

# The Best of Italy



**Jun 24 - Jul 5, 2019**

**Group Leader:**

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**Group ID:**

54863

**Depart From:**

San Francisco

## what's included

- ✓ Round-Trip Flights
- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ 24-Hour Tour Manager
- ✓ Doge's Palace
- ✓ Cicchetti Tasting in Venice
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Accademia with Reservation
- ✓ Assisi
- ✓ Pisa
- ✓ Lucca
- ✓ Capri
- ✓ Pompeii Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- ✓ Rome Sightseeing with Headsets
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Reservation
- ✓ Colosseum



## 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.*

“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 - 12 days

### Jun 24, 2019: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

### Jun 25, 2019: Venice

Arrive in Venice and transfer by private motor launch to the Lido. Spend the afternoon getting acquainted with the Queen of the Adriatic. (D)

### Jun 26, 2019: Venice

Consisting of an archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, the incomparable city of Venice contains a wealth of sights. Arrive in St. Mark's Square where you can see the Basilica of St. Mark before enjoying entrance to the Gothic Doge's Palace, including the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the old prisons of Venice to the palace's interrogation rooms. Then learn more about one of Venice's most famous exports during an authentic glassblowing demonstration before visiting the historic Fondaco dei Tedeschi for breathtaking views of the Grand Canal from its rooftop. Stop for a photo at nearby Rialto Bridge en route to an authentic cicchetteria where you will sample traditional venetian style small plates known as cicchetti. Then 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)

### Jun 27, 2019: Florence

Drive to Mantova for a visit and lunch on your own before continuing to Florence for dinner and the overnight. (B,D)

### Jun 28, 2019: Florence

During today's sightseeing tour a local guide provides commentary via personal headsets while showing you Brunelleschi's splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistery Doors, Ponte Vecchio, Santa Croce (where many illustrious Italians, including Michelangelo and Galileo, have been buried) and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of the Renaissance city. Also, breeze by the crowds with your own timed entrance to the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's David. This afternoon enjoy an excursion to Assisi. (B,D)

### Jun 29, 2019: Florence

Journey to Lucca in the morning. After time to explore more of Lucca on foot and perhaps sample some Tuscan specialties for lunch, continue to Pisa. Learn the physics behind Pisa's famous leaning tower and visit the Cathedral as you stroll around the Campo dei Miracoli, before returning to Florence for dinner. (B,D)

### Jun 30, 2019: Sorrento

Begin your scenic drive down to coastal Sorrento, situated in the sheltered Bay of Naples under the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Fragrant orange and lemon trees abound. (B,D)

### Jul 1, 2019: Sorrento

Today's excursion brings you to Capri, the Island of Dreams. Arriving on the island, take the funicular to the main piazza and pass by sub-tropical gardens. There is time to wander through the twisting lanes and shop in the tiny artisan stores that line the



square. In the evening, a lesson with a local expert will teach you the steps of the Tarantella, a southern Italian folk dance. (B,D)

### Jul 2, 2019: Rome

This morning head to Pompeii for sightseeing with a local guide who provides commentary via personal headsets. In 79 AD, nearby Mount Vesuvius erupted and covered the city in 23 feet of ash. You will see a perfect picture of life unearthed as it was nearly 2,000 years ago. Today's final destination is Rome. (B,D)

### Jul 3, 2019: Rome

Today, start your day with a Papal Audience (pending confirmation)\*. This afternoon your local guide accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and continues to St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. Tonight, enjoy a pizza dinner, Roman style. (B,D)

### Jul 4, 2019: Rome

This morning an inside visit to the Colosseum is included. Later, why not visit the tranquil Borghese Gardens or the shops of Via Condotti? Climb each of the seven hills, or visit some of the majestic churches such as Santa Maria Maggiore. Be sure to sample the gelato. One of the best spots for that is Piazza Navona. (B,D)

### Jul 5, 2019: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*





## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$5885
Saver Date Incentive	\$-300

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Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$5585
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<sup>2</sup> Valid through 11/01/18, with initial deposit of \$495.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$95
Single Room Supplement	\$950
Double Room Supplement	\$450
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$360
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$300

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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%



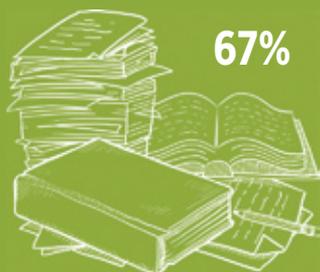
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**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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