



TRAVEL ITINERARY & QUOTE

NAZARETH COLLEGE NOBLE PARK

INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

23 November – 9 December 2020

Tour Duration 17 Days

Day 1 Monday 23 November Melbourne Meet at Melbourne International Airport at the international check-in area at least 3 hours before departure for the flight to Rome. **Flight details will be supplied at a later date.**

Day 2 Tuesday 24 November Rome (D) From Rome International Airport the group will have a private transfer to your hotel in the centre of Rome. Upon arrival at the hotel you will check-in and have time to freshen up or have a rest. Before dinner, a suggestion is for the group to take a leisurely stroll through some of the famous nearby historical sites of Rome which could include Piazza di Spagna, Fontana di Trevi and The Pantheon. Dinner in a traditional Roman restaurant.

Day 3 Wednesday 25 November Rome (BD) Today is all about ancient Rome and the great legacy the Romans have left to this city and the world. The group start with a private guided visit to the most iconic building from ancient Rome, the Colosseum. Your tour will then continue with the exciting walking tour through the Roman Forum and if time permits the Campidoglio. Dinner in a traditional Roman restaurant.

Day 4 Thursday 26 November Rome/Vatican (BD) Today the group make a special trip to the Vatican City. The group will have a guided tour with a local guide of the famous Vatican Museums including the Sistine Chapel followed by a visit to St Peter's Basilica, so important for religious, architectural and historical reasons. Dinner in a traditional Roman restaurant.

Day 5 Friday 27 November Rome/Siena/Florence (BD) Today the group will travel by private air-conditioned coach to Florence the city of the Medici. On the way there will be a visit to Siena to admire the Cathedral and the Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in Europe. It is the place where the famous horse race 'Il Palio' is held two times a year.

Upon arrival in Florence by late afternoon, the group will check in at the hotel located in the historical centre of the city. The rest of the afternoon a suggestion is for the group to take a leisurely stroll to the centre of the city to see the Piazza with its beautiful Cathedral and the Baptistry. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 6 Saturday 28 November Florence (BD) Second day in Florence is devoted to artistic Florence and the great legacy its Renaissance artists have left to the world. A local guide will take students on a visit to the Accademia Gallery to admire the original David by Michelangelo and other masterpieces by this great artist. The guide will then continue the tour to the Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio. The rest of the day will be free for students and teachers to independently explore the famous outdoor San Lorenzo markets and other sites of this beautiful city. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 7 Sunday 29 November Florence/Pisa (BD) This morning the group make a special half-day trip to one of Italy's most famous landmarks, the Leaning Tower of Pisa which is one of several architecturally important structures in the Piazza dei Miracoli. The Leaning Tower, built in 1173, is the campanile, or bell tower, of the Cathedral and is famous for its noticeable lean which has recently had a lot of work done to stop it falling to the ground. In the afternoon the group make their way back to Florence where there may be some time to pursue teacher/student activities. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 8 Monday 30 November Florence/Assisi/Pesaro (BD) Today will be an early morning start as the group say goodbye to Florence and travel by private coach to the city of Assisi, home of one of Italy's most beloved saints, St. Francis. Assisi has always captivated visitors for its' beautiful hill-top setting, quaint stone houses and important places of worship such as the Basilica of St Claire and Basilica of St Francis. The group will enjoy a guided walking tour of the city including the magnificent Basilica of St Francis with the famous frescoes by the father of the Renaissance: Giotto and many others. The group then continue their journey by private coach to Pesaro where they will attend an International Language School for their language experience. The group will be met by the Director of the Language School who will discuss the program for the following days. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 9 Tuesday 1 December Pesaro (BD) After breakfast, the group will have their first of 5 language classes in the city of Pesaro. All classes begin at 9:00 AM and finish at 12:30 PM with a break of 20 minutes around mid-morning. The first class is an excursion within the Province of Pesaro/Urbino to the neighbouring city of Fano, located 12 km south-east of Pesaro along the Adriatic Sea. Fano is famous for its ancient Roman ruins and temple of Fortuna occupied by Julius Caesar in 49AD. Emperor Augustus, also built the town walls and the Archway of Augustus which still stands as a testament to the city's rich Roman past welcoming visitors into the city. It is market day in Fano and students will have language activities in the local open-air market. There will also be the opportunity to buy some lunch and browse some of the local stalls. In the afternoon it is back to Pesaro where there will be a special guided walking tour of the historical centre and its many important historical sites. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 10 Wednesday 2 December Pesaro (BD) The second language class starts at 9.00 AM in the centre of Pesaro. Your lesson is located at Liceo Classico, a public high school situated in the heart of the historical centre. During the morning there will be a visit to a nearby famous Rossini Conservatoire of Music. There will also be a workshop with a local artisan who hand makes and repairs string instruments, a Luthier, for the famous Conservatoire of Music.

Day 11 Thursday 3 December Pesaro/Urbino (BD) Today the third language class will be held in the nearby University of Urbino. In the afternoon, the group will explore the land once ruled by the medieval lords of Montefeltro. After Florence, Urbino was one of the most important centres of the Italian Renaissance. A conducted tour of the impressive Ducal Palace will give you an insight into the magnificence of the great Duke Federico and how he created a centre of learning famous throughout Italy. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 12 Friday 4 December Pesaro/Gradara (BD) After breakfast, students will attend their fourth language class in the Pesaro Civic Museums building built in the 1500's by the noble Mosca family. In the afternoon the group will visit the nearby medieval village of Gradara dominated by its magnificent castle overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The group will tour the impressive castle and the well-preserved old town. Gradara was made famous by the legendary love affair between Paolo Malatesta and Francesca da Rimini as immortalised in the 5th Canto of Dante's inferno. Dinner in the hotel.

Day 13 Saturday 5 December Pesaro/Villa Caprile (BD) The fifth and very special final language class will be held in the picturesque location of Villa Caprile, a grand 17th century villa just outside of Pesaro famous for its surrounding gardens and hilltop setting. The villa today is the site of an agricultural school which is where the students will have an Italian cooking workshop with a local chef. Each student will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Italian home-made pasta, notably tagliatelle. Students and teachers will sit down together to enjoy the meal they have prepared. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 14 Sunday 6 December Pesaro/Venice (BD) This morning students say goodbye to Pesaro as the group travels to Venice. Upon arrival in Venice, the group will check into the hotel and have some time to freshen up. There will be a guided walking tour to experience the sights of Venice including the famous Piazza San Marco and the Basilica. The group then walk back to the hotel through the small streets of Venice. Dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 15 Monday 7 December Venice/Murano (BD) Second day in Venice begins with the group taking in the sights along the Grand Canal to the island of Murano where Venice's world - famous glass is made. There will be a visit to one of the islands most famous glass foundries to view a demonstration by a master glassblower. It is back to Venice for dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 16 Tuesday 8 December Venice/Marco Polo Airport (B) After breakfast the group depart for Venice Marco Polo Airport for the early afternoon flight back to Melbourne.

Day 17 Wednesday 9 December Melbourne Arrival in Melbourne Australia at Melbourne International Airport. Flight details will be supplied at a later date.

Items included in the tour

- A return economy airfare with a premier carrier such as Emirates, Qatar or Singapore
- Travel insurance for the duration of the tour
- Transport from Rome/Florence, Florence/Pesaro, Pesaro/Venice
- All accommodation will be in boutique 2, 3 & 4* Hotels located in the historical centres of Rome, Florence, Pesaro and Venice
- Single room accommodation for teachers at all hotels, students in multiple room accommodation
- A comprehensive pre-departure information booklet, which includes maps, information on hotels, historical notes and other useful information on Italian culture
- Complimentary information session/presentation for teachers, parents and students at your school by members of Vita Italian Tours

ROME

- Private transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport to hotel in the centre of Rome
- Half-day guided tour and entrance to the Colosseum & Roman Forum
- A guided tour of The Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica with an experienced guide
- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

FLORENCE

- Guided walking tour of the city of Siena
- Guided city walking tour in Florence
- Entrance and guided tour of the Academy Gallery
- Half-day excursion to Pisa by Regional train
- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

PESARO

- 5 x 3 ½ hour lessons at International language school in Pesaro with qualified teachers including activities (Fano, Urbino, Gradara)
- Single room accommodation for teachers/shared accommodation for students in a 4-star hotel in Pesaro
- Cooking workshop plus lunch (Villa Caprile)

VENICE

- Travel from Pesaro to Venice
- Vaporetto pass for return travel to Murano
- Water Transfer from Tronchetto to the hotel/or short walk to hotel
- Transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport
- Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

Items not included

- Admission fees to places other than those specifically itemised in the itinerary
- Travel expenses to and from historical sites unless specifically itemised in the itinerary
- Meals on tour except when specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal transport costs, phone calls and other personal needs
- Accommodation tax

Cost

Independent Itinerary

The price of the tour is **AUD \$ 5,693.00*** per student in **shared accommodation**. The tour is costed on a minimum of **20 paying students** and includes **2 teachers** travelling with the group in single room accommodation.

(*The price is based on the current price trends for saver airline tickets and travel insurance and includes government taxes.)

Fully Guided Itinerary

The price of the Tour is **AUD \$ 6,232.00*** fully guided by a member of Vita Italian Tours for the duration of the time in Italy on a minimum of 20 paying students in **shared accommodation** and includes **2 teachers** travelling with the group in single room accommodation

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