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THE BEST OF ROME AND FLORENCE

Shallon's 2026 Italy Tour

8 days/7 nights itinerary | November 6 - 13, 2026

Experience the Best of Rome and Florence

Created by Nada's Italy

Exclusively For Shallon Lester



Trip Overview

Join *Shallon Lester* on a truly unforgettable trip to some of the best Italian destinations. Start this memorable journey in Rome with all its amazing piazzas, elegant fountains, ancient monuments, and breath-taking sites. You'll be able to experience the spirit of the "Eternal City" with fun local guides who will introduce you to the local lifestyle and favorite culinary hang-outs. Your Italian adventure will continue in Florence. Experience what "being a local" is like as you explore the capital of the Renaissance, learning about the world-renown masterpieces by Michelangelo, Raffaello, Botticelli, Donatello, Brunelleschi, and Florentine craft traditions as well. During a walking tour through the city's historic center, you'll trace the history of the powerful House of Medici. Learn about the Florentine banking family that dominated the politics of the city and how the family's patronage of the arts made Florence the cultural center of Europe. Take a day trip to the romantic Tuscan countryside, where you'll visit the astonishing medieval town of San Gimignano. Then take a fun cooking class with a local chef, followed by lunch and wine tasting, featuring the farm's extra virgin olive oil and excellent wines.

Daily Schedule

❖ Thursday, November 5 | The Journey Begins...

Departure from the USA. Overnight flight to Europe and arrival in Italy the following day.

❖ DAY 1 | Friday, November 6 | Welcome to Italy!

Benvenuti! Welcome to Italy! Arrive in **Rome** at **Roma Fiumicino** airport. Airport pick up and transfer to the hotel in Rome city center by **private transportation**. Arrive at hotel, check in, unpack, rest and relax after a long trip overseas.

In the afternoon, meet in the lobby with your **Nada's Italy Tour Director** and the other fellow travelers. You will have a brief introduction concerning the planning of the rest of the day and the tour in general.

Next, you'll head-off to see some major sites of the "Eternal City"! Together with your **local guide** from Rome, you will experience Rome's enthralling historic beauty and architecture: Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, where Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni famously frolicked in Fellini's cherished *La Dolce Vita*.

After concluding the tour, it's time to enjoy a true Italian "Aperitivo" and a light dinner on a charming rooftop terrace in the historic center of Rome. Mingle over dinner and enjoy your first night in Italy!

Meals included: Dinner

❖ DAY 2 | Saturday, November 7 | Vatican Treasures

Meet in the lobby with your **local Nada's Italy personal city guide** for a **guided tour of Rome** and its major wonders. Today we'll enter the Vatican City where we'll visit the impressive **Vatican Museums**, which will include entrance into the head-tilting and jaw-dropping **Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel**.

We will then enjoy a spectacular visit of **Saint Peter's Basilica** in all its majesty. St. Peter's Basilica is one of the holiest temples for Christendom and one of the largest churches in the world. This famed pilgrimage site on Vatican Hill was constructed in the early 16th century. Once the world's largest church, it remains one of the holiest sites in Christendom. Inside, you will see the Pietà, which Michelangelo completed when he was only 24. **Lunch** will be **on your own**.

Relish time at your leisure in the afternoon to shop or delve further into iconic Rome. We'll enjoy a **group dinner** at a local Roman Osteria with a variety of local dishes.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

❖ DAY 3 | Sunday, November 8 | Ancient Rome

Meet in the lobby with your **Tour Director** in the morning. Our tour today features the splendors of the classic Roman Empire! Gaze at gorgeous sites during our walk with an **expert local guide** who will paint a colorful visual of the ruins, opening a window to these splendid marvels of the past. We will then walk along the ancient pavement, which crosses the inspiring ruins of the **Roman Forum**, **the Curia**, **the Reggia**. You will then be able to admire the **Temple of Vesta**, the **Arch of Titus** and the **Arch of Constantine**. The tour will continue with the visit of the massive structure of the **Colosseum** (internal visit, tickets included).

Group lunch at a local typical restaurant after the tour.

Take advantage of every minute of your afternoon to enjoy **free time and dinner on your own**. It's last day in Rome- make it special!

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

❖ DAY 4 | Monday, November 9 | On the way to Florence

After check out, we will say “Arrivederci” to the Italian Capital and make our way to **Florence** by private transportation.

Along the way we'll stop in **Orvieto**. Our **local City guide** will introduce us to this beautiful hilltop town in the region of Umbria, founded by the Etruscan civilization over two thousand years ago.

Enjoy some **free time** to explore around the village. Don't miss the stunning **Duomo**, or **Cathedral**. **Lunch** will be on your own. After lunch, we'll depart from Orvieto and resume our drive to Tuscany.

Evening arrival in **Florence**. Check-in, relax, refresh in one of the most elegant hotels in the Renaissance city. Meet in the lobby with Tour Director and head to the restaurant. **Group dinner** in a classic Florentine restaurant in walking distance to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, dinner

❖ DAY 5 | Tuesday, November 10 | The Cradle of Renaissance

Today is all about Florence! In the morning we'll enjoy a **guided tour** with our **local City Guide** of the amazing **Uffizi Gallery**, the world's largest collection of Renaissance artworks (tickets with priority entrance included) followed by a **walking tour** of Florence.

Enjoy lunch on your own and the afternoon at leisure in the gorgeous city of Florence. Enjoy a little time for R&R, shopping, exploring, and discovering the amazing sites this city has to offer.

In the evening, meet in the lobby with your Tour Director and head to a nearby restaurant serving delicious food of the area. **Group dinner** featuring tastes of local specialties.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

❖ DAY 6 | Wednesday, November 11 | Sweet Tuscan Life

Today is a super-fun day! After a relaxing breakfast, we'll depart to the **Tuscan countryside** for a wine, food, and cooking experience!

First, we'll visit a **winery estate** and enjoy a private tour of the wine cellars along with a **wine tasting**. We'll continue our experience with a fun group **hands-on cooking class** by a local chef. Bring your aprons and learn to make fresh pasta! Group lunch after the cooking class paired with local wines.

After lunch, we'll travel back in time! Our afternoon features a visit of the Medieval hilltop town of **San Gimignano**. The town is known for its dry white wine, Vernaccia, and irresistible hand-made crafts: hand-painted pottery, alabaster, olive wood items, leather goods, and so much more. Enjoy free time to explore on your own and shop for local crafts!

Return to Florence in the afternoon to enjoy the evening and dinner on your own.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

❖ DAY 7 | Thursday, November 12 | The Powerful Medici Family

Today you'll keep exploring Florence with your **local City Guide**. The focus will be on the **Medici Family** that ruled Florence and transformed the city into the birthplace of the Renaissance. As you visit Palazzo Medici-Riccardi (Medici House), the church of San Lorenzo, and the Medici Chapels you'll take a glance in the Medici's intriguing life, their power, their passion for the arts, and the roles **Medici women** played in this powerful family. After the tour, enjoy lunch on your own and afternoon at leisure. It may be the perfect opportunity to head to the outlet mall outside Florence or go for boutique shops in the city. If so, one of your stops may be the **Officina Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella**, one of the oldest pharmacies in the world founded by Dominican friars in 1221. The pharmacy used medicinal herbs grown in the monastic gardens to make medications, balms and pomades for the monks' infirmary.

Please reserve some time to pack for morning checkout. Group gathers again in the evening for a delicious **farewell dinner**. *Delizioso!* Tonight, will be your last night of the tour so make it special!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

❖ DAY 8 | Friday, November 13 | Departure Day... *Arrivederci!*

As they say... all good things must come to an end as we check out of the hotel and... *ARRIVEDERCI!* Nada's Italy wishes you a happy trip home from a memorable Italian vacation... *Buon viaggio!* We hope you enjoyed your trip and invite you to explore more of amazing Italia with Nada's Italy!

Meals included: Breakfast

Trip Highlights & What's Included

Explore: Rome, Orvieto, Florence, San Gimignano & Tuscany.

Guided Tours & Unique Experiences

- Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter's Basilica (includes PRIORITY entrance & ticket)
- Colosseum & Roman Ruins (includes PRIORITY entrance & ticket)
- Historical Highlights of Florence
- Private tour of the Galleria degli Uffizi in Florence (includes PRIORITY entrance & ticket)
- Experience cooking with a local chef in Tuscany preparing traditional dishes
- Wine tasting at a boutique winery in Chianti
- Historical Highlights of the Medici family

Accommodations in 4-star hotels chosen for this Nada's Italy Private Tour Package: spend 3 nights at a centrally located hotel in Rome, 4 nights in Florence for a trip totaling 8 days and 7 nights.

Bountiful Meals Included: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners (included meals are shown at bottom of the description for each day).

Fully Escorted Day Trips with professional private drivers and full-time service of English-speaking Italian Nada's Italy Tour leader

A+ Rated Customer Service With Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

Taxes & Fees: Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

Staff & restaurant tips (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each individual traveler).

Additional Nada's Italy Value

- **Expert Customer Service** tailored to your needs, before, during, and after your trip.
- **Local support and knowledge** by Certified tour guides and Professional licensed & insured drivers.
- **No luggage limit** (do check with your airlines first).
- **Luxury vehicles with special access permits** that will allow you to reach the historic centers.

Pricing for the "The Best of Florence and Rome" 2026 Italy Tour":

❖ This trip package is priced at \$ 6,999 per person in double-occupancy room.

Includes all services and meals described above and accommodation in boutique 4-star hotels.

Airfare is NOT included.

Single room may be available upon request, based on hotel's availability. Additional charges apply.

The experts at Nada's Italy are available for any special requests to extend your stay before and after this trip package, and make arrangements for you to explore other areas of this beautiful country.

Not Included in your Package

Trip price does not include airfare and anything that is not specified to be included. **The Trip Package does not include new accommodation tax imposed by local municipalities - to be paid by guest directly to hotel.**

Price does not include any personal-related expenses, or travel-related expenses outside of the scheduled itineraries. The food & wine that is included is what is presented during meals, all other items ordered by traveler including wine and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are not included in tour price. Trip price does not include optional tips to restaurants nor to tour personnel such as drivers, maids, etc. These gratuities are given at sole discretion of each individual traveler and are not required for participation in tour.

Terms & Conditions

We do not provide itemized costs of accommodations and services. Trip package does not include any expenses related to any unforeseen travel conditions, weather conditions, flight delays, train delays, airport blockages, terrorism, strikes, taxi fares.

Airport pick up service - If your package includes airport pick up & drop off, please note that the average waiting time the driver will be waiting at the airport for your pick up is 60 / 90 minutes based on the estimated arrival time. Please make sure to inform us and the driver of any change to your flight arrival/departure time 72 hours prior to your departure/arrival in Italy. If your flight is canceled or delayed or you miss a connection, please inform your driver immediately.

If you miss your original pick-up/drop-off, we will do our best to assist you, and possibly reschedule the service. However, there may be additional fees involved that will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Services booked - All tours, services, and activities booked by Nada's Italy Inc. are valid as per the dates and times stated in the final daily itinerary provided and Nada's Italy is not responsible or liable for any information that it does not directly provide. All requests for modifications/amendments must be directed to Nada's Italy, Inc. and are subject to availability and possible changing fees by our suppliers and/or service providers.

Hotel information - A list of the hotels for your trip will be provided once the booking is confirmed. If you have any questions at the time you check in, about amenities or the way things operate or the services they can offer, please let the hotel know. Should you have any problems, please make sure to inform the hotel and your Tour Director immediately.

Trip Registration Form & Payment Information - Please be aware that any travel services booked through Nada's Italy fall under the same Terms & Conditions that are explained in our Trip Registration Form. To be officially registered for this trip, travelers must complete the Trip Registration Form and return it to us with a 50% deposit (personal check, and credit cards accepted) payment. Final payment will be due 90 days prior to the trip departure date.

Cancellation Policy - The Cancellation Policy included in the Registration Form applies to any and all travel services booked on your behalf by Nada's Italy, including but not limited to those directly associated with a Nada's

Italy tour, Nada's Italy ByDesign services, additional hotel nights, guided tours, meals, transportation, among other services.

Travel Insurance – Nada's Italy Inc. recommends that all travelers purchase insurance to enhance their travel experience. Travel insurance provides extra protection for unexpected traveling costs such as those resulting from trip cancellation caused by accident, illness, natural disasters, loss of income, lost luggage, or cancelled or interrupted trip.