

Weather & Destination Specific Information

Grand Adventure: Rome, Venice, Tuscany & the Italian Riviera

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

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Time Zone: Italy is 6 hours ahead of the US Eastern Time Zone and 7 hours ahead of the US Central Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

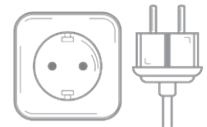
City	May	June
Rome	83°F/60°F	83°F/60°F
Florence	83°F/60°F	83°F/60°F
Portofino	77°F/66°F	77°F/66°F

Currency: The unit of currency in the European Union is the Euro. Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily.

A helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com.

Electrical Current: The electric current in Italy is 220 volts, 50 cycles and electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required for use in an electrical socket.

A voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. If the tag on your device lists 110-220 volts, then you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



International Guide: Holiday Vacations has arranged for an international guide to provide cultural insight into the regions you will be visiting. Your international guide will also discuss currency exchange, customs, language, and history.

Driver and Guide Gratuities: It is customary to provide a discretionary gratuity for a job well done. The suggested gratuity for your Driver is \$7 EUR per person per day and \$7 EUR per person per day for your Italian Guide. The suggested gratuity for your Holiday Vacations Tour Director is \$8-10 USD per person per day. Tipping is on a voluntary basis and is given directly to the individual at the end of the tour.

Meal Expenses: For the meals not included with the tour you can expect to spend the equivalent of \$15 – \$30 USD per person, per day.

Packing: Bags with wheels are not suitable as a carry-on bag in Europe where motorcoaches have very limited space. The European Union does not allow these bags in the passenger section of the motorcoach. *Packing Note:* Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you.

Value Added Tax (VAT): There is a Value Added Tax in Italy. This tax is levied on most goods except for food and many services. In certain cases, the Value Added Tax on goods that are exported to the United States can be reimbursed to you upon completion and submission of a special form. There may be a service charge for the forms deducted from your reimbursement.