

Buongiorno Italia

Oct 15 - Oct 23, 2020

Group Leader:

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Group ID:

14367

Depart From:

Cleveland



what's included



Round-Trip Flights



3-Star Hotels

- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ Start Exploring
- ✓ Service Guarantee
- ✓ Global Network
- ✓ Venice 24-Hour Vaporetto Pass
- ✓ Glassblowing Demonstration
- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide



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



24-Hour Tour Manager

- ✓ Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo)
- ✓ Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
- ✓ Pompeii Tour with Guide
- ✓ Mozzarella Farm Demonstration and Tasting
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Guide and Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide
- ✓ Colosseum with Guide and Reservation

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

Mastering Mozzarella

Explore a working mozzarella farm and learn first-hand about the creamy cheese, from ingredients to production to 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

Oct 15, 2020: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

Oct 16, 2020: Venice

Benvenuti in Italia! Arrive in Venice, meet your ACIS Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel in Mestre. Your 24-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)

Oct 17, 2020: Florence

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 by the time you depart for Florence, known as the Cradle of the Renaissance. (B,D)

Oct 18, 2020: Florence

During today's sightseeing tour a local guide provides commentary while showing you Brunelleschi's splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistery Doors, Ponte Vecchio and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of the Renaissance city. In the afternoon you may choose to partake in an optional Tuscan cooking lesson as you help one of the city's finest chefs prepare traditional Tuscan dishes before sampling the delicious results. Otherwise, why not visit the Pitti Palace and stroll through the Boboli Gardens? After dinner perhaps see the statues of the Loggia dei Lanzi illuminated or sample gelato at Vivoli. (B,D)

Oct 19, 2020: Assisi

This morning journey to Siena, one of Italy's best-preserved hill towns, for a walking tour that shows you the green and white marbled Duomo and the famous Piazza del Campo. Continue on to Assisi and visit the incredible Basilica of St. Francis, home to Giotto's famous frescoes, and learn about St. Francis' founding of the Franciscan Friars. Enjoy time to experience more of beautiful Assisi like a local this evening after the day-trippers have left. (B,D)

Oct 20, 2020: Sorrento

Journey south toward the Bay of Naples and visit Pompeii. As your local guide provides commentary, learn how this famous city was perfectly preserved when the eruption of Mount Vesuvius covered it in ash in 79 AD. See the villas of ancient Roman holiday-makers and the chariot-grooved cobblestone streets. Then explore a working mozzarella farm and learn first-hand about how this creamy cheese is made, from ingredients to production to taste.



Enjoy dinner on the farm before continuing to Sorrento for a night's rest. (B,D)

Oct 21, 2020: Rome

Today journey north to Rome. In the afternoon a local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. You'll enjoy timed entrances, meaning you can breeze right by the long lines facing other tourists. After dinner you'll be introduced to the Italian art of an evening passeggiata romana to the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. (B,D)

Oct 22, 2020: 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. Then go inside 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 Roman landmark that's considered one of the architectural wonders of the ancient world. In the evening, we'll dine on authentic, brick-oven Roman pizza before taking a final stroll around Piazza Navona and gazing on the imposing, illuminated dome of the Pantheon to celebrate our last night in Italy. (B,D)

Oct 23, 2020: Departure

Depart for the USA.

Optional Extensions and Extra Nights:

Further immerse yourself in the culture and wonders of la dolce vita with an extra night in Rome, including the services of your ACIS Tour Manager. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.



learning objectives

1. Independence: Take charge of yourself and your schedule as you gain the courage to navigate new destinations, test your language skills in real-world situations, and manage your time and money.
2. Flexibility: Develop skills to adapt and acclimate as you step outside your comfort zone, experiencing the cultural adjustments that come with new places, new foods, dynamic schedules and the wonderful idiosyncrasies of travel.
3. Teamwork: Learn respect, communication and collaboration—new settings and shared activities allow you to gain confidence at working together with both familiar faces and new acquaintances.

tour cost

Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3818
Early Registration Discount	\$-200
Weekend Surcharge	\$40

Total Participant Fees² \$3658

² Valid through 01/01/20, with initial deposit of \$200.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$665
Double Room Supplement	\$350
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Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$225
Tuscan Cooking Lesson	\$90

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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%

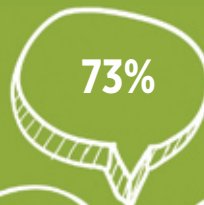
of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

language skills



67%

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



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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