

In Italy, you can travel through thousands of years of history to witness some of humankind's most transformative moments. Ancient Roman advances in engineering made the Colosseum possible. At the Duomo in Renaissance Florence, the world took its first steps out of the Dark Ages. And Venice's Grand Canal was at the heart of one of the world's great naval powers.

### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (9 with extension)



Entrances: Doge's Palace; Duomo; Basilica of St. Francis; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; With extension: Catacombs; St. Paul's Outside the Walls; Ostia Antica



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily





Anyone can see the world.

# 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: Milan | Venice

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport
- Travel to Venice, the Floating City crisscrossed with romantic bridges, laced with history and boasting some of the world's finest art and architecture. During your stay you will see gondolas glide down the Grand Canal before stopping in St. Mark's Square. Look for the golden weathervane, which resembles archangel Gabriel, atop the 323-foot Campanile (Bell Tower). At the pink-and-white Doge's Palace, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, which links the palace to a prison. As they crossed the bridge, prisoners supposedly sighed with perfect sadness as they regarded their beautiful city for the last time.

#### Day 3: Venice

- Take an expertly guided tour of Venice:
   St. Mark's Square; Grand Canal
- Visit the Doge's Palace

#### Day 4: Florence

Travel 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.

# Day 5: Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence:
   Piazza della Signoria; Ponte Vecchio; Gates of Paradise
- Visit the Duomo
- Time to see more of Florence or
- Visit Pisa

#### Day 6: Assisi

- Take an expertly guided tour of Assisi
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis

#### Day 7: Pompeii | Sorrento region

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

#### Day 8: Sorrento region | Rome

- Time to see more of Sorrento or

#### • Visit Capri

- Travel to 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 9: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vatican City
- Visit the Sistine Chapel
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica
- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome
- Visit the Colosseum
- Visit the Roman Forum
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome

#### Day 10: Depart for home

#### **2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION**

#### Day 10: Rome

- Take a guided walking tour of Rome and Trastevere: Theatre of Marcellus; Jewish Ghetto; Tiberino Island; Santa Maria in Trastevere Church
- Take a guided excursion to the Catacombs and St. Paul's Outside the Walls

#### Day 11: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Ostia Antica
- Enjoy free time in Rome

## Day 12: Depart for home



Venice, Italy! #whitagram #venice #Italy #Italian #water #canal #gondola #ride #amazing #beautiful #tagforlikes #instafamous #toppics #like #travel #EFTours

- CALEB, TRAVELER



The tour hit all the highlights of Italy! We saw the Vatican, Colosseum and Trevi Fountain in Rome; had a relaxing lunch on the Ponte Vecchio; in Florence! I couldn't have imagined a better trip!

- CYNTHIA, GROUP LEADER



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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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