



**Educational
Tours**

Rome & Paris

8 or 10 days | Italy | France | Extension to England

Arc de Triomphe



Top things to see on tour:



Colosseum



Eiffel Tower



St. Peter's Basilica



Duomo



Louvre



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.

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The significance of Ancient Rome cannot be overstated. See the roots of its influence in the arches of the Colosseum and the remains of the Forum. In Florence, Italy's enduring contributions are symbolized by the Duomo—this is where the Renaissance was born. And it was in the cafés of Paris that great philosophers inspired the next leap forward: the Age of Enlightenment.

Everything you get:

- Round-trip flights
- Full-time Tour Director
- Comfortable motorcoach; Night train; Eurostar high-speed train with extension
- 5 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (7 with extension); plus 1 night couchette accommodations
- European breakfast and dinner daily
- 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (5 with extension); 1 walking tour (2 with extension)
- Entrance to:** Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Duomo; Leather-making demonstration; Louvre; Notre Dame Cathedral; With extension: Tower of London

You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport

Day 3: Rome

- Take a guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take a guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona

Day 4: Rome

- Enjoy a free day in Rome
- *Optional: Pompeii*

Day 5: Florence | Night train

- Travel to Florence
- Take a guided tour of Florence: Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio; Chiesa di Santa Croce; Gates of Paradise
- Visit the Duomo
- See a leather-making demonstration
- Board a night train to Paris

Day 6: Paris

- Arrive in Paris
- Visit the Louvre
- Take a walking tour of Paris: Latin Quarter
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral

Day 7: Paris

- Take a guided tour of Paris: Place de la Concorde; Champs-Élysées; Arc de Triomphe; Les Invalides; Eiffel Tower; Conciergerie
- *Optional: Versailles*

Day 8: Depart for home

2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 8: London

- Travel by Eurostar train to London
- Take a guided tour of London: Big Ben and Houses of Parliament; Piccadilly Circus; St. Paul's Cathedral; Westminster Abbey; Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (if scheduled)

Day 9: London

- Visit the Tower of London
- Take a walking tour of London: The Strand; Trafalgar Square; Leicester Square; Covent Garden
- Enjoy a fish and chips dinner

Day 10: Depart for home

Paris

Bonjour, Paris! During your sightseeing in the City of Light, get a taste of Parisian style as you ride down the 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. At the École Militaire, see where a promising young Napoleon launched his rise to power. I.M. Pei's iconic glass pyramid marks the entrance to the renowned Louvre, home to treasures like Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Then, travel to the Notre Dame Cathedral and admire its sculptured façade, stained-glass rose windows and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.



Louvre
Paris, France



Duomo
Florence, Italy

Florence

Florence marks the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance, and works of art like Michelangelo's statue of *David* and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*, still reside here today. As you stroll through the city, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. 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 Baptistry. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a Medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop. Then, visit a leather workshop, the perfect place to find Florentine souvenirs.

Rome

No place integrates its past into the present quite like Rome, where history comes to life. Explore the world's most famous arena on your sightseeing tour to the Colosseum. Here, you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Nearby, the Roman Forum marks the former heart of the Roman Empire. Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches there. On your visit to Vatican City, marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.



Colosseum
Rome, Italy

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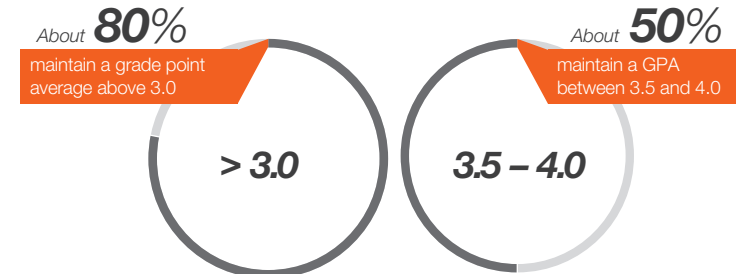
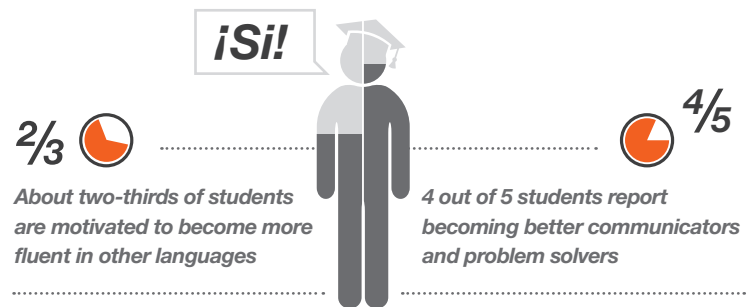
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