



# Rainbow Educational Tours

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Proposed Itinerary for:

## FRANCE/ITALY

10 days / 8 nights

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### DAY 1 DEPART CALAGRY

Depart on your overnight flight to Paris.

### DAY 2 NORMANDY (D)

Upon arrival at Paris airport, be met by coach and tour escort and depart to Normandy. You will arrive into Arromanche in the afternoon, and have time to visit the city and Juno Beach. Transfer to your hotel in the Caen area, have dinner and overnight.

### DAY 3 VIMY (B,D)

Breakfast in hotel. This morning depart to Vimy, where you will arrive in early afternoon. Have a guided visit, and then continue onto Paris. You will have dinner and then you will have a cruise on the Bateaux Parisiens down the Seine River. Overnight Paris

### DAY 4 PARIS (B,D)

Breakfast in hotel This morning you will have a sightseeing tour around the major monuments of Paris: the Tour Eiffel (get your cameras ready at the Palais de Chaillot photo stop), the Arc de Triomphe by day, the Madeleine, the sumptuous Opera Garnier, the Ile de la Cite with Notre Dame and la Sainte Chapelle and many other sights. After an independent lunch you will board your coach for the excursion to the Palace and Grounds of the Sun King at Versailles for a guided tour (entrance fee is included). See the Grands Appartements of the royal living quarters and the beautiful Galerie des Glaces also known as the Hall of Mirrors. You will time to wander through parts of the exquisitely landscaped grounds with the many fountains. Tonight special dinner in a local restaurant in Montmartre then overnight Paris

### DAY 5 PARIS (B,D)

Breakfast in hotel This morning you will have a guided tour of the Louvre (entrance fee is included), where you will see the Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo. This afternoon, go to the Tour Eiffel. You will have dinner, and then transfer to the train station to catch your overnight train to Florence.

### **DAY 6 FLORENCE (D)**

Upon arrival at Florence's train station, have an independent breakfast and board the coach to the hotel to leave your luggage. Then go and meet your local guide for a walking tour of Florence: you will see Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and Michelangelo's David.

In the afternoon, free time at leisure in Florence.

Dinner and overnight Florence.

### **DAY 7 FLORENCE & ROME (B,D)**

Breakfast in hotel. This morning you will have a guided tour of Uffizi Art Gallery.

Some free time for lunch, then transfer to the train station and catch your fast train to Rome.

Upon arrival, board the coach and transfer to the hotel. Check in to your rooms, and then go for dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight Rome.

### **DAY 8 ROME (D)**

Breakfast in hotel. This morning have a half day guided visit to the Vatican City including the incredible Vatican Museum (entrance fee is included) and St. Peter's Basilica. The tiny state has its own flag, anthem, coins and stamps. The Vatican collections in the museum house beautiful frescoes, paintings and numerous jeweled chalices and religious artifacts. The highlight of the tour will no doubt be magnificent Sistine Chapel. You will also see the Castel Sant' Angelo on the banks of the Tiber and stroll in the enormous circular area surrounded by Bernini's columns known as St. Peter's Square.

Free time for lunch, then your guided activities continue by visiting the Catacombs (entrance fee is included), going along ancient Via Appia.

Dinner and overnight Rome

### **DAY 9 ROME (B,D)**

Breakfast in hotel. This morning have a half day of sightseeing in this ancient city: let the magic of this bustling city grow on you! Today your sightseeing takes you to the ruins of the Roman Forum which was the center of the then-known world 2000 years ago, on to the enormous Colosseum which could hold more than 50,000 spectators.

This afternoon you will have a walking tour of Baroque Rome. Your guide will take you to visit some of the well-known landmarks of Rome best seen on foot: the Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon...

Tonight you will have a Folklore evening in a Roman restaurant and then return to your hotel overnight.

### **DAY 10 DEPARTURE (B)**

After breakfast in hotel, board the coach and transfer to Rome's airport for your return flight.

End of tour.

## **INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS TOUR:**

-Airfare Calgary/Paris/Rome/Calgary

-Airport taxes

**ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR ESCORT** with the group throughout the tour, including his/her board and lodging.

### **ENGLISH SPEAKING LICENSED GUIDES:**

Half day Normandy

Half day Vimy

Half day Florence

Half day Florence

Full day Rome

Full day Rome

### **ENTRANCE FEES, BOOKING FEES & HEADPHONES:**

Versailles

Louvre

Tour Eiffel

Accademia museum, including booking fee

Uffizi Art Gallery, including booking fee

Vatican museums, including headsets

Catacombs

Coliseum, including booking fee

### **BOAT:**

Cruise on Bateaux Parisiens.

### **PRIVATE COACH TRANSPORTATION:**

Paris airport-Half day Normandy-Hotel in Caen area

Caen-Vimy-Arras-Paris

Full day Paris

Hotel-Paris train station

Florence train station-hotel

Hotel-Florence train station

Rome train station-hotel

Full day Rome

Hotel-restaurant-hotel

Hotel-airport.

Including parking, tolls, taxes and ticket.

Driver's board and lodging is included.

- Train tickets (for the tour escort as well);

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THIS TOUR:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Lunches
- Passport and Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Extra Beverages with meals other than what is supplied
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- Travel Insurance
- Tips or gratuities for coach driver, guides or escort.
- **Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes**
- **Any drastic shift in the exchange rate.**
- **Any additional taxes imposed by any authority before departure**



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