



Education First

Educational Tours

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We are committed to making sure educators like you are fully prepared to lead an EF tour. During this program, you'll take part in online, classroom, and experiential learning. Each international training tour is hosted by EF staff along with experienced educators from across the United States. Before traveling on your international training tour, you'll participate in an online orientation session to review essential tour preparation information and discover various educational and planning resources available to your group.

Day 1

Overnight flight to Italy: Spend the night flying over the Atlantic.

Day 2: Experiential Learning

Arrive in Rome: *Ciao* and welcome to Rome, an ancient city that's home to an incredible mix of architectural gems, Renaissance art, and religious treasure. As Italy's capital, Rome is also the bustling heart of this exciting country.

Walking tour of Rome (time permitting): After you get settled in, enjoy an orientation tour of the city. You'll have the chance to explore Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and Piazza Venezia, where you can find the monument to Vittorio Emanuele II that is more popularly known as the Wedding Cake Monument.

Welcome dinner: This evening, be our guest at a special welcome dinner. Enjoy dining and conversation as you become acquainted with your fellow training tour delegates and EF staff members.

Day 3: Experiential Learning

Classroom session 1: Before we head into the city, we will have a group meeting to identify specific questions and needs you have in preparing to lead your upcoming tour. This session also offers the opportunity to hear from our experienced Group Leaders about the "on tour" experience with EF. In a panel discussion, compare and contrast best practices and collaborate in small groups on a range of important topics (e.g. curricular alignment, student-driven learning, and engagement). All educators will be trained to utilize weShare, our personalized learning experience that engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.

Guided sightseeing of Vatican City: This morning, start your tour of the world's smallest country with a look inside the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries packed with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted some of the world's finest images on the Chapel's

ceiling. This was his first attempt at working in fresco, which he did by standing up and craning backwards from a scaffold. Continue on to St. Peter's Basilica, containing the world's largest dome, which was erected in Vatican City on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's Pietà and try to find the artist's signature (it's the only sculpture he ever signed).

Free evening in Rome: Tonight you can explore Rome at your own pace—a city of history, electric energy, savory dishes, and cultural sites lit under Rome's starry sky. Or, enjoy the outdoors and stroll through the picturesque Piazza della Rotonda where you can see the Pantheon's glow.

Day 4

Classroom session 2: In this session we will reflect on lessons learned and shift gears to discuss the important topics of pre-tour planning and building a global education program. Take part in a panel where our experienced Group Leaders tackle topics such as successful recruitment, fundraising, and communication. Team up with your colleagues to discuss best practices on reaching every student and building a sustainable program in your community.

Guided sightseeing of Rome: Enjoy free time during lunch, and then board a bus for a guided tour of Rome that begins with the Colosseum. This ancient arena was the battle ground for gladiators who fought for their lives in front of 50,000 spectators. The venue was also used for naval battles and wild animal hunts.

Guided walking tour of the Roman Forum:

Originally built by Julius Caesar to address overcrowding in older public spaces, the Roman Forum was "discovered" during Mussolini's reign when he ordered the construction of the Via dei Fori Imperiali, which would connect the Colosseum to the Piazza Venezia.

Free time in Rome: The rest of the day is free for your own explorations of Rome. Sit on the grassy banks of the Circus Maximus and imagine what it was like to watch chariot races here. Or just find a café and watch the noise and bustle of this fascinating city go by.

Farewell dinner: Celebrate your last evening in Rome at tonight's farewell dinner.

Day 5

Depart for home: After breakfast, EF staff will accompany you to the airport and assist with check-in for your return flight.

Please note: The order of this itinerary may vary.

EVERYTHING YOU GET



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: Vatican City; Rome



Entrances: Vatican Museum; Colosseum; Roman Forum



Training seminar with EF and experienced Group Leaders



Round-trip flights on major carriers



Hotel accommodations



Comfortable motorcoach



Breakfast daily and additional meals as specified



25 Professional Development Hours

Not included: Global Travel Protection plan; Activities during free time; Customary gratuities for your Tour Director and driver.



The tour was absolutely amazing and prepared me to travel with students. No other preparation would ever have been able to do that.

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