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# SPLENDORS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

15 or 18 days | Italy | Greece | Extension includes Turkey

Get in depth with Italy and Greece, and uncover the many layers of two fascinating cultures—canals in Venice, cathedrals in Florence, ancient monuments in Rome. In Greece, the mystical powers of Delphi give way to classical antiquity in Athens. The region's history spans across millennia, and its remnants provide a tangible link to the birthplace of Western civilization.

## EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 10 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Burano island; glass-blowing demonstration; gondola ride; Basilica of St. Francis; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Pompeii Roman ruins; Meteora monastery; Delphi site; Delphi Museum; Epidaurus; Mycenae; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; night ferry; *3-day Greek island cruise with extension (3 cruise excursions included)*; 12 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 1 night cabin accommodation (*4 with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily (*3 meals daily during cruise extension*)



Burano island





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 personalized learning experience, 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 on 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



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Via Instagram



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## 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. This floating city is crisscrossed with romantic bridges, laced with history, and boasts some of the world's finest art and architecture. During your stay, 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 bell tower.

### Day 3: Venice

- Take an expert-led tour of Venice and see St. Mark's Square and the Grand Canal.
- Travel by water taxi to Burano island, known for its brightly colored homes and lace work.
- See a glass-blowing demonstration.
- Enjoy a gondola ride.

### Days 4-5: Florence

- Take an expert-led tour of Florence.
- Visit the Duomo.
- Enjoy time to see more of Florence or [visit Pisa](#).

### Day 6: Assisi | Rome

- Stop in Assisi on your way to Rome.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis.
- Arrive 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 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 7: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Vatican City.
- Visit the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Take an expert-led tour of Rome.
- Explore the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome and see the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and Spanish Steps.

### Days 8-9: Pompeii | Night ferry

- Travel to the Sorrento region.
- Take an expert-led tour of Pompeii.
- Visit the Pompeii Roman ruins.
- Travel by night ferry to Greece.

### Days 10-11: Meteora | Delphi

- Arrive in Igomonitsa.
- Visit a Meteora monastery.
- Continue on to Delphi.

### Day 12: Delphi | Argolida

- Take an expert-led tour of Delphi and explore the Temple of Apollo.
- Visit the Delphi Museum.
- Travel to Argolida.
- Enjoy time to explore Argolida or [go on a boat cruise and enjoy a BBQ beach dinner](#).

### Day 13: Epidaurus | Mycenae | Athens

- Take an expert-led tour of Epidaurus and Mycenae.
- Stop at the Corinth Canal.
- Continue on to Athens and discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom. During your stay, visit the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, perhaps the world's greatest architectural feat. See the Temple of Athena Nike, which once housed a gold statue of the goddess, her wings clipped to prevent her from deserting the city. Snap a picture of the Presidential Guard in traditional costume, then pass the stadium that hosted the first modern Olympics in 1896. You'll visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus, built in 515 B.C. to honor the most powerful of all Greek gods.
- Enjoy a free evening or [attend a Greek Evening](#).

### Day 14: Athens

- Take an expert-led tour of Athens.
- Visit the Acropolis and the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens.

### Day 15: Depart for home

### 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 15-17: Greek island cruise

- Board your cruise ship for a three-day adventure that will take you to the islands and coastal towns of Greece. A three-island shore excursion package is included, featuring incredible sights that perfectly complement your comprehensive itinerary. White sand beaches helped make these destinations prized (and disputed) territories, while Turkish, Roman, and Greek influences helped shape the unique blend of cultures you'll encounter. You'll also enjoy on-board activities as you sail the beautiful crystalline waters.

### Day 18: Depart for home



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

– EMILY, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

*I will never forget this trip to Italy and Greece one of the greatest experiences of my life! #eftours*

– KASEY, TRAVELER



Via Twitter

## TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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