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Rome to Budapest Explorer

21 days, Rome to Budapest

Trip code EIRB

What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Migrantour Rome, Rome
- Your G for Good Moment: Magdas Hotel, Vienna

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Rome
- Your Discover Moment: Florence
- Your Discover Moment: Venice
- Orientation walk of Montepulciano (Tuscany)
- Day trip to Siena
- Piazzale Michelangelo evening visit (Florence)
- Pisa visit (half-day)
- Cinque Terre park fee, unlimited train ticket and CEO-led hike
- Lake Como boat day pass
- Venice orientation walk
- Bled orientation walk
- Salzburg orientation walk
- Budapest orientation walk
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2018 and onwards

Itinerary



NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

Rome

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until tonight's welcome meeting.

We recommend booking pre-tour accommodation to fully explore this magnificent city. Please speak to a G Adventures representative about booking accommodations in Rome before Day 1 of this itinerary.

Please note that if Vatican City is on your must-see list, we highly recommend purchasing your tickets online several weeks prior to your trip. Advance tickets can be reserved online through sites like <https://www.weekendinitaly.com/en/rome>. Same-day entrance to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums (including the Sistine Chapel) cannot be guaranteed without advance tickets.

We also recommend pre-booking your ticket to the Colosseum to guarantee entrance and avoid long queues.



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Trevi Fountain

Rome

Free

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Trastevere Visit

Rome

2h-4h

Cross the Tiber river to reach the quaint medieval neighbourhood of Trastevere. This is a great opportunity to escape the crowds and get a glimpse into local life.

St Peter's Basilica Visit

Rome

Free

Christian Catacombs

Rome

8EUR

30m-1h

Follow a guide through this ancient underground cemetery.

Roman Forum Visit

Rome

24EUR

1h-2h

Even with the bustle of modern day Rome whizzing past on Vespas, you can still lose yourself in the fragmented columns and ancient ruins of this plaza, conjuring images of the rich Romans sauntering by in togas. Please note, this must be booked in combination with the Colosseum Visit and will include a visit to Palatine Hill.

Pantheon Visit

Rome

2-5EUR

The Pantheon is one of the most famous buildings in Rome. Originally built during the reign of Augustus (27 BC - 14 AD), the building was rebuilt under Hadrian in 126 AD. The roof is still the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome, and it contains a circular opening (an oculus). It is easily one of the best-preserved of all the ancient Roman buildings.

Borghese Gallery

Rome

25EUR

1h-2h

Take a visit to the beautiful Borghese Gallery villa to indulge in a rich collection of ancient sculptures, relics, mosaics, and paintings. Pieces from Renaissance masters such as Bellini, Raphael, Bernini can be found here.

Spanish Steps

Rome

Free

Built to connect the hilltop Trinità dei Monti church with the Piazza di Spagna (or Spanish Square) below, the Spanish Steps are a colourful example of Baroque architecture from 18th century Rome. Opt to climb its 136 steps, or simply watch the crowds weave through this popular tourist attraction.

Colosseum Visit

Rome

24EUR

Enjoy a guided tour of this famous spot, the scene of many bloody gladiator fights for the entertainment of ancient Rome's aristocracy. Learn from your expert guide and you wander the old venue—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and feel free to walk around on your own. No battles, please!

Enjoy a G Adventures supported migrant led walk of Rome before enjoying a free day to explore a myriad of options. Opt to tour Vatican City, cross the river to charming Trastevere, eat some gelato in Piazza Navona, or swing by the Colosseum and Forum.

While you're here, why not opt to rent a Vespa for the day? Live "la dolce vita" and opt to pre-book the Rome Vintage Vespa Tour on the checkout page ahead of time, to include this optional on your tour.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Learn all about a different side of Rome with a newcomer to Italy as your guide with Migrantour, a social enterprise that trains immigrants to give tours of the city - with their own flair. G Adventures travellers receive a unique experience as guides give them rare insight into Italian society through an immigrant's eyes. From ancient landmarks to the history of migration to Rome, expect this to be a guided tour like no other.



Optional Activities - Day 2

Vatican City Visit

Vatican City

Free

1h-2h

Get ready to tick something off the bucket list. Visit the smallest country in the world—Vatican City! Stand in St Peter's Square and be wowed by colossal colonnades, numerous statues, and the obelisk. Opt to take in the magnificence of St Peter's Basilica, Michelangelo's Pietá, and the Sistine Chapel while you are in the area.

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Sistine Chapel

Vatican City

20-25EUR

1h-2h

Although the Sistine Chapel is always very crowded, it is a must-see for any visitor to the Vatican. The magnificent frescoed ceiling of the chapel painted by Michelangelo depicts over 300 figures from the Book of Genesis, the most well-known being "The Creation of Adam," showing God touching the finger of Adam. "The Last Judgment" on the west wall depicts a scene from the Book of Revelations. Art aficionados, get ready to cross one of your list!

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Rome Vintage Vespa Tour

Rome

3h-4h

When in Rome... live "la dolce vita" and hop onto a Vespa! Make your way around the city (like the locals do) on a vintage Vespa scooter. Visit Rome's must-see landmarks with a local guide, who will also be your Vespa driver, on this 3-4 hour afternoon excursion.

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Day 3

Rome/Montepulciano

Travel to Montepulciano in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. Explore the medieval and renaissance hill town with an orientation walk.

Montepulciano is famous for producing delectable local pork, cheese, "Pici" pasta, and honey. It is also major wine producing area. Take in the stunning vistas, wander cobbled lanes, or opt to sample the local delicacies in small, family-run establishments.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Train

Rome - Chiusi

2h

160km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Local Bus

Chiusi - Montepulciano

30m

21km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.



Optional Activities - Day 3

Piazza Grande Visit

Montepulciano

Make your way to the highest point in town to the Piazza Grande, the centre of day to day life in Montepulciano. You'll find some of the town's most impressive architecture, such as the Palazzo Comunale, and Town Hall. Climb to the tower in the Palazzo Comunale for great views of Lake Trasimeno and Val d'Orcia.

Montepulciano Wine Tasting

Montepulciano

This region is known for Vino Nobile di Montepulciano (made with Sangiovese grapes), and the Montepulciano red. Step into one of the quaint wine shops on the hill to indulge in a sampling.

Bike Rental

Rent a bike from a local shop and head out to explore.

Day 4

Montepulciano

Spend the day in the Italian countryside. The famous wine-producing region is the perfect place for an optional vineyard tour and wine tasting, or a bike ride in the rolling hills.

Opt to travel further afield to the thermal springs of Bagni San Filippo.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Montepulciano

Get out and explore this charming town by foot or bicycle.



Optional Activities - Day 4

Bagni San Filippo Thermal Springs

Bagni San Filippo

The Tuscan region is known for natural thermal springs. Take a 30min ride out of town to Bagni San Filippo and find yourself in a picturesque setting of calciferous formations, waterfalls, and natural pools; this scene is made more spectacular by the vivid colour of the water made bright blue by effect of the hot springs meeting the cool river water. Sit back, relax, and be healed.

Montepulciano Wine Tour

Montepulciano

Travel outside of Montepulciano through the rolling vineyards to one of the surrounding wineries, such as the legendary Avignonesi estate or Cantina Fattoria della Talosa. Enjoy strolling through the hectares of greenery, indulging in a sample of local wines, and a guided tour of the cellars.

Bike Rental

Rent a bike from a local shop and head out to explore.

Day 5

Montepulciano/Florence

Continue on to Florence. Enjoy an evening walk to Piazzale Michelangelo for a fantastic panoramic view of the city.

Continue to the inimitable Firenze. Walk through the city catching a glimpse of the Duomo, Piazza Indipendenza, Piazza della Signoria, and the Ponte Vecchio. Continue to Piazzale Michelangelo for the most famous and photographed vista of the city.

Opt to visit the local leather markets and souvenir stalls set up all over the city.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Montepulciano - Chiusi

30m

21km

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Local Train

Chiusi - Florence

1h30m

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Piazzale Michelangelo Walk

Florence

Cross through the centre of the city and over the Arno. Climb to the top of the hill and check out the vista over the river from Piazzale Michelangelo. It's worth every step!



Optional Activities - Day 5

Ponte Vecchio Visit

Florence

Walk across this medieval bridge and look over the Arno River to feel the romance of this city. Jewelers, art dealers and souvenir shops run the length of the bridge, featured in many master paintings.

Il Duomo di Firenze Visit

Florence

Free-30EUR

1h-2h

This green, pink, and white marbled 13th century basilica is one of Italy's largest churches and its brick dome is the largest ever constructed. Wander through the cathedral or choose to climb the 463 steps to the top of the dome and be rewarded with extraordinary views of the city!

With a free day, the choices are endless. Opt to visit the Duomo, David, the Uffizi Gallery, medieval Ponte Vecchio, or the Medici Chapels.

The day is yours to explore. Check out the Mercato Centrale or any number of cafés and trattorias. If you came to shop, start at one end of the city and just keep going. There's beautiful architecture, famous museums, Renaissance art pieces, and charming cobblestone streets everywhere. If you wish to go further afield, take a wine tasting bike tour up to Fiesole and the vineyards of Chianti.

For a truly local experience, indulge your inner gastronome on a culinary tour of the city. Opt to pre-book the "Florence Food Tour" on the checkout page ahead of time, to include this optional on your tour.

If you wish to visit popular museums like the Uffizi and Accademia Galleries, we strongly advise reserving tickets in advance to avoid waiting in line for a long time (especially during the high season from May-September, where this can take several hours). Advance tickets can be reserved online through sites like <https://www.weekenditaly.com/en/florence>.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Day 6

Pitti Palace - Palatine Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art

Florence

17.75EUR

1h-2h

Visit the Pitti Palace and learn about history alongside modern art.

David (Galleria dell'Accademia) Visit

Florence

22.50-26.50EUR

Visit Michelangelo's most famous statue, 'David'. Marvel at the artistry on display in the intricately carved piece of marble. Please note that pre-booking your admission online will be 26.50EUR and booking on site will be 22.50EUR.

National Museum of Bargello

Florence

15.75EUR

Explore this museum, housed in one of the earliest buildings in Florence (dating to 1255). Stroll through the corridors to learn about the history of this site and its many uses, and see the fantastic works from master artists such as Donatello and Michelangelo.

Medici Chapels Visit

Florence

9-32EUR

1h-1h1m

Admire the opulence of the two Medici Chapels. The Sagrestia Nuova was designed by Michelangelo and built as a mausoleum for the powerful Medici family.

Ponte Vecchio Visit

Florence

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Florence Food Tour

Florence

Uncover the treasures of Florence, savoured by locals for generations, on this 3-hour walking tour through Oltrarno. Experience the unique flavours and foods that make the cuisine of this region so distinct from the rest of Italy. Famous for being the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to Michelangelo's famous statue of David, Florence is a city rich with culture, history and of course, some of the tastiest Tuscan food in the region. Wander the streets and soak up the bohemian vibe as you stop to sample wine and salami.

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Uffizi Gallery Visit

Florence

25EUR

1h-2h

Head to the Uffizi Gallery to see spectacular Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci paintings in person.

Day 7

Florence

Enjoy a day trip to vibrant Siena. After an orientation walk around this medieval city, opt to visit Torre del Mangia, Battistero, il Campo, or the Duomo or to take a "passeggiata" and meet the Sienese locals. Return to Florence at the end of the day.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Florence - Siena

1h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Siena Visit

Siena

75km

Head to nearby Siena and wander this medieval walled city. Options abound! Visit the gorgeous Duomo and the Piazza del Campo, where the famous Palio horse race is held each summer. Climb the Torre del Mangia for fantastic views of the Tuscan landscape.

Free Time

Siena

Make the most of your time.

Local Bus

Siena - Florence

1h30m

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.



Optional Activities - Day 7

Chianti Wine Tasting

Siena

20EUR

1h-2h

Learn about more the production of Chianti and sample a few kinds of this wine. Salute!

Il Campo Visit

Siena

Visit the Piazza del Campo, the main public square in the centre of Siena. One of the best examples of medieval European squares, the architecture of this area is striking. The Torre del Mangia is in the centre of the shell-shaped piazza and is worth climbing for the beautiful views it affords. Twice a year, the tiny square is transformed by the ancient Palio horse race.

Duomo di Siena

Siena

7-22EUR

The Duomo of Siena is one of the most stunning cathedrals in Italy. The green and white marble running around the sides is highlighted by red marble in front, and detailed carvings adorn the entire structure. Originally built between 1215 and 1263, this ancient edifice is a must see.

Torre del Mangia Visit

Siena

10EUR

Torre del Mangia stands tall in the centre of the famous Piazza del Campo. Visit this medieval building and climb the tower for fantastic views over the Tuscan countryside.

Day 8

Florence/Cinque Terre

Visit Pisa en route to the coast. Settle into the colourful, charming town in the Cinque Terre.

Head by train to Pisa and stop for a visit at the Field of Miracles to see the famous leaning tower (entrance fee not included). Later, head on to the coastal paradise of Cinque Terre.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Train

Florence - Pisa

1h

83km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Pisa Visit

Pisa

Visit Pisa and check out its famous leaning tower. Wander the area and take photos to your heart's content. Opt to enter the Pisa Cathedral, or enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Local Train

Pisa - La Spezia

1h

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Walk the coastal path between Riomaggiore and Monterosso or opt to take the train. Visit charming, colourful towns along the way.

The national park pass and daily unlimited train ticket is included. Opt to follow your CEO along centuries-old footpaths and mule tracks leading through olive groves, vineyards, and orchards on a full day hike, or hop on and off the train, experiencing each town on your own. Choose to rest in each of the 5 villages, sampling delicacies in each place, such as local pesto, espresso, or delicious gelato.

Please note that some popular hiking paths along the Cinque Terre have been temporarily closed due to water erosion and damage caused by landslides in 2016. Your CEO will guide you on the best, most accessible path for today's hike.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Train

La Spezia - Monterosso al Mare

30m

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

National Park Pass and Unlimited Train Ticket

Cinque Terre

Use the included Cinque Terre National Park pass and unlimited train ticket to explore this stunning stretch of coastline by train. Travel easily between the five villages, taking in breathtaking views, colorful cliffside towns, and the sparkling Ligurian Sea along the way.

Cinque Terre Coastal Path Hike

Riomaggiore - Monterosso al Mare

5h-6h

Set out on one of the most scenic and rewarding trails in the Cinque Terre region. This moderately challenging hike offers breathtaking views of the Mediterranean Sea, vineyards, and charming hillside villages.

Day 10

Cinque Terre/Lake Como

Travel to Lake Como, a perfectly picturesque region laden with villas and lush gardens. Arrive in the late afternoon and start exploring the town.

Set out from Cinque Terre on a train journey with a few changes en route, passing through Milan and on to elegant Como Town, located on the shores of Lake Como. On the border with Switzerland, enjoy the spectacular backdrop of the snowy-peaked Alps.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Train

La Spezia - Como

5h

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Day 11

Lake Como

Spend the day on Lake Como with a day pass for the Lake Como boat. Visit multiple towns along the shores. Opt to take the funicular to Brunate for a fantastic view over the area.

Set out by boat to explore the lake and its many elegant villas and towns, such as Bellagio with its shops, restaurants, and fine residences. In the afternoon, there is plenty of free time for soaking up the elegant atmosphere in one of the lakeside cafés or restaurants. Take some time for shopping – some of the finest Italian designers are to be found in Como's chic boutiques.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Lake Como Boat Ride

Lago di Como - Como

Lake Como is made up of small towns nestled along the coast of this Mediterranean-Alpine retreat. Take a full day boat pass and cruise up and down the lake, stopping off at various charming towns. Explore each one and discover their unique personalities.

Free Time

Lago di Como

Set out and explore this elegant lakeside town.



Optional Activities - Day 11

Funicular Ride

Como

3-6EUR

Enjoy a funicular ride from Como town to the hilltop village of Brunate. In operation since 1894, the historic lift is the best way to get a bird's eye view of the stunning region.

Como Cathedral

Como

Free

Head to the piazza in the historic part of the city to pay visit to one of the most stunning sites in Como. With its ornate and unique architecture, you won't be able to miss it.

Day 12

Lake Como/Venice

Travel to Venice, the "city of canals," and enjoy an orientation walk over bridges and canals and view Piazza San Marco.

Travel east to captivating Venice, the unique "city of canals," full of magnificent monuments.

There will be plenty of time to wander the narrow cobblestone streets and wide piazzas, crossing hundreds of tiny bridges and, of course, getting lost in Venice's labyrinth.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Train

Como - Venice

3h30m-4h

300km

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Venice

Head out through the winding alleyways for your first taste of magical Venice.



Optional Activities - Day 12

Saint Mark's Square and Basilica Visit

Piazza San Marco

Free

1h-3h

Enter the picture-perfect Piazza San Marco from one of the many winding alleyways and stare in awe at the grandeur. With the massive, ornate basilica standing tall at one end, pigeons gathering and flying around, and violinists playing a Vivaldi tune at a café table – this is Venice. Wander the square and people watch or duck inside the glittering basilica for more Venetian inspiration.

Spend the day getting lost in Venice. Opt for a vaporetto (water taxi) ride to the islands of Murano and Burano, take a gondola under the Ponte Rialto (Bridge of Lovers), explore the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, or get lost in the twisting maze of the city.



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Breakfast



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Murano and Burano Islands Visit

Murano - Burano

20EUR

Take a quick trip across the lagoon and experience Venice's artisanal roots. Explore the island of Murano, famous for its skilled glassblowers, and walk along the colourful streets of Burano, known for a centuries-old tradition of lacemaking.

Campanile San Marco Lookout

Venice

8EUR

Climb to the top of the Campanile - Venice's tallest building - to take in a great bird's eye view of the cityscape and lagoon.

Scuola Grande di San Rocco

Venice

10EUR

Noted for its collection of more than 60 paintings by Italian master Tintoretto, Scuola Grande di San Rocco is the last remaining "scuole" or confraternity dedicated to charitable works. The Upper Hall, which contains Tintoretto's ceiling masterpiece, allows visitors a peek into opulent Venetian court life.

Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale) Visit

Venice

17EUR

Visit this former palace, rebuilt and restored numerous times, and admire the Gothic Venetian architecture. Once the seat of the government, the Palazzo Ducale is now a grand museum. Enjoy the stellar artwork, ornate chambers, and courtyards.

Guggenheim Museum Visit

Venice

15EUR

1h-2h

While walking down the Grand Canal, stop into this museum to see its extensive modern art collection.

Gondola Ride

Venice

80EUR

30m-45m

Sit back and enjoy a different point of view as you glide through the historic canals of Venice on a gondola.

Day 14

Venice

Enjoy a full day in Venice to explore more of this magical city.

Today, new travellers may join you for the rest of your adventure. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Day 14

Murano and Burano Islands Visit

Murano - Burano

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Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

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Gondola Ride

Venice

80EUR

30m-45m

Sit back and enjoy a different point of view as you glide through the historic canals of Venice on a gondola.

Day 15

Venice/Bled

Journey to Bled, Slovenia stopping en route in Ljubljana. Take an orientation walk. Opt to visit the castle or wander around the lake.

Journey by bus into Slovenia, stopping in the capital city of Ljubljana. Enjoy the eastern charm of the city before continuing on to the lakeside town of Bled.

Take a CEO-led orientation walk before separating to explore the charming hamlet.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Local Bus

Venice - Ljubljana

4h30m-5h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Private Vehicle

Ljubljana - Bled

1h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.



Optional Activities - Day 15

Prešeren Square

Ljubljana

Free

Prešeren Square, the old town's main pedestrian zone is a major meeting point for festivals, the Ljubljana carnival and concerts. Take a stroll and blend in with the locals.

Metelkova Mesto District

Ljubljana

Free

1h-2h

Take a wander around these previously abandoned army barracks, now turned art-city.

Tivoli Park

Ljubljana

Free

30m-2h

Popular with tourists and locals alike, Tivoli Park is the perfect place to people watch, relax or enjoy a picnic. With over 5km of running trails, cycling paths, grassy slopes and open fields, hanging out at this central Ljubljana park is an excellent way to spend an afternoon.

Ljubljana Castle & Funicular

Ljubljana

10-15EUR

Running from Krek Square near the Ljubljana Central Market to the Ljubljana Castle, the funicular is the best way to get a great view of the capital of Slovenia.

Day 16

Bled

Head out for a day of adventuring around this massive basin in the Julian Alps. This stunning region is known for outdoor activities like hiking, biking and canoeing. Spend the day making the most of this beautiful area.

Most activities centre around Bled or depart from Bled to go into the Bohinj area. Your CEO can help you book whatever suits you best.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Bled

Make the most of the day around Bled or further afield in Bohinj.



Optional Activities - Day 16

Canoeing

Bohinj

Paddle around the crystal clear waters of Lake Bohinj in a canoe. Floating on the lake while surrounded by dark green trees covering the base of the mountains is one of the best ways to enjoy the scenery.

Hiking

Bohinj

10-15EUR

4h-6h

15-20km

Head into the Julian Alps for a spectacular day of hiking. There are many trails in the area that cut through the scenic forests, meadows and follow around the lake, ranging in level of difficulty.

Mountain Biking

Bohinj

15EUR

3h-6h

Jump onto two wheels and spend a day enjoying the trails around the Julian Alps.

Bled Castle

Bled

10EUR

Built on a precipice above the city and overlooking Lake Bled, the medieval Bled Castle is a must see.

Cable Car to Mt. Vogel

Bled

11-19EUR

Hop on the Vogel cable car which lifts visitors from Bohinj lake to Vogel ski centre in only 3-4 minutes.
This is a perfect place for views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

Day 17

Bled/Salzburg

Catch a train to Salzburg, a charming town across the Austrian border. Enjoy a quick orientation walk on arrival before making the most of a free afternoon.

With time in the afternoon, start exploring. Spend time in the UNESCO-listed Old Town or visiting the nearby salt mines. The birthplace of Mozart has enough of history and charm to keep you busy for weeks.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Train

Bled - Salzburg

2h30m-3h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Free Time

Salzburg

Don't waste any time—start exploring.



Optional Activities - Day 17

Salzburg Old Town Visit

Salzburg

Free

1h30m-2h

Explore the Old Town of Salzburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most charming areas in Europe. Set on a river with picturesque bridges and diverse architecture, the pedestrian-only area is perfect for wandering and window shopping. Opt to walk the mountain paths to a fortress for panoramic views of the region.

Salzburg Salt Mines Visit

Salzburg

16EUR

1h30m-2h

Visit the mines that give Salzburg its name. Suit up in overalls and learn more about the salt production of the area. Take the big slide and journey on Mirror Lake.

Sound of Music Tour

Salzburg

40EUR

Join the Sound of Music tour to visit venues from the movie as well as an opportunity to see the landscapes of the surrounding areas. Listen to the soundtrack as you visit historical and architectural landmarks of the city and Lake District.

The route of the tour includes stops at Morabell Gardens, Leopoldskron Palace, Hellbrunn Palace (the gazebo), Nonnberg Abbey, Salzburg Lake District Area (from the picnic scene with wonderful views of St Gilgen and Lake Wolfgang), and Mondsee (the wedding chapel).

Day 18

Salzburg/Vienna

Enjoy a free morning before travelling to Vienna. Upon arrival, take a short orientation walk. Later, check in to your accommodation in Vienna, a G Adventures supported hotel stay.

Enjoy a free morning to explore a little more. Opt to take a Sound of Music tour, stopping at famous venues tied to the movie. Even if you aren't a fan, the tour heads out to different venues from the movie showing off the best of Salzburg and the surrounding area.

In late afternoon, travel to the capital city of Vienna. Take a short orientation walk before heading out for an optional dinner in the 'City of Music'.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Salzburg

Enjoy a few more hours in this charming town.

Train

Salzburg - Vienna

3h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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ACTIVITY

The global refugee and migrant crisis has displaced more than 60 million people around the world, and it's estimated that well over 100,000 refugees have settled in Austria alone. Magdas Hotel is changing the lives of these newcomers and their families by employing a staff consisting almost entirely of refugees. Not only that, but the social enterprise was also decorated by renowned local architects and volunteer artists, who found ways to upcycle materials creatively while making a beautiful hotel.



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Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour

Vienna

11-15EUR

30m-1h

Enjoy a guided tour of the stunning summer palace designed by Empress Maria Theresa herself. The palace gardens are free to all visitors.

View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna

Vienna

14EUR

Pay a visit to the gorgeous grey Lipizzaner horses of the renowned Spanish Riding School of Vienna. Witness the birthplace of "airs above the ground," or classical dressage, known for its highly controlled movements and jumps.

Vienna Boys' Choir Visit

Vienna

56-200EUR

2h-3h

Sit back and be transported by the sweet voices of the one of world's best known choirs. Founded in 1498, the Vienna Boys' Choir is made up of boys aged 10-14 from Austria and around the world. Attend a live concert and learn what it means to be moved by music.

*Please note that the price of the ticket will vary depending on the seating you choose.

Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit

Vienna

Free

St. Stephen's Cathedral is one of Vienna's main landmarks complete with a 343-step climb up a spiral staircase to look out over the city.

Belvedere Gallery Visit

Vienna

19EUR

1h-2h

Learn some of the history of this beautiful palace and grounds and explore the impressive art collection. Of particular note, the museum's collection of 24 pieces by Gustav Klimt, including his famous 'Kiss'.

Day 19

Vienna

Spend a free day exploring Vienna. Opt to visit the famous opera house, take in the art at the Belvedere or indulge in some typical Viennese delicacies. Later, check in to your accommodation in Vienna, a G Adventures supported hotel stay.

Try some local delicacies like schnitzel, apple strudel or the Sachertorte. Take some time to enjoy a coffee in coffeehouses unique to Vienna.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Free Time

Vienna

Spend the day savouring the flavours of Austria or touring local landmarks.

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Optional Activities - Day 19

Vienna State Opera House Visit

Vienna

8EUR

Visit the famous Vienna Opera House and soak in its exceptional architecture. Opt for a guided tour to see the opera house's main features and learn about the history of the building.

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Day 20

Vienna/Budapest

Travel to Budapest. After a short orientation walk, opt to visit some sights on foot or, time-permitting, sign up for a city tour by bike.

Journey by train to Budapest, the 'Pearl of the Danube'. The city, split into Buda and Pest by the river, retains its eastern charm with Buda Castle and Turkish-style thermal baths.

Depending on arrival time, opt to visit some city sights, soak in one of the famous baths or sign up for a city tour by bike.



Meals included

Breakfast



Today's Activities

Train

Vienna - Budapest

4h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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Optional Activities - Day 20

Budapest Bike Tour

Budapest

28EUR

3h-4h

Join a group for a guided city tour by bike. Buzz around the city on two wheels to cover more ground and get your blood pumping.

Chain Bridge

Budapest

Free

Straddling the river Danube, the Chain Bridge suspension bridge is the first built to connect Buda and Pest, and is now one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks.

Buda Castle Visit

Budapest

1500HUF

3h-4h

Set on Castle Hill overlooking the Danube River and Pest, Buda Castle was once home to the Hungarian kings of Budapest. Admire the gorgeous architecture and visit its two museums; the National Gallery and the Budapest History Museum. Permanent collections depict the past 500 yrs of Hungary's art history, including Medieval and Renaissance stonework, Gothic wood sculptures, and Gothic altars.

Great Market Hall Visit

Budapest

Free

Take a stroll through the oldest indoor market in Hungary.

Thermal Baths Visit

Budapest

5700HUF

1h-3h

Bring two towels, your bathing suit and an aching body and prepare to be healed in the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Built in 1913, you can test the waters of 18 different pools (15 of which are spring fed) amidst stunning neo-Baroque architecture. Play chess on floating chessboards, relax in the whirlpools and explore the wonderful mosaic domes of these historic thermal steam rooms.

Hungarian National Museum

Budapest

3500HUF

1h-2h

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Hungarian State Opera House

Budapest

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30m-1h

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Parliament Building Visit

Budapest

7000HUF

Take a guided tour of one of Hungary's crown jewels - the Hungarian Parliament building. Existing as the third largest Parliament building in the world, its Neo Gothic architecture also makes it a contender for one of the most beautiful. Tour the Hungarian Coronation Jewels in the Dome Hall, the Old Upper House Hall of the bicameral Hungarian Parliament, as well as the Lounge. Guided tours are mandatory for entrance and we recommend booking your tour in advance.

Day 21

Budapest

Depart at any time.

We highly recommend booking post-tour accommodation to full experience this charming city.



Meals included

Breakfast



Optional Activities - Day 21

Budapest Bike Tour

Budapest

28EUR

3h-4h

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- Your Discover Moment: Florence
- Your Discover Moment: Venice
- Orientation walk of Montepulciano (Tuscany)
- Day trip to Siena
- Piazzale Michelangelo evening visit (Florence)
- Pisa visit (half-day)
- Cinque Terre park fee, unlimited train ticket and CEO-led hike
- Lake Como boat day pass

- Venice orientation walk
- Budapest orientation walk
- Bled orientation walk
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities
- Salzburg orientation walk

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Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

1. YOUR CEO

It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.

2. LUGGAGE

In Europe it is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. We use public transport on this trip, which means you will need to carry your luggage from platform to platform, in and out of trains and buses etc. and also possibly up several flights of stairs. You will also need to be able to stow your luggage safely on trains and buses. It is therefore essential that you pack light and bring luggage which is compact and lightweight, and which you can easily transport. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times. We highly recommend travelling with a backpack or duffel bag over any wheeled luggage options.

3. COMBO

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and/or some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 12

What meals are included in this trip?

20 breakfasts

What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Public bus, train, boat, walking.

What transportation will we take on this trip?

Intercity transport on this trip will mostly be by train and occasionally by local bus. The bus and train systems in Italy are generally good, with seat reservations and toilet/snack facilities on longer journeys. Keeping to schedules is not always a priority with public transit in certain regions, so pack in your MP3 player, a good book and some Italian phrases, and kick-back and enjoy the views with the locals.

Please note that you MUST be comfortable carrying your own luggage as there will be a lot of up and down stairs on this trip due to the nature of station layouts in Italy (very few are equipped with escalators or elevators). Between public transport and hotels you may be required to carry your luggage short distances (up to 15mins walk), in larger cities you may travel by metro or city bus, and occasionally the group will take taxis to and from hotels.

Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Where will we stay during the trip?

Hotels/pensions (20 nts).

Will I get my own room?

"My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?

It is important to note that accommodation in Europe tend to be quite different to other areas of the world you may have travelled in. Buildings and rooms are generally old and may not have been renovated or maintained to the highest standard. Downtown hotels in Europe were not built to be hotels but rich owners houses, which have been changed into hotels. Therefore unusual room sizes are common as large rooms have been partitioned in the past, resulting in rather "thin" walls. Reception areas, rooms and bathrooms tend to be very small as they were often added into an existing room, and may have a hand nozzle rather than a conventional shower head.

On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Staff can occasionally demonstrate less than perfect customer service. As accommodation is in short supply, especially during the summer months, hotels can charge a premium and there is sometimes little motivation to improve facilities

What is the joining hotel?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

What are the joining instructions?

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day. Upon arrival to the city on day 1 (or earlier if you have booked pre-accommodation with us), please make your way to the joining hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon). Once you arrive at the hotel, look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

GETTING TO HOTEL STELLA:

By Bus from the Airport:

Shuttle buses run from Fiumicino airport and Ciampino Airport to Termini station in the city centre approximately every half hour. Look for the Terravision stand at the arrival terminal. Cost is €5 one way and takes approximately 1 hour.

By Train from the Airport:

The Leonardo Express is the name of the train that will shuttle you from Rome's main international airport, Fiumicino, to central Rome's Termini station. A Leonardo Express train leaves every half hour in each direction.

Trains to Roma Termini Station start at 6:35 in the morning with trains running at 5 and 35 minutes after the hour. The last train of the day departs at 11.35pm. The train station is open 4am to 1am and covers 35 km in around 30 minutes. Cost is 14 Euros per person. Tickets for Leonardo Express are available at rail ticket office, newspaper seller, tobacconist's, and self-service tellers, each located in the railway station atrium.

NOTE:

You must always stamp tickets in the machines on the platform before starting your journey.

To find the hotel, exit Termini train station via the right hand exit, if you have your back to the trains, and walk toward the sign posted Via Marsala. Cross the street into Via Marghera and then take the third street on your left, Via Varese. Continue straight across piazza Indipendenza. At the end of the piazza, the street will become Via Castelfidardo. Hotel Stella is at number 51.

By Taxi from the Airport:

Taxis run fixed rates to and from airports. The rate is 40 EUR. The rate for designated Fiumicino taxi drivers is 60 EUR and are inclusive of luggage, for a maximum of four passengers.

What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO. If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details.

Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Operator (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office, London, UK

After hours emergency number: +44 7817 262559

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

What should be on my packing list?

Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge or ask your CEO where the closest laundromat is. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

All visitors to the EU (European Union) and EEC (European Economic Community) countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand passport holders do not need a visa to visit the Schengen area (see below), however they may not stay longer than three months in any 6-month period.

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

Italy, Slovenia and Austria are all in the Eurozone and the unit of the currency is the Euro. Hungary uses the Forint (HUF).

Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Italy - check with your bank. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros, traveller's cheques and cards is best. Avoid relying on traveller's cheques alone as these are less and less readily cashed as clients use them very little.

Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates:
www.xe.com

How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Do I need to pay a departure tax?

Usually included in international air ticket

Should I be tipping on my trip?

It is customary in Europe to leave a small tip for service providers, such as waiters, if you are pleased with the service (€1-2).

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline €30-40 per person, per week can be used.

What activities are optional on this trip?

Rome

- Trevi Fountain (Free)
- Trastevere Visit
- St Peter's Basilica Visit (Free)
- Christian Catacombs (8EUR per person)
- Roman Forum Visit (24EUR per person)
- Pantheon Visit (2-5EUR per person)
- Borghese Gallery (25EUR per person)
- Spanish Steps (Free)
- Colosseum Visit (24EUR per person)
- Rome Vintage Vespa Tour
- Bike Rental

Vatican City

- Vatican City Visit (Free)
- Sistine Chapel (20-25EUR per person)

Montepulciano

- Piazza Grande Visit
- Montepulciano Wine Tasting
- Montepulciano Wine Tour

Bagni San Filippo

- Bagni San Filippo Thermal Springs

Florence

- Ponte Vecchio Visit
- Il Duomo di Firenze Visit (Free-30EUR per person)
- Pitti Palace - Palatine Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (17.75EUR per person)
- David (Galleria dell'Accademia) Visit (22.50-26.50EUR per person)
- National Museum of Bargello (15.75EUR per person)
- Medici Chapels Visit (9-32EUR per person)
- Florence Food Tour
- Uffizi Gallery Visit (25EUR per person)

Siena

- Chianti Wine Tasting (20EUR per person)
- Il Campo Visit
- Duomo di Siena (7-22EUR per person)
- Torre del Mangia Visit (10EUR per person)

Como

- Funicular Ride (3-6EUR per person)
- Como Cathedral (Free)

Piazza San Marco

- Saint Mark's Square and Basilica Visit (Free)

Murano

- Murano and Burano Islands Visit (20EUR per person)

Venice

- Campanile San Marco Lookout (8EUR per person)
- Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale) Visit (17EUR per person)
- Gondola Ride (80EUR per group)
- Scuola Grande di San Rocco (10EUR per person)
- Guggenheim Museum Visit (15EUR per person)
- Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos

Ljubljana

- Preseren Square (Free)
- Tivoli Park (Free)
- Ljubljana Castle & Funicular (10-15EUR per person)
- Metelkova Mesto District (Free)

Bohinj

- Canoeing
- Hiking (10-15EUR per person)
- Mountain Biking (15EUR per person)

Bled

- Bled Castle (10EUR per person)
- Cable Car to Mt. Vogel (11-19EUR per person)

Salzburg

- Salzburg Old Town Visit (Free)
- Salzburg Salt Mines Visit (16EUR per person)
- Sound of Music Tour (40EUR per person)

Vienna

- Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour (11-15EUR per person)
- Vienna Boys' Choir Visit (56-200EUR per person)
- Belvedere Gallery Visit (19EUR per person)
- View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna (14EUR per person)
- Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit (Free)
- Vienna State Opera House Visit (8EUR per person)

Budapest

- Budapest Bike Tour (28EUR per person)
- Great Market Hall Visit (Free)
- Hungarian State Opera House (10500HUF per person)
- Chain Bridge (Free)
- Thermal Baths Visit (5700HUF per person)
- Parliament Building Visit (7000HUF per person)
- Buda Castle Visit (1500HUF per person)
- Hungarian National Museum (3500HUF per person)
- Danube River Cruise

Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

What are the trip specific safety considerations?

Always keep an eye on your belongings especially in major cities, bus and train terminals. Italian attractions can be particularly bad for pickpockets, especially the Vatican.

What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

In Italy, shoulders should be covered while visiting churches and cathedrals. Ask your CEO for more specific advice.

How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.