

ITALY

9 Days | Student European Tour

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TOUR SNAPSHOT

Enhance your knowledge of Italian heritage and culture with this 9-day guided tour through Venice, Florence, Vatican City, Pompeii and Rome. Explore the ancient architecture of the Colosseum, the Uffizi Gallery and St. Peter's Basilica and spend time marveling at the extraordinary statue of David, the Sistine Chapel and watch the famous Venetian glass blowing. At the end of the tour your students will leave with a vast knowledge of art, history and the Italian way of life.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:



Guided Tours of: Venice, Rome, Florence, Pompeii, Herculaneum, Colosseum and Forum, Uffizi Gallery, Vatican City



Site Visits:
Galleria dell'Accademia, Murano, Vatican Museums



**Local
Tour Leader**



Accommodations
3-star centrally located hotels



Transportation
Flights, private motor
coach, ferry



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.



"Venice is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen, the narrow streets and canals give it a magical feel you can't experience anywhere else. My favourite part of Venice was the ceilings in Doge's Palace, the detail in the artwork is breathtaking."

Tamara Bozickovic, Tour Leader Supervisor

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Day 1: Board your flight to Venice

Day 2: Venice

- Meet your Tour Leader at the airport.
- Enjoy a half-day guided walking tour of **Venice** where you will see the **Bridge of Sighs**, **Doges Palace**, **Rialto Bridge** lined with rows of shops and the famous **Piazza San Marco**. Spend time snacking on Venetian pastries in one of the sidewalk cafés.

Day 3: Murano - Venice

- Travel by vaporetto (waterbus) to the island of **Murano** to watch Venetian Murano glass blowing.
- Spend the rest of the day enjoying the sights of Venice. You may like to visit the **Peggy Guggenheim Museum**. This modern art collection is considered one of the most comprehensive modern art collections in the Western World.

Day 4: Florence

- Travel 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 cafés and elegant restaurants, the **Piazza della Signoria** and the **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**.

Day 5: Florence

- Start the day with a guided tour of the **Uffizi Gallery**, which was bequeathed to the people of Tuscany by the last grand duchess of the Medici family when she died. Today it contains the finest collection of art in all of Italy.
- Leisure time to explore **Florence**, take the time to see the sights you may have missed like the **Church of Santa Croce** that holds Giotto's frescoes and the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli.

You can also bargain for leather, raffia, art reproduction and more at the open-air market **Mercato Nuovo**. Don't forget to rub Porcellino's nose for good fortune.

Day 6: Pompeii - Sorrento

- Travel to the ancient city of **Pompeii**, the most famous archaeological site in Italy.
- Take a guided tour of the city that was dramatically and brusquely interrupted in 79AD when Vesuvius erupted and buried it.
- Enjoy a guided tour of **Herculaneum**, Pompeii's lesser-known preserved neighbour.
- Spend the rest of the day at the beach in **Sorrento**.

Day 7: Rome - Vatican

- Travel to **Vatican City** and explore 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.
- Enjoy an evening walking tour of the City Centre 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.

Day 8: Rome

- Start the day with a guided tour of the **Colosseum**, the elliptical amphitheater that showed barbaric Roman entertainment. You will then take a short climb to the top of **Palatine Hill** to look down on the **Forum**, the centre of Roman parliament and **Circus Maximus**, the most well-known stadium for chariot racing.
- Leisure time to explore Rome and do any last minute sightseeing or shopping for souvenirs.

Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home

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