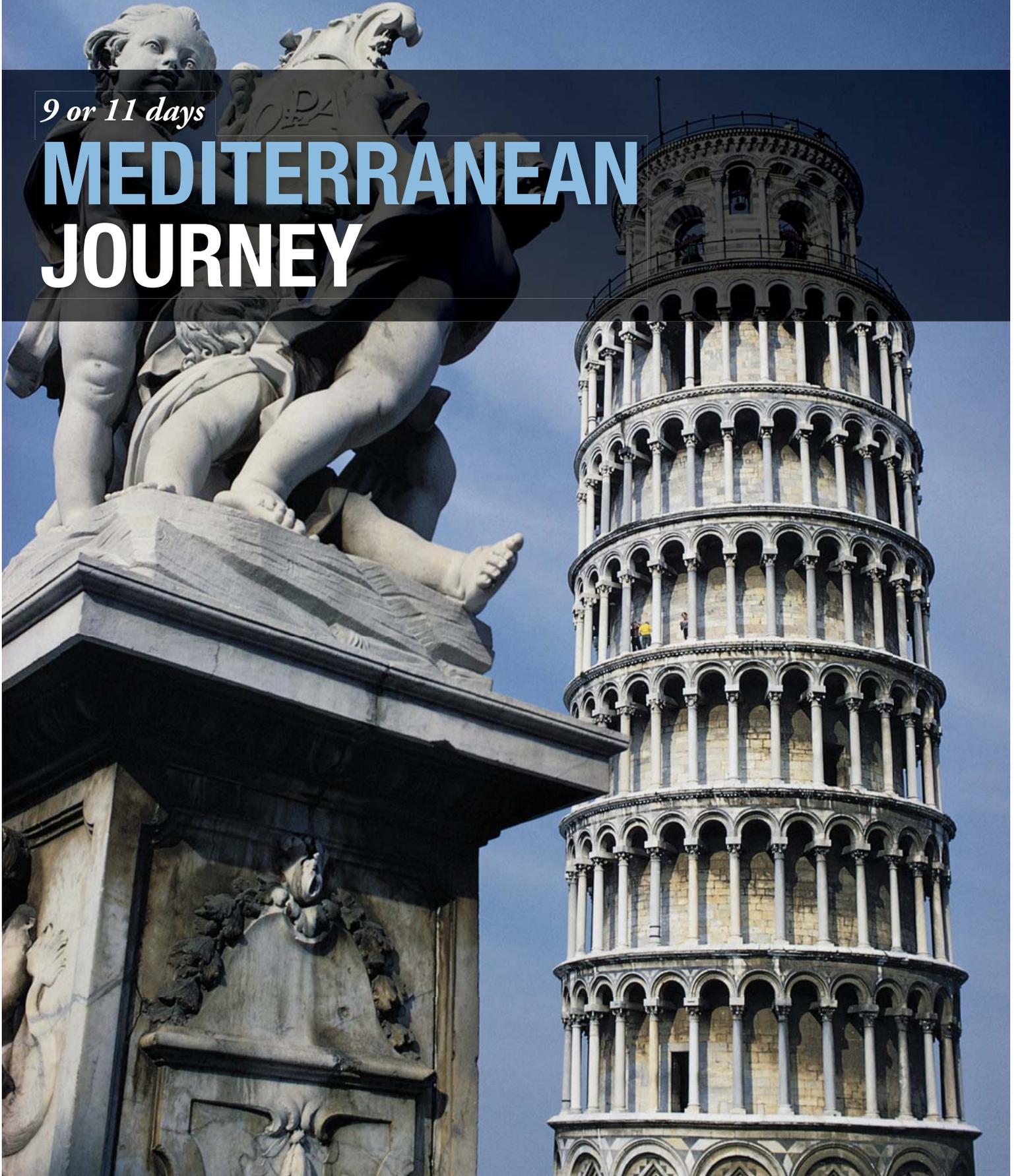




College Study
Tours

9 or 11 days

MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY



FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Voyage across the Mediterranean, from the Renaissance relics of Italy to the Catalan culture of Barcelona. Explore the legacy of the Roman Empire in Rome and discover the art and architecture of Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Then, delve into the rich culture and traditions of Barcelona, a global city brimming with history.

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: *St. Peter's Basilica*



DAY 3: *Colosseum*



DAY 4: *Assisi*



DAY 5: *Ponte Vecchio*



DAY 8: *Parque Güell*

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INCLUDED ON TOUR:

Round-trip airfare
Land and water transportation
Hotel and night ferry 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 EXCURSION:

Barcelona flamenco evening

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

EXTENSION:

Madrid (2 days)

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



DAY 5: *Duomo*



DAY 8: *La Sagrada Familia*



DAY 8: *Flamenco dancing*



DAY 10: *Plaza Mayor*

DAY 1 FLY TO ITALY

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

DAY 2 ROME

Arrive in Rome • Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. Depending on your arrival time, you may have **free time** to settle in and explore the city on your own. This evening, get to know your tour group over a special pizza dinner.

DAY 3 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's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways before visiting the saint's tomb. Experience Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes at the **Sistine Chapel**. **Sightseeing tour of 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, the ruins of the **Roman Forum** mark the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his political speeches on this site. **Rome on foot** • On your self-guided walking tour, view the **Pantheon**, built to honor all the gods of Rome. Continue to the grand **Piazza Navona** and the **Spanish Steps**, Europe's widest staircase. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the **Trevi Fountain** to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

DAY 4 ASSISI • FLORENCE

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. Later, **continue to Florence**, where you will spend the night.

DAY 5 FLORENCE

Sightseeing tour of Florence • Florence is known as the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance. 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. **Duomo** • The domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, or the **Duomo**, dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of Ghiberti's **Gates of Paradise** at the Baptistery. **Leather-making demonstration** • See resident Florentine experts demonstrate the craft of leather-making. **Free time in Florence** • Florence is yours to explore this afternoon. You can catch up on coursework, enjoy some last-minute sightseeing or simply relax with friends.

DAY 6 PISA • NIGHT FERRY

Pisa • Take an excursion to the Tuscan city of Pisa. Here, you can see one of the world's most famous architectural blunders: the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Outside the newly-restored tilted marvel, you can also visit the **Pisa Baptistery** and **Pisa Cathedral**. Later,

travel to Livorno and board a **night ferry** bound for Barcelona.

DAY 7 BARCELONA

Arrive in Barcelona • Embark this evening in Barcelona and see what makes this city an art lover's dream and the place where masters like Miró, Picasso and Dalí flourished. You may have time to explore the charming neighborhood markets nearby.

DAY 8 BARCELONA

Sightseeing tour of Barcelona • Explore open-air plazas dotted with avant-garde gems, like the **Plaza de Catalunya** to **Plaza España**. Snap photos of the twisting spires of **La Sagrada Família** (the Church of the Holy Family) and the **Magic Fountain of Montjuïc**, which delights with dazzling light and water shows. From atop **Montjuïc Hill** enjoy panoramic views of the harbor below. Here, you'll also find the 1992 **Olympic stadium**. Marvel at the landscaped greenery and playful Modernist mosaics as you cap off your tour with a visit to **Parque Güell**. **Explore Barcelona** • Flower vendors and street performers greet you on your walking tour of **Las Ramblas**, a remarkable tree-lined boulevard. **Optional: Barcelona flamenco evening** • Feel the beat this evening as you experience flamenco, a fiery taste of the soul of Spain. Born of Indian, Moorish, Arabian and gypsy influences, flamenco is characterized by intricate footwork and clapping displays. During your flamenco lesson, your instructor will demonstrate basic techniques while describing the history and origins of this dramatic dance. Then, let the classical guitar be your guide and experience it for yourself. Later, watch bona fide flamenco artists in action during a special performance.

The impressive adornments worn by many dancers are designed to accentuate the passionate rhythm of the dance.

DAY 9 DEPART FOR HOME

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

2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION DAYS 9-10 MADRID

Travel to Madrid • Board a **high-speed train** and travel to the grand city of Madrid. **Explore Madrid** • Ready to see Madrid on foot? Stretch your legs and set out through on a walking tour of Spain's capital city. **Prado** • At the Prado art museum, behold paintings like Velázquez's *Las Meninas* and Goya's paired canvases. **Sightseeing tour of Madrid** • Your sightseeing tour takes you to the **Puerta del Sol**, the heart of Madrid. At **Plaza Mayor**, you'll learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings and public executions. Stand in the **Plaza de Oriente**, Madrid's largest square, outside of the **Palacio Real** (Royal Palace). Step inside to explore this magnificent palace, built by King Philip V. Once the seat of the most powerful court in the world, it was here that Spain officially joined the European Community in 1986. The palace boasts more than 2,000 rooms, including one with extravagant ceramic walls. Marvel at the splendid marble staircase, the golden Throne Room and the incredible variety of priceless frescoes and chandeliers.

DAY 11 DEPART FOR HOME

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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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