

# 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.

### WHATS INCLUDED:



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



**Site Visits:**  
Galleria dell'Accademia, Murano, Vatican City 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 students needs and be assured that you will never be combined with another group.
- **Go, Discover, Inspire** - You are not a tourist but a traveler. We will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite their 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.



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime/ Our tour leaders, Phillippe & Adrielle went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## Day 1: Board your flight to Venice

### Day 2: Venice

- Meet with 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 center 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**.

### 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 the 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 Centrale**.

### 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 79 AD 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 center of Roman parliament and **Circus Maximus**, the most well-known stadium for chariot racing.
- Leisure time to explore Rome where you can take in various landmarks and pieces of culture at your own pace.

### Day 9: Depart to the airport for your flight home

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