
- ☑ Visit Amalfi Cathedral
- ☑ Fiordo Di Furore (get there early and rent a chair for 7€)
- ☑ Shop on Ruga Nova Mercatorum
- ☑ Walk the path of the Lemons



DAY 18: Ravello

Nestled high above the Amalfi Coast, Ravello is a picturesque hilltop village that captures the hearts of all who visit. With its breathtaking views, serene atmosphere, and artistic heritage, Ravello is a hidden gem and definitely worth visiting



Amalfi - Ravello

To get to Ravello from Amalfi catch the 5110 bus which takes 25min and cost 4.4€ return

5 Things I recommend doing in Ravello

- ☑ Visit Villa Ruffle (7 € entry)
- ☑ Visit Villa Cimbrone (10€ entry)
- ☑ Stroll through Piazza Centrale
- ☑ Visit the Duomo Di Ravello
- ☑ Stroll through the Historic Center





Day 18-21: Rome

4-5 days is perfect to experience all Rome has to offer. Whether it's dining, checking out museums, or exploring the outskirts, there's always more to see in and around Rome. If you're thinking of two to three days in Rome, you can still see the major attractions,

Terrazze Navona 3*.

This hotel was well located. Price was 500€ for 3 nights.

Amalfi - Rome

To get from Amalfi to Rome you will need to catch a city bus from Amalfi to Salerno (2.40€) then a train from Salerno to Roma Termini (25€) and takes about 2.5 hrs

7 Things I recommend doing in Rome

- ☑ **Trevi Fountain**

I recommend going early around 7 or 8am to avoid crowd if you want to get some photos

- ☑ **Spanish Steps**
- ☑ **Pantheon**
- ☑ **Vatican & Sistine Chapel**

Book your tickets in advance to skip the line. I booked mine on Get Your Guide for 34€.

- ☑ **Roman Forums**
- ☑ **Piazza Navona**
- ☑ **Colosseum**

Book your tickets at least 2 weeks in advance. Tickets are about 25€ on Get Your Guide.



Budget Breakdown

Transportation	341 €
Accommodation Only stayed in 3 & 4* hotels	1 160 €
Spending Money	1 500 €
Activities	623 €
Total / person	3 624 €

TIPS

-When booking your train tickets I recommend booking them in advance and booking through the 'Trenitalia' website that way you will be able to modify your tickets if needed

-Most restaurants in Italy have a cover charge (which covers laundering table cloth, bread, etc). It will be written in small at the bottom of the menu. Normally cost around €3 euros per person

-You will have to pay a city tax on top of the price of your room when doing the check-in. It cost between 1 to 5€ per person per night

-You will need to pay to use most public toilets in Italy. It usually costs around 1€ but make sure you always have coins with you, they don't normally have change.

-When eating at a restaurant, you can't order tap water. You will need to buy a bottle of water.

-There was a few places that didn't accept card so I always have a little bit of cash on you just in case.

-Book early to have better prices

-Useful websites to help
Activities: Getyourguide.com, download the app, you will have access to all your bookings
Transport: Trenitalia / Tiqets.com
Tripadvisor for the reviews on hotels and restaurants



Italy itinerary

Printable Sheet



Day	Eat	What to do
1-4 MILANO	-Terrazza Aperol to enjoy a drink with stunning views on the Duomo. -Crazy Pizza	-Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II -Terrazza Del Duomo Cathedral -Brera streets -Garda lake, Como lake -Verona
5-7 VENICE	-Wander Piazza San Marco -Creperia artigianale Casteo	-Gondola ride -Visit Rialto Bridge -Get lost on the streets, with all the canals -Dodge's Palace -Burano, Murano -St Marks square
8-11 FIRENZE	-Trattoria Da Guido -Gusta Pizza -Osteria Pastella -Trattoria dall'Oste	-Piazzale Michelangelo lookout -The Duomo, Giotto's Bell Tower, -Piazza Santa Maria Novella -Wine Windows -Piazza Della Signoria -Piazza Della Repubblica -Galleria Del Academia (David)
12-15 NAPOLI	-L'antica Pizzeria da Michele -Trattoriada Nennella	-Castle Nuovo, Galleria Umberto -Via Toledo, Spanish quarters -Pompeii, Vesuvio
16-18 AMALFI COAST	-Franco's bar -Hotel Ancora -Al Capri	-Positano -Amalfi -Ravello
19-21 ROMA	-Papa's café -Osteria de fortuna -The court roof top bar	-Trevi Fountain -Colosseum, Pantheon, Roman Forum -Spanish steps -Vatican city -Piazza Navona

Packing Check List

Destination:..... Date:.....

- [ ] Passport
- [ ] Visa (if needed)
- [ ] Shirts
- [ ] Jacket / Hoodie
- [ ] Shorts / Pants
- [ ] Pair of jeans
- [ ] Dresses
- [ ] Black leggings
- [ ] Walking shoes
- [ ] Pair of sandales
- [ ] Sunglasses
- [ ] Socks & Undies
- [ ] Pyjamas
- [ ] Swimsuit/Cover up
- [ ] Hair brush
- [ ] Sunscreen
- [ ] Toothbrush
- [ ] Phone charger
- [ ] Headphones
- [ ] Adaptor
- [ ] Make up bag
- [ ] Make up remover
- [ ] Deodorant
- [ ] Hair product
- [ ] Razor
- [ ] Travel documents
- [ ] Portable charger
- [ ] Purse/Wallet