



**9 Memorable Days Milan to Rome  
New Year in an Italian Villa & Tuscany**

**Explore the beauty of some of Italy's most enchanting cities**

**Experience Italy's rich heritage in Winter**

Imagine exploring the 'Romeo and Juliet' city of Verona before staying in an Italian Villa over the New Year. Experience stylish Milan, enjoy lunch in a Tuscan farmhouse, stay in the medieval town of Lucca and visit Renaissance Florence.



Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach



A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners with a welcome drink in Milan  
15 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 6 evening meals (D)



Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)  
8 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation  
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)



Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)  
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides  
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager  
Local guides as described in the itinerary



ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



## Milan

Day 1



Starhotels Ritz Hotel, Milan, Italy

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Your tour commences this evening in Milan. A welcome drink and dinner are included in a local restaurant tonight. This is an ideal opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

## Verona sightseeing

Day 2



Villa Michelangelo Vicenza - Starhotels Collezione

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Boarding our coach we drive east and stop to explore Verona, the city where tragic lovers, Romeo and Juliet, avowed a love that spanned the centuries. A local guide will bring to life this beautiful city, where these tragic lovers avowed a love that spanned the centuries. We have included a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre, Verona Arena. Built in the first half of the 1st century A.D and renowned as one of the largest amphitheatres in Italy. It is extraordinarily well-preserved and its elliptical shape produces perfect acoustics. In 1913 the staging of a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's Aida gave it a new purpose as an opera theatre. With a seating area made up of 44 levels and a capacity of around 15,000 spectators, every summer, the Roman amphitheatre is transformed into the world's largest open-air opera house.

Later we arrive at our charming Villa hotel in the rolling hills above Vicenza, where we stay for three nights.

## Glorious Venice, Grand Canal ride and the Doges Palace

Day 3



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Today we visit nearby Venice – arguably one of the most romantic cities in the world. At Tronchetto we board a boat to take us to St Mark's Square where we join our expert local guide for a walking tour. We have also included entrance to the extraordinary pink and white marble Doges Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to shop and explore the myriad of narrow, water lined streets and canals spanned by humped back bridges. Our return route will be in private water taxis right down the length of the Grand Canal, past dozens and dozens of historical Merchant's Palaces. Dinner this evening is back in 'our' magnificent Villa.

## New Year's Eve – Padua, Vicenza and Gala Dinner celebrations

Day 4



Villa Michelangelo Vicenza - Starhotels Collezione

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New Year's Eve! We will spend this morning in the ancient university town of Padua. With our local guide, we will explore this historical city. We have included entrance to the Cappella degli Scrovegni (Scroveni Chapel) with its magnificent Giotto frescoes. Lunchtime is at leisure in the old town. You may like to take a stroll through the nearby UNESCO Heritage listed Orto Botanico – the centuries old Botanical Gardens.

Before returning to our Villa we will make an afternoon stop to explore beautiful Vicenza. Rich in history and culture, Vicenza was awarded UNESCO World heritage status principally due to the legacy left by the famous local architect Andrea Palladio. Considered one of the greatest architects of all time, you will find more than 16 of his palaces and villas scattered through the old town. In the glorious Piazza dei Signori, you will find the most beautiful of all - the Basilica Palladiana. After free time to explore the superb Piazza and central Corso, we will return to our Villa. It's time to relax before enjoying a grand evening celebrating the New Year in the Villa's restaurant, 'Italian style'. Sit back and enjoy fine Italian dining, numerous courses with selected regional wines. A night to remember!

### New Year's Day – sightseeing in medieval Lucca

Day 5



Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy



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A very leisurely start today before boarding our coach to drive south into Tuscany. We stay the next three nights in the typically 'Tuscan' town of Lucca – a medieval walled city, filled with palaces, churches and ancient houses. Our hotel is beautifully located right inside the old city walls. On arrival we will enjoy a guided walking tour of this beautiful city. This evening we have included dinner in a local restaurant.

### Florence sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 6



Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy



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Today is dedicated to nearby 'Firenze' (Florence). We are joined by a local guide who will bring to life this truly beautiful city, which is otherwise known as the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. We see the Duomo and take in the magnificent statues in the Piazza della Signoria. At the conclusion of your walking tour, we have included a guided visit to the famous Accademia Gallery, home to Michelangelo's 'David' and numerous other extraordinary Italian, Florentine and Renaissance works of art. Your afternoon is entirely free to enjoy Florence at your own pace.

### Leaning Tower of Pisa, lunch in the Tuscan countryside and 'My Time'

Day 7



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This morning we visit nearby Pisa. We have included a 'petit train' ride to take us right into the city centre with its famous Leaning Tower in the magnificent Piazza dei Miracoli. We have also included entrance tickets to the Cathedral, Baptistery and the memorable Camposanto. Later, as a highlight, we drive into the picturesque Tuscan countryside to visit a local Olive Oil Farmhouse Estate, and enjoy a Tuscan lunch. After dipping bread in the estate produced olive oil, you will enjoy antipasto including local meats and cheese – all specialities of this region, and pasta (of course!) accompanied by a selection of the Estate's fine red and white wines. The remainder of your afternoon has been left entirely free to explore delightful Lucca. Perhaps visit the former home of Puccini, where he wrote Turandot, walk, or hire a bike and ride, around the entire town on top of the broad city walls. Delightful!

### 'Fairytale' San Gimignano to the eternal city of Rome

Day 8



Best Western Premier Hotel Royal Santina, Rome



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This morning we drive across the Tuscan Hills to enjoy lunchtime in the fairytale 'town of towers' San Gimignano, famous for its 13th and 14th century Tuscan towers. Exploring the pedestrian walkways of this hilltop town is an absolute delight. Tonight, in the eternal city of Rome, we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

### Rome

Day 9



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Your New Year tour ends after breakfast and it is time to say farewell.

## Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



**Visit Verona**  
Guided Walking Tour



**Venice**  
Walking Tour & visit  
Doges Palace



**Padua**  
Ancient University  
Town



**'My Time' in Vicenza**  
Superb Piazza and  
central Corso



**New Year's Eve**  
Celebrate 'Italian  
style'



**Lucca**  
Walking Tour



**Florence**  
Walking tour & visit  
Accademia Gallery



**Pisa**  
Leaning Tower of Pisa



**Tuscan lunch**  
In an Olive Oil  
Farmhouse Estate



**San Gimignano**  
Fairytale 'Town of  
Towers'

## Dates and Prices

Correct as of 05:12 on 15th April 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart
28 Dec 2026	05 Jan 2027	AUD\$7,157	AUD\$8,857	✓ Space Available
28 Dec 2027	06 Jan 2028	TBC	TBC	● Pre-Register

\* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2026 tour departures and may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

## Tour Suitability

- ✎ Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- ✎ We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
- ✎ Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

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