

## Italian Design Tour 2018

A 12 days tour that will take you to discover the **Italian Design and its ultimate trends in any field**. Let's explore the **Salone del Mobile** with its latest innovations and the most trendy clubs&restaurants in Milan, while many side events will enliven the city. Then take the chance to see **Venice and its handicrafts** and **Florence with its fashion icons**. Explore the origin of one of the main symbols of Italian style and luxury: **Ferrari** cars and, last but not least, see **Rome** and its unmissable treasure.



## Tour schedule: April 20<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Day 1 – ARRIVAL – MARTINI BAR by D&G – Friday

Private transfer from airport to hotel.

Check-in at the hotel (a 4\* hotel in a very convenient location) and free time at disposal

Sparkling Friday @ the **MARTINI BAR**: in one of the trendiest bar of the city (one of the most trendy location of the city, the elegant Martini lounge bar by Dolce & Gabbana). Overnight at the hotel in Milan

### Day 2 – MILAN DESIGN WEEK – Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel

Train transfer to the **Salone del Mobile** exhibition area (outside the city center) by fast train (train transfer around 10/15 min)

Full day at disposal to explore the Fair and its impressive design products.

Train transfer back from the Salone. Overnight at the hotel in Milan

### Day 3 – SALONE SATELLITE & TRIENNALE – Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel

Train transfer to the Salone del Mobile exhibition area by fast train (10/15 min ride)

Full day at disposal to explore not only the main Fair and its workshops but also the side “**Salone Satellite**” that since 1998 is the main event focusing on young designers and their innovative ideas.

In the afternoon, visit the **TRIENNALE of Milan**: set inside the Palazzo dell'Arte, is an important cultural institution with an intense activity of exhibitions, conferences and various events focusing on art, design, fashion and cinema. The Triennale also hosts the **Design Museum**. **Dinner @ the Terrazza Triennale**: a special dinner at a fascinating roof top restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Milan

### Day 4 – Milan City Tour - Monday

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning, **guided city tour** to sightsee the best of the city that, in addition to the unmissable classics (may include some “insider’s gem” like the Architecture tour of Porta Nuova and its Vertical Forest

In the afternoon: train transfer from Milan to Venice Santa Lucia station (by Freccia fast train; 2h25min). Private transfer by water taxi from train station to hotel and check-in at the hotel in Venice (a 4\* hotel in a convenient location). Overnight at the hotel in Venice

### Day 5 – VENICE City Tour - Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel

**Full day city tour**, lead by a professional tour leader. From S. Marco Square to the Rialto Bridge and Grand Canal, you’ll have the chance to visit all the most impressive attractions of this unique city.

Overnight at the hotel in Venice

### Day 6 – VENICE Handicrafts Tours- Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel

Venice is famous all over the world not only for its noble palaces and bridges, but also for its **fine handicrafts**: from classy masks, to precious costumes, from unique gondolas to gleaming Murano Glass.

In the morning: visit a mask artisan workshop or a rare “Squero” (old, traditional gondola factory) In the afternoon: boat Excursion to **Murano & Burano Islands**: a half-day cruise to the most famous of the Venetian islands, well known throughout the world for their picturesque scenery, blown glass handicrafts and history. Overnight at the hotel in Venice

### Day 7 – MODENA / FERRARI - Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel.

After breakfast private transfer to the Modena area to visit another of the jewels of Italian design: the **Ferrari cars and its history**. Visit the Ferrari Museum and the museum Enzo Ferrari, enjoying an adrenalinic drive test @ Maranello

Typical lunch in the region that boasts some of Italy’s most famous gastronomic products (from Parma ham to Balsamic vinegar)

Private transfer to Florence and check-in at the hotel (a 4\* hotel in convenient location). Overnight in Florence

### Day 8 – FLORENCE city tour- Friday

Breakfast at the hotel

**Full day city tour**, lead by a professional tour leader. It will include the Cathedral and Baptistery (in the famous Duomo Square), Ponte Vecchio, Signoria Square and the Lungarni (riverside area). On request, can be add a visit to the worldwide renowned Uffizi Gallery: one of the most ancient and prestigious museums in the world.

**Wine testing** in a very typical “enoteca”: it will include 3 glasses of wine and a selection of cold cuts and cheeses. Overnight in Florence

### Day 9 – FLORENCE Ferragamo and fashion tour – Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel

Design in Italy is not only cars and furniture, but also fashion and shoes. Visit the **Ferragamo museum** and the fashion district.

Free time at disposal for sightseeing and shopping

In the late afternoon train transfer from Florence to Rome (by Freccia fast train; 1h10min)

Check in at the hotel in Rome (a 4\* hotel in a convenient location) Overnight at the hotel in Rome.

### Day 10 – ROME City Tour - Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning visit the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel** (skip the line tickets)

In the afternoon half day **city tour**, lead by a professional guide, to discover Rome masterpieces (including the Colosseum, Spanish steps, Trevi fountain, Navona square). Overnight at the hotel in Rome

### Day 11 – ROME MAXXI Museum- Monday

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit the **MAXXI**, the national museum of contemporary art and architecture designed by Zaha Hadid – whose design is a masterpiece itself. Free time at disposal for sightseeing and shopping. Overnight at the hotel in Rome

### Day 12 – DEPARTURE - Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel

Private transfer from hotel to airport

