



# Travel for Credit: World Religions in Italy and Spain

10 DAYS

## Included in the program fee:

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight in hotels with private bathrooms
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director

## Not included in the program fee:

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Public transportation to free time activities

**Overnight stays:** Rome (3); Madrid (2); Granada (2); Malaga (1).

## Sightseeing tours led by an expert:

Colosseum & Roman Forum; Catacombs; Vatican; Madrid; Toledo; Granada; Alhambra.

**Entrances included:** Colosseum; Roman Forum; Catacombs; Vatican Museum; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica; Royal Palace; Santo Tome & Synagogue; Alhambra; Granada City Challenge; Moroccan tea house; 2x Curated Learning Module Activities.

**Optional Excursions:** Madrid Flamenco Evening.

*Please note that the following is a sample timed itinerary for this EF tour with approximate addresses, activity durations, and transfer times. Exact timing may vary based on available flights, hotel location, scheduled activity bookings, traffic, etc. Your EF Tour Director is available to the group 24/7 while on tour. EF works with Group Leaders to ensure that travellers have a safe and memorable experience while on tour.*

## Day 1: Fly overnight to Rome

### Day 2: Rome

#### Arrive in Rome

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. The city is an incredible mix of archaeological gems, Roman genius, Renaissance art and religious treasure.

#### Exploration time at the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and Piazza Navona

Enjoy time in Piazza di Spagna. Climb the staircase to view the city below or take the time to wander through one of Rome's most popular shopping areas. Alternatively, snag a moment to relax amongst the hustle and bustle of the city while enjoying a traditional Italian treat- gelato. You should also make sure to wander over to the famed Trevi Fountain and toss in a coin to ensure your return to Rome.

#### Enjoy a gelato tasting

Sample one of the most beloved treats in Italy – delicious gelato ice cream!

### Day 3: Rome

#### Guided sightseeing of ancient Rome

Your guided sightseeing of ancient Rome takes you into the ancient Roman Forum, once the heart of the Roman Empire. You will also visit the Colosseum, where gladiators once battled for their lives in front of 50,000 spectators.

#### Guided excursion to the Catacombs

Step back into the 11th century on this excursion to Rome's outlying catacombs. Visit the burial chambers of popes and saints and explore some of the earliest signs of Christian worship. Then journey down the Appian Way, the most important route to the city in Roman times, to the Church of San Paolo Fuori le Mura (St. Paul Outside the Walls), the second largest church in Rome, after St. Peter's.

### Day 4: Rome

#### Free time to attend mass at the Vatican

(\*pending availability)

#### Guided sightseeing of Vatican City

The world's largest dome is located in the world's smallest country. See both as you tour St. Peter's Basilica, erected in Vatican City on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's Pietà and try to find the artist's signature (it is the only sculpture he ever signed).

#### Pizza-Making Dinner Demo in Rome

Tonight, you will watch a professional pizzaiolo at a nearby restaurant who will show you how authentic Italian pizza is made. Originating with the Greeks, adopted by Italian peasants and made popular by Queen Margherita in the late 19th-century, pizza is now considered an Italian creation. These thin-crust creations with simple toppings are different from what you are used to at home-and delicious!

## Day 5: Rome | Madrid

### 'Learning Module'

Our flexible on-tour learning modules are included in every tour and are selected by partner school boards or districts from a collection curated by EF.

#### Board a flight to Madrid, Spain

Welcome to Madrid! At 2,100 feet, this is Europe's highest capital, a Mecca for art-lovers, and home to one of the world's most famous soccer teams.

### Day 6: Madrid

#### Guided sightseeing of Madrid

Your expert local guide will introduce you to Madrid, the capital and largest city in Spain. During your panoramic bus tour, see the Plaza Mayor and the Puerta del Sol. Get a taste of royal Madrid as you visit the extravagant Palacio Real, where you'll wander the fabulous palace interior that has over 2,000 rooms.

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#### Optional Activity: Flamenco Show

The name itself evokes the emotions and traditions of Spain. Flamenco is a unique art form combining guitar playing, singing, chanting, dancing and handclapping. (Keep in mind that the guitar is a Spanish invention, dating back to the 1500's.)

## Day 7: Madrid | Toledo | Granada

### Travel to Toledo

#### Guided sightseeing of Toledo

An expert local guide will introduce you to the former Spanish capital of Toledo, where Muslims, Jews and Christians once peacefully coexisted. As you walk through Toledo's old town, notice the influence of all three cultures. Enter into the 12th-century St. Mary's Synagogue and visit the cathedral that dominates Toledo's skyline. Then continue to the Church of Santo Tomé. You will also have the opportunity to learn about the intricate Muslim craft of damascene metal at a local workshop.

#### Continue to Granada

Journey to Granada, which was once the capital of Moorish Andalusia. The Moors, Muslim tribes from North Africa, ruled parts of Andalusia from the early 8th until the late 15th centuries – 800 years of history. The Moors left an outstanding cultural legacy in the area which is apparent in regional customs, cuisine and architecture. Strategically located between the foothills of the imposing, snowy-peaked Sierra Nevada and the beautiful Mediterranean coast, Granada is now a thriving University city.

## **Day 8: Granada**

### **Guided sightseeing of the Alhambra**

Tour Spain's most celebrated building: Granada's 14th-century Alhambra. See the exotic mosaics and richly ornamented courtyards of the country's last Moorish stronghold. Here Christopher Columbus discussed with the king his plans for sailing to India. Then walk in the footsteps of sultans as you tour the Generalife- a 14th-century palace surrounded by magnificent rose gardens- where they often spent their summers. *(Please note: The visit includes the Gardens of Generalife, the Summer Palace, Alcazaba Fortress, the Medina Arab baths, the Palace of Charles V and the Partal Palace. Because of the Alhambra's extreme popularity, guided visits of the interior cannot be guaranteed during peak seasons.)*

### **Granada city challenge**

After visiting the Alhambra, your local guide will lead you on a scavenger hunt throughout the city. Using maps, photographs and a list of challenges, you will scour the city for some of Granada's hidden treasures.

### **Visit a Moroccan tea house**

Take part in one of Granada's most honored traditions. Due to its strong Moorish influence, tea drinking is an extremely popular form of relaxation and socialization for the people of Granada. Today, experience an authentic tea house in the heart of the city.

## **Day 9: Granada | Malaga**

### **Walking Tour of the Albayzin**

Explore Granada's old Arab Quarter - the Albayzin - almost a different world within the city due to the strong Muslim influence in this area. Walk the narrow streets and stop to peak in at one of the many boutiques specializing in Northern African crafts.

### **Free time in Albayzin area**

### **Travel to Malaga**

## **Day 10: Depart for home**

### **Transfer to the airport for your return flight**

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

*Itinerary is subject to change.*

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