

**July 9, 2023**

# Europe Honeymoon



Travel Dates: Nov. 9th - 17, 2023 (Must Fly From the US on Nov. 9th) Deposit: \$550 pp/non-refundable (Insurance Suggested) Final Due: Sep. 16th, 2023  
 Inclusions: 7-Nights Hotel | Daily Breakfast | Airport Transfers | 3 Listed Tours | Flights from RDU Exclusions: Items Not Listed, & Travel Insurance FLIGHT SCHEDULE INCLUDED - Economy Air France OUTBOUND: Depart @ 2:00 pm - Arrive @ 11:00 am (1-stop/3.5 hrs) INBOUND: Depart @ 6:30 am - Arrive @ 2:00 pm (1-stop/2hr) Included Hotels: - Rome ( 3 nights ) Starhotels Metropole - Florence ( 2 nights ) Hotel Cellai - Venice ( 2 nights ) Hotel Abbazia Three coins in a fountain? How about three fantastic Italian cities in one week? Come to Italy with triple the tastes and traditions in Rome, Florence, and Venice. Explore by bike, boat, and tastebuds on this Independent City Stay in Italy's most loved destinations. See the ancient sites of the Eternal City; fall in love with the romance of Venice; and indulge the senses with la dolce vita in Florence.

## July 09 - Sunday - Day 1: Arrive in Rome

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## Rome Hotel: Starhotels Metropole

The Colosseum and the Trevi Fountain can be reached by foot in 10-15 minutes.

Rooms are elegant, modern and air-conditioned, and come with a 32" LCD satellite TV. Each one also features comfortable beds and tea/coffee-making facilities. Rooms for disabled people are available, and some include free WiFi access.

Apicio Restaurant serves both Roman cuisine and a range of international dishes, all prepared with products by Eataly. The varied breakfast served in the morning is an American-style buffet.

Guests can enjoy delicious drinks and live piano music in the Rendez-Vous Bar.

Facilities include a fitness room, 9 conference rooms, and a private garage. The staff is available 24 hours a day and can book tours and tickets.

Central Station is a great choice for travelers interested in architecture, history and sightseeing.

### MOST POPULAR SERVICES

- Parking
- Free WiFi
- Airport shuttle
- Family rooms
- Pets allowed
- Non-smoking rooms
- Bar

## July 10 - Monday - Day 2: Rome City Tour

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### **Baroque Rome: full-day city tour with basilicas and MORE!**

#### **INCLUDE**

- Hotel pick-up (in centrally located hotel)
- Local guide

Follow your local guide for a walking tour around the Eternal city. Toss a coin in the Trevi fountain to guarantee you'll be back to Rome, visit the Pantheon and take pictures of the world- renowned Piazza Navona.

Rome wasn't built in a day, but you can build a lasting memory of this sumptuous city with an optional eBike tour to explore the treasures of Rome on this half-day guided adventure. Pedal

## July 11 - Tuesday - Day 3: Rome - Day at Leisure

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### midnight - Day at Leisure

- The day is yours to explore as you please.

## July 12 - Wednesday - Day 4 ROME- FLORENCE

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**Cellai Hotel Florence**

Cellai Hotel Florence features original paintings and antiques, in its many lounges and reading rooms. You can listen to jazz music in the library with honesty bar. Contemporary art exhibitions are held on site monthly.

Each of the guest rooms is individually decorated with warm colors, and includes air conditioning, satellite TV, and Wi-Fi access. The style is classic, with wood or carpeted floors, and elegant furniture.

Buffet breakfast is served by candlelight, in the former workshop of a famous local sculptor. Free bicycles are available at the 24-hour front desk.

#### **MOST POPULAR SERVICES**

- Free WiFi
- Pets allowed
- Non-smoking rooms
- Airport shuttle
- Bar

## **July 13 - Thursday - Day 5: Florence - Day at Leisure**

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## Florence

**Florence** is the capital city of the [Italian region](#) of [Tuscany](#). It is the most populous city in Tuscany, with 383,084 inhabitants in 2013, and over 1,520,000 in its metropolitan area.

Florence was a centre of [medieval European](#) trade and finance and one of the wealthiest cities of that era. It is considered the birthplace of the [Renaissance](#), and has been called "the [Athens](#) of the [Middle Ages](#)". A turbulent political history includes periods of rule by the powerful [Medici](#) family and numerous religious and republican revolutions. From 1865 to 1871 the city was the capital of the recently established [Kingdom of Italy](#). The [Florentine dialect](#) forms the base of [Standard Italian](#) and it became the language of culture throughout Italy due to the prestige of the masterpieces by [Dante Alighieri](#), [Petrarch](#), [Giovanni Boccaccio](#), [Niccolò Machiavelli](#) and [Francesco Guicciardini](#).

The city attracts millions of tourists each year, and the [Historic Centre of Florence](#) was declared a [World Heritage Site](#) by UNESCO in 1982. The city is noted for its culture, [Renaissance art and architecture](#) and monuments. The city also contains numerous museums and art galleries, such as the [Uffizi Gallery](#) and the [Palazzo Pitti](#), and still exerts an influence in the fields of art, culture and politics. Due to Florence's artistic and architectural heritage, it has been ranked by [Forbes](#) as one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Florence is an important city in [Italian fashion](#), being ranked in the top 15 [fashion capitals](#) of the world; furthermore, it is a major national economic centre, as well as a tourist and industrial hub. In 2008, the city had the 17th highest average income in [Italy](#).

## July 14 - Friday - Day 6: FLORENCE- VENICE ISLAND

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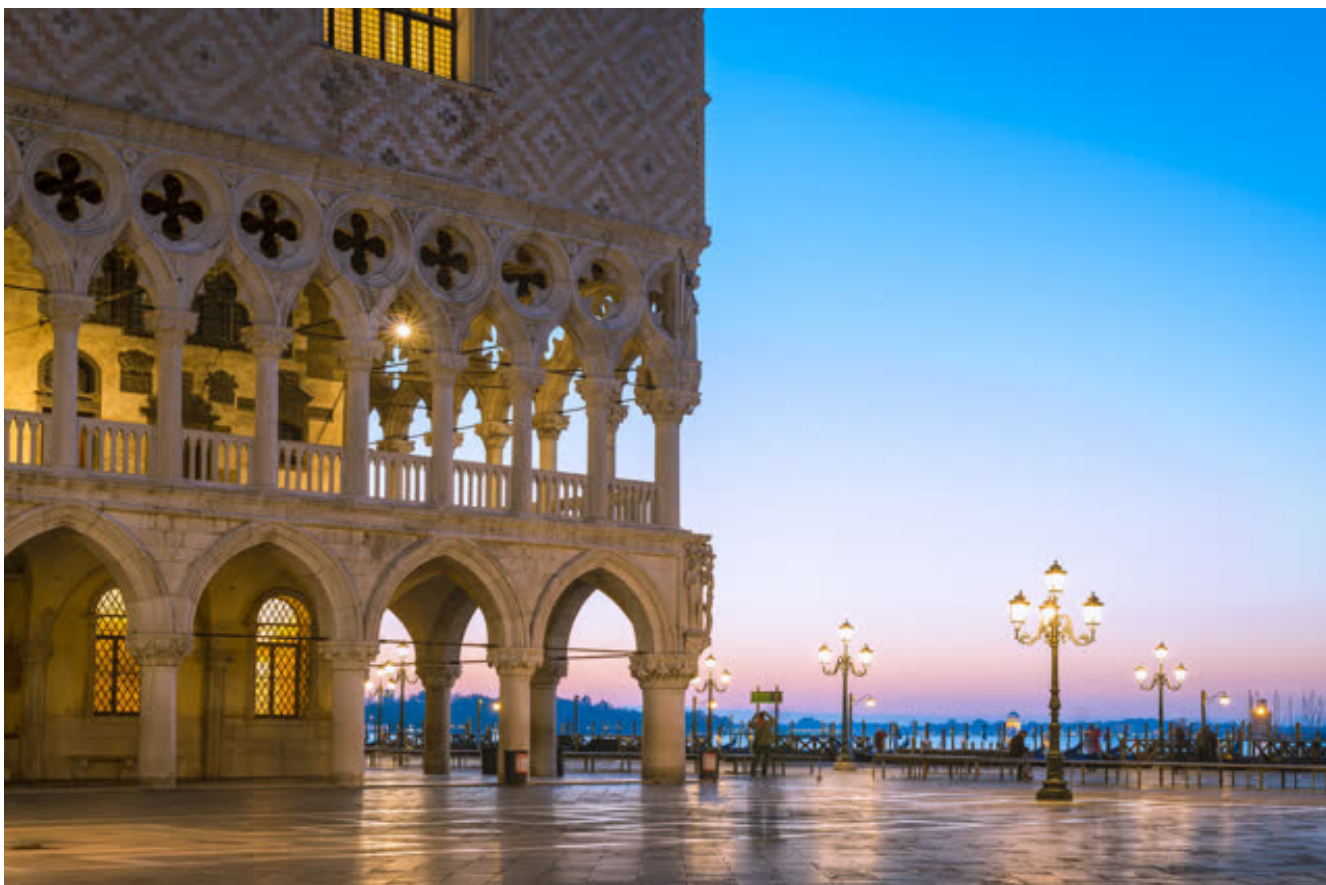
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## Venice: City Tour with St. Mark's Square Museum Visits

Discover the best of Venice on a 2-hour guided walking tour. Your guide will take you to see the Byzantine and Gothic monuments of the Venetian Empire and tell you about its history. Visit a number of the amazing museums on St. Mark's Square.

### INCLUDE

- 2-hour city tour led by an expert guide
- Tickets for the museums on St. Mark's Square

### What's Not Included

- Food and drinks



## Hotel Abbazia

The Abbazia's classic rooms all have modern bathroom and include a minibar and satellite TV. Free Wi-Fi internet access is available in the entire hotel.

A varied breakfast is served on the grounds during the summer, and breakfast room service is also available. The bar and lounge area are in the monks' original wood-paneled dining hall.

St. Mark's Square is one mile from the hotel and can be reached by foot or by Vaporetto (water bus). The nearest Vaporetto stop to the hotel is Ferrovia, a 5-minute walk away.

Cannaregio is a great choice for travelers interested in scenery, walking and photography.

### MOST POPULAR SERVICES

- Free WiFi
- Pets allowed
- Family rooms
- Non-smoking rooms
- Bar

## July 15 - Saturday - Day 7: VENICE ISLAND - Day at Leisure

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### Venice

**Venice** is a city in northeastern [Italy](#) and the capital of the [Veneto region](#). It is situated across a group of 118 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by bridges, of which there are 400. The islands are located in the shallow [Venetian Lagoon](#), an enclosed bay that lies between the mouths of the [Po](#) and the [Piave](#) rivers (more exactly between the [Brenta](#) and the [Sile](#)). Parts of Venice are renowned for the beauty of their settings, their [architecture](#), and artwork. The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#).

In 2014, 264,579 people resided in [Comune](#) di Venezia, of whom around 55,000 live in the historic city of Venice (Centro storico). Together with [Padua](#) and [Treviso](#), the city is included in the [Padua-Treviso-Venice Metropolitan Area](#) (PATREVE), with a total population of 2.6 million. PATREVE is only a statistical metropolitan area.

The name is derived from the ancient [Veneti](#) people who inhabited the region by the 10th century BCE. The city was historically the capital of the [Republic of Venice](#). Venice has been known as the "La Dominante," "Serenissima," "Queen of the [Adriatic](#)," "City of Water," "City of Masks," "City of Bridges," "The Floating City," and "City of Canals."

The Republic of Venice was a major financial and maritime power during the [Middle Ages](#) and [Renaissance](#), and a [staging area](#) for the [Crusades](#) and the [Battle of Lepanto](#), as well as a very important center of commerce (especially silk, grain, and [spice](#)) and art in the 13th century up to the end of the 17th century. The [city-state](#) of Venice is considered to have been the first real international financial center which gradually emerged from the 9th century to its peak in the 14th century. This made Venice a wealthy city throughout most of its history.

It is also known for its several important artistic movements, especially the [Renaissance period](#). After the [Napoleonic Wars](#) and the [Congress of Vienna](#), the Republic was annexed by the [Austrian Empire](#), until it became part of the [Kingdom of Italy](#) in 1866, following a referendum held as a result of the [Third Italian War of Independence](#). Venice has played an important role in the history of symphonic and operatic music, and it is the birthplace of [Antonio Vivaldi](#). Venice has been ranked the most beautiful city in the world as of 2016. The city is facing some major challenges, however, including financial difficulties, erosion, pollution, subsidence, an excessive number of tourists in peak periods and problems caused by oversized cruise ships sailing close to the banks of the historical city.

## July 16 - Sunday - Day 8: Departure Home

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