

St. Mary's High School Europe Trip 2009 – 2010 Italy

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Day – 1, Friday, March 26th DEPARTURE

Leave Calgary's International Airport ,overnight flight to Rome.

Day- 2, Saturday, March 27th -Rome

Arrive in Rome and transfer to your centrally located hotels. After a short break join your Tour Director on a walking tour and See: Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Pinzio Hill, Spanish Steps. Then proceed to Diokletian Temple before dinner in an original Roman Trattoria.

Day -3, Sunday, March 28th -Rome

Guided tour of ancient Rome. In the morning explore the Colosseum (inside visit), Titus Arch, Constantine's Arch, Forum Romanum, Foro Traiano, Campidoglio, Victor Emanuel Monument. In the afternoon visit Doria Pamphili Gallery with its' collection of great works by Tintoretto, Caravaggio, Tiziano, Raffaello, Bernini, Brueghel, and Velasquez.

Day – 4, Monday, March 29th -Rome

Visit Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Catholic Church in the world. In the afternoon enjoy a walking tour to Castel Sant'Angelo and then along Via Corso, the shopping paradise of Rome. End of the day at Trevi Fountain to try the **Best Ice Cream In Italy!!!**

Day -5, Tuesday, March 30th - Rome, Sienna-San Gimignano Florence

Full day tour through Lazio and Tuscany. Travel to Siena, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Europe known mainly by its horse race. See/Visit: Palio race track, Terzo di Camallia, the Terzo di San Martino the Terzo di Citta, the Duomo and the Cathedral, home of artworks by Michelangelo and Pinturicchio. Then proceed to San Gimignano, the greatest small town in Italy known by its towers. See: the Towers, Collegiata, the Portal of San Matteo, Pieve di Cellote, and Piazza del Cisterna. Then just a short ride to Florence and your centrally located hotel for overnight.

Day – 6,, Wednesday, March 31st - Florence

Start your day with a guided city tour and then walk to Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry's bronze doors, Piazza de la Signoria with Neptun's fountain, the Town Hall, the Cathedral with it's famous cupola built by Brunelleschi, etc. Later visit Medici Chapel, decorated with amazing art work from Michelangelo.

Day -7, Thursday, April 1st -

Florence-Pisa

Visit Academia probably the most famous art house in the world Among many priceless sculptures you will find amazing David created by Michelangelo. Rest of the day is free to visit San Lorenzo open air market.

Day -8, Friday, April 2nd -

Pisa-Verona-Venice

An early morning departure to Pisa to see world's known Leaning Tower as well as the Cathedral and Baptistry. Then to Verona. Upon arrival, take a walking tour of this great city known by the famous Juliet's balcony. Also visit the main sites of the city such as: Roman Arena, Piazza Bra, Palazzo Barbieri (the Town Hall), Gran Guardia place, Palazzo Guastaveza, Madona Fountain and Domus Mercatorum. Then continue to nearby Padova to visit Basilica di San Antonio. Then drive to Venice and your centrally located hotel on Canal Grande.

Day-9, Saturday, April 3rd -

Venice

Official visit to this unique city built on 120 islands and connected with over 240 stone bridges. Your guided tour will reveal the masterpieces of Italian Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. See Ca d'Oro, St Marks' Square, Pallazo Ducale, etc. In the afternoon a visit to Academia and along Lista d'Espagna.

Day-10, Sunday, April 4th -

Venice

In the morning board the Vaporetto for ride to Murano Island, known by its glass blowing. Then free afternoon for group or individual activities. **Do not forget to try an exciting gondola.**

Day-11, Monday, April 5th -

DEPARTURE

You will have an early departure for your trip home to Canada

Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight Calgary. Arrival in the afternoon/evening.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Departure

Depart Calgary Friday, March 26th on Air Canada flight #215 to Vancouver at 1315 and arrive in Vancouver at 1342.

Depart Vancouver Friday on Lufthansa flight # 493 to Frankfurt at 1635 and arrive in Frankfurt at 1045+1, the next morning.

Depart Frankfurt Saturday on Lufthansa flight #3844 to Rome at 1225 and arrive in Rome at 1410.

Return

Depart Venice on Monday April 5th on Lufthansa flight # 4083 at 1035 and arrive into Frankfurt at 1200.
Depart Frankfurt on Air Canada flight # 845 at 1415 and arrive into Calgary at 1555.

HOTEL INFORMATION

March 27-29th, 2010 (03 nights) Rome
President-Best Western****

March 30-April 1st 2010 (03 nights) Florence
Pendini***100 metres to the Duomo or Embassy ****

April 2-4th 2010 (3 nights) Venice
Universo or Al Sole Palace *** on Canal Grande

INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Included in the cost of this tour:

- ❖ Airfare Calgary/Venice/Rome/Calgary via scheduled airlines, Lufthansa
- ❖ All transportation as stated in the day-to-day- itinerary
- ❖ 9 European buffet Breakfasts and 9 dinners(3 courses-two choices)
- ❖ 9 nights Tourist Class Accommodation in multi bedded rooms (mostly triples) with individual beds and bathrooms
- ❖ Services of a Full Time Mariden Escort for the entire trip
- ❖ Entrances and guided sightseeing tours as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- ❖ Services of the Mariden educational consultant before departure including materials for the students, meetings with parents
- ❖ ENGLISH SPEAKING LICENSED GUIDES
 - Half day Padua
 - Half day Venice
 - Half day Verona
 - Half day Florence
 - Half day Pisa
 - Half day Siena
 - Full day Rome
 - Full day Rome
- ❖ ENTRANCE FEES
 - Vatican Museum
 - Colosseum
 - Church of Santa Croce
 - Siena Cathedral
 - Pisa Cathedral
 - Vaparetto ride in Venice

Not included in the cost of this tour:

- ❖ Expenses of a personal nature
- ❖ Lunches and extra beverages with meals

- ❖ Passport and Visa Fees (if necessary)
- ❖ Optional tours, excursions and activities
- ❖ Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation requires
- ❖ **Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes**

Price per person based on 40 Students and 5 Teacher Chaperones \$3540

Non refundable deposit of \$500.00, due Wednesday, Nov. 25th/2009.

First payment of \$1500.00, due Wednesday , Dec. 09/2009.

Final payment of \$1000.00 + \$400.00 (Taxes) due on Monday Feb.01/2010

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