

# Classic Italy – Rome, Florence & Venice

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

## WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Time Zone:** Italy is 6 hours ahead of the US Eastern Time Zone.

**Weather:** Average High/Low

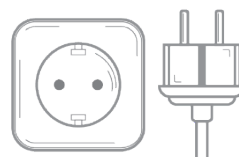
City	May	June	Sept.	Oct.
Venice	75°F/54°F	78°F/62°F	75°F/59°F	64°F/50°F
Florence	76°F /54°F	83°F /60°F	79°F/57°F	70°F/50°F
Rome	75°F /56°F	83°F /63°F	81°F/61°F	73°F/54°F

**Currency:** The unit of currency in the European Union is the Euro (EUR).

Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily. A helpful website for referencing current rates is [www.oanda.com](http://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. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. 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.

**International Driver & Guide:** Your Driver and Guide will be with you for most of your tour. Should they meet your expectations, it is suggested you tip them to show your appreciation. The suggested gratuity for your Driver is \$7 EUR per person per day. The suggested gratuity for your Guide is \$7 EUR per person per day.

**Packing Note:** Washcloths are not standard in European hotels. Feel free to bring them with you.

**Public Facilities:** Outside of your hotel room some of the restrooms will have pay toilets or attendants collecting at the door. You may wish to have local coins available for these situations. All tap water is safe to drink. The hot and cold-water faucets may be the opposite of North America and hot water can be extremely hot.

**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.