

Rome, Pompeii and Florence High School March 2024

Travel Dates: March 9, 2024-March 16, 2024

March 9th - Day 1

• Fly overnight to Rome.

March 10th - Day 2

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Cultural time in Rome.
- Enjoy a pizza dinner.

March 11th - Day 3

- Take a guided tour of Vatican City, the headquarter of the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope
- With your expert local guide, you will visit:
 - o Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes
 - St. Peter's Basilica, a site of religious and historical significance over which the Pope presides.
- Cultural exploration: Spend a half day in Rome.
- Enjoy dinner in Rome.

March 12th – Day 4

- Take a guided tour of Rome.
- With your expert local guide, you will visit:
 - o Roman Forum, marking the former heart of the Roman Empire where Julius Caesar gave many of his political speeches.
 - o The Colosseum, the world's most famous arena used for gladiatorial combat.
- Food walking tour
- Enjoy dinner in Rome.

March 13th - Day 5

- Enjoy an excursion to Pompeii.
- Tour the Roman ruins of Pompeii with an expert local guide and see artifacts from the wealthiest ancient Romans, preserved in time.
- Enjoy dinner in Rome.

March 14th - Day 6

- Guided learning: Take a guided tour of Florence.
- With your expert local guide, you will see:
 - o Piazza della Signoria, which is lined with classic statues.
 - o Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans still keep shop.
 - o Basilica of Santa Croce, where Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo and others are buried.
 - o Gates of Paradise, bronzed doors that depict scenes from the Old Testament and are considered an icon of the Renaissance.
- Enjoy dinner in Florence.

March 15th - Day 7

- Visit the Accademia to admire Michelangelo's statue of David and explore the winding halls of busts.
- Cultural engagement: Attend a gelato-making demonstration and tasting.
- Enjoy dinner in Florence.

March 16th - Day 8

• Depart for home.