

TOUR DETAILS

Apr 17 - Apr 25, 2014

Group Leader

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Group ID

70223

Depart From

Chicago



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica
- ✓ Colosseum
- ✓ Gelateria Tour and Tasting in Rome
- ✓ Basilica of St. Francis
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore
- ✓ Santa Croce
- ✓ Basilica of St. Anthony
- ✓ Venice 48-Hour Vaporetto Pass
- ✓ Venice Culture Quest
- ✓ Bridge of Sighs
- ✓ Doge's Palace

Bell'Italia

APR 17, 2014: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT Depart from the USA for the land of La Dolce Vita.

APR 18, 2014: VENICE Arrive in Venice. Spend the afternoon getting acquainted with the Queen of the Adriatic. (B,D)

APR 19, 2014: VENICE Consisting of an archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, the incomparable city of Venice contains a wealth of sights. Ride along the Grand Canal and listen for the sounds of singing Gondoliers as you cross under the Rialto Bridge. Arrive in St. Mark's Square and explore the fantastic places and stories of this city with a Culture Quest. See the Basilica of St. Mark and the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the old prisons of Venice to the interrogation rooms of the Doge's Palace. A visit to this gothic Palazzo Ducale, once the home of the Doge, or "Duke", of Venice is included. (B,D)

APR 20, 2014: FLORENCE Depart today for Padua, famous for its University where Galileo once taught. Here you will see the Basilica of St. Anthony. Continue to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. (B,D)

APR 21, 2014: FLORENCE Today's sightseeing tour with a local guide and headsets shows you the splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistry Doors, Santa Croce and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of the Renaissance city. During your free afternoon, perhaps learn about Florence's merchant history with a stroll across the Ponte Vecchio. (B,D)

APR 22, 2014: ROME This morning depart for Assisi to see the stone cell where St. Francis of Assisi lived and founded the Franciscan order of Friars. In the Basilica of St. Francis, located above his tomb, you will see beautiful frescoes by Giotto and Cimabue. Continue south, arriving in the Eternal City of Rome. (B,D)

APR 23, 2014: ROME Today's sightseeing tour introduces you to every phase of Rome's history with a panoramic drive of the city. In addition, your local guide accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and continues to St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. Later, an inside visit to the Colosseum is included. You'll also get a behind-the-scenes look at gelato production, and indulge your sweet tooth with flavor samples, during a gelateria tour and tasting. Tonight enjoy a pizza dinner, Roman style. (B,D)

APR 24, 2014: ROME Take an optional excursion to the ancient city of Pompeii. In 79 AD, nearby Mt. Vesuvius erupted and covered Pompeii in 23 feet of ash, preserving the city just as it was nearly 2,000 years ago. Lunch is included on this excursion. If you choose not to take the optional excursion, enjoy a day of exploration in Rome. (B,D)

APR 25, 2014: DEPARTURE Depart for the USA. (B)



* Map may not reflect your final trip itinerary.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Students will compare and contrast three of the most influential capital cities in the patchwork of Italian states existing from the fall of Rome to the late 19th century.
- ✓ Students will explore the Italian architectural evolution from Byzantine Venice to the Renaissance Duomo in Florence to the Baroque colonnades of St. Peter's Square in Rome.
- ✓ Students will learn about the political, artistic, social and religious underpinnings of the Renaissance in its birthplace and its lasting influence.

TOUR COST

Group Fees

Program Fee	\$4459
Early Registration Discount	\$-300
Weekend Surcharge	\$40

Total Group Fees² \$4199

² Valid through 06/30/13 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$125
Single Room Supplement	\$560
Double Room Supplement	\$315
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$270
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$225
Full-Day Excursion to Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius	\$175

TOP OF THE LINE SERVICES

We offer a first-rate experience from beginning to end. With ACIS expect:

- Three- and four-star hotels in convenient locations.
- Meals mixing both native and familiar cuisines.
- Professional sightseeing tours.
- Air-conditioned touring buses.
- Four-berth couchettes for overnight trains.
- Exclusive Eurostar service for all London-to-Paris travel.

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.

Cultural Connections

Gelateria Tour and Tasting in Rome

Exercise your sweet tooth: Tour a gelateria's production area to see how the flavors are made before delighting your taste buds with unlimited samples.

Venice Culture Quest

Explore Venice: Discover Byzantine art, delve into the history of the Doge and chat with locals.



Notes from ACIS

Estimated tipping: \$6/day for Tour Manager, \$4/day for bus driver

Participants registered by 6/30/13 will be exempt from any airline-imposed changes to Departure Fees.

Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.

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