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**TEXAS EXES**  
— FLYING LONGHORNS —

10 days | 9 nights | 1 Country

Start date: 25 May 2025

# ITALIAN ESPRESSO

**\$2460 per person Twin Share**

**\$708 (subject to availability) Single Supplement**



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**Texas Exes** 

**25 May 2025**

**Day 1 Start Rome**

Welcome to Rome! Once known as the 'capital of the world' this richly historic, passionate and elegant city will steal our hearts as soon as we arrive. We'll meet and greet our Contiki crew at 4pm, then with our eyes wide and camera roll full, we'll head to the streets for an included Italian feast before heading on an orientation tour of the city.

Guests to make their own transfer arrangements from the airport to the hotel.

Meal(s):Dinner

Hotel(s): Hotel Archimede (or similar)

**26 May 2025**

**Day 2 Rome to Florence**

**Rome:** Rise and shine, we're headed to another historical heavyweight today...

**Siena:** But not before stopping off at Siena for lunch. This place has medieval masterpieces and the historic city centre has been declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site. We'll soak up all of that historic beauty and grab a bite before heading onto Florence...

**Florence:** Florence is one of the foodie capitals of Italy, so we won't waste any time trying the local delicacies before turning in for the night, dreaming of the Florentine adventures that await us tomorrow.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): BB Centro (or similar)

**27 May 2025**

**Day 3 Florence**

Florence is often referred to as a 'walking museum', and today we'll find out why. With a locally guided walking tour, we'll discover Renaissance Florence on foot, swooning at Giotto's Bell Tower, Basilica Santa Croce, and Piazza della Signoria. We'll also see the Duomo, one of the world's most remarkable architectural feats. Later, we'll get together for a Tuscan Risotto Evening indulging in Chianti wine from the nearby vineyards. Learn how to make risotto whilst our hosts have cooked up a feast of antipasto and Italian specialties. Save some room for 'dolce' i.e a mystery homemade dessert!

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): BB Centro (or similar)

**28 May 2025**

**Day 4 Florence to Cinque Terre**

**Florence:** Farewell, Florence. We'll never forget you. But we've got more dreamy Italian hot spots to hit up.

**Lucca:** Another stopover will let us check out lovely Lucca, with its charming piazzas, Renaissance architecture and historic cafes. Opt for wines at the local vineyards outside of Lucca. Or it's a perfect spot to grab a bite before we hit the road again.

**Pisa:** We can't be this way of the world without a sneaky visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Depriving you of the chance to perfect the holding-up-the-tower shot would be criminal.

**Cinque Terre:** Welcome to the Italian Riviera! You're going to fall head over heels with this region over the coming days...

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hotel Le Grazie (or similar)

**29 May 2025**

**Day 5 Cinque Terre**

Some people think Cinque Terre is just one place, but it actually translates to the 'five lands' and is made up of 5 stunning towns with their own unique identity and traditions. Included in your trip is an unlimited Cinque Terre hike and train ticket, and whichever way you choose to get around will be sure to make you fall in love with the dramatic cliff-faces and pastel coloured buildings.

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hotel Le Grazie (or similar)

**30 May 2025**

**Day 6 Cinque Terre to Milan**

**Cinque Terre:** We're hitting the road today to one of the most elegant cities in Europe. **Como:** But not before experiencing the glitz and glamour of Lake Como, with its attractive villages and gorgeous gardens. The showstopper is the lake itself, of course, and we'll have the option to get out on the water and take a cruise to beautiful Bellagio.

**Milan:** Welcome to Milan, the sophisticated cityscape that rewards the curious traveller. We have a free night to check out the local nightlife, and eat some of the local delicacies. As always, your Trip Manager will have the top tips on where to go and where to avoid...

Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): BB Hotel Sesto Milano (or similar)

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## Texas Exes



31 May 2025

### Day 7 Milan to Venice

**Milan:** The dreamy destinations just don't stop coming...

**Verona:** Welcome to Verona, the heart of Renaissance romance (and the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet). Beautiful architecture, rich history and plenty of jaw-dropping art makes this place a very worthy stopover. We'll check out Juliet's balcony, part of a gorgeous 13th century house. Then it's onto another very romantic city...

**Venice:** Yup, it's Venice, where our hearts will swell at the mazy canals and ancient architecture. First up, we'll check into tonight's accommodation on the peaceful island of San Servolo, with breathtaking views of the Venice lagoon. Your jaw is sure to drop, but don't let it stay on the floor for too long!

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel(s): Centro Soggiorno San Servolo (or similar)

01 June 2025

### Day 8 Venice

Wake-up sleeping beauties! Venice is yours for the entirety of this glorious Italian day. We'll be jumping aboard our own private boat and hitting the canals en route to the historical heart of the city. A gondola ride will be up for grabs, or you can always choose to get lost on your own and see where the maze takes you. Later you'll have the chance to join a progressive food walking tour, to try different bits of cicchetti and local wines.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Centro Soggiorno San Servolo (or similar)

02 June 2025

### Day 9 Venice to Rome via Bologna

**Venice:** See ya, Venice. You'll always have a piece of our hearts. Today we're headed back to Rome to explore the city in more depth.

**Bologna:** But not before making a quick stop in Bologna. Home of prosciutto, mortadella, bolognese sauce and many more tasty Italian delights, Bologna is known far and wide as La Grassa (the Fat One). Come hungry, but make sure you're not too full to explore the Unesco-listed porticoes either.

**Rome:** With our eyes wide and camera roll full, we'll have a free night for dinner and a chance to discover the finest food Rome has to offer. Washed down with some fine Italian wine? If you say so.

Meal(s): Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hotel Archimede (or similar)

03 June 2025

### Day 10 End Rome

**Rome:** Rome wasn't built in a day - so get up and get going early to make the most of this ancient city. When in Rome... take a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

**Vatican:** Religious or not, the Vatican's Italian Renaissance church will send shivers down your spine.

**Rome:** Then our trip comes to an end in the afternoon. Swap contact details and start planning your next adventure!

Do not book flights prior to 4:00pm on the last day.

Meal(s): Breakfast

## Experiences



- See the Duomo, Basilica Santa Croce, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery & Piazza della Signoria on a locally guided walking tour of Florence.
- We'll take care of your rail pass, so you can just zip around the iconic cliff-top villages and focus on the Insta stories.
- This medieval Tuscan city is packed with charming photo ops. From the Duomo to Piazza del Campo.
- Ramble around the cobbled streets of this Renaissance walled city in Tuscany. It's an Insta post waiting to happen!
- We'll take care of your rail pass, so you can just zip around the iconic cliff-top villages and focus on the Insta stories.
- Try a Pesto Making Class in La Spezia, where you will be taught how to cook like an Italian.



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## Included



- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted (Hotels listed to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category).

### Terms and conditions:

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Trip Manager or Group Specialist for further details. **PRICE:** The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share.

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due at time of booking.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Required 60 days prior to the group's departure date. Final payment due dates are based on trip type or region. See contract or brochure for details. **CANCELLATION FEES:** In the event you have to cancel your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Trip Manager or Group Specialist.

**AMENDMENTS:** Fees may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

**REFUNDS:** No refund is available if cancellations occur after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized.

**ITINERARY CHANGES & TRIP CANCELLATION:** Prices are based on costs, charges, tariffs, taxes, levies and exchange rates at the time of publication. In the event that such fluctuations affect the price to be paid for services, we reserve the right to adjust the price as necessary at any time. Contiki reserves the right to vary itineraries should circumstances dictate, as well as cancel or reschedule any trip departure in accordance with operating requirements, or circumstances beyond its control. The advertised trip requires minimum numbers to depart. Should these not be met, Contiki reserves the right to alter or cancel arrangements.

**PASSPORT AND VISAS:** You must have a valid passport

with 6 months validity from date of return. For Visa requirements, contact your Trip Manager or Group Specialist.

**HOTELS:** The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

**TRANSFERS:** Your Trip Manager or Group Specialist can provide details of arrival and departure transfers.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** apply to this special departure. Full terms and conditions are available from Contiki. Refer also to the Contiki website at <https://www.contiki.com/media/i4ebvaj0/26-contiki-web-usa.pdf>

**FOR CONTIKI SCHEDULED DEPARTURES ONLY DISCOUNTS AND TRAVEL PROTECTION:** You may be able to take advantage of special offers and Travel Protection as detailed in the Contiki brochure or website on this trip.

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**ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS:** All pricing is based on twin share accommodation. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid.

Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.

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