



College Study  
Tours

*10 or 12 days*

# GRAND TOUR OF ITALY



# FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

ABOUT THIS TOUR

*Experience Italy in depth, starting at* the famous canals of Venice. Then immerse your students in Italy's Renaissance past in Florence and visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Discover archaeological wonders at Pompeii, where an entire city is frozen in time, and finish in Rome, once nicknamed "Caput Mundi," or Capital of the World.

Through it all, you'll return home prepared for whatever path lies ahead of you. Beyond photos and stories, new perspectives and glowing confidence, you'll have something to carry with you for the rest of your life. It could be an inscription you read on the walls of a famous monument, or perhaps a joke you shared with another student from around the world. The fact is, there's just something transformative about an EF College Study Tour, and it's different for every traveler. Once you've traveled with us, you'll know exactly what it is for you.



**DAY 3:** *Grand Canal*



**DAY 3:** *Glass-blowing*



**DAY 4:** *Ponte Vecchio*



**DAY 5:** *Duomo*



**DAY 9:** *Colosseum*

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## INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Round-trip airfare  
Land transportation  
Hotel accommodations  
Light breakfast daily and select meals  
Full-time tour director  
Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions  
Free time to study and explore

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

### Pisa • Capri

Optional excursions let you incorporate additional sites and attractions into your itinerary and make the most of your time abroad.

### EXTENSION: Rome (2 days)

Extend your tour and enjoy extra time exploring your destination or seeing a new place at a great value.



DAY 5: *Pisa*



DAY 7: *Pompeii*



DAY 9: *Vatican City*



DAY 9: *Colosseum*

## DAY 1 FLY TO ITALY

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Venice.

## DAY 2 VENICE

**Arrive in Venice** • Welcome to Venice. Depending on your arrival time, you may have **free time** to settle in and explore the city on your own. Tonight, enjoy an **Italian pasta dinner** before turning in for the night.

## DAY 3 VENICE

**Sightseeing tour of Venice** • Crisscrossed with romantic bridges and laced with history, Venice boasts some of the world's finest art and architecture. On your sightseeing tour of the Floating City, see gondolas glide down the **Grand Canal** before stopping in **St. Mark's Square**. Look for the golden weathervane, which resembles archangel Gabriel, atop the 323-foot **Campanile** (Bell Tower). Attend a **glass-blowing demonstration** and watch expert craftsmen spin molten-hot wares. **Visit the Doge's Palace** • At the pink-and-white Doge's Palace, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Here you can stroll over the **Bridge of Sighs**, which links the palace to a prison. As they crossed the bridge, prisoners supposedly sighed with perfect sadness as they regarded their beautiful city for the last time.

## DAYS 4-5 FLORENCE

**Travel to Florence** • Make your way to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance. **Sightseeing tour of Florence** • Florence is home to world-renowned works of art, including Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*. As you explore the city, pass by classical statues at the **Piazza della Signoria**. You'll also walk across

the **Ponte Vecchio**, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.

**Visit the Duomo** • See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise* at the Baptistery.

**Leather-making demonstration** • At a leather workshop, see resident Florentine experts perform a leather-making demonstration.

**Optional: Pisa** • Join an excursion to the city of Pisa. Here, you can see one of the world's most famous architectural blunders, the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Those who do not go will have **free time** in Florence.

## DAY 6 ASSISI

**Travel to Assisi** • Travel to the town of Assisi, nestled between Mount Subasio and fields of olive groves on a hill overlooking Umbria.

**Sightseeing tour of Assisi** • Assisi's religious significance and outstanding examples of early Renaissance art draw visitors from every corner of the globe. You'll see the **Basilica of St. Francis**, where Giotto's painted frescoes illustrate the life of one of Italy's most beloved saints. Here, the remains of St. Francis are entombed in a stone crypt above one of the altars. A local guide will also show you the birthplace of St. Clare, who founded the Franciscan Order of Poor Ladies in the year 1212.

## DAY 7 SORRENTO REGION

**Sightseeing tour of Pompeii** • Travel to Pompeii and see how the wealthiest ancient Romans lived—the artifacts they left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world.

**Travel to the Sorrento region** • Continue to the Sorrento region, where mild weather, fragrant lemon groves and the stunning Bay of Naples welcome you.

## DAY 8 SORRENTO REGION • ROME

**Optional: Capri** • Take a half-day excursion to stunning Capri. Since the days of ancient Greece, Capri's crystalline waters and breathtaking cliffs have made it a favorite resort destination. Enjoy an island cruise and visit the Gardens of Augustus. Those who do not go on the excursion will enjoy **free time** in the Sorrento region.

**Travel to Rome** • When you arrive in Rome, share a **pizza dinner** with your tour group.

## DAY 9 ROME

**Sightseeing tour of Vatican City** • On your sightseeing tour, look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance to **St. Peter's Basilica**—they're the highly trained soldiers of the Vatican City's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways before visiting the saint's tomb. Experience the breathtaking ceiling of the **Sistine Chapel**. From Michelangelo's frescos to Raphael's tapestries, the work of the masters of the day covers nearly every inch of the Chapel with art depicting important Biblical scenes.

**Sightseeing tour of Rome** • No place integrates its past into the present quite like Rome. Walk through the **Colosseum**, the world's most famous arena. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, explore the ruins of the **Roman Forum**, which mark the former heart of the Roman Empire and the spot where Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches.

**Rome on foot** • On your self-guided walking tour, visit the **Pantheon**, built to honor all

the gods of Rome. A column of light filters in from the domed ceiling's prominent oculus. Continue to the widest staircase in Europe, the grand **Spanish Steps**. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the **Trevi Fountain** to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

## DAY 10 DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

## 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

### DAYS 10-11 ROME

**Explore Rome** • Begin your guided walking tour of Trastevere and Janiculum at the monumental fountain known as **Fontana dell'Acqua Paola**. Continue through **Villa Doria Pamphili**, the city's largest public park, and see busts of famous Romans along the **Passeggiata del Gianicolo**. **Catacombs and St. Paul's Outside the Walls Basilica** • Explore the catacombs' underground tombs. These narrow passageways hold many important works of early Christian art. Then, admire the stately arches of St. Paul's Outside the Walls Basilica. **Sightseeing tour of Ostia Antica** • Known for its well-preserved frescos, mosaics and architecture, this famed archaeological town gives you a unique glimpse into Rome's past. **Free time in Rome** • Rome is yours to explore as you wish. Ask your tour director for recommendations!

## DAY 12 DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.



# WHAT OUR TRAVELERS SAY

## BARBARA L.

*Concordia University  
Portland, OR*

"The overall experience of the trip was amazing, unforgettable. I went on the tour not knowing many of the students in my group, and came back with really good friends and amazing memories. With the guidance of the tour director, I got to experience new culture without feeling completely lost. I now know that I can succeed and survive in a foreign country."

## ERIN H.

*Itasca Community College  
Grand Rapids, MN*

"I had such an amazing time, and I learned so much. We saw so many different sights. My experiences enriched my understanding of another culture, and created a realistic concept of an entirely foreign culture I would never have been exposed to otherwise."

## CHELSEA S.

*Northern Oklahoma College  
Stillwater, OK*

"I can't believe we had the opportunity to see and do so many things for what we paid. I traveled on my own soon after my trip, and the flight alone cost more than the entire tour—which included meals, shows, tourist sites. I will never ever forget this experience. You'd be crazy not to take a tour with EF—they take great care of you."

## VIRGINA M.

*Palo Alto College  
San Antonio, TX*

"Every student should go. I enjoyed flying to a foreign country, getting completely out of my comfort zone and truly seeing what this world has to offer. We tried new food, spoke different languages, and saw so many of the best sights on our walking tours. I love history, and being able to experience what I've studied for years was so moving it left me speechless. If there is ever an opportunity to go, take it!"



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