

BRINGING LANGUAGE TO LIFE *in* ITALY

ABOUT THE GROUP LEADER

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ABOUT THE TRIP

The Way You Like It

International travel is an important tradition at our school, so when I took over the trip to Italy, I knew I wanted travel experts to help handle the logistics for me. Being able to customize the itinerary was important to me – I wanted to show my students some of the amazing places they might not find on their own, like Basilica di Santa Prassede or the Basilica di San Clemente in Rome. The Brightspark staff made it easy for me to customize my itinerary and encouraged me to do so, which was perfect for our group!



Applying Classroom Lessons to Real Life

My students learn the conversational tools as well as the customs and cultural reference points that are necessary to be a good guest in another country. During our trip, observing the way my students participated in their surroundings – insisting on ordering gelato in Italian, excitedly asking me how to say a word or two to better communicate, and remembering things we had discussed in class, exclaiming “We learned about that!” – was amazing. The study of language and culture came alive on our trip.



Broadening Horizons

The benefits of international travel to my students are always more numerous and profound than I ever anticipate. I love how I continue to discover new ways in which my students have grown as a result of the experience. The most important benefit is that students learn about the wide world that exists beyond their knowledge and experience. They learn to battle the natural tendency to consider their own point of view as primary, which ultimately fosters attitudes of compassion for their fellow citizens.



International Travel Tip

“Don't over-fill your days. Leave enough time to indulge your students' curiosity and immerse them in the daily rhythms of your destination.”