



Educational Tours



International Training Tour: Rome



"I truly cannot imagine leading my trip without having done this training tour. I made wonderful, instant friendships with my fellow teachers, but the most valuable part was everything I learned to help make my trip a success. Thank you, EF. This weekend was further proof that I have chosen the right company to lead my students abroad."

*Meredith White, Spanish teacher,
Radford High School, Radford, VA*

"This was a traveling experience that no group leader should miss! What better way to 'initiate' a group leader than to have them experience firsthand what their students will experience? I learned invaluable travel knowledge and made new friends."

*Katherine Venemon, Spanish teacher,
Century High School, Pocatello, ID*



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Day 1

Overnight flight • Board your overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2

Arrival in Rome • Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. The city is an incredible mix of architectural gems, Renaissance art and religious treasure. As Italy's capital, Rome is also the bustling heart of this exciting country. With its fashionable shopping and café culture, Rome truly provides an authentic European experience. Upon arrival, EF staff will be waiting to meet you at the airport after you clear customs. They will oversee the transfer to your hotel and provide a brief orientation.

Guided walking tour of the Forum Romanum • Enjoy a tour of the ancient forum. Originally built by Julius Caesar as an answer to the overcrowding in the older forums, it was “discovered” during Mussolini's reign when he ordered that the Via dei Fori Imperiali be created to link the Colosseum and the Piazza Venezia.

Welcome dinner • This evening, be our guest at a special welcome dinner. Enjoy dining and conversation as you become acquainted with your fellow orientation delegates and EF staff.

Day 3

Guided sightseeing of Vatican City • This morning start your tour of the world's smallest country with a tour of the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries packed with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted some of the world's finest pictorial images on the Chapel's ceiling. This was his first attempt at working in fresco, which he did by standing up and craning backwards from a scaffold. Continue on to St. Peter's Basilica, containing the world's largest dome, which was erected in Vatican City on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's Pietà and try to find the artist's signature (it's the only sculpture he ever signed).

Guided sightseeing of Rome • After enjoying some free time for lunch, board the bus with your guide to start your tour of ancient Rome, beginning with the Colosseum. Here gladiators once battled for their lives in front of 50,000 spectators and the venue was also used for naval battles and wild animals hunts. Next head to the celebrated Trevi Fountain, a favorite meeting spot for tourists and locals alike, and don't forget to toss a coin into its waters to ensure your return to Rome. Your tour ends at the Pantheon, the temple to “all the gods,” where you can marvel at the architectural genius as the building stands without any visible arches or vaults.

Day 4

EF Touring 101 • During this informational meeting, delegates will participate in “EF Touring 101,” an informative workshop featuring discussions with experienced EF Group Leaders and EF staff. Discover firsthand the nature of EF tours from the people who know them best. Learn practical details about international flights, safety, food and hotels while gaining insights into the unique dynamics of group travel. You will come away prepared to travel abroad with your students. Enjoy an included lunch during the orientation workshop.

Free time in Rome • The afternoon and evening is free for your own explorations of Rome. You might want to sit on the grassy banks of the Circus Maximus and imagine what it was like to watch chariot races there. Nearby you can also visit the Bocca della Verità (Mouth of Truth) located in the church of Santa Maria in Cosmedin. Rome also has some of the most fashionable shops to be found anywhere, a trip along the Via del Corso confirms this. If not, just find a café and watch the noise and bustle of this fascinating city go by.

Farewell dinner • Celebrate your last evening in Rome at tonight's farewell dinner.

Day 5

Departure • Our EF International Training Tour concludes. Your tour director assists you with your transfer to the airport, where you will board your flight home. Have a pleasant trip home and enjoy your first EF tour!

Included in the orientation itinerary

- Round-trip airfare on a scheduled airline
- All transfers to and from the airport and hotel
- Hotel accommodations (announced approximately 14 days prior to departure)
- Breakfast daily and dinners as specified
- Full-time EF Tour Director

Not included

- Insurance, beverages and meals not specified in the itinerary
- Optionals and transportation costs during free time
- Customary gratuities for your tour director, bus driver and local guides

*Itinerary subject to change.