

10-day "Rome, Siena & Florence"

Anyone can take you to Italy, but few do it like us: deeply, madly, passionately. Experience the sights of Rome, Chianti wine country and Siena for the Palio di Siena, the world's oldest horse race.

Days 1-3: After pick up at Rome's airport or train station, transfer to Hotel Modigliani, an intimate little boutique hotel near the Spanish steps and Trevi fountain. Enjoy a welcoming drink followed by a 2 hour walking tour of Rome with the irreplaceable Francesco (a long-time Spyns guide) as your host. See the Trevi Fountain, Spanish steps Pantheon and more before cocktails and dinner in our friend Manuela's little restaurant just steps from the hotel. Spend your next two days in Rome exploring the best-known sights (the Vatican and Coliseum to name a few) and a few Spyns secrets.

Days 4-7: Coach transfer from Rome to Siena (4 hours) for the tour's main event: il Palio di Siena. A scarf from your district (or 'contrade') will be waiting in your room. After freshening up, join an afternoon walking tour of Siena's Duomo cathedral and square (Piazza del Campo). Free night for dinner. The following day, attend one of the many practice races before touring your contrade's museum. Learn the rich 700-year history of il Palio followed by a hearty lunch on Siena's main square. Enjoy an afternoon nap or some light shopping before spectacular outdoor contrade dinner and an evening of wine, food and song. After a hearty breakfast, join in the endless processions & parades leading up to the afternoon race. Once settled in your balcony seat near the starting lines, watch a pre-Palio procession that hasn't changed for hundreds of years with our guides explaining the complex history of this Italian pageant. Then watch in awe as thousands of Siennese cheer, scream, and weep as their horses race around the medieval square.

Days 8-10: Sleep in late, have breakfast in bed, or get in that last bit of shopping before transfer to breathtaking Florence (1 hour). Explore the city that the de Medicis made famous. Of course you'll get to see the David, Duomo Cathedral, and Ponte Vecchio. But a Spyns tour is so much more than just the classic sights; explore the markets and shops that make Florence a culinary destination as well. Take an optional day tour to Chianti for some cycling, hiking or wine tasting. Optional cooking class Final send off dinner in a rooftop restaurant with panoramic views over the Renaissance. On your final day of the tour, sleep in, do that last bit of shopping before transfer to the train station or airport and your final destination.

Hotels: Rome Hotel Modigliani A Spyns favorite, with just 24 rooms and a few steps from the Spanish steps, it's the perfect base for exploring Rome. **Florence Hotel Laurus** Just steps from the Duomo cathedral, this haven in the center of Rome has an unbeatable location. **Siena Hotel Palazzo Ravizza** Just steps away from Siena's Piazza del Campo



TOUR AT A GLANCE

Dates

June 28-July 7/09

August 12-21/09

Start: Rome

Finish: Siena

Price

US\$5695 (pp/do)

What's Included

Hotel, Breakfasts, Guides, Coach Transfers, 7 dinners, 5 lunches

What You'll See

Rome, Florence, Siena, Palio Horse Race, and Chianti wine country

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