

Educational Travel Experience for Pewaukee High School



Bell'Italia

June 13 - June 21, 2016

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM CHICAGO OHARE
- DAY 2 ARRIVE VENICE (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 VENICE
- DAY 4 VENICE - RAVENNA - FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)
- DAY 5 FLORENCE
- DAY 6 FLORENCE - ASSISI - ROME (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 7 ROME
- DAY 8 OPTIONAL DAY TRIP TO POMPEII
- DAY 9 DEPARTURE FROM ROME OR ADD OPTIONAL EXTRA DAYS IN ROME

ITINERARY

Italy calls to people in a unique way. The rich and colorful culture melts into a warm atmosphere filled with light and life. Ancient traditions combine with a spiritual pride expressed in the art and food that epitomize what we have come to know as La Bella Vita. There is something about this country that stirs the soul as much as it educates the mind. From Roman ruins to the richness of the Renaissance, from the ruins of war to the peace of country life, experience the world in a new way in beautiful Italy.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Concert Performance	Transportation
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Sporting Fixture	



DAY 1 Monday, 13 June 2016

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Chicago Ohare to Venice, Italy

DAY 2 Tuesday, 14 June 2016

-  Venice is one of the few cities in the world that can truly be described as unique. It was known as the gateway to the Orient, and during the Middle Ages became one of the most powerful city-states in the Mediterranean. Built on a series of islands connected by bridges and canals, Venice has survived all odds to become the intriguing and iconic city it is today.
-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
-  Our base for the next two nights will be Venice, where breakfast will be provided at the hotel.
-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.
-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
-  The vaporetto is Venice's version of public transport, as no cars are allowed in this city on the water. While in Venice, we will each have a vaporetto pass for transportation and sightseeing.
-  Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Venice.

DAY 3 Wednesday, 15 June 2016

-  This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.
-  Today we will explore Venice with a local guide.
-  Stroll through the Piazza San Marco which is the largest square in the city and has been the location of important government buildings for centuries such as the Doge's Palace. The centerpiece of the piazza is the elaborate St. Mark's Basilica which is a beautiful church that mixes western and eastern architectural styles.
-  View the impressive Grand Canal that winds through the heart of the city and is lined on both sides with ornate and graceful palaces and dotted with gondolas.
-  View the Doges Palace which was the former residence of the rulers of Venice and is filled with ornate and grandiose rooms.
-  View the famous Bridge of Sighs which was built in the seventeenth century and connects the Old and New Prison. Local legend is that as prisoners walked across the bridge to their execution they would sigh as they got one last glimpse of the outside world.

DAY 3 Wednesday, 15 June 2016



Optional:

LEAP: Behind the Carnival Mask!

Delve into the world of the Carnival with its traditions and costumes. Learn how the magnificent mask creations are made. Armed with this knowledge, it will be time for you to create your own masterpiece. Choose your own style of mask with guidance on design and colour and the inspiration of this magical city. You will soon have your own unique piece of Venetian life, and a chance to be whomever you want.

DAY 4 Thursday, 16 June 2016



With ancient streets and peaceful piazzas, there is so much more to the town of Ravenna than the superb Byzantine mosaics for which it is famous. The city rose to power in the 1st century BC and was eventually made capital of the Western Empire. Although this power has waned, the city is still of vital importance to the arts and archaeology.



Florence is so deeply connected to the Renaissance movement in art and literature that it is often called the "Cradle of the Renaissance." A walk through the peaceful piazzas reveals the architecture and sculpture that have made this beautiful city one of the world's greatest artistic capitals.



LEAP: Patron of the Renaissance

Investigate the qualities that a patron in Renaissance Italy might consider when he or she was commissioning a painting; the size of the work, materials & colors, subject matter etc. Understand the role of patrons in Renaissance times as well as the difficult decision-making process that they faced.



We will board our private coach for the transfer from Venice to Florence.



Today we will travel from Venice to Florence. En route, visit Ravenna.



Our base for the next two nights will be Florence, where breakfast will be provided at the hotel.



We will dine this evening in a local restaurant.



In Florence, the cost of public transport is included for all group sightseeing. Escorted by our Tour Director, we will be able to experience the city in the same manner as the local people.



DAY 5 Friday, 17 June 2016



Enjoy the Piazza del Duomo, where the cathedral, tower, and baptistery epitomize the traditions of Florentine art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. After viewing the massive facade of the Duomo, including its enormous Dome that dominates the skyline and is a symbol of Florence itself, we will view Giotto's Bell Tower and the bronze doors of the Baptistery, designed by Ghiberti, which Michelangelo commented were worthy to be the "Gates of Paradise."



View the Church of Santa Croce, which is the resting place of many of Florence's most influential figures, including Michelangelo, Machiavelli and Galileo.



Visit the Accademia Gallery, where we will view Michelangelo's statuary masterpiece, David, and Boticelli's Madonna and Child.



Experience the Uffizi Museum, one of Italy's finest art museums, containing one of the most famous collections of paintings and sculptures in the world. Exhibitions include works by most of the acclaimed Italian artists, as well as German, Dutch, and Flemish masters. Of particular note are European paintings from the 13th to 18th centuries, which include works by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Rembrandt, and Rubens.



LEAP: Cucina Fiorentina

Bring your appetite with you and cook up a traditional Florentine meal. With our chef as our guide, we will prepare some traditional Italian dishes and learn about Italian culture through the art of cooking.



Stroll along the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest of Florence's six bridges and one of the best-loved sites of Florence. Lined with numerous shops, visitors often do not realize they are on a bridge until they reach the center arches that look out over the Arno.



DAY 5 Friday, 17 June 2016

 Today we will explore Florence with a local guide.

DAY 6 Saturday, 18 June 2016

 The medieval town of Assisi is heir to the legacy of its most prominent citizen, St. Francis. Although the town was damaged in the earthquake of 1997, it has been restored to its former glory with geranium-hung streets, lovely views, and fountain-splashed piazzas.

 Visit the Basilica di San Francesco, an incongruous memorial to a man who preached and lived an utterly simple life of poverty, abstinence, and the enunciation of worldly goods in search of greater spirituality. We will explore the bi-level basilica, including the Lower Church, the Crypt, and the Upper Church, with Giotto's famous frescoes of 28 scenes of the Life of St. Francis.

 Known to many as the "Eternal City", Rome is the capital of Italy, with an uninterrupted history spanning two and a half thousand years. As one of the founding cities of western civilisation, Rome is filled with incredible historical sites. It is a city with many faces, encompassing medieval, renaissance, and modern. To define Rome is an impossible task, but to enjoy Rome is a wondrous experience.

 For the next three evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Rome hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.

 This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

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 LEAP: The Great Renaissance Debate

The Renaissance is packed with great minds who have shaped our world today. Discover and argue with your fellow group members, the merits of key players in the Renaissance to eventually determining who is the greatest Renaissance man or woman.

 Today we will travel from Florence to Rome. En route, visit Assisi.

 We will spend some time in the Piazza Navona area. Built on the foundations of Domitian's Circus, this magnificent square was designed by Borromini in 17th century. It is full of life and is highlighted by one of Rome's most spectacular fountains, the Four Rivers designed by Bernini. The square is often filled with local artists. The surrounding neighborhood is also one of the best places in Rome to get a tasty tartufo or gelato ice cream.

 View the Trevi Fountain, where it is traditional to toss a coin into the fountain to ensure a safe return to the Eternal City. Spend time at Rome's meeting place, the Piazza di Spagna, home of the famous Spanish Steps. The piazza and steps are both named in reference to a 16th century Spanish ambassador who lived here. English poet John Keats lived and died in the house to the right of the steps, which is now a memorial.

 We will board our private coach for the transfer from Florence to Rome.

DAY 7 Sunday, 19 June 2016

 Experience a specialist-guided tour of the Vatican City, including the Museums, home to one of the world's most impressive collections of art. Our tour includes the map tapestry rooms, the magnificent Raphael Rooms, and the spectacular Sistine Chapel, highlighted by Michelangelo's ceiling and his Last Judgment. We will continue into St. Peter's Square to visit St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the western world and the centre of Catholicism. Highlights of our visit include Michelangelo's Pieta and Bernini's magnificent Baldacchino over the high altar.

 Enjoy a guided tour, through the spectacular remains of the Roman Empire. The Colosseum, considered to be the greatest symbol of Ancient Rome's power and glory, was completed under Titus in 80 A.D. The Colosseum could hold 55,000 spectators, on a par with many of today's modern sports stadiums. Among the sights included is the Arch of Constantine, a triumphal arch finished in 315 A.D., commemorating the victory of Constantine I over Maxentius in the year 312 A.D. We will also tour the ruins and excavations of the Roman Forum, which features the remains of magnificent temples, basilicas, and triumphal arches that once formed the heart of the Empire.

 This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.

 Today we will explore Rome with a local guide.



DAY 8 Monday, 20 June 2016



A private coach and driver will accompany us today on our trip outside the city.



Pompeii is a ruined and partially buried Roman town-city near modern Naples in the Italian region of Campania, in the territory of the comune of Pompei. Along with Herculaneum, its sister city, Pompeii was destroyed, and completely buried, during a long catastrophic eruption of the volcano Mount Vesuvius spanning two days in AD 79.



Explore the magnificent Roman ruins at Pompeii, which give a fascinating glimpse into Roman life. In 79 AD, the fury of nearby Mt. Vesuvius was unleashed upon this prosperous city, killing its 2,000 inhabitants and burying it under pumice and ash. Today, the excavations reveal the ruins of the city's amphitheatres, forum, baths, streets and splendid houses, some with their frescoes still visible.



This evening, dinner will be provided in a local restaurant.



DAY 9 Tuesday, 21 June 2016



Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.

OR

Add optional extra days in Rome.



TOUR PRICING AND ENROLLMENT DETAILS

Educational Travel Experience
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Program Fee:	\$	4,699	
New PL Discount:	\$	-300	
Uffizi Gallery:	\$	0	
Early Enrollment Discount:	\$	-300	<i>-Enroll by 06/05/2015 to qualify!</i>
Total:	\$	4,099	<i>-Sign up now for maximum savings!</i>

Optional

Cancellation Protection Plus :	\$	225
Single Room Supplement:	\$	910
Twin Room Supplement:	\$	350
Behind the Carnival Mask:	\$	69
Pompeii:	\$	129

EZ Pay Option

Enroll by 06/05/2015 and make 10 payments of \$379.90 every 30 days by automatic deduction from your bank account. The final payment of the series will be deducted no later than 45 days before travel.

****Based on the bolded pricing ratio from above.**

How to Enroll

The Trip ID for your program is **122567** and you can register today by credit card or echeck by going to:

www.worldstridesdiscovery.org/register

A \$300 initial deposit is due by 06/05/2015 .

Please contact your Program Leader for further information.

Program Leader: Ben Lamp

Contact Details: lampben@pewaukeeschools.org

Tour Prices Guaranteed at Time of Enrollment!

Our Price Guarantee: Once you have accepted this proposal, the dates have been confirmed and the WorldStrides International Discovery Promotional Packs has been made available for your group's tour, the prices shown for the various group size levels will not change, regardless of any subsequent movements in airline fuel and taxes or currency fluctuations.

What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges (which will not change after time of enrollment for any participant)
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in triple or quad rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A hearty three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening (usually in local restaurants in capital cities)
- A full-time WorldStrides International Discovery programs Tour Director, familiar with our LEAP Enrichment Programs, to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary
- Transportation by private coach for airport transfers and touring, except in the capital city, where public transport is used (and the cost included) for group sightseeing
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation

This Does Not Include:

- Lunches or beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage
- Any optional activities, excursions or admissions
- Twin Room supplement at a rate of \$50 per night (mandatory for anyone 24 or above)
- The cost of any optional excursions, activities or admissions
- Cancellation Protection Plus, which provides for cancellation for reasons not normally covered by insurance, at a rate of \$25 a day.

LOOKING FOR CREATIVE WAYS TO FUND YOUR TRIP?



Thousands of students can benefit from FLAG financial assistance!

We believe that every child should have access to the wonder of educational travel. To support this vision, more than \$1 million in FLAG financial assistance is available for qualifying families with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$85,000. The application process for FLAG financial assistance is completely confidential and simple enough to complete in minutes.* Contact our Customer Service team at 1-800-468-5899 for more details or to submit an application. Thousands of families will receive travel assistance this year, making it easy to say "yes" to the learning adventure of a lifetime!

*Application must be completed within 45 days of registering for your program.



Looking for a creative fundraising idea? Try our Gift of Education

Since November 2010, 2,500 students have raised more than \$625,000 for their trips exclusively through the Gift of Education!

The Gift of Education is a successful, easy fundraising strategy that relies on small gift donations from friends, family members, and local organizations to help fund students' trips. Using customized letters or E-Cards, students can easily send dozens of gift requests that explain the educational benefits of a WorldStrides trip and request a small donation. Friends and family members will love knowing they helped a student enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



WHAT IS THE LEAP ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND HOW CAN IT HELP MY STUDENTS?

WorldStrides International Discovery programs are unique in offering the LEAP Enrichment Program. LEAP — Learning through Exploration and Active Participation — brings contemporary teaching strategies, used by excellent teachers in the classroom, to the environments encountered while traveling.



LEAP is Designed So Your Students:

- Are engaged and active learners.
- Are challenged to think critically.
- Grow personally and intellectually.



Your Tour Director Makes all the Difference

LEAP is the entire relationship between each student, the places they encounter, and their Tour Director acting as a cultural mediator, not just a series of hands-on activities. Worldstrides International Discovery Tour Directors have developed their exceptional leadership and educational skills as a result of extensive LEAP training, which includes cultivating an understanding of how all students — and all people — learn.

Learning through Exploration and Active Participation

The academic basis for LEAP is Howard Gardener's theory of multiple intelligences, the philosophy of constructivism, and the synthesis of the transmission, transaction, and transformational approaches to learning.

Students learn best when they are engaged, and challenged, and in any group, a wide variety of learning styles and social skills will be represented, each deserving an opportunity to shine. LEAP was designed specifically to replace the old-fashioned lecturing style of traditional tour guides, with a dynamic, inclusive, and constructivist approach.

