



June 14 - 23, 2019
Saint Ignatius College Prep
20th Biennial
Classical Italy Tour



Summary:
Continuing and building upon a decades-long tradition, this Classical Odyssey to Italy explores the impact and heritage of the most culturally rich and layered destinations in the world - Rome and Florence. We will explore not only the noteworthy ancient sites, but also the complex history that led to the development of the Italian Renaissance.

Participation:
The program is designed specifically for SICP students in conjunction with Classical Studies faculty. Participation is strictly limited to eligible students from Saint Ignatius College Prep, its faculty and staff.



Price:
\$4189.00



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Proposed Itinerary

Friday, June 14, 2019

Let's go to Italy! Today we will fly to Rome via Iberia or other major airline carrier.

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Upon arrival in Rome, we will visit Ostia Antiqua, the ancient port of Rome. Similar to Pompeii, the excavated remnants of the entire city can be seen and toured. After our visit, we will head to the catacombs, the burial place for early Christians, on the outskirts of downtown Rome. This evening will break into smaller groups near the Spanish Steps for dinner and, of course, gelato!

Sunday, June 16, 2019

This morning we will participate in mass at St. Peter's Basilica. This afternoon we will visit the Ara Pacis, Caesar Augustus' Altar of Peace, Castel Sant Angelo, and the Pantheon. This evening we will enjoy dinner in smaller groups near the Piazza Navona.

Monday, June 17, 2019

Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Classical sites of the Eternal City with our guide. We will start with the Colosseum, followed by a walking tour of the nearby Forum Romanum. This afternoon, we'll visit tomb of St. Ignatius at the Church of the Gesu. We will also visit the rooms where St. Ignatius lived until his death in 1556 and the Church of St. Ignatius, with frescoes, a trompe d'oeil ceiling, and a magical clock. This evening, we'll enjoy dinner in smaller groups across the Tiber River in the neighborhood of Trastevere.

Tuesday June 18, 2019

This morning we will visit the sprawling Vatican complex with our guide. We will also tour the Vatican Museums and recently restored Sistine Chapel. We will revisit St. Peter's Basilica, this time with our guide, and we'll climb to the top of Michelangelo's dome. We'll end our day with an evening stroll to the Campo de Fiori for dinner.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

We will travel to Tuscany to study the ancient Etruscans. Our first stop will be the Necropolis of Cerveteri, and its museum. After lunch, we will travel to Orvieto, a beautiful hilltop medieval city with Etruscan roots. After a visit to the Duomo, we will enjoy an underground tour of this city, visiting tunnels that are 2500 years old. We will overnight in Tuscany with an included group dinner.

Thursday, June 20, 2019

This morning, on our way to Florence, we will stop in the beautiful hilltop town of San Gimignano. Then we are off to Florence, to explore this iconic city of the Italian Renaissance, with an included dinner tonight at our hotel.

Friday, June 21, 2019

Today we will meet our guide and visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the most important art museums in the world, which contains the Medici family's private collection. We will also enjoy a walking tour with our guide of the beautiful city, including the Baptistry and Duomo and the markets.

Saturday, June 22, 2019

After leaving Florence, we will travel to the Vatican Observatory and visit the Pope's country home, Castel Gandolfo. Tonight we will stay near the airport in Rome with an included farewell group dinner.

Sunday, June 23, 2019

This morning we will depart Rome for our flight home with memories to last a lifetime.



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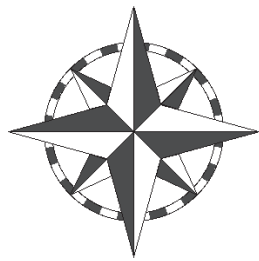
Inclusions

- + Round-trip air transportation from Chicago to Rome, and Rome to Chicago on regularly scheduled flights via Iberia Airlines, American Airlines or other IATA carrier.
- + Twin, or in some rare cases, triple accommodations at three or four star properties.
- + All breakfasts and three dinners are included.
- + Fully escorted from Chicago by Mr. Matthew Sparapani, additional St. Ignatius faculty and an experienced full-time representative of Blueprint Tours, Inc.
- + Ground transportation via private, deluxe motor coach.
- + Experienced, licensed, local guides at sites in Italy.
- + All service charges, airport departure taxes and foreign taxes associated with air transport and all gratuities for group events, including group meals.
- + Comprehensive sightseeing package and admissions as outlined in the enclosed itinerary.
- + Tourist information packet including general information, baggage tags, detailed trip itinerary, and hotel and flight information.

About the Provider

Since its inception over two decades ago, Blueprint Tours has been a leader in custom designed, curricular-based travel for educators and their students. Our mission is to expand the classroom into the world. As students, we greatly benefited from educational travel and our hope is to continue to offer similar experiences to the next generation. We are very excited to be working with Saint Ignatius College Prep again!

You are encouraged to submit your application early, as spaces are limited. Applications are provisional and subject to review of your disciplinary history, academic and financial standing at SICP. As per SICP policy, all applicants must remain in good financial and disciplinary standing. Failure to do so may result in substantial cancellation fees. Applicants will be screened and may be denied participation. All applicants and guardians must sign the Disciplinary Policy, and the Illegal Drug and Alcohol Policy. Application review will be performed by SICP administrative staff. Students will be notified by Blueprint Tours upon acceptance.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Air Transportation and Price: Tour includes round trip air transportation via regularly scheduled IATA air carrier. The price from Chicago is guaranteed and includes all airport taxes and airline fees.

Payment Schedule: Deposit of \$300.00 with signed application due by November 1, 2018; second payment of \$2000.00 is due by 30 November 2018; balance of due by 15 January 2019. All payments to be submitted to **BLUEPRINT TOURS, Inc.** Deposit to be made by personal check, bank check or money order only. Subsequent payments may be made by any method. *Credit card payments will be subject to a 3.5% credit card processing fee.*

Cancellations and Refunds: Deposits and payments are completely refundable through 01 November 2018, **provided that notification is received by BLUEPRINT TOURS in writing by that date.** After 01 November 2018, provided that all due payments have been made to date, refunds will be issued based on the following schedule:

11/01/18 to 11/29/18 inclusive: \$150.00 refund	01/15/19 to 01/31/19 inclusive: \$700.00 refund
11/30/18 to 01/14/19 inclusive: \$900.00 refund	02/01/19 to 02/15/19 inclusive: \$500.00 refund

After 15 February 2019, no refunds will be issued.

Insurance: Travel insurance is strongly recommended. We recommend purchasing insurance from csatravelpro.com or from insuremytrip.com.

Late Payment Fee: A late payment fee of \$18.00 will be assessed for any payments received more than seven days after the due date. A returned check fee of \$25.00 will be added for any insufficiently funded checks.

Not Included in the Tour Price: Personal items such as government documents, food orders and beverages, valet and laundry services, personal grooming services, optional excursions, phone calls, personal tipping, and any other items not mentioned as included. In the event that a participant may require medical attention, any medical costs are the responsibility of the participant. We recommend that you verify the status of your medical insurance to determine coverage for travel. Lost ticket and lost passport fees are the sole responsibility of the participant.

General: Blueprint Tours, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Operator, acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. The Operator and their respective employees, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Operator is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects of any individual participating in the tour / trips arranged by Operator. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

Baggage: One suitcase (backpack, duffel) per person will be permitted. Standard airline weight limits apply. In addition, participant is allowed one "carry-on" piece of luggage small enough to fit under an airline seat. If you have questions regarding baggage and carry-on luggage, you are encouraged to contact our office. Operator assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen luggage, personal belongings or excess baggage charges.

Insurance: Optional trip insurance is available through our office. Additional information will be sent upon receipt of application and deposit.

Disciplinary Policy: On all trips with persons under 18 years of age, and at the discretion of the teachers or chaperones, the legal guardians may be asked to sign an agreement and pay the costs associated with any disciplinary measures.

Documents Required: Each person must have a valid passport that has an expiration date at least six months beyond the tour return date. All travel documents and costs affiliated with obtaining them are the sole responsibility of the participant.

Responsibility: The Operator assumes no liability for failure to provide the services and accommodations referred to in this brochure to the extent that such services and accommodations cannot be supplied due to delays or other causes beyond the control of the Operator. In absence of negligence on the part of the Operator, the participant agrees that Operator has no liability or responsibility of any persons due to any act, omission or negligence of any carrier, hotel, restaurant, coach company, sight seeing or guiding company, or any other persons rendering any of the services or portions of the itinerary. The participant further waives any claim against Operator, sponsor, and its group leaders for any such damage, loss, injury or death. Operator shall not be responsible for any delays, substitution of equipment, or any act or omission whatsoever by the suppliers of such services, their agents, servants, and employees, and the participant hereby waives any claim arising therefrom. Operator reserves the right to decline, accept, or retain any participant at any time for any reason. Operator reserves the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case full or partial payment will be refunded without further obligation on Operator's part. If terrorist act, terror threat, war, pandemic, act of God or other event would cause the Operator or sponsor to cancel or delay the tour, Operator shall not be responsible for refund. The passenger contract in use by the airline shall constitute the sole contract between the airline companies and the participant. Blueprint Tours, Inc. does not assume any costs, fees or liability associated with the extension of this tour caused by occurrences such as but not limited to extreme weather, natural disasters, terrorist action or threat, pandemic, or act of God. If a tour participant is required to remain in a country beyond the last day of the tour, all meals, lodging, transportation and other costs shall be the responsibility of the tour participant and /or their legal guardian. By forwarding the deposit and submitting the application, the participant agrees with these terms and conditions and certifies that they are free from any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazardous condition for participant or other participants. All tickets issued by any contractors are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation or other services are offered or provided and the issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the operators shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury, damage to or in respect of any person or property howsoever caused or arising. Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, acts of God, political conditions, unscheduled or unanticipated closings, mechanical difficulties or other factors beyond the control of the Operator without consulting the participants. In addition, Operator also reserve the right to make such alterations in the itinerary determined to be desirable by the Operator to provide for convenience of parties and smooth operation of tour. Participant has no right to refund or other considerations in the event of changes to the itinerary.