



Spring Break Trip Italy 2022 Monday March 14-Wednesday March 23

Mon Mar 14: Departure from Kansas City to Florence.

Day 1 Tues Mar 15: Arrival in Florence, transfer to hotel. Walking tour from the hotel with Ms Meyers. Let's get to know Florence in all its Renaissance splendor! Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza del Duomo, Baptistery of San Giovanni, Piazza della Signoria Ponte Vecchio. We'll have time for shopping and a gelato at Grom. Dinner and overnight Florence at hotel Silla.

Day 2 Wed Mar 16: Florence

Morning tour with our guide of the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's David. We'll walk over to Santa Croce basilica to see its exquisite funerary monuments and frescoes by Giotto. After lunch, free time shopping in the open-air leather markets. Before dinner, walk to San Miniato for a spectacular view of Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

Day 3 Thurs Mar 17: Florence to Rome

Early morning departure via private coach for Rome. Along the way, we'll stop at the picturesque town of Assisi for a tour with our local guide. We'll visit the Basilica of St. Francis. Lunch in Assisi and then we'll continue on to Rome. A short walking tour with Ms Meyers to see some of the splendors of Rome. Dinner and overnight stay in Rome at hotel Nord Nuova.

Day 4 Fri Mar 18: Morning visit with our guide to Forum Romanum, Colosseum, and Arch of Constantine. After lunch, a walking tour with Ms. Meyers of Ancient Rome: Forum of Trajan, Circus Maximus, and San Clemente to see Rome in 1st century CE. We'll see the famous underground Roman Mithraeum. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 5 Sat Mar 19: Morning departure for guided visit of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral. Don't miss seeing the Swiss Guard wearing uniforms designed by Michelangelo. Lunch at Duecento Gradi (3, Piazza del Risorgimento). Afternoon walking tour of Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and Trevi Fountain. Gelato at San Crispino. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 6 Sun Mar 20: Pompeii and Sorrento

Early morning departure for travel by private coach to Sorrento. Stop for a snack along the way. Arrive in Naples for a pizza lunch in a local restaurant. Afternoon guided visit to Pompeii including Caecilius' house. We won't be able to go inside, but we'll pose for a picture outside. After Pompeii, we'll head to our hotel in Sorrento, a picturesque town perched atop cliffs with sweeping views of the sea. If time permits, a quick tour of Sorrento. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento at Hotel Michelangelo.

Mon Mar 21: Sorrento and Rome

Morning in Sorrento for shopping, enjoying the views and the lovely seaside town. Don't miss the huge lemons, citrons, for which Sorrento is famous. It is also well known for its brilliant coral jewelry. Depart for Rome after lunch in Sorrento. We'll have some free time for sightseeing or shopping before dinner. Dinner and overnight in Rome at Hotel Nord Nuova.

Tues Mar 22: Morning visit to the Galleria Borghese to see sculptures of Bernini: Apollo & Daphne, Persephone & Hades and others. Afterwards walking tour of churches, cathedrals, and amazing art. Afternoon free for shopping and sightseeing, our final day in the Eternal City. Farewell dinner and overnight in Rome.

Wed Mar 23: Transfer to Fiumicino Airport in Rome for return flight to the U.S.