What I Wish I Knew Before Traveling to Italy

The Ultimate **Checklist** for an EPIC Vacation!

Italy, a land of rich history, stunning landscapes, and unparalleled culinary delights, has something to offer every traveler.

And don't just take our word for it. Below, you'll discover some fascinating facts about Italy that might inspire you and provide additional ideas for your journey in this remarkable country!



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5 Mind-Blowing Facts About Italy

Let's start here!

1. Italy is home to Mainland Europe's 3 active volcanoes!

The iconic Mount Vesuvius overlooking Naples, the majestic Stromboli and the fiery Mount Etna in Sicily add a unique touch of drama to Italy's diverse landscape.

2. Italy is the country with the most World Heritage sites in the world!

It has 59 sites, while 53 of them are cultural and six of them are natural.



3. The Vatican City is the world's smallest country!

The Vatican City, nestled within the heart of Rome, holds the distinction of being the world's smallest country. This city-state is home to some of the most significant religious and artistic treasures in the world, including St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums.

4. Italy has over 1500 lakes!

Italy is dotted with over 1500 lakes, each offering its own unique charm and natural beauty. From the tranquil waters of Lake Como and Lake Garda in the north to the picturesque landscapes of the Italian Lake District, these lakes provide idyllic settings for relaxation and exploration.

5. Italy has a free wine fountain!

Italy, renowned as the world's largest wine producer, offers a delightful surprise for wine enthusiasts: a free wine fountain! Located in Caldari di Ortona, along the Italian pilgrimage route of Cammino di San Tommaso, this fountain of vino flows 24 hours a day with locally grown red wine.



The Ultimate Checklist for Your Journey to Italy

When you look at Italy on the map, it might seem like a small country, like a breeze to explore.

But, with its rich history, stunning natural beauty, and world-renowned cuisine, there’s a tone of experiences and places waiting to be explored.

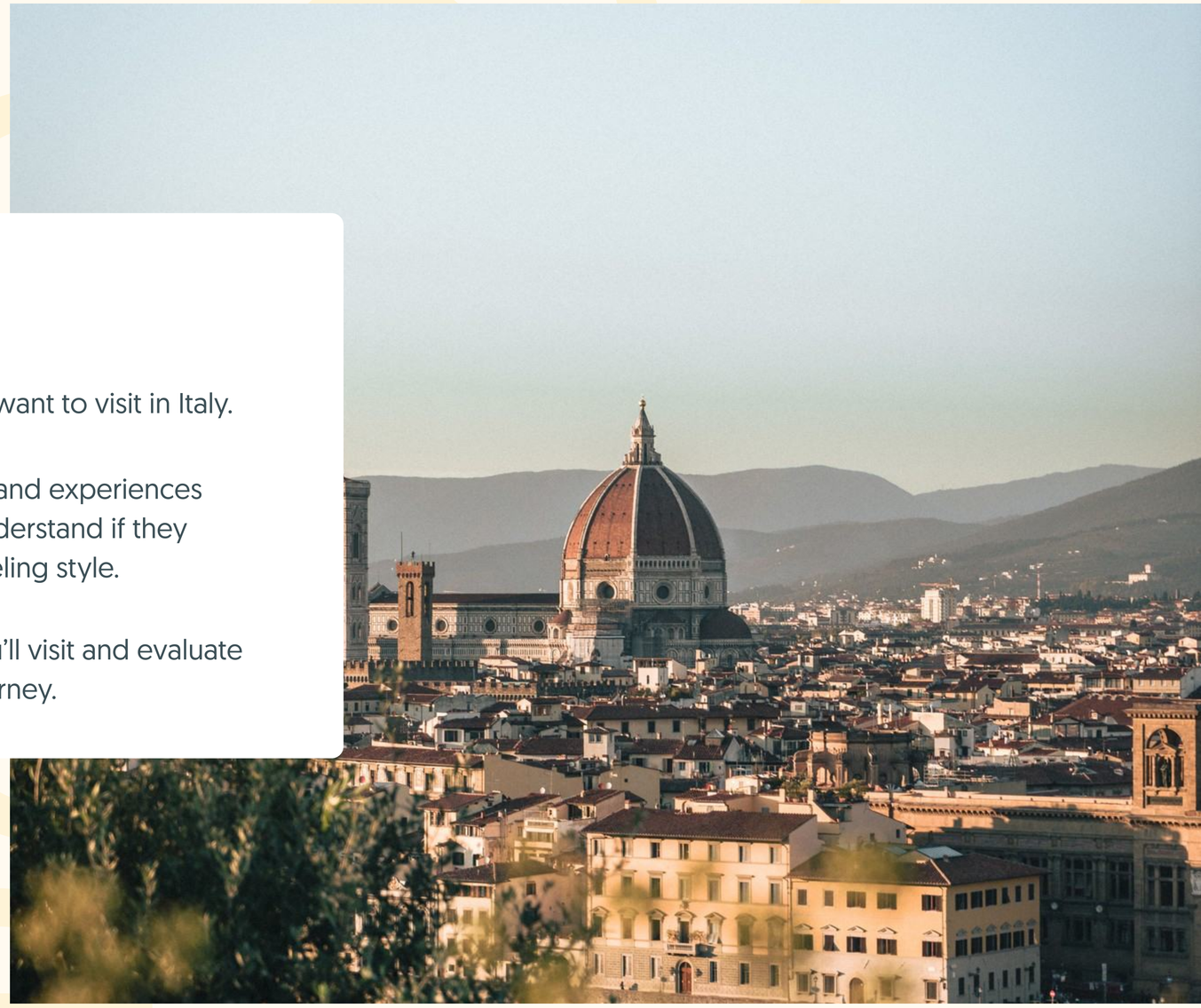
So, with so many options at hand, as you read above, planning a journey to Italy might not be as breezy as it seems; especially if you want to visit more than one destination.

That's why we've put together this handy checklist to help you stay on track and make the most of your Italian adventure. Here's to an epic journey filled with unforgettable memories!



1. Destination Research

- Identify the regions and cities you want to visit in Italy.
- Research the attractions, activities, and experiences available in each destination, to understand if they match your interests and your traveling style.
- Decide how many destinations you'll visit and evaluate the total time available for your journey.

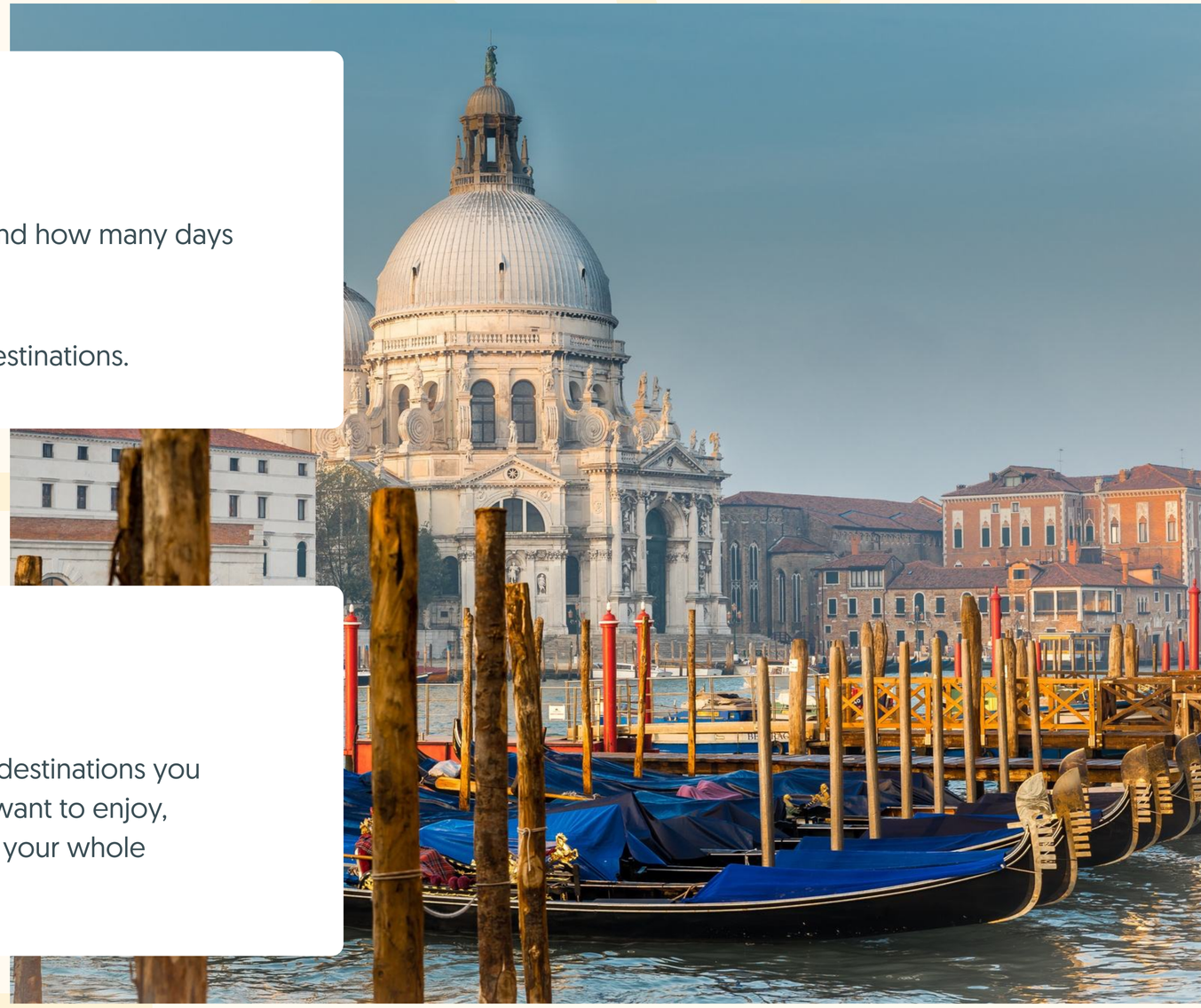


2. Duration Planning

- Determine the length of your trip and how many days you will spend in each location.
- Allocate time for travel between destinations.

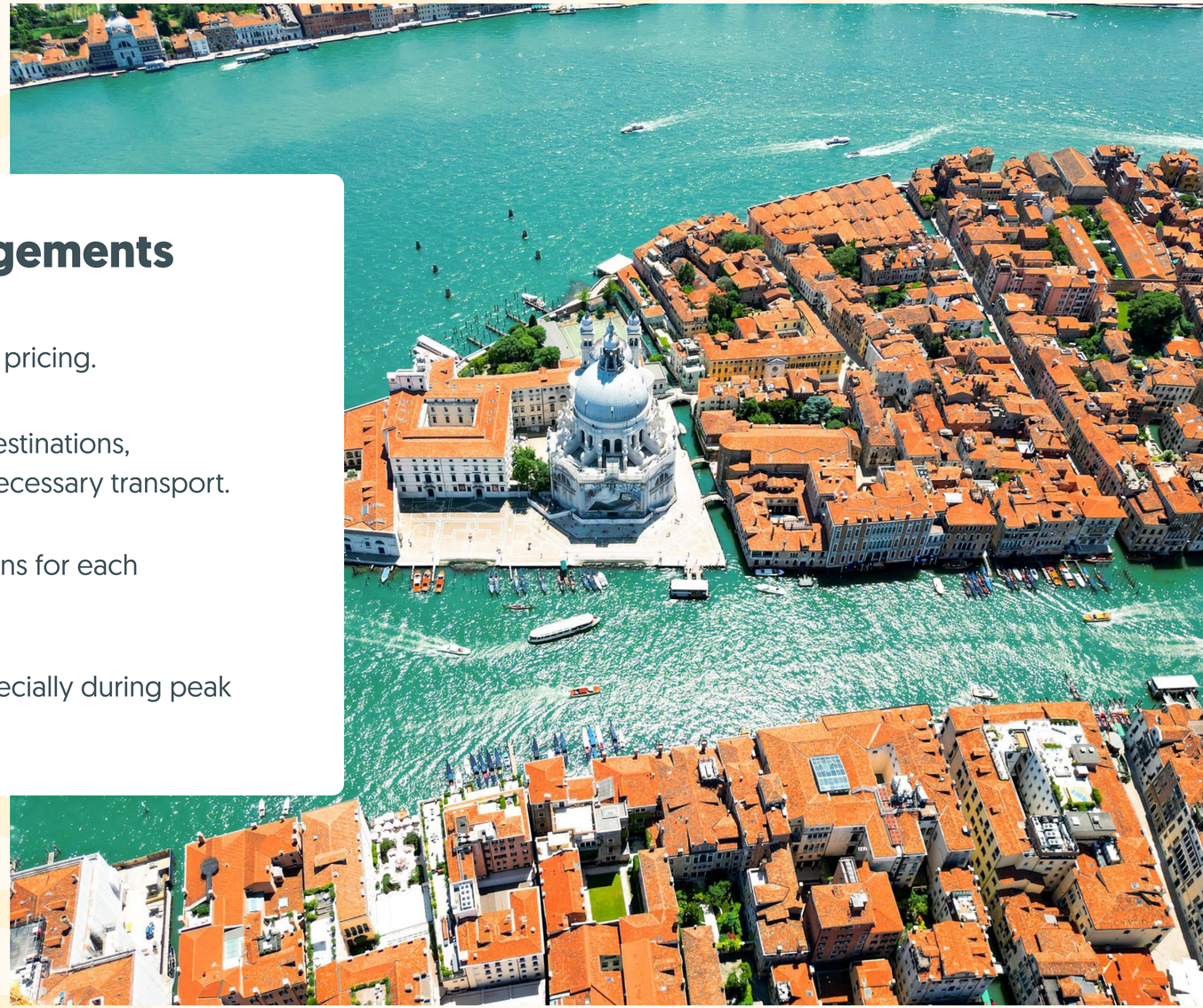
3. Budgeting

- Don’t get too excited about all the destinations you want to visit and the activities you want to enjoy, before determining the budget for your whole journey.



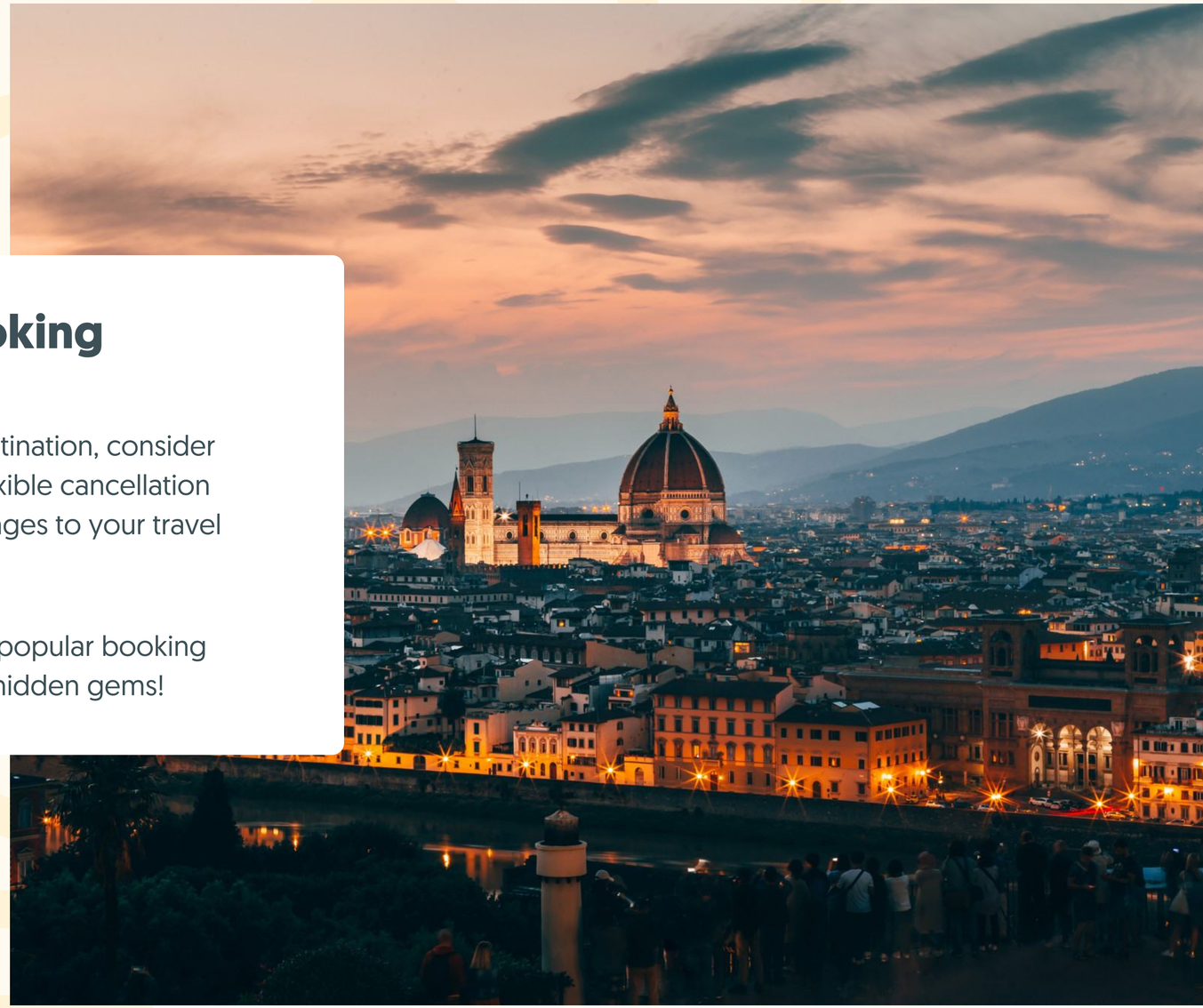
4. Transportation Arrangements

- Book flights to Italy early, for better pricing.
- Arrange transportation between destinations, including booking trains or other necessary transport.
- Plan your local transportation options for each destination, such as renting a car.
- Book EVERYTHING in advance, especially during peak season.



5. Accommodations Booking

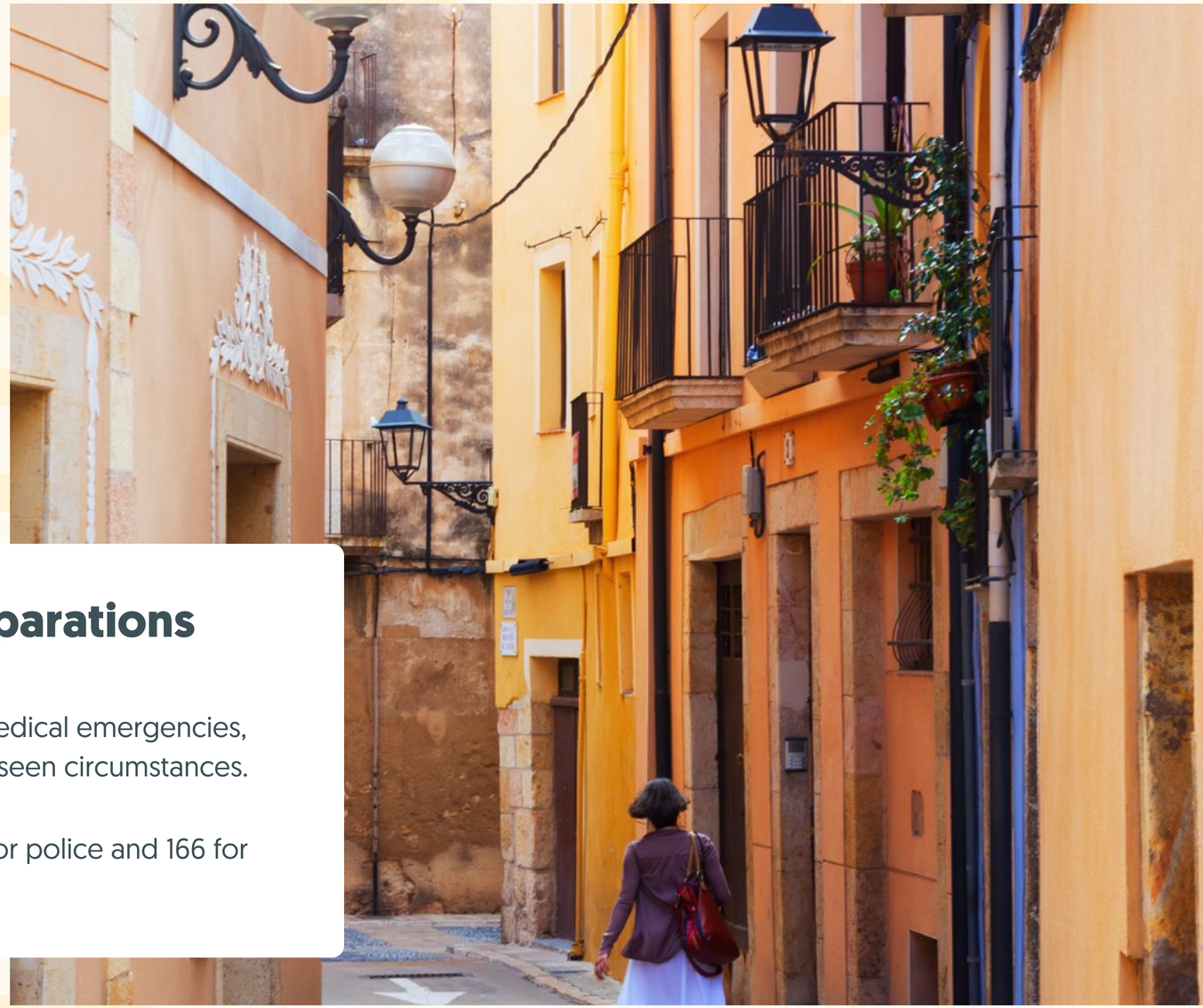
- If you’re visiting more than one destination, consider booking accommodations with flexible cancellation policies to accommodate any changes to your travel plans.
- Explore accommodations beyond popular booking platforms and you might discover hidden gems!





6. Itinerary Design

- Create a detailed itinerary outlining daily activities, sightseeing tours, excursions and everything else you wish to do.
- Book in advance, especially during summer.



7. Health and Safety Preparations

- Obtain travel insurance to cover medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and other unforeseen circumstances.
- In case of an emergency, dial 100 for police and 166 for an ambulance.

How much does it cost to travel to Italy?

In Italy, the spectrum of travel experiences is as diverse as its art, history, and gastronomy. From street food and traditional hotels to fine dining and opulent stays in 5-star hotels, there's a choice for every traveler's budget.

Yet, a well-crafted travel itinerary is invaluable for those who aim to immerse themselves in Italy's splendor and rich heritage. A well-managed budget can allow for experiences and discoveries that will resonate with you long after you return home.

This is why at Greeking.me, we are passionate about designing one-of-a-kind travel itineraries that are fine-tuned to your preferences. Our ambition is to deliver the most enriching Italian journey possible. We take care of private transfers, exclusive tours, all your in-country travel needs, and accommodations in select boutique 4-5-star hotels. In addition, you will benefit from our dedicated team of travel experts, who are at your disposal 24/7 to offer assistance and ensure your peace of mind during your travels.

The bespoke travel itineraries we create for Italy promise an incomparable experience, with prices generally ranging from €4,900 to €7,500 per person for a week-long trip of 2-3 people. These estimates are based on several factors, such as your chosen travel period, the experiences you opt for, and how promptly you secure your booking - sooner is always better!

With our tailored itineraries, you're assured of an extraordinary exploration that's as seamless as it is memorable.



Let’s Craft your Dream Journey Together

Agh! That's a lot to consider and plan, right? We know. And that’s why at Greeking.me we've got you covered every step of the way. Our team of experts is here to turn your Italian adventure dreams into reality.

Ready to start planning? Reach out to us today and let's create your personalized journey together!

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