5-Day Italy Itinerary

A day-by-day plan from Poppy Carla

Best time to go: April to June, or September to October. Summer is hot and crowded.
Getting around: Walk in each city. High-speed trains connect Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan.
Book ahead: Colosseum, Vatican Museums, Uffizi, the Accademia and The Last Supper.

DAY 1

Ancient Rome

Start early at the Colosseum, then walk through the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill on the same combined ticket. Have dinner in Trastevere.

DAY 2

Vatican City

Book the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel for the morning, visit St. Peter's Basilica, and spend a slow afternoon in the nearby Prati neighborhood.

DAY 3

Piazzas & Fountains

Walk from the Pantheon to Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Relax in the Villa Borghese gardens before dinner.

DAY 4

Train to Florence

Take a morning high-speed train (about 1.5 hours). Visit the Duomo, cross the Ponte Vecchio, and spend the afternoon at the Uffizi Gallery.

DAY 5

Florence Art & Views

See Michelangelo's David at the Accademia, have lunch in the Oltrarno, and watch the sunset from Piazzale Michelangelo.

Opening times, ticket rules, travel times and prices change, so check each detail before you book. More guides, stays and packing lists at poppycarla.com.