

Italian History Educational Travel

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Italy is an established school tour destination, offering unparalleled opportunities in the study of language, history, art appreciation, the classics and sightseeing. From the ruins of Pompeii and the majestic Vesuvius in the south, coupled with the many treasures of Rome, to the glorious Renaissance city of Florence and the Byzantine treasures of Venice in the north, Italy is a destination of considerable educational content.

Tuscany

Fabulous beaches, spectacular scenery and a wonderful climate are all part of the allure to Tuscany. Discover the superb walled town of Siena, the individual charm of Pisa, the enchanting resort of Lucca, Puccini's birthplace. Artists are spellbound by Florence, with its incredible range of frescoes and galleries. Visit Casa Buonarrotti, home of Michelangelo's early works, stand amazed at Brunelleschi's fresco of the Last Judgement featured on the Dome of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Wander in awe around the Uffizi, home to Italy's main collection of paintings, and surround yourself with the masterpieces of Botticelli, Raphael, Michelangelo, Tintoretto, Canaletto and dozens of other great artists. You simply can't miss Michelangelo's towering figure David, which exerts a truly magnetic force on spectators. Through classroom knowledge, 'live appreciation' and an understanding of context, students can form a personal response to these great works.

Rome/ Sorrento

This two-centre adventure combining the wealth of art, architecture and ancient remains of Rome with towering Mount Vesuvius and the dramatic coastline of Sorrento is an unmissable experience for our groups. This tour is aimed at groups wanting a burst of contrasting experiences and who have an appetite for exploring! An art-lovers paradise, Rome offers classical works and masterpieces by Bernini, Caravaggio, Raphael, Botticelli and Michelangelo, all within walking distance of each other. The fascinating underground catacombs, Colosseum and Trevi Fountain are all essential visits in this astonishing city.

The beautiful Sorrento peninsula also offers wonderful excursions for humanities students. A visit to the preserved city of Pompeii provides an insight into Roman settlements and going on to Mount Vesuvius is a great way of understanding living with hazardous environments; being on the crater rim will certainly bring learning to life! It's not all work though, the Magic World water park and Edenlandia theme park provide a chance for pupils (and teachers too!) to recharge their batteries.

Budget Tuscany and Rome Tour

9 Days / 8 Nights

Nights: Rome (4) – Tuscany (4)

Hotels: 3 star hotels 2 per room

Meals: Two meals per day, breakfast and dinner.

Transport: Air-conditioned motor coach

Entrance Fees: Included

Objectives:

- St. Peter's Square
- Roman Forum
- The mighty Colosseum
- Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Montecatini
- Florence
- Siena and San Gimignano
- Piazza del Campo
- Vinci, the birthplace of the Renaissance man Leonardo
- Assisi and St Francis

Highlights

-- Visits to Montecatini, Pisa, Assisi

-- Local guides for city sightseeing in Rome, Florence

Budget Italian Tour

9 Days / 8 Nights

Nights: Rome (4) – Venice (2) – Florence (2)

Hotels: 3 star hotels 2 per room

Meals: Continental breakfast daily; 3 three course dinners

Transport: Air-conditioned motor coach

Entrance Fees: Included

Objectives:

- St. Peter's Basilica (Vatican)
- Roman Forum
- The mighty Colosseum
- St. Mark's Square
- Bridge of Sighs
- Doges Palace
- Basilica of St. Mark
- Murano glass blowing
- Baptistry, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore
- Giotto's Bell Tower
- Piazza Signoria

- Basilica of Santa Croce
- St Francis tomb
- Giotto frescoes
- Basilica of St. Mary

Highlights

Rome: Sightseeing includes and St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and views of the Forum and Colosseum.

Venice: Canal cruise by vaporetto. See the Bridge of Sighs, St Mark's Basilica and more. Visit a traditional glass-blowing factory.

Verona: See the Roman Arena and Juliet's balcony

Florence: Sightseeing includes the Baptistery, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Basilica of Santa Croce.

Assisi: Orientation seeing St. Francis Basilica and the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels