



10 June 2027 – 3 July 2027

From \$12990* twin share, \$13490* single

Ex Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Hobart, and Darwin.

Business Class and Premium Economy airfares are available. Apply to Axis Travel Centre.

These fares only apply to Emirates who fly direct from Dubai to Venice.

Other airlines can be chosen but will likely cost more. They can also be used if seats become scarce on Emirates. All travel is organised by Axis Travel Centre.

* Price includes return economy airfares to Venice, direct if available, or via Rome, with all fuel levies, land content, tour escort, and Axis Travel Centre support. This offer applies from 17 August 2026 and supersedes any previous offers.

PLEASE NOTE: While payment of your deposit or the 50% plan will secure your place, the final package cost is not guaranteed. Fluctuations in exchange rates, charges imposed by airlines and airports, and changes in visa conditions can all affect the final cost. Payment in full is required to secure this price. Balance payable 60 days before departure (by 9 April 2027).

New in June 2027 – Learn Italian in Udine

Small group, experiential travel at its best, this tour is for people who love Italy, and who want to learn Italian or improve their Italian language proficiency. Italian language beginners are very welcome.

Udine is in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region in the northeast of Italy, and is known for its elegant Venetian-style architecture, rich history, and its authentic, less crowded, and relaxed atmosphere. The region shares international borders with Austria and Slovenia. Over three fabulous weeks, you'll be immersed in the Italian language surrounded by Udine's history, culture, and the stunning natural beauty of Friuli-Venezia Giulia.

A deposit of \$550 will reserve your place. However, fluctuations in exchange rates and other costs over which we have no control, as well as instability and uncertainty in world politics mean we can't be 100% sure how long the above price will hold firm. Payment in full or using the 50% plan will secure the above price. See **PAYMENT OPTIONS** below for more information.

The package includes

- Return Economy Class airfare to Italy including a connection to Venice** (see travel Itinerary below)
- Airport meet and greet with airport to accommodation transfers if on group flights
- Three weeks of intensive Italian language tuition
- Excursions, for example to Cividale, and UNESCO listed Aquileia
- Accommodation in a 3-star standard, apartment or similar in Udine (3 July checkout)
- Food and wine experiences
- A maximum of 15 people in the group plus tour leaders Raffaele Tardivo and Giovanni Freschi.
- Raffaele is highly experienced and has been taking groups to Italy since 2012.
- Giovanni is from Udine. He now lives in Adelaide and manages the Fogolar Furlan Italian Club.
- An unforgettable experience in the beautiful city of Udine
- Exclusive optional extras only available to tour participants
- 24/7 Travel Agency support via Axis Travel Centre (SA)
- The Axis Travel "[SECURITY UMBRELLA](#)"©, free to you and exclusive to Axis, means all monies paid to Axis Travel are protected by their ATIA and other credentials/accreditations held since 1978.

Our services to you as tour leaders:

- We will be there 24/7 to provide assistance, support, advice, and information as required
- We will be your links to the Italian language school in Udine
- We will be available to be your interpreters if you need one.

Additional Costs

- Quality Travel insurance is essential – this can be arranged by Axis Travel Centre
- Travel and accommodation in Italy/Europe or elsewhere before or after the package inclusions.
- Your own discretionary spending including food, entertainment, and other expenses
- Optional individual or group activities organised by Raffaele, Giovanni, and the school.
- Unless otherwise advised, an additional fee for checked in luggage may apply on internal ITA Airways (formerly Alitalia) flights.

Free time

There is lots of free time including most afternoons and on weekends. Lessons are held Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 1.00pm. The program is very flexible and there is plenty to do. Take a train to Venice and go to the Biennale, take in the stunning natural beauty of the Dolomites, visit the city of Gorizia on the border with Slovenia, hire a bike and go on a bike tour, or just relax and soak up the ambience of beautiful Udine. The museums are amazing and the food is excellent.

Cost of living

Udine is a city of almost 100,000 inhabitants. The cost of living is lower than the average for Italy, which means it is still an affordable place to stay – for example an inexpensive meal can be had for about 20 euro (about \$35). You should be able to live quite comfortably on \$AU150 – \$AU200 per day.

Travel Itinerary**

The basic package includes a return airfare to Italy with a direct flight from Dubai or Doha to Venice, or via a one-way connecting flight via Rome.

Below is an indicative and flexible travel itinerary departing from Australia on Thursday 10 June, arriving in Udine on 11 June. The itinerary allows for three weeks in Udine, departing on Saturday 3 July, and arriving back in Australia on Sunday 4 July.

Date	Description
Thu 10 June	Group departure ex Australia
Fri 11 June	Arrive in Udine via Venice or Rome (depending on route chosen)
14 June – 2 July	Three weeks of language, culture, food, fun, and great company
Fri 2 July	Italian language course finishes
Sat 3 July	Depart Udine

Important: Our obligations to you end on Friday 2 July, which is also your last night of accommodation. Check out is Saturday 3 July. It's your responsibility to organise any travel and accommodation after 2 July should you wish to vary your travel arrangements at the end of the tour.

More travel after Udine

This is a suggested itinerary only. Arrival and departure dates are flexible so long as you are in Udine for the package dates. If you would like to vary your arrival/departure dates and destinations simply let Axis Travel know what you would like to do. The professional staff at Axis Travel Centre will assist and guide you, then build the package and give you a quote.

NOTE: group flights booked with Axis Travel Centre usually include a 30kg checked in luggage allowance on international flights. This differs with some airlines and more allowance is allowed with higher class travel. Short internal connecting flights may require an airport levied fee for checked in luggage in economy class.

Booking and Payment

The Udine package is conditional on using Axis Travel for flights as part of our group booking. Exact costs will be quoted before payment is requested. A copy of your valid passport is required before booking. The sooner you commit and pay the better. High demand, increasing airfares and fluctuating exchange rates are putting pressure on prices. See *Payment Options* below on how to lock in the price and avoid price prices. Once tickets are paid for, strict amendment and cancellation fees apply. These will be detailed to you before you commit.

How to Pay

Axis Travel Centre accepts payment by credit card, bank transfer or in cash.

As an additional layer of security, you should strongly consider paying by credit card. If payments for travel components need to be reversed, this can only be done if you have paid by credit card. Reversal is not available for bank transfer or cash payments. Axis Travel Centre conditions and fees are applicable on all forms of payments. Ask Axis for details or see them on www.axistravel.com.au website.

Credit card payments attract transaction fees (Visa and MasterCard 1.95%, American Express 2.3%) while bank transfers and cash do not.

Payment Options

Option 1: Pay in full – Pay the full amount up-front with no more to pay. Air and land are paid in full.

Option 2: The 50% plan – Pay 50% of the package price upfront with the remainder payable 90 days before departure. This option means you can join the tour, lock in half of the package price and have more time to pay should you need it. However, changes to exchange rates, school charges and other factors may lead to an increase in the remaining 50% so the sooner you finalise your payment the better. Should the price go up, the maximum increase will be capped at 7% of the outstanding balance.

Option 3: Deposit now, balance later – Pay a deposit of \$550 to hold your place on flights and the tour. However, costs may vary until your final payment is made. Changes to exchange rates, fares, fuel levies, security, and airport charges, and the availability of seats on flights can all increase the costs. Your deposit secures your and will be deducted from the final balance. Once the balance is paid the price is locked in as per the package price applicable on that day. Deposits are non-refundable as are all paid package costs.

Upgrade your flight - If you can afford a little luxury, talk to Axis Travel Centre about upgrading to Premium Economy or even Business Class.

Final payment for options two and three is due by 31 April 2027.

Personal Travel Insurance

Since COVID 19 there have been significant increases in the cost of policies. The policies that Axis Travel Centre distributes has many COVID 19 inclusions and protections as per the PDS (product disclosure statement), inclusions relating to other viral and bacterial illnesses, as well as coverages or exclusions if you have any pre-existing medical conditions. Axis Travel Centre will guide you through your options.

Good quality - not the cheapest - travel insurance has never been more important. Axis Travel will explain all the options and alternatives available to you, explain how travel insurance will affect you, and offer you a relevant quotation. Policies issued by Axis Travel Centre include their renowned 24/7 service and support.

FYI in 2020 and 2021 all clients who were booked on the COVID cancelled Lecce language tours with Axis Travel Centre, and had travel insurance issued by them, had their tour monies refunded to them.

Agency Insurance Protection

Booking with Axis Travel Centre gives you FREE protections under their unique SECURITY UMBRELLA® protection package. This includes their professional indemnity insurance and their adherence to legal standards required via their accreditations with ATIA, ATAS, CLIA, HELLOWORLD and CRUISECO, complimented by their almost 50 years of expertise and experience in the travel industry.

To book for Udine in June 2027, email Max Najar on max@axistravel.com.au at Axis Travel or call on 08 84331133, to reserve your place. Please contact me if you would like more information.



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** Price includes airfares, fuel levies, land content and tour escort. The quoted cost is an estimate only. The final package cost will depend on the airfare chosen and time of purchase. Minimum tour group number is nine persons.*

The COVID-19 pandemic – What did we learn?

The COVID-19 coronavirus caused disruption on a global scale with major problems in travel, tourism and many other sectors of the world's economy.

Thankfully the worst effects of the pandemic have now passed and life has largely returned to normal. Planes are flying again, cruise ships are sailing again, and people are travelling again. So, what lessons did I learn from COVID-19 and what advice would I give to someone about to travel.

1. Use an accredited travel agent to organise your travel

The internet has made it a breeze for anyone to book and pay for their travel online. It's great fun playing travel agent and finding that absolute bargain, be it an airfare, accommodation, insurance, or a tour. It's all so easy. What could possibly go wrong? Well, how about natural disasters, political and social unrest, airline bankruptcy, COVID-19, and of course the recent war in Iran, just to name a few. These things are thankfully rare but if they do happen while you are overseas or about to travel, then you'll need all the help you can get and a good travel agent is hard to beat.

Once it was clear that the May 2020 trip would have to be cancelled, Max Najar of Axis Travel Centre and I were in constant contact with the singular aim of making sure that all of our clients would be looked after and would be out of pocket as little as possible as a result of the cancellation.

All our clients who booked their travel and insurance with Axis had low or no out of pocket costs. Those who did not book their travel and/or insurance with Axis also had their out-of-pocket costs kept as low as possible but they were on their own to deal with whoever they booked their travel with, and with their insurance company if they had to make a claim. At all times we made sure that everyone was kept fully informed of what was happening and what they had to do to minimise any losses.

By all means use the internet to do your research, however using an accredited travel agent adds a very important layer of professional service, security, human contact, and access to quality insurance to protect you in case of unforeseeable catastrophic events.

2. Make sure you have good travel insurance

Our experience following the cancellation of the May 2020 tour during the COVID-19 virus outbreak is very clear. Quality travel insurance is absolutely essential. You are strongly urged to purchase your insurance from Axis Travel and at the time you pay your deposit. Some policies will not protect you if taken out after you have paid for your travel. By all means shop around but make sure you know what you are buying.

There are many unforeseeable things that can seriously disrupt your travel plans and cause havoc. Besides COVID-19 there can be flight disruptions and cancellations, political and social unrest, strikes, volcanoes, inclement weather, missed connections, health issues and more; all of which need to be considered when taking out travel insurance cover. When the unforeseen does happen what you need most is human support, empathy and efficiency to assist you when you need it. Axis Travel Centre is proud of the personal advice and support it provides to all its customers. For real life examples see the ["TESTIMONIALS"](#) via the Axis Travel Centre website.

Axis Travel Centre offers quality policies, usually with no or a small policy excess payable on claims. If pre-existing medical conditions apply, they will also assist you with your application. In the event of you having to make a claim, they will assist you with all the paperwork.

Cheap products including those linked with some credit cards are to be avoided and in the event of having to make a claim, you will be on your own. A low price will almost certainly mean significant claim limits and exclusions including not covering pandemics and epidemics. You should carefully read the PDS (Product Disclosure Statement) of the policy you intend to buy so you know exactly what it covers. Axis Travel Centre will advise and assist you with any policy purchased through them.

You are spending thousands of dollars on the holiday of a lifetime. So why risk all that money by skimping on insurance? It does not make sense and if something does go wrong, it will almost certainly be a case of false economy.

Thank you

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