



The Olive Odysseys
'Bucket List' Italy-Venice to Rome
October 1-10 2018

Activities On Your Own

During our trip you will have some afternoons on your own to explore. It is always nice just to roam around and just experience the places we will be. However there might be some popular sites on your list. Some sites are so popular that the only way you can see them (without spending all day in line) is to buy skip-the-line tickets. We have listed several dates below and have included the official sites in which to book them. Keep in mind that if you google (as an example) 'skip the line tickets' to the Vatican Museum (Sistine Chapel + much more) that you will get many sites that have nothing to do directly with the Vatican and are only padding on fees to the official tickets. Below we help you to cut through and go directly to the official sites for booking. You will be booking in euros. Check with your credit card company first to make sure that they do not have international transaction fees.

October 2 (plus if you get to Venice earlier)

We will be going into the Basilica San Marco and the museum and nipping into the courtyard of the Doges' palace but we will not be touring inside of Doge's Palace. If you want tickets here for later in the afternoon, direct ticketing that can be had-

<http://palazzoducale.visitmuve.it/en/pianifica-la-tua-visita/tickets/>

In addition, Murano and Burano Islands are accessible by vaporetto and you can book that anytime you want to go at any ticket office right at the vaporetto stops.

Plus there is the Accademia (we will be going to the one in Florence to see David together) in Venice <http://www.gallerieaccademia.it/en>

Peggy Guggenheim collection in Venice <http://www.guggenheim-venice.it/inglese/default.html>

La Fenice Opera house <http://www.teatrolafenice.it/site/index.php?&pag=497&lingua=eng>

October 4

If you plan on seeing the Uffizi gallery this afternoon in Florence, then you can find tickets to book ahead at <https://www.uffizi.it/en/the-uffizi>

Pitti Palace-this has many separate museums inside of one huge palace. You can pick and choose which ones are interesting to you (I would do it, because you might get museum fatigue :) <https://www.uffizi.it/en/pitti-palace> (**I have never seen long lines for this museum and most past guests have just walked up and waited 5 minutes in line- so you might not bother with tickets ahead of time**)

Boboli Gardens- beautiful gardens right behind the Pitti Palace-separate entrance fee

<https://www.uffizi.it/en/boboli-garden> (**I have never seen long lines for this museum and most past guests have just walked up and waited 5 minutes in line- you might not bother with tickets ahead of time**)

October 5th

You need to tell us if you want to climb the leaning tower-We do not recommend it if you have vertigo or if you can't climb steps. It is still stunning viewing it from the ground. **Need this by the end of next week.**

October 8th (after 4 p.m.) and 9th (after 3 p.m.) in Rome- Vatican and Vatican Museums. Here is where we do recommend a guided tour. If you book ahead then you can skip the line and go right in. A guide will show you the highlights and glide you through what is always a busy place. Book your tickets the later in the day on October 8th (after 4 p.m.) and 9th (after 3 p.m.) and before our farewell dinner at 7 p.m. on the 9th. (**these tickets need to be booked the first, as the guided tours sell out fast**)

<https://biglietteriamusei.vatican.va/musei/tickets/do?action=booking&codiceLivelloVisita=4&step=1>

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