



# RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Proposed Itinerary for:  
**Greece/Italy**  
**13 days / 11 nights**

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**Athens (3) Aegina (1) Tolon (1) Overnight Ferry (1) Sorrento (2) Rome (3)**

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## **Day 1**

Leave **Calgary's** International Airport via wide-bodied jet to Greece. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.

## **Day 2**

Arrive in **Athens**. The **Rainbow Educational Tour Representative** will meet you upon arrival and escort you to your waiting coach. Then you will be transferred to your hotel where you will finally be able to get some sleep. Daily continental breakfast and dinner are included in your tour.

## **Day 3**

This morning you will have a guided sightseeing tour of Athens including a visit to the **Acropolis**. Four buildings remain on the site of the Acropolis, the **Parthenon, the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheum**. The Erechtheum housed the beautiful **Caryatids** and the columns in the shape of women. The Original Caryatids are now in the Acropolis Museum. The dominating structure is the **Parthenon**, a miracle of construction in its time. You will also see **the Plaka, the National Gardens and Syntagma Square**. There will also be a visit to the **Archaeological Museum**. After lunch you will have an excursion to **Cape Sounion** and the **Temple of Poseidon**. From here you will have a sweeping view of the Aegean Sea.. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

## **Day 4**

This morning you will have an early departure for the **port of Piraeus** where you embark on a **Cruise of the Greek Islands**. You will call at the islands of **Aegina** where you will get off and spend the night. Dinner and overnight Aegina.

### Day 5

You will have breakfast and then catch the ship and continue on to **Hydra** and **Poros** for shore visits. **No wandering off as the ship departs each port on time.** You will have a light lunch on board; this is a very popular day! Dinner and overnight in Athens.

### Day 6

Travel this morning through the **Plain of Argolis** to ancient **Epidaurus** and **Mycenae**. In **Epidaurus**, marvel at the almost acoustically perfect ancient theatre. The theatre has remained in excellent condition and can seat 14 000. It is completely hidden from view until you have climbed nearly to its level. **Mycenae** is shrouded in a mystery of how the civilization began and how it ended and the well-preserved ruins are some of the most celebrated archaeological discoveries in modern history. Visit old Corinth and the ruins of the **Temple of Apollo**. Then, cross the spectacular **Corinth Canal** to **Tolon** for Folklore **dinner** and overnight.

### Day 7

This morning you will have a Full Day Tour to **Delphi**, site of the ancient **Oracle of Delphi**. The Oracle is situated near the foot of **Mount Parnassos** with a towering cliff on one side and a deep ravine on the other. Ascend the sacred way through the sanctuary where you see the Spartan Monument, the Monument of the Kings of Argos, and the beautiful polished white marble building of the Treasury of the Athenians. You will have a chance to visit the natural amphitheater built into the side of the hill and also the museum of Delphi. Return to **Patras** where you will take the overnight ferry to Bari. You will have dinner and breakfast on the ferry.

### Day 8

This morning you will arrive into **Bari** and be met by your escort and coach on arrival. Travel south early this morning to one of the world's largest archaeological finds, **Pompeii**. See **Vesuvius** and then the excavated ruins of the results of that long-ago eruption which put Pompeii into a time-warp preserving forever the moment of panic and death. You will meet your Pompeii guide in front of the main entrance of Pompeii. Your guide will bring the city alive in your imagination as you see the wheel ruts of the chariots still marked in the stone streets. Continue to the city of **Sorrento**. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and then your escort will give you an orientation of the area. The city is spread out along beautiful cliffs overlooking the **Bay of Naples**. Transfer to your hotel for dinner in the hotel and overnight.

### Day 9

Today you transfer to the docks at **9:00 AM** by local mini bus and take the jetfoil to the **Isle of Capri**. From there, WEATHER PERMITTING, visit Capri's most celebrated wonders by rowboat, the **Blue Grotto**. You will have a sight seeing tour of Capri including **Anacapri** by minibus. Return to your hotel in Sorrento for dinner at **7:30 PM in the hotel** and overnight.

### Day 10

After breakfast you will board your coach heading for Rome. First you will stop at **Cassino Cemetery** to see the graves of Canadian soldiers and then continue on to Rome. After

checking into your hotel, you will be given a **walking tour**. Dinner in the hotel and overnight Rome.

### **Day 11**

You will depart by bus and your guide from the hotel after breakfast. This will be your first day of sightseeing in this ancient city. Let the magic of this bustling city grow on you! Today your sightseeing takes you to the heart of ancient Rome. Then you will go to see such sights as the **Piazza Venezia** with the dominating white marble monument to **Victor Emmanuel**. See the ruins of the **Roman Forum** which was the center of the then-known world 2000 years ago and continue on to the enormous **Colosseum** which could hold more than 50,000 spectators and the nearby **Arch of Constantine**. There will be time for lunch on your own. Then you will travel along **the Via Appia Antica** to the **Catacombs**. Entrance is included to one of these underground Christian cemeteries. You will have dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 12**

This morning you will travel by bus to meet your guide at the entrance to the Vatican Museums will give you a guided sightseeing tour of **Vatican City** and **St. Peter's Basilica**. The tiny state has its own flag, anthem, coins and stamps. The highlight of the tour will no doubt be Michelangelo's 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. Inside the huge basilica is another of Michelangelo's famous works, the Pieta. Dominating the apse of the cathedral is the great bronze throne created by Bernini known as St. Peter's Throne. The afternoon is free and this is the ideal opportunity to do some more sightseeing. Tonight you will have a **farewell dinner** and overnight Rome.

### **Day 13**

Transfer with assistance to the airport for your flight home to Canada filled with wonderful memories of your trip.

#### **Included in the Cost of the Tour:**

- Airfare Calgary/ Athens/Rome/Calgary via Lufthansa
- All transportation as stated in the day-to-day itinerary
- Continental Breakfast and dinners daily
- 10 nights Tourist Class Accommodation in multi bedded rooms (mostly triples) with individual beds and bathrooms
- One night on an overnight Ferry in Quad rooms
- Services of the RAINBOW representatives in Greece and Italy
- Entrances and guided sightseeing tours as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of the RAINBOW educational consultant before departure including meetings with parents,
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess Medical, Trip Cancellation and Baggage.
- Airport Tax
- Visit to the Acropolis and National Museum

- Tour to Cape Sounion
- Three Island Cruise
- Tour to Epidaurus and Mycenae and Corinth Canal
- Entrance to Pompeii and guide
- Full Day tour to Delphi
- Minibus in Sorrento
- Blue Grotto
- Entrance to the Colosseum and Catacombs in Rome
- Entrance to the Vatican Museums and guided tour.

**Not Included:**

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Lunches and extra beverages with meals
- Passport and Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- Fuel surcharges imposed by airlines or any new taxes**

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