

Get interactive with Italian culture and history. Dress up like the Ancient Roman gladiators. Take a stab at Italian cuisine in a cooking class. Learn to paint frescoes, the medium used for many of the famous murals throughout Italy. Along the way, see all the must-see sights, from the Sistine Chapel to the Roman Forum to the Duomo in Florence.

# **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (5 with extension)



Entrances: Colosseum; Roman Forum; Basilica of St. Francis; Duomo; Accademia; Leather-making demonstration; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; With extension: Pompeii Roman Ruins; Capri island cruise



**Experiential learning:** Gladiator School; Fresco art workshop; Cooking class; Painting class



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily





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# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

– MELISSA, TRAVELER





# CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT











# What you'll experience on your tour

## Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

#### Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other. During your stay, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where 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 the 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 the Vatican City. Before you say "arrivederci," toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

#### Day 3: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Participate in a Gladiator School experience
- Enjoy a pizza dinner

## Day 4: Assisi | Florence

- Travel to Assisi. Nestled between Mount Subasio and olive groves on a hill overlooking Umbria, the town of Assisi is visited by millions of people each year who wish to see outstanding examples of early Renaissance art and to appreciate its religious significance. During your visit, experience both aspects of this historical city at 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 show you the birthplace of St. Clare, who founded the Franciscan Order of Poor Ladies in the year 1212.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis
- Continue on to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera and the Renaissance, and where works of art like Michelangelo's statue of David and Botticelli's The Birth of Venus still reside 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.

#### Day 5: Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence: Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio; Gates of Paradise
- Visit the Duomo
- Visit the Accademia
- Participate in a fresco art workshop

## Day 6: Florence | Rome

- Enjoy free time in Florence
- Travel to Rome

#### Day 7: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City. On your tour, look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance to St. Peter's Basilica: they're the highly trained soldiers of Vatican City's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways lofted hundreds of feet off the ground before heading to visit the saint's tomb. Then, experience the Sistine Chapel's breathtaking domed ceiling. From Michelangelo's frescos to Raphael's tapestries, Pope Sixtus IV commissioned the masters of the day to cover nearly every inch of the Chapel in art depicting important Biblical scenes. For a very special keepsake, drop a postcard in the mail before you go, complete with a stamp from the world's smallest country.
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take a cooking class

# Day 8: Rome

- Take a painting class
- Enjoy free time in Rome
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome
- Time to see more of Rome or
- Enjoy Italian Soccer: The Beautiful Game

# Day 9: Depart for home

#### **©** 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

# Day 9: Pompeii | Sorrento region

- Travel to Pompeii
- Take an expertly guided tour of Pompeii
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins
- Continue on to the Sorrento region

# Day 10: Capri | Rome

- Travel to Capri
- Take an expertly guided tour of Capri
- Take an island cruise
- Return to Rome

#### Day 11: Depart for home



Wish we could go back so much! #Colosseum #rome #roma #italy #italia #marchbreak #beautiful #amazing #eftours #dreamtrip #missit #iloveitaly

– EMILY, TRAVELER



We had an amazing tour guide who introduced us to Italy and gave the group a lot of historic information. The kids loved it and wanted to stay longer.

- NATASHA, GROUP LEADER



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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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