## Panorama Italiano



## what's included



**Round-Trip Flights** 



#### **Centrally Located Hotels**



- Venice 48-Hour Vaporetto Pass
- Siena Duomo
- Italian Food Challenge
- Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Accademia with Reservation
- Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (II Duomo)



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



#### 24-Hour Tour Manager

- High-Speed Hydrofoil to Capri
- Capri Funicular Round-Trip Ticket
- Tarantella Dance Lesson
- Pompeii Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Vatican Museums with Reservation
- St. Peter's Basilica
- 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.

### cultural connections



#### MIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen

#### **Italian Food Challenge**

The local gastronomy stimulates your senses—delve into favorite Italian foods through sight, smell, touch and taste.

#### **Tarantella Dance Lesson**

Master the steps of the Tarantella, a southern Italian folk dance, during an expert-led lesson.

"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 - 10 days

#### Jun 13, 2016: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

#### Jun 14, 2016: 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 15, 2016: Venice

Take the vaporetto to incredible St. Mark's Square. The Byzantine architecture will remind you that Venice was once Europe's Gateway to the East. Later you may wish to use your vaporetto pass to ride along the Grand Canal and under the famous Rialto Bridge. As you explore, uncover Venice's most famous sights as well as lesser known gems. In the evening why not try a serenaded gondola ride? (B,D)

#### Jun 16, 2016: Florence

Drive through Tuscany this morning to the beautiful city of Siena. Here you will see the famous Duomo and the Piazza del Campo, where the Palio horse race is held. During your exploration of the Italian peninsula, come to appreciate the local culinary specialties during an Italian food challenge led by your tour manager. (B,D)

#### Jun 17, 2016: Florence

This morning explore Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. Guided sightseeing with commentary provided via personal headsets includes a timed entrance to the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's David, and shows you the Duomo and Ghiberti's famous Baptistry Doors. In the afternoon further discover the sights of the city with a stroll along the Ponte Vecchio or a taste of gelato at Vivoli's. (B,D)

#### Jun 18, 2016: Sorrento

Journey to Orvieto. Once a major center of the Etruscan civilization, the city is perched high on a plateau of volcanic tufa stone and is known for its gothic Duomo, whose dramatic outline is visible for miles around. Then drive down along the coast to Sorrento, situated in the sheltered Bay of Naples under the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Fragrant orange and lemon trees abound. (B,D)

#### **Jun 19, 2016: 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)

#### Jun 20, 2016: Rome

This morning head to Pompeii for sightseeing with a local guide and commentary given 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. This evening's final destination is Rome. (B,D)

#### Jun 21, 2016: Rome

Today's sightseeing tour introduces you to every phase of Rome's history with a panoramic drive of the city. In addition, 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. Later an inside visit to the Colosseum is included. Tonight, enjoy a pizza dinner, Roman style. (B,D)

#### Jun 22, 2016: 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.









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## learning objectives

- 1. Students will explore the Italian architectural evolution from Byzantine Venice to the Renaissance Duomo in Florence to the Baroque colonnades of St. Peter's Square in Rome.
- 2. Students will learn what life was like during the height of the Roman Empire through experiences in the Colosseum and Pompeii.
- 3. Students will gain an overview of contemporary Italian society, learning to understand the North-South divide and the effect of regionalism on the current political landscape.

#### tour cost

#### **Participant Fees**

Program Fee Early Registration Discount	\$5275 \$-300
Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$4975

<sup>2</sup> Valid through 10/01/15 with \$495 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)

Adult Surcharge \$95
Single Room Supplement \$680
Double Room Supplement \$360
Ultimate Protection Plan \$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan \$250

#### notes from acis

- Adult travelers age 24 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Group Fees.
- All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan within My Account (www.acis.com/accounts). To learn more, visit www.acis.com/studentsparents/autopay
- This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

## Travel Changes Lives

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.

To learn more, we invite you to read our free ebook, "The Making of a Five-Star Future." http://pages.acis.com/ebook



## education



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.



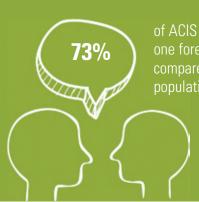
**57%** 

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



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.



have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

## Get Started Today

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