

Venice, Florence and Rome

Feb 16 - Feb 24, 2018

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

262307

Depart From:

New York



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



Centrally Located Hotels

- ✓ Venice 48-Hour Vaporetto Pass
- ✓ Glassblowing Demonstration
- ✓ Italian Food Challenge
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo)



**Daily Breakfast and Dinner
(unless otherwise noted)**



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Accademia with Reservation
- ✓ Florence Dinner Voucher
- ✓ Colosseum with Guide and Reservation
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica

our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

cultural connections



HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

Italian Food Challenge

The local gastronomy stimulates your senses—delve into favorite Italian foods through sight, smell, touch and taste.

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

Matthew L. Participant



trip itinerary - 9 days

Feb 16, 2018: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Feb 17, 2018: Venice

Benvenuti in Italia! Arrive in Venice, meet your ACIS Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel in Mestre. Your 48-hour vaporetto pass allows you to come and go throughout the city as you please—take the vaporetto to downtown Venice and begin exploring this magnificent city of canals and palaces. (B,D)

Feb 18, 2018: Venice

An archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, the incomparable city of Venice contains a wealth of sights. Use your vaporetto pass to ride along the Grand Canal past singing gondoliers as you cross under the Rialto Bridge. Arrive in St. Mark's Square where you can see the Basilica of St. Mark and the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the old prisons of Venice to the interrogation rooms of the neighboring Doge's Palace. Then learn more about one of Venice's most famous exports during an authentic glassblowing demonstration before having time to explore more at your own pace with unlimited access to the entire canal network and smaller islands using your vaporetto pass. You'll feel like a local in no time. (B,D)

Feb 19, 2018: Florence

We make our way southwest to Florence today. Florence is called the "Cradle of the Renaissance" for its role as the center of learning, art and science. After we arrive, you'll have time to explore along the banks of the Arno or sample gelato at the famous Vivoli gelateria. During your time in Tuscany, discover authentic regional foods with a food challenge. Comparing items such as cheeses, oils, breads, meats or other local specialties will give you a new appreciation for Italian cuisine. (B,D)

Feb 20, 2018: Florence

Today's sightseeing tour with a local guide providing commentary via personal headsets shows you the splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistery Doors and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of this Renaissance city. Then breeze by the lines at the Accademia with your timed entrance to see Michelangelo's David. During your free afternoon, perhaps learn about Florence's merchant history or do a little shopping with a stroll across the Ponte Vecchio. Or choose to partake in an optional fresco making workshop where you will learn about fresco painting from a local expert and craft your own masterpiece. Tonight we'll provide restaurant vouchers and suggestions for our favorite trattorias so you can dine like (and with) the locals. (B,D)

Feb 21, 2018: Rome

This morning depart for Rome. Upon arrival you'll visit the iconic and historic Colosseum with a local guide (another line-avoiding timed reservation) and learn the many stories of this nearly 2,000-year-old landmark that's considered one of the



architectural wonders of the ancient world. Your ticket also includes entrance to the nearby Roman Forum if your group has time. After dinner, we introduce you to the fine art of the evening stroll with friends with a passeggiata romana to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. (B,D)

Feb 22, 2018: Rome

Rome is called "The Eternal City" because the ancient Romans believed that no matter what empires rose and fell, Rome would endure forever. Today's panoramic drive of the city is a great introduction to the many phases of Roman history. Our local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. The best part is that these are also timed reservations, meaning you'll skip right by the long lines facing other tourists. Then visit the Pantheon and see the obelisk-topped fountain in Piazza della Rotonda. Celebrate an exceptional week in Italy with an authentic pizza dinner and say goodbye to Rome with a final evening stroll around Piazza Navona. (B,D)

Feb 23, 2018: Rome

In 79 AD, the forces of nature overwhelmed the Roman city of Pompeii. The massive eruption of Mt. Vesuvius showered dust and lava over the entire Bay of Naples area. Unlike most of the surrounding towns that were engulfed by mudflow, dust and ashes covered Pompeii, preserving the city to such an extent that it is now a window into ancient Roman life. A blacksmith is even preserved shoeing a horse! Enjoy a guided tour through the streets, seeing shops, Greek-style temples, baths, houses and gardens that have remained unchanged for nearly 2,000 years. Upon leaving Pompeii see Mt. Vesuvius up close. Drive near the rim of the massive volcano and climb to the peak to peer into the astounding crater. Lunch is included on this excursion. (B,L)

Feb 24, 2018: Departure

Depart for the USA.

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.



learning objectives

1. 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.
2. Students will learn about Venice's historical role as Europe's Gateway to the East.
3. Students will learn of the important contributions the Roman Empire made to science, art and government.

tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3454
Early Registration Discount	\$-300
Extra Night in Rome	\$215
Extra Services	\$180

Total Participant Fees ²	\$3549
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² Valid through 11/01/17 with \$495 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$665
Double Room Supplement	\$315
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$270
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$225
Master the Fresco	\$40

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

education



81%

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



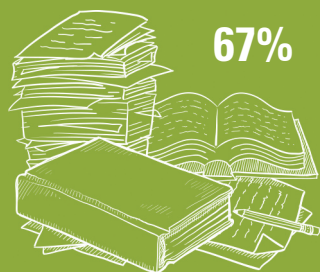
of travelers ,who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



73%

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

personal development



94%

felt more independent after their trip.

78%

saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

92%

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



65%

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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