

College Study Tours

## 10 or 12 days **LONDON, PARIS, FLORENCE & ROME**

# **FACULTY-LED INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

ABOUT THIS TOUR

Discover countless attractions on your journey through four of Europe's top destinations. Begin in London, home to Piccadilly Circus and Covent Garden. Snap a photo of the Eiffel Tower and travel to Florence, birthplace of The Divine Comedy poet Dante. Finish your tour in Rome, where you'll stand underneath the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City.

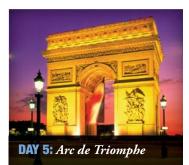
Today, advancements in every sector take place on a global scale. Students who understand and contribute to the international dialogue broaden their minds and gain a competitive edge in their fields. Traveling on an EF College Study Tour-an alternative to typical semester abroad programs-helps you truly make the most of your college education in just one to four weeks. Lectures and visits provide crucial historical and cultural insight, rounding out academics with a fuller context and creating incredible memories along the way.

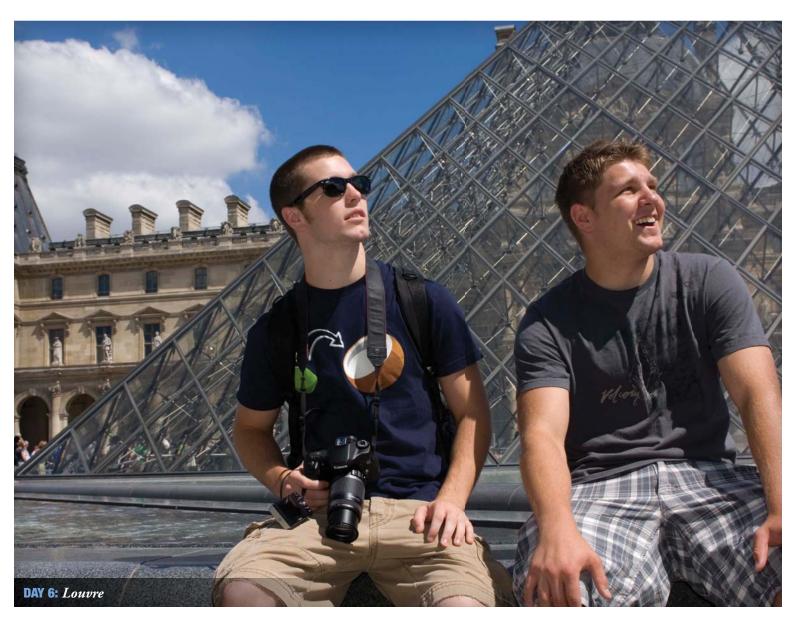












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#### London (2) Windsor Eurostar train Versailles Train (1) Florence (1) Pisa Rome (2 or 3) Sorrento (1) Capri

#### **INCLUDED ON TOUR:**

Round-trip airfare Local transportation Hotel accommodations Breakfast daily and select meals Full-time CST Tour Director Sightseeing tours and visits to special attractions Free time to study and explore

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#### **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:**

Windsor Castle • Versailles • Pisa Optional excursions let you incorporate additional sites and attractions into your itinerary and make the most of your time abroad.

10 or 12 days

**EXTENSION:** Sorrento region (2 days) Extend your tour and enjoy extra time exploring your destination or seeing a new place at a great value.



#### DAY 1 FLY TO GREAT BRITAIN

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

#### DAY 2 LONDON

Arrive in London • Welcome to London! Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own. Your professor may also use this time to focus on coursework.

Explore London • Ready to see London on foot? Stretch your legs and set out through Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden and Leicester Square on a walking tour. Then, get to know your tour group over a traditional fish and chips dinner this evening.

#### DAY 3 LONDON

Sightseeing tour of London • From Big Ben to the Houses of Parliament, Great Britain's royal tradition and rich history greet you at every turn. Behold the Baroque domes and spires of St. Paul's Cathedral, the 17<sup>th</sup>-century church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Check out the lively fiveway intersection at Piccadilly Circus as well as the urban greenery of Hyde Park. You may even get a chance to witness the ceremonial Changing of the Guard. Cap off your tour beside the River Thames and snap photos of the Tower of London.

**Optional: Windsor Castle** • In this former fortress, see priceless objects in the State Apartments, like paintings by Rubens and Holbein. Encounter the Gothic splendor of St. George's Chapel, final resting place of many monarchs including Henry VIII. Take a look into the miniature world of Queen Mary's Dolls' House, where castle items are replicated in 1/12th scale—including functional lighting and plumbing systems! Those who do not join the excursion will enjoy **free time** in London.



#### DAY 4 LONDON • PARIS

**Travel to Paris** • Board a **Eurostar train** and travel to the City of Light. When you arrive in Paris, enjoy **dinner in the Latin Quarter**.

#### **DAY 5 PARIS**

Sightseeing tour of Paris • Ride down the famous Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. Your guide shares insight into Parisian culture and stories of the city's military history when you continue past Les Invalides.

**Optional: Versailles** • Nobody does decadence like Louis XIV, and there's no better testament to this than Versailles. On your excursion to this lavish estate, explore the State Apartments and the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Walk through the meticulously landscaped gardens and marvel at dozens of ornate fountains. Louis XIV hosted his royal court here to reign in their power and prevent their political rise. Those who do not go to Versailles will enjoy **free time** in Paris.

#### **DAY 6 PARIS • NIGHT TRAIN**

Louvre • Enter by I.M. Pei's glass pyramid, and discover the Greek, Roman and Asian antiquities, as well as precious objects from the Middle Ages, that await inside. The Louvre's massive halls are home to more than 35,000 objects; among them is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the *Mona Lisa*. Get an up-close look at her beguiling smile. Explore Paris • On your walking tour, head to the Latin Quarter, named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students that populate the area. Notre Dame Cathedral • Admire Notre Dame's sculptured façade, stained-glass rose



windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings. Later this evening, board a **night train** bound for Florence.

#### **DAY 7 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.

Visit the 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 Baptistry. Leather-making demonstration • Today, see resident Florentine experts demonstrate the craft of leather-making. Optional: Pisa • In this Tuscan city, you can see one of the world's most famous architectural blunders, the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Those who do not go on the excursion will have free time in Florence.

#### DAY 8 ASSISI • ROME

Sightseeing tour of Assisi • Today, travel to the town of Assisi. You'll see the Basilica of St. Francis, where Giotto's painted frescoes illustrate the life of this beloved saint. Here the remains of St. Francis are entombed in a stone crypt above one of the altars. Travel to Rome • When you arrive in Rome, enjoy a pizza dinner before turning in for the night.

#### 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 Michelangelo's breathtaking frescos at the Sistine Chapel.

Sightseeing tour of Rome • Today, 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 10 DEPART FOR HOME**

#### 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION DAYS 10-11 SORRENTO REGION

Sightseeing tour of Pompeii • Mild weather, fragrant lemon groves and the stunning Bay of Naples welcome you to the Sorrento region. See how the wealthiest ancient Romans lived at the Roman ruins—the artifacts they left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. Capri • Spend some time in stunning Capri, home of the sirens, according to Greek myth. Since the days of ancient Greece, Capri's crystalline waters and breathtaking cliffs made it a favorite resort destination.

#### **DAY 12 DEPART FOR HOME**



#### 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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