



# CLASSIC ITALIAN RAIL TOUR

IN WINTERTIME, EXPERIENCE ITALY AT ITS MOST SERENE.

The classic Grand Tour highlights of Italy—**Venice, Rome, Florence, and Pisa**—feel magical even in winter. The summer crowds that swarm with selfie sticks are long gone and you can stroll the storied streets alongside locals, stopping for a glass of wine, taking your time in museum galleries, lingering over dinner. Summertime visitors rarely have the opportunity to meet and talk to Italians but the country's mild winter days are calmer and you'll find that shopkeepers and restaurateurs have time to chat.



With this tasting-menu of a trip, you can enjoy a quiet evening taking in the sunset over Venice's Piazza San Marco, get up close and personal with Michelangelo's David in Florence, spend a morning exploring the Colosseum in Rome, and grab that classic photo of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, all inside a week's time. The high-speed trains to and around Italy can stretch a week into something more generous, less harried. Take your time, slow down, and indulge a little in *la dolce vita*.

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# ITINERARY

<b>DAY 1</b>	Leave London St. Pancras at 09:17 via Eurostar, arriving in Paris at 12:47. Spend the afternoon sightseeing before leaving Gare de Lyon on the 19:11 overnight train (your choice of couchette or sleeping car) to Venice.
<b>DAY 2</b>	Arrive at Venice Santa Lucia Station at 09:35. Check in to Hesperia, just steps away on the Grand Canal for 2 nights' stay with breakfast.
<b>DAY 3</b>	Free day to explore Venice.
<b>DAY 4</b>	Depart Venice at 10:25 for Rome, arriving at Termini Station at 14:10. Check into the Hotel Amalfi (2 nights, with breakfast), before enjoying the afternoon and evening in Italy's capital.
<b>DAY 5</b>	Free day in Rome.
<b>DAY 6</b>	Depart Rome at 09:20 for Florence, arriving at 10:21. Check into Hotel Corona d'Italia, in the historic center, near the station (one night's stay with breakfast).
<b>DAY 7</b>	Enjoy your morning in Florence. Catch one of the frequent trains to Pisa for afternoon sightseeing. At 17:44, jump on an Inter-City train to Milan in time to board the overnight train (with choice of sleeper compartment or couchette) at 23:05.
<b>DAY 8</b>	Arrive in Paris at 09:55. Spend the morning exploring before boarding an afternoon or evening Eurostar back to London St. Pancras.

## PRICES + DEPARTURES WINTER 2016/2017

Trips leave any available time and on any day of the week between 1 November, 2015 and 31 March, 2016

Based on two people; sharing double/twin hotel rooms; with Standard Class rail travel; seat reservations (where required); and 6-berth couchette accommodations on overnight trains between Paris/Venice and Milan/Paris: from £599

### Supplemental charges for optional upgrades:

- For T4 (4-berth couchette) accommodation on the overnight rail journeys, £60.
- For 1st Class rail travel throughout, including Double sleeper compartments on the overnight train journeys, £325
- For single-room hotel accommodation, £95

All prices are based on RoE €1.40 = £1 and are subject to availability, and will be confirmed at the time of booking, as will exact train times.

**Hotel Note:** The hotels chosen for this tour (Venice: Hesperia; Rome: Amalfi; Florence: "Corona d'Italia") were selected for their quality, and convenience to train stations. In the event that any of the above hotels are not available, alternate hotels with similar features and location will be offered.

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