



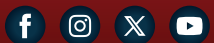
LEEF JOU REIS

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2026 | Splendour of Italy

25 August – 7 September 2026



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A glimpse into my journey

Gerrie Pretorius

*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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Experience Italy's most captivating destinations with us!

Welcome aboard our journey through the breathtaking landscapes and rich cultural tapestry of Italy's most captivating destinations. From the historic canals of Venice to the ancient ruins of Pompeii, our itinerary is thoughtfully designed to immerse you in the essence of "La Dolce Vita." Explore the iconic cities of Rome, Florence, and enchanting Sorrento, where history, art, and natural beauty converge to create a tapestry of wonders. We will bask in the sun-drenched shores of the Amalfi Coast and delve into the timeless beauty of Tuscany as we visit the hidden gem of Poggibonsi and explore the medieval hilltop towns of Siena and San Gimignano. Sit back, relax, and let the Splendour of Italy unfold before you as you embark on an adventure of a lifetime with Leef Jou Reis!





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Highlights

Venice: Find your way through the maze of canals and historic landmarks in the Floating City, and visit the Basilica of San Marco and the Doge's Palace.

San Gimignano: Explore this medieval hilltop town known for its iconic skyline of tower houses and refined Vernaccia wine. Enjoy the world's best gelato as you stroll through its inviting streets.

Siena: Discover the historic UNESCO-listed city centre, and visit the iconic Piazza del Campo and Siena Cathedral.

Florence: Marvel at Renaissance art and architecture, stroll along the Arno River, and experience the grandeur of the Duomo and the festive atmosphere of the Ponte Vecchio.

Rome: Experience the Eternal City's ancient monuments such as the Colosseum, be amazed by Vatican City, take a break on the Spanish Steps, and enjoy a classic Italian dinner in Trastevere.

Sorrento: Relax on the sun-drenched beaches of the Amalfi Coast, explore Pompeii and Vesuvius, and consider an optional trip to Salerno, Positano, Amalfi, and Maiori.

Capri: Take an optional excursion to Capri. Visit the charming town of Anacapri, and take a chairlift to soak in the panoramic views from Monte Solaro. Stroll along Via Camerelle and marvel at the lifestyle of the rich and famous.



Classic Cuisine: Visit the pizzeria in Naples where the Margherita pizza originated, and indulge in flavourful gelato, homemade pasta, traditional smoked and cured meats, aged Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, and regional delicacies like limoncello and sfogliatella.

DAY 1: 25 August 2026

Johannesburg

Today we depart on our long-awaited journey to idyllic Italy!



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DAY 2: 26 August 2026

Venice

Benvenuto! Our adventure begins in Venice, which stretches across 117 small islands. The city's unique charm is a maze of canals interwoven with streets bursting with colours and fragrances unique to the Floating City. We take a water taxi to our hotel – a very unique means of transport in this Italian city. Drop your luggage at the hotel and explore the lagoon and Brenta Riviera before checking in. Enjoy our delicious welcome dinner and get to know your fellow travellers over a glass of Prosecco.

Overnight: Venice (Dinner)

DAY 3: 27 August 2026

Venice

The day begins with a guided tour of Venice, where we will admire the city's impressive architecture and iconic bridges along the waterways. Upon arriving at San Marco Square, we are greeted by the grandeur of the Basilica of San Marco, the majestic Doge's Palace, and the iconic bell tower. Experience the energetic atmosphere of this lively square, often described as the heart of Venice. We continue with a guided city tour to learn more about Venetian history and culture. Afterwards, you are free to stroll at your own pace and discover hidden gems around every corner. Visit the legendary Bridge of Sighs and the Rialto Bridge spanning the Grand Canal. Of course, no visit to Venice is complete without a historical gondola ride through the winding canals.

Overnight: Venice (Breakfast)



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DAY 4: 28 August 2026

Florence - Poggibonsi

Arrivederci Venezia! We leave the canals of Venice and journey through the rolling hills and vineyards of northern Italy to our midday stop in Florence, the crown jewel of Tuscany. Florence is a treasure trove of art, history, and culture and is home to Renaissance masterpieces, including the Duomo and the Galleria dell'Accademia where Michelangelo's David still stands proudly. As we stroll along the Arno River, the Ponte Vecchio beckons with its cosy atmosphere and medieval charm. Late afternoon we head to Poggibonsi, our base for the next three nights. This town is surrounded by natural beauty, vineyards, and olive groves as far as the eye can see. Tonight we enjoy a delicious meal together at a local restaurant in Poggibonsi.

Overnight: Poggibonsi (Dinner, Breakfast)



DAY 5: 29 August 2026

San Gimignano

Today we travel to the medieval village of San Gimignano – a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Vernaccia wine and gelaterias. The town has a distinctive skyline thanks to the tower houses built centuries ago by wealthy families as symbols of their power and prestige. We enjoy delicious gelato at Dondoli, which has won awards for the best gelato in the world! The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore this fairytale town before we return to Poggibonsi.

Overnight: Poggibonsi (Breakfast)

DAY 6: 30 August 2026

Siena

Today we visit the cobblestone city of Siena. Its historic city centre is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is famous for the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, where the popular Palio horse race is held twice a year. We explore the grand Gothic cathedral, which features artworks by Donatello and Michelangelo, followed by a wine tasting and light lunch at Fattoria Montecchio – a winery nestled in the picturesque Chianti hills.

Overnight: Poggibonsi (Breakfast and Lunch)



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DAY 7: 31 August 2026

Montepulciano - Rome

After breakfast we head for Rome, but first stop in Montepulciano, a medieval town of rare beauty. Full of elegant Renaissance palaces, ancient churches, charming squares, and hidden corners, the city offers breathtaking panoramas of the surrounding Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana valleys. After our visit we continue to Rome.

Ciao Roma! Rome is like a living museum, where every cobbled street, ancient monument, and lively piazza tells a story of its rich past. According to legend, the city was founded in 753 BC by the brothers Romulus and Remus on Palatine Hill. Rome was the centre of the mighty Roman Empire and boasts architecture, history, and culture nearly 3,000 years old. Tonight we are treated to classic Italian dishes in the charming atmosphere of Rome's Trastevere district, followed by a relaxed walk through the streets of the Eternal City

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast and Dinner)



DAY 8: 1 September 2026

Rome

We start early with a Hop-On Hop-Off bus tour of all the city's famous sights. The Colosseum, which could accommodate approximately 80,000 people, dates back to 70-72 AD and is widely regarded as the largest ancient amphitheatre ever built. Guests may also visit Vatican City - the smallest independent state in the world, housing significant religious and artistic treasures. Move from St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums to the breathtaking Sistine Chapel with its masterful ceiling frescoes by Michelangelo. No trip to Rome is complete without a visit to the Trevi Fountain. Legend says you must toss a coin over your left shoulder with your right hand to ensure your return to Rome.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast)



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DAY 9: 2 September 2026

Sorrento

Today we travel by luxury coach to Sorrento on the sun-drenched Amalfi Coast. Delight in landscapes defined by rugged cliffs, lush greenery, and colourful villages nestled against steep hillsides. Sorrento is the gateway to the Amalfi Coast and boasts spectacular views, abundant lemon groves, and a vibrant holiday atmosphere. After checking in at our hotel, we stroll along bustling Corso Italia - Sorrento's main street filled with boutiques, gelaterias, and lively cafés. Enjoy traditional limoncello (Italian lemon liqueur) and sfogliatella (a pastry with sweet ricotta and citrus peel filling).

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast)

DAY 10: 3 September 2026

Pompeii and Naples

Today we visit Pompeii, where time was frozen by the fierce eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Explore the well-preserved streets, homes, and buildings of this once-thriving Roman city. From Pompeii we travel to Naples and enjoy dinner at the famous Pizzeria Brandi (founded in 1798), known as the birthplace of the Margherita Pizza. Buon appetito!

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast en Dinner)

DAY 11: 4 September 2026

Sorrento or the Amalfi Coast

Enjoy a relaxed day in Sorrento. Wander through the picturesque streets and don't forget to visit the Villa Comunale Park in the town centre. The park offers beautiful gardens and breathtaking views over the Bay of Naples with Vesuvius in the distance. Soak in the scenery and appreciate the cosy atmosphere created by local artists and street musicians. If you prefer to explore the Amalfi Coast, your Leef Jou Reis guide can suggest an optional excursion to Salerno, Positano, Amalfi, and Maiori. Amalfi is die middelpunt van die Amalfi-kus en word omring met kafees en suurlemoenboorde, terwyl Maiori 'n skilderagtige promenade aan die waterfront en een van

die langste strande aan die Amalfi-kus bied.

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast)





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DAY 12: 5 September 2026

Sorrento or Capri

Enjoy the relaxed vibe of Sorrento at your own pace. Treat yourself to creamy gelato or wander through a tranquil lemon grove where you can sip limoncello. You can also take a hydrofoil to the glamorous island of Capri – a haven for the elite. Travel along the spectacular Mamma Mia Road to reach the town of Anacapri, from where a chairlift takes you to the highest point, Monte Solaro, for panoramic views. Visit Villa San Michele in Anacapri before exploring Capri's designer boutiques on Via Camerelle. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in Sorrento as we share the wonderful memories gathered on our journey through idyllic Italy

Overnight: Sorrento (Breakfast and Dinner)



DAY 13: 6 September 2026

Departure

After breakfast, we head to Naples-Capodichino International Airport for our flight home.

DAY 14: 7 September 2026

Johannesburg

Back in Johannesburg, we say goodbye to new friends and already start dreaming of our next adventure.





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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Splendour of Italy Tour:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Get excited and look forward to the most incredible holiday of your life!

Package Include

- 11 nights hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast)
- Airport transfers (if travelling on group flights)
- Welcome dinner
- 3 Extra Dinners
- Farewell dinner
- Tour and wine tasting at Fattoria Montecchio
- Guided tours: Venice, Siena, Florence, Pompeii, San Gimignano, Montepulciano
- Hop-On Hop-Off bus tour in Rome
- Entrance fee to Pompeii archaeological ruins
- All tips
- Leef Jou Reis as tour guide and host

Package Exclude

- Return flights between Johannesburg and Italy
- Domestic flights in South Africa
- Visa application
- Lunches and dinners (unless specified)
- Drinks (unless specified)
- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions: Capri Island tour; Amalfi Coast tour (Salerno, Positano, Amalfi or Maiori)





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Things to Remember

- South African passport holders need a Schengen visa which is not included in the price. We will assist you with the application and provide all necessary documentation.
- You need a passport with two blank pages, valid for 6 months after return (i.e. until 07 March 2027).
- A Leef Jou Reis tour guide will be available at all times to assist with questions and information.
- Optional extras are offered by the Leef Jou Reis team, but guests are free to join or skip as they wish.
- **NB: You're in good hands and can simply relax and enjoy the journey, but also move at your own pace. At Leef Jou Reis we love walking, but there are always spontaneous alternatives - we can even book a taxi if you want to slip away!**
- **To fully enjoy the sights on this tour, you need to be fit and able to comfortably walk about 5 km during the day.**
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.
- About a week before departure, we'll create a WhatsApp group for sharing information. This is your communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please ensure your correct mobile numbers are on your booking form to be included in the group. During and after the tour we'll also share photos and videos here.
- Please note that, if necessary, we may swap some day programs around to ensure you have the best experience.



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Deposit

- To secure your spot on this very special tour, we require a non-refundable deposit of R10,000. Please note that we are obligated to pay this deposit and an admin fee to our operators. Kindly read the terms and conditions as set out on our website.
- The second payment of R15,000 is due by 01 November 2025. Your next payment of R15,000 is due by 01 February 2026 and the total outstanding balance is payable by 01 May 2026.
- The exchange rate for this tour price is based on 1 Euro = R22, allowing us to cover all costs and fluctuations in currency when making foreign payments.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name : LeefJouReis TWF
Bank : Standard Bank
Branch Code : 051001
Account Number : 012324523

Deposit reference number: ITALY26 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za

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