



# Switzerland & Italy

10 DAYS // 12 WITH EXTENSION

In Lucerne, the folkloric Swiss culture fits perfectly against the backdrop of spectacular Alpine scenery. Down through the Italian lakes region, nature's beauty continues to amaze, all the way to the picturesque canals of Venice. Further south, humankind's imprint becomes more pronounced, from Florence's Renaissance piazzas to the remains of ancient Rome.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED



Full-time Tour Director who's with you every step of the way



4 expert-led sightseeing tours in iconic destinations



All transportation, including round-trip flights



9 tickets to bucket-list experiences and attractions



Daily breakfast and dinner featuring regional cuisine



The option for students to receive academic credit



8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms



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YOUR TOUR NUMBER



# Take in this tour's highlights

## Lucerne

Stroll the fable-like streets of Lucerne with your Tour Director. Visit the Lion Monument, commemorating the lives of Swiss Guards lost in the 1792 storming of the Tuileries in Paris. Then walk along Kapellbrücke—a medieval covered bridge—and gaze across the still waters of Lake Lucerne.

Enjoy a boat cruise along Lake Lucerne to the base of one of the mountains nearby. Then ride a cogwheel railway to the top of the Alps to get an unforgettable bird's-eye view of the city below.

## Venice

Get to know this dreamy destination with an expert local guide. Stand in the larger-than-life St. Mark's Square and wander the banks of the Grand Canal. Imagine what it was like for architects to build an entire city around such a captivating natural waterway thousands of years ago.

Take to the winding canals yourself as you relax on a quintessential gondola ride.

Hop on a water taxi to explore the island of Burano. The brightly colored homes lining the channels look as if they've emerged from a Venetian painting.

## Florence

Study up on the city's history during a walking tour with an expert local guide. Spot the Ponte Vecchio, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Gates of Paradise, and Piazza della Signoria. Prepare for a jaw-dropping moment when you first see the world-famous Duomo.

## Assisi

Explore this quiet hillside town on a day trip with an expert local guide. Learn about its religious significance and see outstanding examples of early Renaissance art.

Visit the breathtaking Basilica of St. Francis, home to two separate churches. Compare the darker, crypt-like Lower Basilica (that holds the tomb of St. Francis—one of Italy's most beloved saints) with the spacious architecture and bright frescos in the Upper Basilica.

## Rome

Walk in the footsteps of Julius Caesar *and* gladiators all in one afternoon with an expert local guide. While the Colosseum definitely lives up to the hype, the Roman Forum is often an unexpected favorite.

Cross classic Roman sites off your bucket list as you embark on a self-guided walking tour. Wind around seemingly ordinary corners and happen upon iconic spots like Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and the Spanish Steps.

### \$ Groups have the option to extend their tour by two days

Travel to Pompeii to tour the ancient city's ruins preserved in ash, then head back to Rome to explore the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

