



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS



IMMERSIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS

Rome and Pompeii

Italy is a feast for the senses. Whether you're sampling mozzarella on a farm in Naples or becoming a gladiator for a day in Rome, you'll experience the culture and traditions of this Mediterranean country through hands-on activities. Learn how to make one of Italy's most recognizable dishes during a pizza-making class and explore the beautiful Villa Borghese gardens by bike.

Help middle school students find their place in the world

Travel fuels curiosity, offers fresh perspectives, and gives students the opportunity to discover life beyond their backyards. Our middle school tours are specially designed, with hands-on activities in exciting destinations that are popular with students aged 11–15. And with over 55 years of experience, we know just how to keep students excited to learn more about the world, themselves, and their place in the world.

“Middle schoolers have the capacity to think globally. The sooner we can give them that experience, the more likely they are to change the world.”

Nathan W., Eighth Grade Teacher and Group Leader

Learn how to make pizza in Naples, where the famous pie originated.



What to expect on our middle school tours

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

Our tours offer the perfect balance of cultural exploration and experiential activities.

AMAZING DESTINATIONS

Take your students just about anywhere. Many middle school teachers especially love traveling to England, Italy, Spain, France, and Panama.

24/7 TOUR DIRECTOR

Your expert Tour Director not only knows the ins and outs of each location you visit, but also how to keep students this age active and engaged. They are with your group 24/7, and are trained to respond to every type of situation.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Full-time Tour Director; sightseeing tours; entrance fees for pizza-making class, Villa Borghese gardens bike tour, mozzarella farm, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pompeii, gladiator school, pasta-making class; round-trip flights on major carriers; 6 overnight stays in hotels; breakfast and dinner daily



Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome | Naples region

Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Rome and journey south to Naples.

Day 3: Naples region

Spend the morning among grazing buffaloes as you explore a working buffalo mozzarella farm. Learn how this cheese is produced and sample some of the savory treats. Then meet your local guide and enjoy an expert-led tour of Naples' historic center. Dinner tonight will be the final products from a pizza-making class—Naples is where this famous dish was first created.

Day 4: Pompeii | Rome

Start your day off at the ruins of Pompeii. Following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., day-to-day life in the resort town of Pompeii was suddenly frozen in time beneath ash—making it one of the richest archaeological sites in the world. Then head north to Rome, the capital city of Italy. Tonight, enjoy a *fraschetta* dinner, where Italian cuisine and Roman flair come together deliciously in a casual setting.

Day 5: Rome

Explore the beautiful Villa Borghese gardens on a guided bike tour. Then, explore the world's most famous arena, the Colosseum, where you can almost hear the stamping feet of the crowds gathered for gladiatorial combat. Learn about everyday life in ancient Rome as you walk among the ruins of the Roman Forum, where Julius Caesar gave many of his great political speeches.

Day 6: Rome

Discover what it took to become a Roman gladiator during a hands-on lesson this morning. Dress in traditional gladiator garb, and learn what life was like for these historic Italian figures. Continue your adventure in Rome on a self-guided walking tour to see other important sites such as the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps.

Day 7: Rome

On your expert-led tour of Vatican City, be sure to look up at Michelangelo's breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and check out the colorful uniforms of the Swiss Guard, protectors of the Vatican. Then take part in a hands-on pasta-making class held in a local Roman restaurant.

Day 8: Depart for home



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Explore the ancient city of Pompeii, preserved from 79 A.D. by volcanic ash.



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Rome, the Eternal City, offers endlessly picturesque views.

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