7-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.

DAY 6

Train to Venice

Ride the train to Venice (about 2 hours) and get lost in the canals and Rialto area.

DAY 7

Venice Islands

Visit St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace, then take a boat to Murano and Burano.

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.