



SOUTHLAND TRAVEL

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Best of Italy

September 28 - October 11, 2026

Southland travel presents a hosted journey through Italy in partnership with Trafalgar Tours

September 28, 2026 - Windsor - Toronto - Rome

This afternoon, we will complete our local pickups before departing for Toronto to begin our Italian journey. Upon arrival at Toronto Pearson Airport, we will proceed through check-in and security, then board our flight together as a group. We will be flying with Air Transat this evening, departing Toronto at 9:40 pm.

September 29, 2026 - Rome

Ciao Roma! Today we will arrive at 12:15pm, transfer to our hotel and then you have the day at your leisure. Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses before joining your Travel Director at 5:00 pm for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the Mouth of Truth. See the church, crypt and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (Hotel: Grand Hotel Tiberio - D)



September 30, 2026 - Rome -> Vatican City -> Rome

The Holy See takes center stage today as you join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums (tickets pending). Admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. See the marble masterpiece of the Pietà, housed in the Basilica before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome. Enjoy a guided visit to the Colosseum, before seeing the Circus Maximus, once the site of celebrated chariot races. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore Rome. Indulge in an espresso in the Piazza Navona or clamber up the Spanish Steps. (Hotel: Grand Hotel Tiberio - B)



October 1, 2026 - Rome -> Pompeii -> Sorrento

Journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Here you join a Local Specialist who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius as you wander through the ancient paved roads of a city that was frozen in time. Later, arrive at your hotel in the cliff-top town of Sorrento where you'll dine tonight. (Hotel: Johanna Park Hotel Sorrento - B, D)



October 2, 2026 - Sorrento -> Capri -> Sorrento

Cross the Bay of Naples today by ferry to the glamorous Isle of Capri to visit some of its landmark sights. Wander past the chic boutiques and sidewalk cafes in Capri town in the company of a Local Specialist before taking your time to soak up the sophistication of this lovely island. Later, return to the mainland. (Hotel: Johanna Park Hotel Sorrento - B)



October 3, 2026 - Sorrento - Assisi

Marvel at the beauty of the Bay of Naples and mighty Vesuvius as you leave the Sorrento coastline. Glimpse the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino perched high on the mountain peak, known as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944, before heading north to the slopes of Mount Subasio. Arrive in the mystical town of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, under whose protection this medieval city is said to remain. Join your Local Specialist

for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, before some free time to explore this fascinating hilltop town. (Hotel: Grand Hotel Assisi - B, D)



October 4, 2026 - Assisi -> Verona -> Venice

Journey through the glorious countryside of the Emilia Romagna region. This area is renowned for its gastronomy and is credited with being the origin of tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Travel to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, to admire the ancient Roman arena and Piazza Brà. Arrive later into beautiful Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic', to spend time admiring this unique city. (Hotel: Biasutti Hotel Venice Lido or Hampton by Hilton - B)



October 5, 2026 - Venice

Cruise your way through Venice by private launch to soak up the sights and sounds of what was once one of the world's greatest ports. Your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with the glassblowing artisans of Venice follows. Watch as they share their centuries-old glassmaking traditions. Your visit helps to preserve this delicate craft for which Venice is justifiably famous and you'll want to remember your visit by purchasing a souvenir or two to display at home. From there, continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square to view the impressive square and basilica. Consider an optional experience to see the colorful fishermen's houses on the Island of Burano or search for a cozy bacaro and indulge in some tasty Venetian treats, starting with that refreshing Venetian Spritz which is the local drink of choice. (Hotel: Biasutti Hotel Venice Lido or Hampton by Hilton - B)



October 6, 2026 - Venice -> Milan -> Lake Maggiore

Cross the green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, Italy's capital of design and fashion. See the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where you'll enjoy a dinner with your fellow traveling companions. (Hotel: Hotel Simplon Baveno - B, D)

October 7, 2026 - Lake Maggiore -> Lake Como -> Lake Maggiore

The glistening blue waters of Lake Como beckon this morning. Enjoy some free time to explore the lakeside lifestyle and beautiful scenery which has enchanted visitors for centuries. Explore Como's historical quarter, indulge in the area's delicious gelato, or consider a cruise on the lake. Later, spend time exploring your lakeside resort or join an optional experience to discover the palace and gardens of Isola Bella. This evening, venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore to Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience. Join the Cinque family and hear all about the intriguing history of Villa Toscanini, situated on a tiny romantic island which was the hideaway of the great Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini one of the most influential musicians of the 19th century. (Hotel: Hotel Simplon Baveno - B, D)



October 8, 2026 - Baveno -> Pisa -> Florence

Tuscany lures you across the forested Apennine Mountains, past the marble quarries of Carrara to the famous city of Pisa and its Square of Miracles where you'll enjoy an opportunity to view the Leaning Tower. Your next stop is Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. (Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo Florence - B)



October 9, 2026 - Florence

Delve into the extravagant history of the Medici family, whose legacy of art and architecture is explored in the company of a Local Specialist. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its exquisite statues and palazzi and enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the beautiful skyline of Florence, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the

almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. (Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo Florence - B)



October 10, 2026 - Florence -> San Gimignano -> Rome

This morning, stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial. Continuing south, visit the charming Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano, with its extraordinary medieval architecture and rich history. Venture to the center of town to view the Piazza del Duomo, surrounded by medieval towers and 13th-century city walls. This evening in Rome, enjoy dinner in the company of newfound friends and your Travel Director. (Hotel: Shangri-La Roma - B, D)



October 11, 2026 - Rome - Home

Bid a fond ciao to your newfound friends as your discovery of the best of Italy comes to an end when we head to the airport this morning. We will board our Air Canada flight and begin the journey home at 12:25pm. Arrive in Toronto at 4:00pm and then board the motorcoach home with wonderful memories! (B)

Cost: Canadian Dollars, per person

\$8599.00 (Double occupancy)

\$9799.00 (Single occupancy - on request only based on availability)

\$500.00 CAD non refundable deposit per person upon booking. Final payment is due May 22, 2026.

The final day to book is May 22, 2026 with full payment.

Tour Includes: Tour host from Windsor/Essex, Roundtrip Flights from Toronto to Rome, 1 checked bag, Roundtrip airport transfers in Rome, Trafalgar Guided Tour, 18 meals, all pre paid taxes and fees.

6.4km + of walking some days and steep hills. Please note that Pompeii features uneven stone surfaces and is only accessible on foot. It has no wheelchairs or wheelchair access. Tips recommended: 1 Euro per person per day for the driver. 2-3 Euro per person per day for the tour director.

Cancellation and medical insurance strongly advised. Call for rates.
Times listed on tour are subject to change. You must have a valid passport.

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Air Transat Flight Times

September 28, 2026

Depart Toronto (YYZ) at 9:40pm, Arrive in Rome (FCO) at 12:15pm(+1)

October 11, 2026

Depart Rome (FCO) at 2:15pm, Arrive in Toronto (YYZ) at 4:00pm

Air Transat Baggage Information

Baggage Allowance per person:

1 personal item (stored under the seat in front of you)

1 carry-on (stored in the overhead bin)

1 checked bag

although all these bags are allowed we recommend bringing a checked bag and a personal item

Below you will see the dimensions and weight restrictions for each piece of baggage.

dimensions include wheels and handles

Personal Item: 33 cm (13 in) in height, 16 cm (6 in) in depth, and 43 cm (17 in) in width.

Carry On: 55 cm (21.5 in) in height, 23 cm (9 in) in depth, and 40 cm (15.5 in) in width.

Although no weight limit applies to carry-on baggage, your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted.

If you travel with liquids or gels in containers over 100mL/100g (3.4oz) in your carry-on baggage you will have these items confiscated at the security checkpoint. Do not put any cosmetic products with aerosol in your carry on or personal item.

They may be stored in your checked luggage

You are allowed to bring food on board. It must be wrapped or in a container.

You cannot consume your own alcoholic beverages on board.

Always place the following items in your carry-on bag: laptop/computer, car and house keys, medication, cash, high value items such as cameras, jewellery and electronic devices.

Travelling with Medication? Make sure it is kept in the original labelled containers. Store it in your carry on/personal item.

Checked: Maximum weight is 50lb (23kg)

The maximum linear dimensions of a piece of baggage are calculated by adding together its greatest outside height, width and length – wheels and handles included. 158 cm (62 inches)

You may store any liquids or gels over 100ml in your checked luggage.

Attach identification tags to the outside of your bags.

Make sure to remove old airline tags from all your bags.

Make sure to bring a converter plug so you can charge your devices

Click the link below for a complete list of restricted/prohibited items when flying

[Click Here](#)

Optional Excursions

These can only be booked while you are on tour with your tour director

Day 2: September 30, 2026 - Rome -> Vatican City -> Rome

Piazzas & Fountains:

Discover the most enchanting areas of the city with a Local Specialist. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and picturesque squares in Rome's historic center, uncovering famous landmarks and hidden gems in the Eternal City.

€50.00

Roman Evening with Dinner:

Tonight, spend a lively evening with us in Rome. After a short drive, arrive at a characteristic trattoria to relax and enjoy a typical Italian meal, soaking up The Eternal City's unique atmosphere all the while.

€79.00

Roman Delights with Dinner:

Tonight, relax and enjoy typical Italian cuisine, soaking up Rome's unique atmosphere in a characteristic trattoria with drinks and music.

€69.00

Day 3: October 1, 2026 - Rome -> Pompeii -> Sorrento

Amalfi Coast & Positano:

Take a scenic drive along the Amalfi Coast, one of Italy's most iconic stretches of road. Stop in Positano, a cliffside village known for its steep streets, vibrant boutiques and Mediterranean views that have long drawn artists and travelers alike. €74.00

Day 4: October 2, 2026 - Sorrento -> Capri -> Sorrento

Discover the Isle of Capri:

Experience a private, guided cruise along the beautiful southern coast to see spectacular cliffs, the famous Faraglioni Rocks and White Grotto sea cave with its small red coral. View the turquoise waters and private villas and hear the stories of Roman Emperors and famous people through history who have called Capri home before ascending to Capri town. This optional experience is weather dependent and may be replaced by a minibus tour of the Island with a visit to Anacapri and either the Villa San Michele or the Anacapri chairlift.

€60.00

Dinner Neapolitan Style:

Dine at a family-run restaurant in town and enjoy an evening of Neapolitan specialties. Tuck into local dishes prepared with regional ingredients and generations of know-how.

€84.00

Sorrento Countryside and Farmhouse meal:

Join a local family at their farm in the Sorrento countryside. Walk through lemon groves, visit the olive oil mill and see how mozzarella is made. Sit down to a spread of home-produced cold cuts, marinated vegetables and fresh olives, all served with wine made from their own grapes.

€77.00

Day 6: October 4, 2026 - Assisi -> Verona -> Venice

Gondolas & The Grand Canal:

Cruise by private water taxi along the Grand Canal, passing the city's iconic palazzi. Spot the Rialto Bridge and arrive near St. Mark's Square before switching pace with a gondola ride through Venice's quieter canals.

€96.00

Day 7: October 5, 2026 - Venice

Venice Secrets:

Explore the hidden maze of streets which make up this unique city as your Local Specialist gives you a fascinating insight into Venice's past and present. You'll discover tucked away squares and back streets local Venetians use to side-step the tourist throng and give you a sense of authentic life on the island of Venice.

€51.00

Lagoon Cruise to Burano with Food & Drinks:

Cruise across the Venetian Lagoon to Burano, a small island known for its brightly colored houses and strong fishing traditions. Wander along quiet canals and browse shops selling handmade lace, a craft passed down through generations. Then sit down to a relaxed dinner featuring local flavors and regional wine, surrounded by the island's cheerful character and laid-back charm.

€89.00

Day 8: October 6, 2026 - Venice -> Milan -> Lake Maggiore

Treasures of Milan:

A fantastic opportunity to take in some of the highlights of elegant Milan. Amongst other sights, you'll visit La Scala, the world's most famous opera house, where Giuseppe Verdi, Maria Callas and others have left their mark. Your wonderful Local Specialist will bring the city's eventful past to life.

€54.00

Day 9: October 7, 2026 - Lake Maggiore -> Lake Como -> Lake Maggiore

Discover Lake Como:

Explore more of Lake Como by boat with a Local Specialist. Hear stories of the region's history and its lakeside communities as you cruise past grand villas and mountain views, seeing a different side of one of Italy's most iconic lake towns.

€54.00

Discover the Borromean Islands:

Take a private launch across Lake Maggiore to explore Isola Bella. Join a Local Specialist for a guided tour of the island's Baroque palace and gardens, home to white peacocks, terraces and sweeping views across the lake. Look out to Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori as you uncover this Borromean gem.

€66.00

Day 10: October 8, 2026 - Baveno -> Pisa -> Florence

Dinner in the Tuscan Countryside:

This evening, take a scenic drive to experience a fun and relaxed evening at a friendly, typical restaurant in the countryside. The chef will delight our senses with regional dishes, made with freshly-bought ingredients from the local farmers' markets. Your delicious meal will be accompanied by excellent wines from the vineyards for which this area is so well known. In short, a Tuscan dream come true in an authentic setting.

€80.00

Tuscan Dinner at Villa Machiavelli:

Through the Chianti hills, you'll drive past vineyards to a delightful hamlet. Our destination is the ancient stone house of Machiavelli, where the great political theorist wrote his immortal work, 'The Prince'. After a welcome drink and a visit of the villa and its wine-cellars, enjoy the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the Villa's own vines.

€80.00

Day 11: October 9, 2026 - Florence

Michelangelo's 'David' & Accademia:

Step inside the Accademia Gallery for a closer look at Michelangelo's David, one of the world's most celebrated sculptures. With guidance from your Local Specialist, discover how this Renaissance masterpiece was brought to life and hear the stories behind Michelangelo's work and legacy in Florence.

€64.00

Discover Palazzo Vecchio:

Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With your Local Specialist, visit the magnificent 'Hall of the Five Hundred' dedicated to the Medici popes. You'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance, like Michelangelo and Donatello.

€56.00