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FLORENCE & ROME

8 or 12 days | Italy

Florence was king during the Renaissance, and the city is still full of treasures from that transformative period in history. Brunelleschi's amazing Duomo changed the rules of architecture, and Michelangelo's *David* is one of the great achievements in art history. In Rome, awe-inspiring remains of the ancient empire still stand, from the Colosseum to the Forum.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (6 *with extension*)
-  **Entrances:** Basilica of St. Francis; Accademia Gallery; funicular ride; Colosseum; Roman Forum; Sistine Chapel; *with extension:* Palace of Caserta; *frantoio visit*
-  **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; 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 *with extension*); European breakfast and dinner daily
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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.

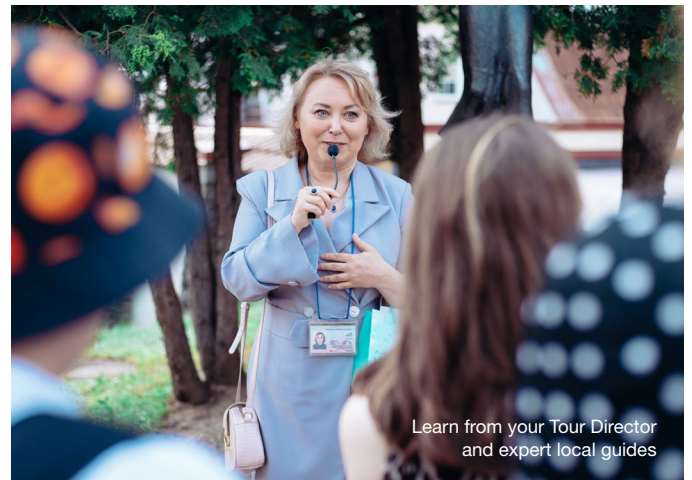
When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@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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Roman Forum



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome | Assisi

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Travel to Assisi. Nestled on a hill between Mount Subasio and olive groves, 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, A local guide will show you the birthplace of St. Clare, who founded the Franciscan Order of Poor Ladies in the year 1212.

Day 3: Assisi | Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Assisi.
- Visit 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.
- Travel to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera, and the Renaissance. As you stroll through the city, 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 Baptistery. Walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.

Day 4: Florence

- Take an expertly guided tour of Florence and see the Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio, Chiesa di Santa Croce, Gates of Paradise, and Duomo.
- Visit the Accademia Gallery, where Michelangelo's *David* still resides today.

Day 5: Florence | Orvieto | Rome

- Travel to Orvieto, a charming Umbrian city perched on a hill. Take in the views of the surrounding countryside on a funicular ride.
- Continue on to Rome, a city that integrates its past into the present better than any other. During your stay, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Before you say "arrivederci", toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure a return trip to the Eternal City.

Day 6: Rome

- Take an expertly guided tour of Rome.
- Visit the Colosseum.
- Visit the Roman Forum, where Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches.
- Take a self-guided walking tour of Rome and see the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and Spanish Steps.

Day 7: Rome

- Take an expert-led tour of Vatican City. For a special keepsake, drop a postcard in the mail before you go, complete with a stamp from the world's smallest country.
- 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.
- Enjoy time to see more of Rome on your own or [visit the Roman Catacombs](#).
- Enjoy a pizza dinner.

Day 8: Depart for home

4-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 8: Rome | Caserta | Puglia region

- Travel to Puglia—a region packed with glittering coastlines, scenic hillside towns, and *lots* of olive oil—via Caserta.
- Enjoy guided sightseeing of the Royal Palace of Caserta with your Tour Director.

Day 9: Puglia region

- Take a food-themed guided tour of Bari.
- Travel to Polignano a Mare, a seaside town on the Adriatic Sea.

Day 10: Puglia region

- Travel to Alberobello.
- Discover Alberobello's famous trulli houses with an expert local guide.
- Visit a frantoio, where olives are made into delicious olive oil.

Day 11: Puglia region | Matera | Rome

- Stop in Matera on your way back to Rome
- Explore Matera on your own, and compare the ancient cave dwellings you see with the prehistoric building techniques of the trulli in Alberobello.

Day 12: Depart for home

We had an amazing tour guide who introduced us to Italy and gave the group a lot of historic information. The kids loved it and wanted to stay longer.

– NATASHA, GROUP LEADER

“ Tour review

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

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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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