



LOWANNA COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

14 DAYS | 13 NIGHTS | 10 SEPTEMBER - 23 SEPTEMBER 2027

DAY 1 FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER Meet at Melbourne International Airport at the international check-in area at least 3-hours before departure for the flight to Rome.

DAY 2 SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER ROME (D) The group will arrive in Rome International Airport in the early afternoon. There will be a representative to meet-and-greet the group upon arrival to guide the group to the private coach transfer to the hotel situated in the historical centre of Rome. The group will check-in at the hotel and have a little time to freshen up. After check-in the teachers/students will meet with an English-speaking guide who will lead the group and explore the many famous sites of Rome including Piazza Navona, Piazza della Rotonda, Spanish Steps and the Fountain of Trevi.

DAY 3 SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER ROME/VATICAN MUSEUM/ST PETER'S BASILICA (BD) Today the first full day in Rome will be dedicated to the Vatican City. There will be a guided visit with priority entrance to the Vatican Museum followed by St Peter's Basilica. These buildings are so important for religious, architectural, and historical reasons. In the afternoon, the group will have time to independently explore the many other iconic sites of Rome. We suggest a visit to the Pantheon, Piazza Navona or Campo de' Fiori with its famous daily flower market.

HIGHLIGHTS

VENICE

FLORENCE

ROME

POMPEII

SIENA





"I've never learnt so much in such a short amount of time. This tour has made me want to travel to more places and take in more history of not only Italy but the world."

H. Daniel - Student (VIC)

DAY 4 MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER ROME/COLOSSEUM/ FORUM (BD)

After breakfast, the day will be all about discovering ancient Rome and the great legacy the Romans have left to this city and the world. The group will have a dedicated local guide as well as priority entrance to one of the most iconic buildings from ancient Rome, the Colosseum. The local guide will then continue the exciting walking tour through the Roman Forum and if time permits the Campidoglio. Dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 5 TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER ROME/POMPEII/ROME (BL)

Today will be an early morning start. The group will travel in a private coach along the Autostrada Del Sol south towards Naples, Pompeii & Sorrento. Our first stop will be at Pompeii which was destroyed and preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. A local guide will lead the group through the ruins of this truly magnificent Roman city. After the tour of the Archaeological Park there will be a stop for lunch. The bus will then take the group along the Amalfi Coast before making their way back to Rome. Free evening.

DAY 6 WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER ROME/FLORENCE (BD)

The group say goodbye to Rome and travel to Florence the city of the "Medici". After arrival in Florence, the group will check-in at the hotel and have time for a quick rest. In the afternoon a guided walking tour of the historical centre of Florence with an expert local guide will take place. The walking tour will feature the Piazza del Duomo and its impressive Cathedral, the Giotto Campanile and the magnificent East Door of the Baptistery known as the 'Gates to Paradise'. The walking tour will also include priority entrance and a guided visit to the Academy Gallery, which houses the famous statue of David by Michelangelo as well as many other great masterpieces. Dinner at a restaurant in the centre of Florence.

DAY 7 THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER FLORENCE/SIENA/ SAN GIMIGNANO (BD)

Today the school will visit the historical medieval city of Siena. Siena is famous for its architecture and its fabulous city square. Each year the town square is transformed into a racetrack where a horse race is held twice a year: "Il Palio". The race is between each suburb of the city and there is great rivalry between the suburbs or "Contrade". Apart from the square, the group will visit the magnificent Basilica and learn also the history and importance of St Teresa of Siena. The square is filled with sand around the edge of the square which is where the horses race. After lunch, the group will travel through some of the most picturesque areas of the Tuscan countryside to visit the medieval hill town of San Gimignano. Housed within its historical 13th Century walls this beautiful town is renowned for its famous medieval towers. Then, it is back to Florence for dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 8 FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER FLORENCE (BL)

Today the group will start the day with a cooking demonstration in stylish Oltrarno District of the city. The district is surrounded by artisans and antique shops and a must see on the way to the class is the Brunelleschi designed Santo Spirito Church one of the four great Basilica of Florence. The Italian cooking masterclass at a local cooking school will be 3-hours in duration and focus on traditional pasta making. The students will get to try what they make at the end of the class. In the afternoon, there will be the opportunity to visit the Galileo Galilei museum in the centre of Florence or walk to Piazzale Michelangelo to have a bird's eye view of this magnificent Renaissance City. Free Evening.

DAY 9 SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER FLORENCE/PISA (BD)

After breakfast the group will have the opportunity to have a special trip by train 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 is the campanile, or bell tower of the Cathedral. The Tower, which was begun in 1173 and completed after 500 years, is famous for its noticeable lean and has recently had a lot of work to stop it falling to the ground. Upon returning to Florence, the afternoon is free for teacher/student activities. A suggestion is to explore the San Lorenzo Market where there are leather goods and souvenirs for students to purchase. Dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 10 SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER FLORENCE/VERONA/ VENICE (BD) The group say goodbye to Florence and will travel by private air-conditioned coach to Verona. There will be a stop on the way in the beautiful city of Verona. An English-speaking guide will take the group to see the stunning Roman Arena as well as visit the home of Juliette, where the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliette took place. The play written by Shakespeare is famous the world over and a number of films have been made around the story. The group then continue by private coach to Venice and check into the hotel. Dinner will be in a local restaurant.

DAY 11 MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER VENICE (BD) The day will begin with a guided walking tour of the historical centre of Venice with an expert local guide. The group will travel along the Grand Canal to arrive at Piazza San Marco where they will meet a local guide who will take the group through the Basilica di San Marco. Following the guided tour, the group will proceed through the narrow streets of Venice to a famous mask making artisan workshop. There will be a demonstration to students on how the genuine Venetian masks are made from papier mache. Then the students will have the opportunity to make and decorate their own masks which they will be able to take home as a souvenir. Dinner in a local restaurant.

DAY 12 TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER VENICE/ MURANO/BURANO (BD) The group have a day for teacher/student activities. A visit to a famous foundry on the island of Murano is organised for the students to experience a demonstration of century old techniques from a master glass blower. The afternoon is free for student teacher activities; we recommend an onward journey from Murano to the picturesque island of Burano famous for lace making and its beautifully coloured traditional dwellings. Dinner in a traditional restaurant.

DAY 13 WEDNESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER VENICE/ MILAN AIRPORT (B) After breakfast, the group will travel by private coach transfer to Milano Malpensa Airport for the flight back to Australia.

DAY 14 THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER Melbourne International Airport.



*"Brilliant itinerary, friendly and knowledgeable tour guides. Excellent accommodation.
A truly wonderful educational and cultural experience."
M. Dolan - Teacher (VIC)*



ROME

- Private coach transfer & meet-and-greet service from Fiumicino Airport to your hotel in the centre of Rome.
- Entrance tickets to the Colosseum & Roman Forum.
- Guided tour of the Colosseum & Roman Forum.
- Private guided tour of the Vatican Museum & St Peter's Basilica.
- Private coach day-tour to Pompeii with guided tour of Archeological Park of Pompeii with a local english speaking guide.
- Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners.

FLORENCE

- Transport by private coach from Rome/Florence.
- Guided tour of the Accademia Gallery and walking tour of Florence including Piazza Duomo, Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Repubblica.
- Guided Walking tour of Siena including Cathedral entrance.
- Visit to San Gimignano.
- Cooking demonstration and workshop in Florence.
- Visit the Galileo Galilei Museum.
- Regional return rail tickets to Pisa
- Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners.

VENICE

- Transport by private coach from Florence to Venice.
- Guided tour of Verona.
- ACTV Vaporetto 24-hour pass.
- Guided walking tour of Venice including Basilica San Marco
- Murano glass blowing demonstration.
- Venetian mask decoration workshop
- Visit to Murano & Burano.
- Transport by private coach from Venice to Milan Airport.
- Meals: 3 Breakfast, 3 Dinners.



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"The Italian Study Tour proved flawless, exceptional in every way. It was the right mix of language, history and culture and was age appropriate for the cohort group.
R. Padovan - Italian Teacher (VIC)





"Another well organised, trouble free experience for all participants. All day trips were well planned, providing students and teachers with stimulating and varied cultural activities."

- J Fell, Language Co-ordinator (VIC)

PRICE: \$8,219.00

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The cost of the tour is **AUD \$8,219.00*** per student in **shared accommodation** for students booked on the study tour. The tour is costed on 15 students with three accompanying teachers travelling with the group.

*Tour price is based on current airline price trends and may be subject to change at time of booking. Please refer to the tour booking terms & conditions on our website for further information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INCLUSIONS:

- A return Economy Class Airfare with SE Asian Carrier
- Land travel in air-conditioned private coach and regional train.
- Accommodation for 11 nights will be in 2/3 or 4-star accommodation in Rome/Florence/Venice.
- Multiple room accommodation for students and single room accommodation for teachers.
- A comprehensive pre-departure information booklet, which includes maps, information on hotels and other useful information on Italian culture.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Admission fees to places other than those specifically itemised in the itinerary.
- Meals on tour except when specifically mentioned in the itinerary.
- Drinks outside normal mealtimes or additional drinks in restaurants including tea & coffee.
- Personal transport costs, phone calls and other personal needs.
- Accommodation tax in Rome, Florence, Vicenza, Venice.
- Travel insurance.

*** The weather:** It is the start of Autumn and it can be quite cool in the early morning and evenings. We recommend warm, conformable clothing, a warm jacket with your favourite walking shoes. The countryside is undulating and hilly. Many of the hill towns have their historical centres closed to traffic and therefore lots of walking may be required on small cobblestone streets. We recommend comfortable walking shoes that will support your ankles.

Temperatures in September vary depending on where you are in Italy, but as a general rule of thumb these are the average temperature ranges: Northern Italy: 13-24°C, Central Italy: 18-27°C, Southern Italy: 21-27°C.

>> Be sure to check a current weather forecast for the cities you visit in Italy before you leave home, as the weather can change.