

# TRAINS OF ITALY

ROME • POMPEII • FLORENCE • VENICE

## THE OFFER

If there's one word that sums up Italy, it's "iconic". From delicious food to runway-ready fashions, ancient ruins to museums and galleries filled with some of the greatest masterpieces of all time, Italy is truly one-of-a-kind. Yet there's one aspect which towers above all others - the landscape. Italy is achingly beautiful, from sun-kissed vineyards in Tuscany to colourful villages that dot the Cinque Terre and beyond. And the best way to experience those landscapes? By rail, of course.

Embrace 'la dolce vita' (the sweet life) on this 14 day rail odyssey visiting some of the most iconic cities and landscapes of Italy. Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice, Milan... this is the trip you were destined to take. Begin with a half day tour of the 'Eternal City' of Rome, taking in the wondrous Colosseum and Roman Forum. Step back in time as you walk the once-forgotten streets of Pompeii, an ancient city destroyed by the powerful eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD. Admire the ever-changing landscape as you travel to the Renaissance city of Florence, the UNESCO listed walled city of Siena, and the picture-perfect village of San Gimignano. Marvel at the striking contrasts of the Cinque Terre, embark on a boat excursion on scenic Lake Como - and more. With return flights, hotels, meals, rail transfers and tour guides, this is a trip worth raising a glass to. Saluti!

14 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

FROM

\$ 4499

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE



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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Australia - Rome, Italy

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne or \*Brisbane, for Rome, Italy. Fly with full-service airlines Singapore Airlines, Etihad Airways, Emirates, British Airways or Lufthansa to name a few (subject to availability).

*Please note:* Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4 - 6 weeks prior to departure.

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Welcome to Rome

Upon arrival, you will be met by the English-speaking tour leader and transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel Torino or similar, Rome**  
**Meals included: None**

#### Day 3 Rome City tour

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, take part in a guided tour of imperial Rome with a local guide (approx. 3 hours). Take in Rome's most iconic sights on tour; head to the Colosseum (entrance included), where you can delve deeper into the amphitheatres' fascinating past and present. Just a short walk away you can admire the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus. Continue onwards to the Roman Forum (entrance included), one of the largest archaeological areas in the world - right in the heart of Rome. After the conclusion of the tour, enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

You may like to visit the Vatican Museum during your free time, we strongly advise pre-purchasing tickets to avoid excessive queue times.

Optional Activity: Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel Guided Tour: \$110 per person

Includes entrance fees, guided tour and earphones.

**Overnight: Hotel Viminale or similar, Rome**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Rome - Naples - Pompeii - Rome (approx. 250 Km)

This morning, leave Rome and head towards the vibrant city of Naples near Mount Vesuvius. Dating back to the 2nd millennium B.C. Naples holds centuries of important art and architecture. On arrival in Naples enjoy a walking orientation tour of the city centre with your tour leader. Some of the city's major landmarks include the Duomo di San Gennaro, the lavish Royal Palace and Castel Nuovo, a 13th-century castle.

In the afternoon you will continue to Pompeii. Explore the magnificent archaeological site and learn about its significance on a guided tour with a local guide. The ancient city of Pompeii was tragically buried from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD but remains practically intact, as a testimony to the life of a commercial city of ancient Rome. Later today, return back to Rome and enjoy what is left of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Torino or similar, Rome**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Rome - Siena - San Gimignano - Florence (approx. 300 Km)

After breakfast continue your Italian journey to the loveliest medieval city of Siena. On arrival in Siena enjoy a walking orientation tour with your tour leader. See the historic Piazza del Campo, Piazza Duomo, the Cathedral, and the famous Torre del Mangia (Mangia Tower) (entrances not included).



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Afterwards, continue to the UNESCO listed town of San Gimignano, famous for its 14 medieval towers and fascinating architecture. Enjoy a walking orientation tour with the tour leader and discover the intact medieval streetscapes and the enchanting rural setting. In the evening, arrive in Florence and check-in to the hotel.

**Overnight: Mercure Firenze Centro or similar, Florence**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Florence

Today enjoy a free day in the romantic, enchanting and utterly irresistible, Florence. A place to feast on world-class art and gourmet Tuscan cuisine. You might like to take in some of Florence's beautiful highlights such as the Piazzale Michelangelo, the medieval Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo or the Campanile Tower.

**Overnight: Mercure Firenze Centro or similar, Florence**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Florence - Train Journey - La Spezia

This morning, make your way to nearby Florence railway station for your train journey to La Spezia on the beautiful Ligurian Coast (approx. 2 hours). Enjoy the scenic Tuscany countryside and coastal Italian landscapes on the train journey. Upon arrival, be transferred to the hotel in La Spezia and enjoy some free time to explore or relax. Situated only minutes to the east of Cinque Terre by train, and near the medieval town of Portovenere, this hard-working port town is routinely overlooked. Lose yourself in the winding streets of the old town and the many cosy "trattorias" (typical Italian restaurants) showcasing the Ligurian kitchen's finest.

**Overnight: Hotel The Poet or similar, La Spezia**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Cinque Terre - Full Day Train Excursion

Today have the chance to visit the villages and coastline of Le Cinque Terre. Make your way to La Spezia train station with the tour leader and enjoy a full-day excursion to discover the beautiful villages of Monterosso, Vernazza, Rio Maggiore and more. With the use of your Cinque Terre Train Card, you will be able to hop between the villages and be granted access to the walking paths that hug the coast.

Enjoy the unique atmosphere, colourful houses and vineyards that cling to steep terraces, and harbours that are filled with fishing boats. If you do get hungry along the way, there are many "trattorias" (typical Italian restaurants) which are renowned for seafood specialties along with the Liguria region's famous sauce, pesto. Later this afternoon, return back to the hotel for the night.

**Overnight: Hotel The Poet or similar, La Spezia**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 La Spezia - Milan (approx. 220km)

After breakfast depart for Milan by coach. Milan, celebrated as the Italian capital of fashion and design, is rich in art, history and culture. Enjoy free time at leisure to explore the city's highlights such as the magnificent Duomo, Milan's iconic streets - Via Dante and Via Dei Mercanti and the Piazza del Duomo in the heart of Milan.

**Overnight: Hotel Ripamonti or similar, Milan**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Milan - Lake Como - Bellagio (approx. 50 Km)

Today discover Lake Como in Italy's beautiful Lake District. Nestled between the huge snow capped Alps that rise from its shores, it is the fashionable city of Como. Enjoy a walking orientation tour with the tour leader of Como's historic



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centre. The city is known for the Gothic Como Cathedral (entrance not included), a scenic funicular railway and a stunning waterfront promenade.

Afterwards take a panoramic cruise on Lake Como to the enchanting village of Bellagio. A town famous for its setting at the intersection of the three branches of the Y-shaped lake and narrow cobblestone lanes. This location offers unparalleled views of the Lake.

Be transferred back to Milan to tonight's accommodation.

**Overnight: Hotel Ripamonti or similar, Milan**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 Milan - Train Journey - Venice

Today, transfer to Milan train station for the journey to Mestre, Venice (approx. 2 ½ hours). Upon arrival, check-in to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. You may like to savour the magic of Venice tonight with a stroll through the many mesmerising lanes, steep bridges and canals.

**Overnight: Hotel Ambasciatori or similar, Mestre, Venice**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 12 Venice Free Day

For your last full day on tour, enjoy a free day at leisure to enjoy this marvellous Italian city. Perhaps, travel to the city centre to see some of Venice's most infamous sights such as St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, St Mark's Clock Tower and the Rialto Bridge, the oldest bridge in the Grand Canal and an icon of the city.

**Overnight: Hotel Ambasciatori or similar, Mestre, Venice**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Venice, Italy - Australia

Today at the appropriate time make your own way to the airport for the return flight home to Australia.

*Please note:*

- If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.
- Check out is at 11:00am and some flights may not depart until the afternoon/evening. You may make use of the hotel common areas and luggage storage before making your own way to the airport at the appropriate time.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Arrive in Australia

*Please note:* some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.



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### TOUR INCLUSIONS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the diverse beauty, history and culture of Italy by rail
- Visit Rome, Pompeii, Siena, Florence, Cinque Terre, Milan, Venice and more
- Uncover the 'eternal city' of Rome on a half day tour
- Visit the famous Colosseum and Roman Forum on a guided tour
- Step back in time on a guided tour of the Pompeii archaeological site
- Enjoy free time in Naples, at the foot of Mt. Vesuvius
- Journey through sun-kissed Tuscan landscape by train
- Admire the gorgeous Tuscan countryside and coastal landscapes
- Explore the medieval brick buildings in the city of Siena
- Stop at the UNESCO hill town of San Gimignano
- Discover the best of Florence on a free day
- Stay in La Spezia on the beautiful Ligurian Coast
- Marvel at the striking Cinque Terre coastline by train
- Discover Italy's finest fashion and design in Milan
- Take in the mesmerising beauty of Lake Como
- Enjoy free time in Como city at the lake's edge
- Take a boat excursion to the picturesque town of Bellagio, in Lake Como
- Enjoy a day at leisure in magical Venice

#### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/\*BNE

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 11 nights 4-star hotel accommodation on tour

#### DINING

- Enjoy daily breakfast on tour

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Parking and check point fees
- English speaking tour leader and guides
- Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

#### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles
- Travel in 2nd Class rail cabins in Italy
- 24hrs Cinque Terre Train Card, allows access to all the paths of Cinque Terre National Park

#### TRANSFERS

- Airport transfer: Day 2 - Rome airport to Rome Hotel
- Rail transfers in Milan

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

#### *Please note:*

*- Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the property you are due to stay with.*  
*- All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th October 2022

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$880 applies.

### Departure Dates (2022)

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

#### *Please note:*

*Dates/months with a \* incur a flight high season surcharge of \$200 per person.*

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne or \*Brisbane

### Departure City Surcharges

\*Brisbane: \$100 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Finnair, Cathay Pacific, All Nippon Airways, Air France, KLM, Oman Air, British Airways, Scandinavian Airlines, Virgin Australia, Thai Airways, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Brunei, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Malindo Airlines and airline partners (subject to availability)

*Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Arrive early Rome, Italy

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### *Please note:*

*- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*  
*- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.*  
*- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*  
*- Arrive Early Not permitted during and including the following dates:*

*30 March 2022 - 28 April 2022*

*16 June 2022 - 31 July 2022*

*21 August 2022 - 03 September 2022*

*15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022*

### Stay behind Venice, Italy

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### *Please note:*

*- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*  
*- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.*  
*- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*  
*- Stay Behind Not permitted during and including the following dates:*  
*16 June 2022 - 31 July 2022*  
*21 August 2022 - 03 September 2022*  
*15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022*  
*15 December 2022 - 30 January 2023*

### Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$500 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

\* Doha

Includes:

*- 2 nights in 4 star accommodation*  
*- Daily breakfast*  
*- Return airport transfers*

#### *Please note:*

*- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however, the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.*  
*- Stopover packages are subject to availability.*  
*- Doha is not permitted on and including the following dates: 18 Nov 2022 - 18 Dec 2022 inclusive due to FIFA World Cup*  
*- Stopovers not permitted during and including the following dates:*

*30 March 2022 - 28 April 2022*

*16 June 2022 - 31 July 2022*

*21 August 2022 - 03 September 2022*

*15 September 2022 - 15 October 2022*

### Flight Class Upgrades

*- Premium Economy : Not Available*  
*- Business Class (International Sector Only): Buy Now: \$6999 per person*

#### *Please note:*

*- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfil your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).*  
*- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.*  
*- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available*

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 Star (self-rated)

- Rome: Hotel Torino or similar
- Florence: Hotel Mercure Firenze Centro or similar
- La Spezia: Hotel The Poet or similar
- Milan: Hotel Ripamonti or similar
- Mestre: Hotel Ambasciatori, or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not available at check-out.

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 People

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 8 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 29 per vehicle.

### Optional Tours / Activities

Day 3: Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel tour: \$110 per person

*Please note:*

*- prices are based on per person, are subject*

*to availability, time permitting and weather conditions*

*- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)*

*- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.*

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport for stays up to 90 days)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: €5 per person, per day, payable on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- City Tax (approximate amounts, payable direct to the hotel on check-in, per person, per night)
  - \* Rome: €6.00
  - \* Florence: €4.00
  - \* La Spezia: €2.50
  - \* Milan: €5.00
  - \* Mestre, Venice: €3.10
- Transfers not stated in the itinerary:
  - \* Day 7 Florence hotel/Train Station
  - \* Day 11 Mestre train station/Hotel
  - \* Day 13 - Venice Hotel to Venice Airport
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation,

transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

### CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Italy is largely characterised by a typical Mediterranean climate made up of warm springs and hot and dry summers, the climate here is very pleasant. Along the coast of Southern Italy in July and August the average temperature is above 25°C. April to June and September to October are the best months to travel through southern Italy. You can expect temperatures of up to 26°C during the warmest part of the day.

In the northern areas in October the average daily temperature is 14.5°C but temperatures can still reach highs of 19°C which can feel quite pleasant. The average minimum temperature in October is 10°C.

### FLIGHTS

#### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

#### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days prior to the departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

### COACH TOUR

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## Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

*Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.*

## Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so, unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €5 Euro per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there

is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport

### Important:

*Visa rules may have changed since COVID-19. Check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the

Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.