



# ITALY

## Pompeii, Florence, and Rome

*Greenwich High School Shapers of the World*

**APRIL 06 – 15, 2023**



Join your fellow Greenwich High School classmates on this 10-day spring break adventure where we will experience the history, culture, and art of Italy as we travel through Pompeii, Florence, Carrara, Pisa, Siena, and Rome. We will visit iconic sites such as Baia, Cumae, and Pompeii Archaeological Parks in the Naples area, the Uffizi and Accademia in Florence, and St. Peter's Square, Pantheon, Colosseum, and Forum in Rome. Open to students enrolled in Shapers of the World and AP Art History.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Investigate the lost city of Pompeii for frozen-in-time structures and valued artifacts.
- Visit the quarries of Carrara to learn why this particular marble is preferred by great architects and sculptors.
- Marvel in the works of Michelangelo, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, and more at the Uffizi and Accademia.
- Trace the history and culture of the Ancient Romans as you visit the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon, and Palazzo Massimo.





## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 | THU | 06 APR | IN FLIGHT

#### ***Departure for Italy.***

Depart Greenwich High School for a coach transfer to New York JFK. Depart New York JFK to Rome Fiumicino FCO on ITA Airways, overnight flight 609.

### DAY 2 | FRI | 07 APR (GOOD FRIDAY) | POMPEII

#### ***Arrive Rome, Transfer to Baia/Cuma, Orientation, Welcome Dinner.***

Upon arrival to Fiumicino Airport outside Rome, we transfer by coach into the Campania region.

We begin our exploration of Italy with an expert-led visit to the first ancient Greek colony on the mainland of Italy: Cumae.

Following our visit, we then travel to Baia Archaeological Park, minutes south of the ruins of Cumae. To explore the sunken lower part of Baia, we board a special glass-bottom vessel to observe mosaics, statues, baths, and marble floors 15-45 feet beneath us.

A short coach ride takes us to Pompeii, where we check into our hotel and freshen up before our Orientation session.

#### **LUNCH-DINNER**

#### **ABALON POMPEII RESORT**

### DAY 3 | SAT | 08 APR | POMPEII

#### ***Pompeii, Naples Archaeological Museum, Naples Historic Center.***

From our hotel, we will walk to Pompeii for an expert-led exploration of this city frozen in time. The archaeological site

covers more than 163 acres, and about 121 acres have been excavated. We will walk into the amphitheater, see where gladiators trained, walk down Via Abbondanza, the main street, and observe 1st-century political graffiti.

Following lunch, we will board a motorcoach to Naples for an expert-led exploration of the Archaeological Museum that houses treasures and artifacts found in Pompeii and Herculaneum.

After our visit, we head into the historic heart of Naples where we have some free time to walk around the Galleria Umberto I as well as see the historic Teatro San Carlo opera house and Castel Nuovo, a medieval castle constructed in the 13th century.

#### **BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER**

#### **ABALON POMPEII RESORT**

### DAY 4 | SUN | 09 APR (EASTER) | FLORENCE

#### ***Train to Florence, Renaissance Art Lecture, Galleria dell'Accademia.***

This morning we'll set out for Napoli Afragola, the main high-speed train station outside the city center, and board a high-speed train for our next program site.

In the afternoon, we will be joined in the hotel meeting room by an art historian who will provide an overview of medieval and Renaissance art in preparation for our field trips to the Uffizi Gallery and Accademia.

From our hotel, we will walk to the Accademia for a lecture on one of the most famous statues in the world, Michelangelo's David.

We will then have time for independent exploration in the Accademia that includes works by other great sculptors and

artists — many of which were collected by the Medici and donated to the Grand Duchy of Tuscany — and a Museum of Musical Instruments.

**BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER**

**HOTEL MAXIM AXIAL**

## DAY 5 | MON | 10 APR (EASTER MONDAY) | FLORENCE

***Coach to Carrara, Carrara Marble Studio and Quarry, Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli, Train to Florence.***

We will travel by motorcoach with a local expert on a field trip to a workshop and quarries above the town of Carrara where we will see the massive machinery used to extract the marble and learn how excavation has changed with mechanized equipment.

After our lunch, we travel to Pisa. Upon arrival, we take a short walk to the Piazza dei Miracoli, also known as Piazza del Duomo, which houses the city's famous Duomo, Baptistery, and (Leaning) Bell Tower.

In the late afternoon, we return by train to Florence.

**BREAKFAST-LUNCH**

**HOTEL MAXIM AXIAL**

## DAY 6 | TUE | 11 APR | FLORENCE

***Galleria degli Uffizi, Palazzo Vecchio, San Miniato al Monte.***

This morning we will walk to the reserved entrance of the Uffizi Gallery for our self-directed field trip. You are free to see what interests you most and spend as much time as you wish. This is the most extensive collection of Renaissance art in the world.

This afternoon we will meet for our visit of the Palazzo Vecchio, seat of Florentine government from the Middle Ages through to today. During our expert-led visit of this medieval structure, we will learn about the powerful Medici family rulers, political strategist Niccolò Machiavelli, and 16th-century artist Giorgio Vasari who decorated the walls of the Hall of the 500.

After our visit, we head out on foot to San Miniato al Monte, perched above the city of Florence in the Oltrarno



neighborhood. This 11th-century basilica is still a functioning Olivetan monastery, renowned for its magnificent façade and exceptional mosaics.

**BREAKFAST-DINNER**

**HOTEL MAXIM AXIAL**



## DAY 7 | WED | 12 APR | ROME

***Coach to San Gimignano, Agriturismo, Siena's Campo and Palazzo Pubblico, Coach to Rome.***

In the morning, we drive south of Florence to the famed medieval hilltop city of San Gimignano. An original Etruscan town, this town retains much of its medieval aspect.

A short ride a few miles outside of town brings us to an agriturismo (organic farm) where you can visit the farm and cellars. The host explains the production of extra virgin olive oil, wine, saffron, and the characteristics of Chianina cattle.

Upon arrival in Siena, we will meet for an expert-led city orientation walk that will end up in the Piazza del Campo. The perimeter of the wide square is the site where the famed Palio horse race takes place in July and August.

After, we will continue to the Palazzo Pubblico, still serving today as the town hall. One of the rooms contains an important fresco cycle depicting the Allegory of Good and Bad Government by Ambrogio Lorenzetti and a fresco of Guidoriccio da Fogliano on horseback.

From Siena, we board our motorcoach and continue our drive south toward Rome.

**BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER**

**HOTEL NAVONA**

## DAY 8 | THU | 13 APR | ROME

***History of Rome Lecture, Colosseum and Roman Forum, Rome's Piazze.***

After breakfast, we gather in the hotel meeting room where we are joined by a history professor who will begin to unravel the multiple layers of Roman history and set the stage for our days of exploration.

We will then travel to the Roman Forum where a local expert will spur our imagination to envision the buildings now in ruin.

The field trip will continue to the Colosseum where we will hear some interesting anecdotes about Roman entertainment so many centuries ago.

This afternoon a local expert will lead our walking field trip to three landmarks in the heart of Rome: Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Baroque Trevi Fountain.

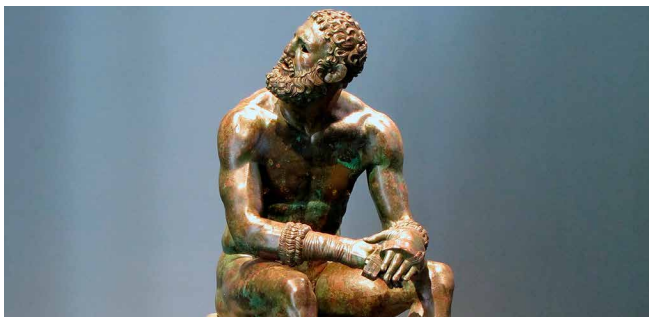
The Pantheon is the best-preserved monument from ancient Rome. We will explore the interior with a local expert.

Next, we visit the Fontana di Trevi, the largest in the city and one of the most beautiful.

We will end our walk in Piazza Navona where we will learn how the long oval piazza was built by Emperor Domitian (81-96 CE) for track and field games.

#### BREAKFAST-LUNCH

#### HOTEL NAVONA



#### DAY 9 | FRI | 14 APR | ROME

##### *St. Peter's Square, Castel Sant'Angelo, Palazzo Massimo alle Terme.*

Our local expert will meet us at the hotel for a walk across the Tiber to visit the exteriors of St. Peter's Basilica, St. Peter's Square, and the Castel Sant'Angelo, learning about the history of the Vatican and its role in the history of Rome from its founding to the present.

In the afternoon we head toward Roma Termini from where we will walk to the Palazzo Massimo alle Terme for an expert-led visit of this museum housed in a 19th-century residence. The spacious, light filled exhibition spaces hold a fine collection of ancient Roman art.

#### BREAKFAST-LUNCH-DINNER

#### HOTEL NAVONA

#### DAY 10 | SAT | 15 APR | DEPART

##### *Departure for USA.*

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#### BREAKFAST

## MEET YOUR GUIDE

### MIMMO CUOMO

Domenico "Mimmo" Cuomo nearly completed law school at the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, but then fell in love with leading cultural travel groups. Mimmo has over twenty years of experience working on educational tours throughout Europe. Mimmo is also a member of the "National Carabinieri Association" and volunteers for the civil protection corps. He grew up and still resides in the Campi Flegrei, situated to the west of Naples. He loves working with visitors from around the world as it offers him the opportunity for cultural exchange and sharing his knowledge of European cultures. Specializing in sailing catamarans, he is a certified charter boat captain. Mimmo is fluent in English and Italian.

## PRICING DETAILS

### **\$3,999 per person**

#### Price includes:

- Airfare relevant to itinerary
- Accommodations, meals, and beverages with meals
- Sightseeing and activities as described, including entrance fees
- Rail tickets relevant to itinerary
- Private vehicle transportation and driver
- Full-time guide for duration of the program
- Travel protection, including medical and trip cancellation
- All gratuities
- Departure tax

Price does not include: Passport fees; items of a personal nature.

## THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on a minimum of 35 participants in triple/quadruple occupancy.

Deposit of \$499 is due Friday, September 30, 2022, \$300 of this deposit is non-refundable.

Payment 1 of \$1,750 is due Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

Payment 2 of \$1,750 is due Tuesday, January 3, 2023, all funds become non-refundable.

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