

In Venice and Florence, memorable landmarks like the Duomo and the Doge's Palace convey Italy's vital role in world history. In Cinque Terre, a train ride through the five villages brings you deep into the Italian culture. Each village has its own unique character and charm; experience it firsthand in the scenic vistas, the medieval forts and the lively markets.

### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (5 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director



**Entrances:** Doge's Palace; Glass-blowing demonstration; Museum and Basilica of San Vitale; Duomo; Cinque Terre train; Lake Como cruise; *With extension: Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum* 



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





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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.

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- MELISSA, TRAVELER





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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, 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
- See a glass-blowing demonstration
- Time to see more of Venice or
- Venetian art workshop

#### Day 4: Ravenna | Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Ravenna
- Visit the Museum and Basilica of San Vitale
- 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
- Visit the Duomo
- See a leather-making demonstration
- Time to explore on your own or
  - O Visit Pisa

### Day 6: Cinque Terre

Travel to Cinque Terre, which literally translates to "five earths," a cluster of towns perched on the dramatic cliffs of the Mediterranean coast. Each of these five Italian villages—Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore—has its own unique character and charm. Travel by train between the villages and take in views of dazzling aquamarine water, which makes the area popular with sunbathers and swimmers. From Monterosso's lively markets to Vernazza's medieval forts and Manarola's pastel-colored edifices, there is something for everyone to discover and enjoy in Cinque Terre.

#### Day 7: Cinque Terre

- Explore Cinque Terre by train

#### Day 8: Como region

- Travel to the Como region
- Take a cruise on Lake Como

#### Day 9: Depart for home

#### **©** 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 9: Rome

- Travel by high-speed train from Milan to Rome

#### Day 10: 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 11: Depart for home



I can now cross "Ride a Gondala in Venice" off my bucket list! #eftours

- JOSEPH, TRAVELER





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- ADRI, TRAVELER



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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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