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GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

10 or 12 days | Venice | Florence | Assisi | Sorrento region | Rome

In Italy, you can travel through thousands of years of history to witness some of humankind's most transformative moments. Ancient Roman advances in engineering made the Colosseum possible. At the Duomo in Renaissance Florence, Europe took its first steps out of the Dark Ages. And Venice's Grand Canal was at the heart of one of the world's great naval powers.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 5 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (8 with extension)



Entrances: Venice Gondola Ride; Burano Island; Basilica of St. Francis; Pompeii Roman Ruins; food-themed walking tour; *with extension:* Sistine Chapel; Ostia Antica



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; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily (lunch or dinner on day 9)



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.

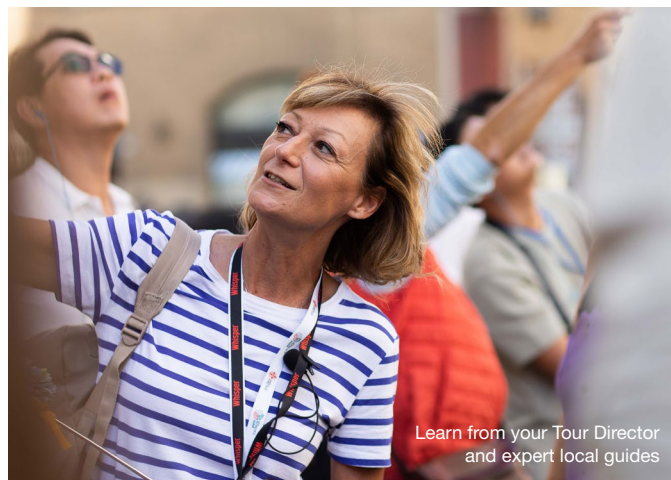
When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@Eftours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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Burano island

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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 that are laced with history, Venice boasts some of the world's finest art and architecture.

Day 3: Venice

- Tour Venice with an expert local guide.
- Ride gondolas 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).
- Travel by water taxi to Burano island, known for its brightly colored homes and lace work.
- Attend a glassblowing demonstration.

Day 4: Venice | Florence

- Travel 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.

Day 5: Florence

- As you stroll through the city on your expert-led tour, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. See the domed cap of the Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral, better known as the Duomo, which dominates the skyline. Opposite the Duomo, look for the bronzed doors of Ghiberti's *Gates of Paradise* at the Baptistry. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.
- Time to see more of Florence or [visit Pisa](#).

Day 6: Assisi

- Travel to Assisi. Nestled between Mount Subasio and olive groves on a hill overlooking Umbria, the town of Assisi is visited by millions of people each year who wish to see outstanding examples of early Renaissance art and to appreciate its religious significance. During your visit, experience both aspects of this historical city at the Basilica of St. Francis, where Giotto's painted frescoes illustrate the life of one of Italy's most beloved saints. Here, the remains of St. Francis are entombed in a stone crypt above one of the altars. A local guide will show you the birthplace of St. Clare, who founded the Franciscan Order of Poor Ladies in the year 1212.
- Take an expert-led tour of Assisi.
- Visit the Basilica of St. Francis.

Day 7: Pompeii | Sorrento region

- Take an expert-led tour of Pompeii.
- Visit the Pompeii Roman Ruins.
- Continue on to the Sorrento region.

Day 8: Sorrento region | Rome

- Time to see Sorrento or [visit Capri](#).
- Travel to Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other.

Day 9: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Rome, where you will see the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Capitoline Hill, and St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.
- Take a guided food walking tour. Discover Italian cuisine and enjoy lunch or dinner while strolling through Rome's historic streets.

Day 10: Depart for home

[2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION](#)

Day 10: Rome

- Take a guided walking tour of Rome and Trastevere: Theatre of Marcellus; Jewish Ghetto; Tiberino Island; Santa Maria in Trastevere Church.
- Take guided tour of Vatican City.
- Visit the Sistine Chapel and experience it's breathtaking domed ceiling. From Michelangelo's frescoes to Raphael's tapestries, Pope Sixtus IV commissioned the masters of the day to cover nearly every inch of the Chapel in art depicting important Biblical scenes.
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica on your own. While you explore, look for the papal protectors who flank the entrance: they're the highly trained soldiers of Vatican City's Pontifical Swiss Guard. Inside, pass under gilded archways lofted hundreds of feet off the ground before heading to visit the saint's tomb.

Day 11: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Ostia Antica.
- Time to explore more of Rome.

Day 12: Depart for home

"The best way to see a lot of Italy! Mix great weather, an excellent—and I mean excellent—Tour Director, delicious food, and fine accommodations with superb locations, and you've got a most memorable trip."

– HOWARD, GROUP LEADER

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2. _____
3. _____

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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