

# ITALY & GREECE TOUR + CRUISE



**DAILY ITINERARY (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER**



**INDICATES ADDED UNIQUE TOUR**

## **DEPART CANADA: SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

Today your journey begins! Fly to Europe overnight with Transat.

## **DAY 1: SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **WELCOME TO ROME, ITALY**

Welcome to Rome! At 5:00 pm, meet your Tour Director and fellow traveling companions, and leave the hotel for a welcome dinner at one of Rome's lively restaurants. (D) [Hotel: The Albani Hotel or similar](#)

## **DAY 2: SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **EXPLORE ROME**

Start with a guided visit to the ancient Colosseum, where gladiators once fought. Continue to the Roman Forum, where Roman Legions marched in triumph, and walk through the ruins of what were important government buildings from Roman times. The balance of the day is at leisure. An optional walking tour with a Local Guide is available to further explore Rome's famous sites. (B)

## **DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **ROME–MONTERIGGIONI–CHIANTI HILLS**

This morning, explore the religious part of Rome: enjoy a guided visit of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and The Last Judgment, followed by a visit to monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica to admire Michelangelo's Pietà. Then, leave the "Eternal City" and follow the Apennine Hills to the medieval walled town of Monteriggioni, which dates back to the early 13th century, and still has the original 14 towers.

Walk to the main square, Piazza Roma, enjoy some free time, and try traditional cantucci alle mandorle (local almond biscuits). Enjoy views of unforgettable vine-clad landscapes on the way to your hotel, perfectly situated in the renowned Chianti hills. (B)(D) [Hotel: Compagnie Des Hotels Radda or similar](#)

## **DAY 4: OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **CHIANTI HILLS–SAN GIMIGNANO–FLORENCE–MONTECATINI**

Picturesque San Gimignano is one of Italy's most perfectly preserved medieval towns and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Walk through the narrow lanes with its towers before continuing to Florence, "Cradle of the Renaissance." Meet your Local Guide, and visit the Academy of Fine Arts with Michelangelo's celebrated David. Continue your walking tour and stand in

awe in front of the magnificent cathedral, admire Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's heavy bronze "Gates of Paradise," sculpture-studded Signoria Square, and take pictures of Ponte Vecchio. Afterward, you may wish to shop for Florentine leather goods and gold jewelry, sold by the ounce. Continue to your hotel in the spa resort of Montecatini. (B)(D)

[Hotel: Minerva Palace or similar](#)

#### **DAY 5: OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>**

##### **MONTECATINI–PISA–MANTUA–VERONA AREA**

Marvel at the legendary Leaning Tower before arriving at the fascinating city of Mantua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by three artificial lakes that were created in the 12th century. Guided sightseeing features a walk through the historical center, the Percorso del Principe (Path of the Prince), and a visit to Teatro Bibiena, designed by Antonio Galli Bibiena in late baroque/early rococo style. Mozart performed here at the age of 13 in January 1770, a few weeks after the theater opened. (B)(D)

#### **DAY 6: OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

##### **VERONA AREA**

In Verona, medieval setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, join your Local Guide on a walking tour of this interesting city. Take pictures of Juliet's balcony and rub the shining breast on her statue for good luck. Continue to the Arena, an incredibly well-preserved pink marble Roman amphitheater, where gladiators once fought. Built in the 1st century AD, it is now a magical venue for world-famous opera performances.



This afternoon discover the beauty and charm of Sirmione often called the pearl of Lake Garda. (B)

[Hotel: Villa Malaspina or similar](#)

#### **DAY 7: OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

##### **VERONA AREA–TRENTO–BASSANO–PADUA**

Follow the valley of the Adige River to Trento, a modern city in the Dolomites, the "Rocky Mountains" of Europe. Over the centuries, Trento was always an important commercial and strategic city, Italy's "Gate to Northern Europe," with the Brenner Pass through the Alps to nearby Austria. In the 14th century, Trento province was under Austrian rule, and until the end of World War I, the city was practically on the Austrian border.

Your orientation shows you how Italian Renaissance and German styles have mixed over time. Next, a spectacular drive through the Dolomites brings you to the area of Bassano for a Grappa tasting, accompanied by some local specialties at the famous Poli Museo della Grappa (Grappa Museum). Later, continue to Padua and see St. Anthony's Basilica. (B)

[Hotel: Milano Hotel or similar](#)

#### **Day 8: OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>**

##### **PADUA–EXCURSION TO VENICE**

Enter Venice in style by private boat and meet your Local Guide. Highlights of your walking tour are St. Mark's Square and the byzantine Basilica, lavish Doges' Palace, and the Bridge of Sighs. Also watch a skilled glassblower fashion delicate objects in an age-old tradition.



After, hop aboard a traditional gondola for a ride through the magical Venetian canals.

Later, your Tour Director will take you to Al Colombo restaurant near the Rialto Bridge, where the owner, Domenico Stanziani, welcomes you for a farewell dinner, followed by a private water-taxi ride through the Grand Canal as a proper arrivederci. (B)(D)

#### **DAY 9: OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

##### **PADUA–CRUISE PORT**

Your Globus Italy tour comes to an end this morning. Enjoy breakfast before departing for the cruise port. (B)

**DAY 9: OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**PADUA–CRUISE PORT**

You will embark on the **Norwegian Star** for a 7-night Mediterranean and Greek Island cruise. The ship will depart Venice, Italy at 5:00 pm.



**DAY 10: OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**KOTOR, MONTENEGRO**

Located on a beautiful bay on the coast of Montenegro, Kotor is a city steeped in tradition and history, with remarkable scenic views. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the old city was built between the 12th and 14th centuries and is filled with medieval architecture and historic monuments. Extending over four kilometres, the city walls that have protected Kotor for centuries lead up to the fortress of Saint Ivan.

[View Optional Excursions in Kotor](#)

**DAY 11: OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**CORFU, GREECE**

Corfu is studded with whitewashed houses, Byzantine churches, and the remains of Venetian fortresses and Greek temples. Wander the ancient streets of the Roman village of Kassiopi or explore the central Esplanade of the eponymous Corfu Town. For a DIY spa experience, lather yourself in mineral mud on the shore of the Canal D'Amour. Legend has it that the waterfalls of Nymphes used to attract the mythological beauties of the same name, who would flock to the village to bathe.

[View Optional Excursions in Corfu](#)

**DAY 12: OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**ARGOSTOLI–KEFALONIA, GREECE**

Looking at picturesque Argostoli, you wouldn't know it suffered a devastating earthquake in 1953. The city and its surrounding area are full of treasures, including a 12th-century Byzantine cathedral and beautiful 16th century frescoes. And the nearby underground Lake of Melissani is simply magical. Enter the caves to find ancient stalactites, and marvel at the scattered rays of light beaming through, turning the water an intense blue.

[View Optional Excursions in Argostoli, Kefalonia](#)

**DAY 13: OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**SANTORINI, GREECE**

Glamorous Santorini is deliciously different than the other islands. Geographical newness is in part to thank. The island's popular black volcanic Perissa and Kamari beaches are big draws, as is its arguably most famous Red Beach near Akrotiri (which is the place to go for archaeology buffs). Santorini curves round a giant lagoon in the Cyclades islands, offering stunning views from sky-high towns, eclectic cuisine, lovely galleries, thriving nightlife and excellent wines).



Tonight, enjoy a private CFCW sunset cocktail and authentic Greek dinner on the picturesque island of Santorini overlooking the beautiful Aegean Sea. After dinner we will return to the ship.

**Note:** Disembarking to Santorini requires passengers to be tendered to shore. If you have any personal mobility issues or inclement weather arises, visiting Santorini may not be possible.

**DAY 14: OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**AT SEA**

From top to bottom and from bow to stern, Norwegian Star ships have enough onboard activities to fill every minute of your cruise. Indulge in a refreshing swim, cocktail or ice cream treat at The Oasis Pool. Want to get lucky? Bet it all at their award-winning Casinos at Sea®. And when all is said and done, enjoy a pamper session at Mandara Spa.

Alternatively make plans with your new CFCW friends and visit the 5 O'Clock Somewhere Bar. Enjoy the sounds of the tropics while sipping on a signature margarita. Keep the good times rolling on and on!

**DAY 15: OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**DUBROVNIK, CROATIA**

Despite the magnificent 13th century walls that surround the city, Dubrovnik is one of the most welcoming cruise destinations in all of Europe. Dubbed “the pearl of the Adriatic” by the poet, Lord Byron, this Croatian city exudes romantic charm and beautiful scenery with its shimmering marble streets, centuries-old buildings capped by bright orange roofs, and lovely beaches ensconced between awesome rocky ledges.

Tonight, enjoy a farewell group dinner at a specialty restaurant onboard the ship.

[View Optional Excursions in Dubrovnik](#)

**DAY 16: OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

**VENICE, ITALY**

Your NCL cruise comes to an end this morning. We'll disembark from the ship and head to the airport for your flight home to Canada.



**Italy Tour**



Day	Cruise Ports	Arrive	Depart
Sun	Venice, Italy (EMBARK)	---	5:00 pm
Mon	Kotor, Montenegro	2:00 pm	8:00 pm
Tue	Corfu, Greece	10:00 am	6:00 pm
Wed	Argostoli, Kefalonia, Greece	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Thu	Santorini, Greece	12:00 pm	10:00 pm
Fri	At Sea	---	---
Sat	Dubrovnik, Croatia	7:30 am	1:30 pm
Sun	Venice, Italy (DISEMBARK)	8:00 am	---

**Greece Cruise**