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Italy's Classic Cities

May 22-June 6, 2025

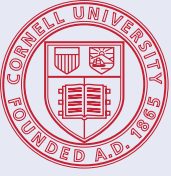
16 days from \$6,924 total price from Boston, New York
(**\$6,245 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and fees**)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni & Friends of Cornell Alumni Travel**



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 16-day journey to Italy. Your small group will experience the best of Italy's countryside and its great cities: Milan, Verona, Bologna, Florence, and Rome. This journey showcases priceless art, outstanding cuisine, and unique lodgings.

Begin in the fashion capital of the world, Milan, where you visit the historic La Scala opera house and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II - the city's grand arcaded shopping mall. Next, enjoy a stunning cruise on Lake Como. Then it's on to Verona, full of history, art, and culture; and Bologna, where you embrace the best of Italy's street food and all that the city has to offer. In Florence, you have the opportunity to see priceless Renaissance art as you visit the famed Uffizzi Gallery. The journey concludes in Rome, where you tour the famed Borghese Gallery and have opportunities to explore the city's rich history. Take a chance to extend your stay in this timeless city with a 3-day/2 night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book today!

Warmly,

Cornell Alumni Travel

CORNELL RESERVATION FORM: ITALY'S CLASSIC CITIES

To reserve your place on tour, please call **Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Rome – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

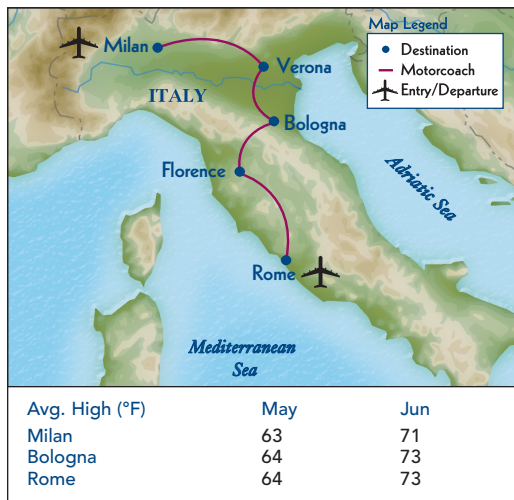
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Italy's Classic Cities

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Savor art, history, culture, and cuisine in this captivating small group journey to a collection of Italy's classic cities: cosmopolitan Milan; Verona, the "little Rome;" Bologna, with its medieval charm and culinary delights; Renaissance-tinged Florence, and the Eternal City of Rome. Add a pleasing combination of guided touring and ample free time – and it's magnifico!



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Milan, Italy

Day 2: Milan We arrive in Milan and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times vary, we have no group activities planned during the day. This evening, we meet our Odysseys Tour Director and fellow travelers for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel. *D*

Day 3: Milan We discover this world capital of design and fashion, and Italy's center of commerce and finance, on today's tour that features the multi-spired Milan Cathedral (*Duomo*), the world's third largest; the historic La Scala opera house; and the landmark Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the city's grand arcaded shopping mall. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Brera Picture gallery, housing works by Caravaggio, Tiepolo, Tintoretto, and other great masters. *B,L*

Day 4: Milan/Lake Como A tour highlight today as we travel to Italy's celebrated Lake District, where we enjoy a cruise on stunning Lake Como in the foothills of the Alps. Flanked by grand villas, palm trees, and wooded mountainsides, the lake and its surroundings have drawn visitors since Roman times. Following our cruise, we have free time for lunch and to explore on our own in this beautiful setting. *B*

Day 5: Milan/Bergamo/Verona En route to Verona today, we stop in historic, and beloved, Bergamo. Here we ride a funicular to the Città Alta (Upper Town), with its fortified city walls, cobblestone alleys, Renaissance architecture, and dramatic views that stretch to the Alps. After lunch together, we continue to Verona, arriving late afternoon. *B,L*

Day 6: Verona Rich in history, art, and culture – and of course, Shakespearean connections – Verona retains monuments from its 1st-century CE Roman era, as well as from its thriving medieval period. Highlights of our morning tour here include the austere Castelvecchio, the ancient Roman gate of Porta Borsari, Piazza delle Erbe, the 14th-century Scaliger Tombs, and Verona Arena, built in 30 CE and still used today. We also see Juliet's balcony on the 13th-century home of the Del Capello family said to be the inspiration for

Physical Activity Level

3 **Moderate**

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain or cobblestones; occasional long walks from motorcoach drop-off to sights and hotels; embarkation/disembarkation from boat

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Milan		
2-4	Milan	NH Collection Milano Touring	First Class
5-7	Verona	Hotel Indigo Verona - Grand Hotel Des Arts	First Class
8-10	Bologna	Hotel Internazionale Bologna	First Class
11-13	Florence	Hotel Rivoli	Sup. First Class
14-15	Rome	Monti Palace Hotel	Sup. First Class
16	Depart Rome for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: One of Bologna's most famous landmarks, Neptune's Fountain presides over Piazza del Nettuno.



We enjoy a cruise on Lake Como.

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Late this afternoon we take a guided tour of the Teatro Filarmonico, among Europe's leading opera houses, then dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 7: Verona A free morning for independent exploration. Later today, we embark on an immersive wine experience at the historic estate of the Gaetano Bertani family, pioneers of Verona winemaking. We tour the frescoed rooms and romantic gardens of the neo-classical manor house and walk through the vineyards lush with ancient grape varieties for Amarone and Valpolicella Classico. Our tour concludes with a tasting that showcases the region's unique terroir. *B,D*

Day 8: Verona/Modena/Bologna We leave Italy's Veneto region today for Emilia-Romagna, stopping first in Modena, known especially for its culinary heritage – and as the birthplace of the Ferrari. We visit the Museo Casa Enzo Ferrari; take a guided walking tour; and visit a family-run *acetaia*, where we learn about the making of balsamic vinegar, a Modena specialty. Then we travel on to Bologna and dine tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 9: Bologna We get our first taste of this lively historic capital and largest city of Emilia-Romagna on a morning walking tour of grand Piazza Maggiore and its highlights: Basilica of San Petronio, with its half-finished marble façade; 12th-century Asinelli Tower, and the Fountain of Neptune. We also see the Teatro Comunale opera house and stroll through Quadrilatero Market, abounding with fresh local foods of all kinds – and some of Italy's best street food. The remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish, and for lunch and dinner on our own in this city renowned for its fine cuisine. *B*

Day 10: Bologna Today is free for independent exploration, perhaps to explore some of the nearly 25 miles of porticoes (a UNESCO site) dating to the Middle Ages that start in the well-preserved city center; to see the Michelangelo sculptures in San Domenico Basilica; or to explore more of Bologna's impressive food scene. Tonight, we savor a small group highlight as we attend a private cooking class where we make Bologna's traditional tortellini, tagliatelle, and ragu – then enjoy our handiwork for dinner. *B,D*

Day 11: Bologna/Florence We travel today to Florence, “cradle of the Renaissance” and storied city of arts and culture. Our first stop: San Lorenzo Market, where we can browse the outdoor stalls and have lunch on our own at the indoor Central Market. This afternoon's touring takes in the historic city center (a UNESCO site): the Baptistry, Giotto's Bell Tower,

Post-Tour Extension

June 6-8, 2025

Rome – On Your Own

3 days/2 nights for \$395 total price

Single Supplement: \$155

*Explore more of the Eternal City
at your own pace.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Monti Palace Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



IN FAIR VERONA,
WHERE WE LAY
OUR SCENE ...”

– WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

and Santa Maria del Fiore – the fabled *Duomo* of Brunelleschi’s dome. Then, we visit the Galleria dell’Accademia to see Michelangelo’s *David* and his sculptures for the papal tombs. *B,D*

Day 12: Florence On this morning’s excursion to Scuola del Cuoio, we learn about Florence’s time-honored leather-making process and watch artisans as they craft fine bags, jackets, and other items. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; tonight, we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 13: Florence Another tour highlight today as we visit the world-renowned Uffizzi Gallery of paintings and sculpture, home to Botticelli’s *Birth of Venus* and

La Primavera, da Vinci’s *Annunciation*, and other masterpieces by Michelangelo, Caravaggio, and Fra Angelico, among others. Then we have the rest of the day to explore Florence as we wish. *B*



We explore Florence on Days 11-14.

Italian countryside en route to Rome today. After our mid-day arrival, we join our Tour Director for an informal walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding our hotel. *B*

Day 15: Rome More outstanding art is on tap as we tour the famed Borghese Gallery, with its collection of masterworks by Raphael, Titian, Correggio, Bernini, and more. From here, we’re free for independent exploration in this city brimming with history. Tonight,

Day 14: Florence/ Rome We travel through the gentle scenery of the

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 14 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 14 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Giotto’s Bell Tower rises above the rooftops of Florence.

we celebrate our adventure and bid *arrivederci* to Italy at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 16: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: May 22, 2025

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$6,924
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,224
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,324
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$6,045

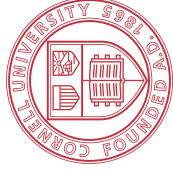
Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$679, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,795 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time



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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

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