



HCC Italy Trip 2023

November 14, 2022
Meeting Powerpoint



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How many more sleeps.....

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Itinerary

Day 1: Board flight to Milan

Day 2: Tour Milan and Travel to Venice

Day 3: Full Day in Venice

Day 4: Transfer to Florence via Pisa (Easter Sunday Mass)

Day 5: Day in Florence -Train to Naples - Transfer to Sorrento

Day 6: Visit the Island of Capri/Sorrento

Day 7: Visit Pompeii and transfer to Rome

Day 8: Full day in Rome

Day 9: Full day in Rome

Day 10: Depart for Home

Flight Information

- ❖ Parents are responsible for getting all travelling participants to the airport and picking them up
- ❖ Precise tour and flight information will be known approximately 30 days before departure
- ❖ You can register for frequent flyer miles if you collect them once you know the carrier (Air Canada, KLM, etc) and have paid the balance of the trip (Contact airline directly)
- ❖ There could be multiple stops either way.

Rules & Regulations

CTR, in conjunction with EF personnel and chaperones, are responsible for the safety and reputation of this group.

Accordingly, anything that anyone does to jeopardize the safety or reputation of the group will be taken extremely seriously

- ❖ No Alcohol (Including Gifts)
- ❖ No Tobacco (Including gifts)
- ❖ No Tattoos
- ❖ No replica swords, guns, weapons, etc.
- ❖ Attendance / Curfew
- ❖ Follow the “Rule of Three” during all free time built into the itinerary

Passports

- ❖ I'm hoping you've already applied for your passport. If you haven't, please do so ASAP.
- ❖ A valid passport is a non-negotiable requirement for this trip.
- ❖ Passports MUST to be identical to what EF has on your account (including middle names)
- ❖ If your passport is set to expire within 6 months after our trip, you may be required to get a replacement as some countries would NOT accept them as valid.
- ❖ HCC will require a scanned copy of your passport.

Accommodations

- ❖ You will be creating your rooming lists during an upcoming SDL.
- ❖ Typically, four (4) students will be assigned to each room but quite often when we show up to the hotel we find out the rooms come in groups of 2 or 3. *****BE FLEXIBLE*****
- ❖ We will try to accommodate all requests but we cannot guarantee it *****BE FLEXIBLE*****
- ❖ If trip participants are not behaving appropriately, they won't be receiving the rooming arrangements they desire

Accommodations

- ❖ Adults are paired up with another adult
- ❖ If you have made arrangements with another adult travelling with us please let me know
- ❖ A single room is available for an extra charge of about \$340 total. You need to set this up with EF prior to December 22 and let me know as well

Currency - Cash / Credit / Debit

- ❖ Participants need to purchase Euros. “Cash Is King”
- ❖ Today's exchange: \$100 CAD = \$74.40 Euro
- ❖ How much money should I bring? \$400-\$600 Euros
- ❖ Your decision depends on what you will be purchasing and where you will be eating. EF will provide two meals a day (breakfast & supper) but you will be on your own for lunch
- ❖ If you sit down for lunch you will be spending more money. If you want to get a sandwich or a slice of pizza this will be a better economic decision.

Currency - Cash / Credit / Debit

Debit Card

- ❖ Check with your bank to ensure your debit cards will work in Italy. No TAP
- ❖ Debit machines are generally available in the major centers but students must understand that we are almost always on a tight schedule and therefore, we won't be able to stop at any given time.
- ❖ CASH is KING!

Currency - Cash / Credit / Debit

Credit Card

- ❖ We suggest students who are participating in this trip without a parent attend should possess their own Visa or MasterCard credit card in case of emergency ONLY. For student travelers, credit limits should be discussed with parents but we would recommend a minimum \$300 -\$500 credit limit. Students can either get their own credit cards or obtain a supplementary card (in their name) from their parent's account.
- ❖ Talk with your financial institution about this option

Tip Money

- ❖ There is a mandatory tip fee of \$150/participant (Student and Parent)
- ❖ The collected Tip Money pays for our Tour Directors, Bus Drivers and Guided Tours.
- ❖ Tip fees payment will be available through school cash only.
- ❖ Eg. Student and both parents would pay \$450
- ❖ Deadline will be January

What to Pack / Important Information

- ❖ We will have long busy exciting days. This is not a “relaxing vacation”
- ❖ Pack light and smart. Your checked bag maximum weight of 50lbs is for BOTH flights. You will probably be bring more things home with you
- ❖ Comfortable walking shoes are a must!!!
- ❖ April is the rainy season so a light tracksuit, waterproof coat is recommended
- ❖ Some previous students packed cliff bars, granola bars, reusable water bottle, etc to snack on during the day and cut down on costs

What to Pack / Important Information

- ❖ Be on time!! So much depends on it
- ❖ All days are very busy so be prepared
- ❖ Bring proper clothing, shoes, watches, etc.
- ❖ Extra costs for some excursions (PISA)
- ❖ This is not a shopping trip, be on time!!
- ❖ Majority of items will be more expensive
- ❖ **What do you mean I have to pay to use your public restroom???**

What to Pack / Important Information

Cell Phones

- ❖ Check with your cell phone provider for International coverage in Europe.
- ❖ Cell phones are the responsibility of the traveller and NOT the chaperones
- ❖ Most will bring their phones to use for photos
- ❖ Some hotels have wifi but not all of them.

What to Pack / Important Information

Converters

- ❖ Trip participants who plan on using electric appliances such as hair dryers, curling irons, Ipads or cell phones need to obtain a converter. Converter kits can be expensive, and every person does not need a kit. Perhaps a room can arrange to have one or two converters maximum - most rooms won't have enough outlets anyway. It is important to get a complete adapter kit – not simply the attachment that will work in Italy.
- ❖ Also, converters reduce the strength of your appliances so items such as hair dryers / curling irons take longer than normal to work

Allergies / Dietary Restrictions

Emergency Contact

- ❖ Please put your name along with a name of a contact in case of emergency and their phone number(s) and email information

Dietary Requirements

- ❖ We need to know if you have any known dietary requirements. Eg. Allergies, vegetarian, etc.

Medication

- ❖ List all prescription medication (You need to find out the generic information and name of the prescription drugs you take – ask your Doctor)
- ❖ ******This will be submitted through a Google Form email sent to you. Each traveller needs to fill out this form separately******

Action Items

- ❖ Passport Scan to levans@redeemer.ab.ca
- ❖ Tip Money Deadline - email will come through School Cash
- ❖ CTR Permission form - email will come through School Cash
- ❖ Google Form for following items (Complete 1 per traveller)
 - Dietary Requirements
 - Medications
 - Emergency Contacts

Questions

