

## **ROME, ATHENS & THE GREEK ISLES**

12 days | Italy | Greece

It's no myth—Italy and Greece are home to some of the world's most impressive archaeological sites, stunning scenery, and long-standing cultural traditions. During this tour, you'll see the landmarks and landscapes of these Mediterranean countries firsthand. Explore the area's ancient ruins, from the Colosseum and Pompeii to the Acropolis and Delphi, and wander through charming seaside towns along the Mediterranean coast.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour

Entrances: Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Pompeii; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum; Delphi



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flight; 4-day Greek island cruise (3 cruise excursions included); 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 3 nights cabin accommodations; European breakfast and dinner daily; 3 meals daily during cruise





#### 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





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#### 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 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.

#### Day 4: Rome | Pompeii

- Take a day trip to Pompeii. Once a city of ancient prosperity, many wealthy Romans established their homes here thousands of years ago. When neighboring Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, it cloaked the Roman resort in volcanic ash, perfectly preserving the minutiae of daily life. The buildings and artifacts left behind make this one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. See the fully excavated ruins of the town's ancient temples, forum and theatre. Of Pompeii's three bathhouses, the Stabian Baths was the largest complex. Learn about their ingenious heating method—one of the earliest examples of its kind—that brought hot water to visitors.

#### Day 5: Rome | Athens

– Fly to Athens and discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom. During your stay you'll 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 also have the chance to see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, built in 515 B.C. to honor the most powerful of all Greek gods.

#### Day 6: Athens

- Take an expertly guided tour of Athens: Olympic Stadium.
- Visit the Acropolis: Parthenon; Temple of Athena Nike.
- Visit the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens: Plaka District.
- Enjoy free time in Athens or

#### • attend a Greek Evening.

#### Day 7: Athens

- Take a day trip to Delphi.
- Take an expert-led tour of Delphi, including the Temple of Apollo.
- Visit the Delphi Museum, where you'll see a variety of artifacts dating back to 550 B.C. and have the chance to learn more about Greece's mythical past.

#### Day 8: Mykonos island

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

#### Day 9: Samos island | Patmos island

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

#### Day 10: Rhodes island

 Enjoy free time to explore Rhodes' medieval city.

#### Day 11: Crete island | Santorini islands

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

Day 12: Depart for home



Last day in Italy. I'm gonna miss you. #eftours #trevifountain

– JOSEPH, TRAVELER



The tour hit all the highlights of Italy! We saw the Vatican, Colosseum and Trevi Fountain in Rome! I couldn't have imagined a better trip!

– CYNTHIA, GROUP LEADER



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

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-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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