

ITALY

10 Days | Student Orchestra Music Tour

BrightsparkSM



TOUR SNAPSHOT

This 10-day student music tour will allow your class to explore iconic sights throughout Italy. They will hone their craft at a half-day workshop with a local clinician and will see performances throughout the country. Students will see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica. They will explore the Stradivari Museum, the Uffizi Gallery and the Galleria dell'Accademia. This music trip will enhance your students' love of music and will open their minds to the wonder of travel.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Guided Tours of:

Milan, Pisa, Florence, Siena, Rome, Vatican City



Site Visits: Viareggio, Cathedral of St. Martin Pietrasanta, Palazzo Comunale, Medici Palace, Terme Tettuccio, Church of Santa Croce, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica



Local Tour Leader



Accommodations

3-star centrally located hotels



Transportation

Flights, private motor coach



Meals

Breakfasts, dinners





WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Guaranteed Flights and Hotels:** We confirm the booking of flights and hotels when you submit your deposit to avoid last minute hiccups.
- **Centrally Located Accommodations:** Save hours avoiding long commutes and maximize your time in destination with hotels within the city limits.
- **Private Tours:** Personalize your class trip to suit your needs and be assured that your students will never be joined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire:** You are not a tourist but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.

EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

Our local partnerships allow for personalized tours that are a hybrid of traditional and unconventional.

95%

OF TEACHERS
LOVE OUR
TOURS

60+

YEARS OF
TRAVEL
EXPERIENCE



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

24/7 GLOBAL SUPPORT

No matter your destination or itinerary, our state-of-the-art Operations Centre is designed to proactively protect you and your students during your educational trips around the globe. From the best insurance to advanced incident management software to 24/7 emergency assistance, we've got you covered.



"Rome was the perfect place to take our music students—the Colosseum and the city was stunning! We were blown away by the opportunity to perform in the Vatican. Brightspark delivered a fantastic itinerary!"

Music Teacher, PDSB

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Day 1: Board your flight to Milan

Day 2: Milan - Cremona

- Meet your Tour Leader at the airport.
- Depart to Cremona.
- Enjoy a guided tour of the city where you will see the 13th Century **Cathedral**, the Baptistery, and the 13th century palace, the **Palazzo Comunale**.
- Visit the **Stradivari Museum** and see the tools and methods used by the famous violin maker **Antonio Stradivari**.
- Enjoy free time in the city to see the **Palazzo Cittanova** or the Produce Markets.

Day 3: Montecatini Terme

- Travel from **Milan** to **Montecatini Terme**.
- Spend free time exploring the city and see the summer residence of the Medici family, the **Palazzina Regia**, explore the **spas** and **baths** that date back to the 14th century or wander the streets to see the many gorgeous **fountains**.

Day 4: Montecatini Terme - Viareggio, Pietrasanta or Fiesole

- Experience a full morning music **workshop** with a local clinician.
- Depending on the location of the workshop, you will have a tour of either **Viareggio**, **Pietrasanta** or **Fiesole**. Here you will see the neo-Gothic favourite of musicians, **Villa Orlando** in Viareggio, the 13th century collegiate church, the **Cathedral of St. Martin** in Pietrasanta and 14th century town hall, **Palazzo Comunale** in Fiesole.

Day 5: Pisa - Lucca - Montecatini Terme

- Start the day travelling to **Pisa**.
- You can climb the 236 steps of the world famous **Leaning Tower**, visit the **Duomo** (the Cathedral) or the **Knight's Square** where the impressive **Palazzo della Carovana** may be seen.
- Transfer to **Lucca** for the afternoon.
- Explore the narrow lanes and quiet piazzas of the city to see the **Torre della Ore**, the birth home of composer **Giacomo Puccini** at the **Puccini Museum** or the **San Giorgio**.
- Return to **Montecatini Terme** to see a performance at the **Terme Tettuccio**.

Day 6: Florence - Montecatini Terme

- Begin the day travelling to **Florence**.
- Take a walking tour of the city where you will see the **Arno River**, the **Piazza della Repubblica**, a square in the centre of Florence surrounded with cafes and elegant restaurants, the **Piazza della Signoria** and **Pitti Palace**, which houses several important museums.
- Visit the **Galleria dell'Accademia**, a gallery where you can see the Tuscan masters **Botticelli** and **Perugino**, but most famously **Michelangelo's David**.

- Leisure time to explore **Florence** and see sights you may have missed—like the **Church of Santa Croce** that holds **Giotto's frescoes** and the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli, the **Uffizi Gallery**, which contains the finest collection of art in all of Italy, or bargain for leather, raffia, and more at the open-air market **Mercato Nuovo**. Don't forget to rub Porcellino's nose for good fortune!
- *Possible performance at the Chiesa di Santo Stefano or similar in Florence.*
- Return to **Montecatini Terme**.

Day 7: Siena - San Gimignano - Montecatini Terme

- Depart for **Siena**.
- Enjoy a guided tour through the medieval town to see the **Piazza del Campo**, **la Loggia della Mercanzia** and **il Palazzo Pubblico**.
- Transfer to **San Gimignano** to explore the hilltop town. Take time to visit one of the thirteen medieval towers, or the main square of the town, the **Piazza della Cisterna**.
- Experience a performance in the **Chiesa di Santo Domenico** or similar in San Gimignano.
- Return to **Montecatini Terme** for the evening.

Day 8: Rome

- Begin the day travelling to **Rome**.
- Enjoy a walking tour of the city where you will see the **Spanish Steps** at the **Piazza di Spagna**, the **Trevi Fountain** and the famous **River Fountain**, one of Bernini's Baroque masterpieces.
- Visit the **Colosseum**, the elliptical amphitheatre that showed barbaric Roman entertainment.

Day 9: Rome

- Travel to **Vatican City** and take a guided tour through the museums. You will see one of the greatest art collections in the world, amazing artifacts and Michelangelo's legendary **Sistine Chapel**, a marvel of artistic creation.
- Visit **St. Peter's Basilica**, a Renaissance church that is an architectural phenomenon and has the largest interior of any Christian church.
- *Possible performance in one of the hill towns around Rome.*

Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

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