Cruise Details

Name:	Cruise & Tour: Experience the Best of Italy
Reference:	UNIWORLD60241
Operator:	Uniworld
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	S.S. La Venezia
Regions:	Po
Departs On:	09 May 27
Departs From:	Venice
Arrives On:	27 May 27
Arrives At:	Venice
Cruise Nights:	18
Total Vacation Days:	19

Itinerary

Day 1: Venice (Italy)

Arrive at Venice Marco Polo International Airport. If you have arranged a Uniworld arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship. Unpack, relax and enjoy your first evening on the Venetian Lagoon.

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 2: Venice (Italy)

With your early morning arrival at Doge's Palace, you'll be able to marvel at the estate in total peace. Wander through a Venetian neighborhood and experience daily life in an authentic Venetian residential quarter. Later in the evening, cap the day off with a private once-in-a-lifetime experience at an after-hours lighting ceremony inside St. Mark's Basilica without the crowds.

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 3: Venice (Italy)

Start your morning in one of two of the Veneto region’s UNESCO World Heritage cities, Vicenza or Padua. In the afternoon, you'll reboard the ship for scenic sailing across the lagoon as we head towards Mazzorbo and Burano. In the evening, you may wish to take your free time to stroll into town to appreciate this charming island when most of the tourists have left for the evening. Burano’s brightly painted fishermen’s cottages are an artist’s dream —hot pink, chartreuse, orange, lemon yellow, and more.

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 4: Chioggia (Italy)

Spend the day exploring the northern lagoon of Venice and its captivating islands. Start with a visit to Torcello's famous basilica with an art historian, then stroll through the agricultural island of Mazzorbo and the rainbow-hued island of Burano during your free time after lunch. Alternatively, you can take the afternoon to see the renowned glassblowing artisans of Murano at work.

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 5: Chioggia (Italy)

Today, you’ll admire the greatest sites of charming and coastal Chioggia, including a stop at the local and lively market.

Arrives On: 13 May 27

Day 6: Venice (Italy)

This morning, join a sailing excursion where you’ll explore the Po Delta where the Po River and the Adriatic Sea meet. Later, during lunch, we sail back to Venice.

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 7: Venice (Italy)

As your water taxi glides past narrow side canals and the Canal Grande, you’ll arrive in style at the Rialto Bridge. The iconic stone arch bridge sits at the narrowest point of the Canal Grande and holds numerous shops and restaurants.

Arrives On: 15 May 27

Day 8: Venice (Italy)

Say arrivederci to the S.S. La Venezia and journey to Rome via high-speed train to begin our land tour of Italy. Tonight, savor a delicious meal with your fellow guests.

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 9: Vatican City (Vatican)

Bask in the splendor of Rome exploring the mighty Vatican. Cross the Tiber River to see the magnificent Roman Forum, dwarfed by the ruins in this site of courts, meetings, and the iconic Colosseum. Later, enjoy a stroll to see the Spanish Steps or Trevi Fountain.

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 10: Naples (Italy)

Be transported to 79 A.D. as you roam the ruins of Pompeii with a Local Expert. Inspect remnants of ancient shops, baths, and villas frozen in time by the volcanic eruption. Leave the past behind on a short cruise to the sun-drenched Isle of Capri or enjoy the scenic coastline as you make your way to your next hotel, located in either Capri or Sorrento (date dependent). Note: Guests will stay in Capri for all departures from April 4 to May 16 and from September 5 to October 3. Guests will stay in Sorrento for all other departures.

Arrives On: 18 May 27

Day 11: Capri (Italy)

Morning sunlight dances upon the shimmering waters of Capri on your private cruise to the White Grotto, a stark white cave set into impressive cliffs. Admire its contrast against the bright blue sea before setting off for Capri town. Cool off with a refreshing lemon granita before joining a local historian on a trip to the gardens of Caesar Augustus to view the legendary Faraglioni Rocks. Breathe in the sea air as you take in many terraces jutting out of the water before lunch at the Michelin-starred Le Monzù, where you'll savor Mediterranean flavors. Guests will stay in Capri for all departures from April 4 to May 16 and from September 5 to October 3. Guests will stay in Sorrento for all other departures.

Arrives On: 19 May 27

Day 12: Assisi (Italy)

Heading north along the Highway of the Sun, you will pass through beautiful hills with ancient medieval hilltop towns and alongside olive groves to Assisi. In this history-rich town and UNESCO World Heritage Site you have your pick of how to soak up the town's riches. Join a local historian for a guided visit of the imposing Basilica of St. Francis or treat your palate by sampling Umbrian specialties. Continue to the regional capital of Perugia where you'll wind your way through the maze of medieval streets to your centrally located, five-star hotel.

Arrives On: 20 May 27

Day 13: San Gimignano (Italy)

Discover the medieval Umbrian tradition of loom-weaving as fourth-generation artisan Marta welcomes you into her workshop, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience celebrating heritage and craft. Surrounded by sunlit vineyards, enjoy a private wine tasting paired with regional cuisine. Then, meet Gelato World Champion Sergio Dondoli and savor his award-winning, handcrafted flavors.

Arrives On: 21 May 27

Day 14: Florence (Italy)

Immerse yourself in Renaissance Florence by joining an art historian at the Accademia Museum to marvel at Michelangelo’s David. Gaze at the impressive trio of the Duomo, Bell Tower, and Baptistery before stepping into the Piazza della Signoria, rich in political history. Alternatively, visit the lively Mercato Centrale with a local foodie to sample seasonal gourmet highlights. Later, forage for truffles with a trained truffle dog. Conclude your day with a decadent meal featuring the famous Fiorentina (mouth-watering grilled Tuscan steak) in an elegant villa.

Arrives On: 22 May 27

Day 15: Pisa (Italy)

After enjoying a relaxed start to the morning, head to a former hunting lodge built in the 1200s by the Medici family. Here, you'll learn from a professional Italian chef how to roll pasta by hand and discover the secrets of a tiramisu. Complete your cooking experience by savoring the fruits of your labor with a lovely lunch. This afternoon, travel to Pisa and get to know the city with a Local Expert.

Arrives On: 23 May 27

Day 16: Cinque Terre National Park (Italy)

Experience some of the most awe-inspiring coastal scenery on earth at the UNESCO-listed Cinque Terre. Discover charming Manarola, a picturesque fishing village, with some free time for lunch in Monterosso before traveling by train to the historic and colorful resort town of Rapallo.Please note that Easter weekend in Cinque Terre draws many visitors. Guests visiting Cinque Terre during this time of year can expect a festive atmosphere and large crowds. Included experiences will be able to operate without changes.

Arrives On: 24 May 27

Day 17: Venice (Italy)

Traverse the Apennine Mountain range past rolling, gentle hills of moss and emerald green before arriving in Venice. You’re treated to the most glamorous of arrivals as you take a private water taxi

to dock at your waterfront hotel. After checking in, travel in style along the Grand Canal towards St. Mark’s Square for an orientation to Venice and gondola ride through the romantic canals. Later, join an after-hours visit to the magnificent Doge's Palace.

Arrives On: 25 May 27

Day 18: Venice (Italy)

This morning, choose to either wander hidden alleys of Venice with a Local Expert or learn about one of the oldest Jewish quarters in the world on a visit to the city’s former Jewish Ghetto. Then, get an inside look at the age-old skill of glassblowing on the island of Murano.Tonight, gather with your traveling companions over dinner at your celebratory evening at a traditional Venetian restaurant.

Arrives On: 26 May 27

Day 19: Venice (Italy)

Your Italian voyage ends in style, with a private boat ride to Venice’s Marco Polo International Airport for your flight home.Note that Airport Transfers are provided for guests who purchase their airfare through Uniworld. Otherwise, guests are responsible for their own airport transfers.

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