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ARTISTS OF ITALY AND FRANCE

10 or 12 days | Rome | Vatican City | Florence | Paris | Extension to Belgium

The Renaissance gave us a new dimension of beauty and a different way to look at the world—and it was the ancient Roman Empire that laid the framework for this to happen. Explore how these cultural periods in history influenced the artistic masterpieces found in the Sistine Chapel, the Louvre, and beyond.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides
-  **Entrances:** Sistine Chapel; painting lesson; Galleria Borghese; bike ride; Accademia Gallery; create-a-fresco; Louvre; art activity; Musée d'Orsay; *with extension: canal cruise; Groeninge Museum; Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium; chocolate tasting*
-  **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; internal flight; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (*10 with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily
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Anyone can see the world.

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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.

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— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly 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: Vatican City | Rome

- Take an expert-led sightseeing tour of the Vatican City. As you go, look out for the colorful uniforms of Vatican City's protectors, the Swiss Guard.
- 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.
- Participate in a painting lesson.
- Enjoy time to see more of Rome or
 - ➦ Take a photography tour of Rome.

Day 4: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome.
- Visit the Galleria Borghese in the Villa Borghese gardens.
- Enjoy a bike ride in Borghese Park.

Day 5: Rome | Florence

- Travel to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera, and the Renaissance, where works of art like Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* still reside today.
- On an expert-led tour of Florence, pass by classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria and walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a Medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop. Then see the Basilica of Santa Croce, the largest Franciscan church in the world, and site of funerary monuments to famous figures like Leonardo da Vinci, Dante, and Galileo. 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 Baptistery.

Day 6: Florence

- Visit Accademia Gallery, the home of Michelangelo's *David*.
- Try your hand at fresco painting, a style made famous during the Italian Renaissance. In this workshop you'll create a fresco of your own in the traditional way by painting earth pigments onto fresh plaster.

Day 7: Paris

- Fly to Paris, the City of Light.
- Take a walking tour of Paris. First stop: the Latin Quarter, a popular neighborhood known as the home of several universities, including the Sorbonne. The Latin Quarter got its name because during the Middle Ages, Sorbonne students spoke and wrote in Latin.
- Catch a glimpse of Notre-Dame Cathedral.
- Visit the Louvre.

Day 8: Paris

- Take an expert-led tour of Paris. Ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe and strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower. Then check out Les Invalides which holds France's Military Museum and the tomb of Napoleon.
- Participate in a Parisian art activity.

Day 9: Paris

- Visit the Musée d'Orsay.
- Enjoy time to see more of Paris or
 - ➦ visit Versailles.

Day 10: Depart for home

➦ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 10: Paris | Brussels

- Transfer to Bruges.
- Take a walking tour of Bruges.
- Enjoy a canal cruise.
- Visit the Groeninge Museum.
- Transfer to the Brussels area.

Day 11: Brussels

- Visit the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium.
- Enjoy free time in Grand-Place, the central square of Brussels.

Day 12: Depart for home

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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