

Do you like your temples well-preserved like the Pantheon or crumbling like the Partheon? Italy and Greece practically own the early history of Western civilization, which becomes vividly clear as you walk through the ruins of the Roman Forum and the Acropolis. In Vatican City, crane your neck in awe inside St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. In Delphi, look deep into Greece's mythical past.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



**Full-time Tour Director** 



Sightseeing: 6 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 1 walking tour



Entrances: Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Meteora Monasteries; Delphi site; Delphi museum; Acropolis; Acropolis Museum; with extension: Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center



**Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.







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); 7 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)





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 personalized learning experience, 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 on 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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#### What you'll experience on your tour

#### 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.

#### Day 3: Rome

- On your visit to Vatican City, be sure to look out for the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of Vatican City.
- Marvel at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling on your visit to the Sistine Chapel.
- Explore St. Peter's Basilica.
- Enjoy time to see more of Rome or
- visit the Catacombs.

#### Day 4: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Rome.
- Visit the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat.
- Explore the Roman Forum, the former heart of the Roman Empire, where Julius Caesar gave many of his powerful political speeches.
- Continue on to Florence.

#### Day 5: Florence

- Welcome to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language and opera. Florence was the epicenter of the Renaissance movement from the 14th to 16th century, and is the former home of artists like Michelangelo and Botticelli.
- Take an expert-led tour of Florence.

#### Day 6: Night ferry | Igoumenitsa

 Transfer to Ancona, a bustling port town. From here you'll take an overnight ferry to Igoumenitsa, the capital and largest city of northwestern Greece. (Note: Night ferries have limited space, so it's possible you will take a flight instead.)

#### Day 7: Igoumenitsa | Meteora Region

- Arrive in Igoumenitsa before continuing on to the Meteora Region. The Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose name literally translates to "middle of the sky," is a stunning formation of natural rock pillars and hills that climb their way into the sky.
- Take an expert-led tour of the Meteora Monasteries, which are located atop the different natural pillars. Set high in the sky, the location feels almost magical, and provides breathtaking views. It was settled during the 11th century by monks and attracted not only the deeply religious, but also ancient Greek philosophers, poets, and painters.

#### Day 8: Delphi | Athens

- Take an expert-led tour of Delphi and see the Temple of Apollo.
- Visit the Delphi Museum.
- Continue on to Athens and discover the ancient city named for Athena, goddess of war and wisdom.

#### Day 9: Athens

- Snap a picture of the Presidential Guard in traditional costume on your expertly guided tour of the city. From here, 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.
- 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.
- Explore the Acropolis Museum.
- Take a walking tour of Athens through the Plaka District.
- Enjoy time to explore or
- attend a Greek evening.

Day 10: Depart for home

#### **o** 4-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 10-12: Greek island cruise

– Board your cruise ship for a three-day adventure that will take you to the islands and coastal towns of Greece. A three-island shore excursion package is included, featuring incredible sights that perfectly complement your comprehensive itinerary. White sand beaches helped make these destinations prized (and disputed) territories, while Turkish, Roman, and Greek influences helped shape the unique blend of cultures you'll encounter. You'll also enjoy on-board activities as you sail the beautiful crystalline waters.

#### Day 13: Athens

- After disembarking the ship, visit the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center.
- Continue on to Athens.
- Enjoy free time to explore the city or relax on the beach.

#### Day 14: Depart for home

Just returned from a tour in Greece. Could not have chosen better tour guides if I had hand picked them myself. Iris was GREAT! All the guides were extremely knowledgeable and informative. Not to mention the care that they took to ensure our safety and satisfaction! Great job EF! Thank you again, Iris, for an unforgettable trip of a lifetime!

- SUE, GROUP LEADER

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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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