

## SPLENDORS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

15 or 18 days | Italy | Greece

It's impossible to overstate the influence of Ancient Rome and Greece on our modern-day society; seeing monuments from those civilizations is a profound experience. From the Colosseum to the Parthenon to the archaeological sites at Pompeii, Epidauros, and Mycenae, walk in the footsteps of those who set the stage for the development of Western culture.

### EVERYTHING YOU GET:



**Full-time Tour Director**



**Sightseeing:** 10 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour



**Entrances:** Doge's Palace; Glass-blowing demonstration; Duomo; Basilica of St. Francis; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Pompeii Roman Ruins; Meteora monastery; Delphi site; Delphi Museum; Epidauros; Mycenae; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum



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**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)



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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 personalized learning experience, **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



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Via Instagram



## 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 expert-led tour of Venice: St. Mark's Square and Grand Canal
- Visit the Doge's Palace.
- See a glass-blowing demonstration.

#### Days 4-5: Florence

- Take an expert-led tour of Florence.
- Visit the Duomo.
- Time to see more of Florence or  
➦ visit Pisa

#### Day 6: Assisi | Rome

- Travel via Assisi.
- 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 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 7: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Vatican City.
- Visit the Sistine Chapel.
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica.
- Take an expert-led tour of Rome.
- Visit the Colosseum.
- Visit the Roman Forum.
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome: Trevi Fountain; Pantheon; Piazza Navona; 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 Ighoumenitsa.
- Visit a Meteora monastery.
- Continue on to Delphi.

#### Day 12: Delphi | Argolida

- Take an expert-led tour of Delphi: Temple of Apollo
- Visit the Delphi Museum.
- Travel to Argolida.
- Time to explore Argolida or  
➦ enjoy a boat cruise

#### 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 you will 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.
- Visit the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens.

#### Day 15: Depart for home

### ➦ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 15: Mykonos island

- Enjoy free time to explore the island's Old Town.

#### Day 16: Samos island | Patmos island

- Included excursion to Samos island features beaches and archaeological sites
- Enjoy free time to explore Patmos.

#### Day 17: Crete island | Santorini island

- Included excursion to the Palace of Knossos
- Included excursion to Oia Village in Santorini

#### 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 #summ*

– KASEY, TRAVELER



VIA Twitter

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

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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