



RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Proposed Itinerary for
Rome, Paris, London
12 Days / 10 Nights

Sorrento (2), Rome (1), Train (1), Paris (3), London (3)

Thursday April 21,

Day One - Depart Calgary International Airport to Rome, Italy. Enjoy in light meals and services.

Friday April 22

Day Two - You will be met at the **Leonardo da Vinci** airport in **Rome** by the **RAINBOW EDUCATIONAL TOURS** representative who will be with you for the entire time you are in Italy. Then you will be transferred to **Sorrento**. Upon arrival in Sorrento you will 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**. The best views can be seen from **the Villa Comunale** near the Church of **San Francesco** or from the terrace behind the **Musco Correale**. If you wish we can arrange a visit to an inlaid wood factory. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday April 23

Day Three - Today you transfer to the docks and take a boat ride to the **Isle of Capri**. From there, **WEATHER PERMITTING**, visit Capri's most celebrated wonders by rowboat, the **Blue Grotto**. Spend time exploring Capri. Take a cog railway up to the town where you can stroll the **Piazzetta** en route to the **Gardens of Augustus** for picturesque views. Return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Sunday April 24

Day Four - Leave Sorrento this morning travelling to Rome. On the way you will stop at 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. 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. You will continue to Rome where you will check into the hotel and then be given an orientation of the area. Dinner and overnight Rome.

Monday April 25

Day Five - 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 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, and then along the **Via Appia Antica** to the Catacombs. Entrance is included to one of these underground Christian cemeteries. This afternoon you will have a half day guided sightseeing to **Vatican City** including the incredible **Vatican Museum** 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 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. You will have dinner and. Then transfer to the train station for your overnight journey to Paris. You will have comfortable couchette sleeping berths and experience a very popular way for Europeans to travel.

Tuesday April 26

Day Six – You will arrive into Paris at **Gare de Lyon station**, from Rome Then board your coach with your local guide for a half-day sightseeing tour. Your tour takes you around the major monuments of Paris: the **Tour Eiffel**, (get your cameras ready at the **Palais de Chaillot** photo stop), the **Arc de Triomphe**, the **Madeleine**, the sumptuous **Opera Garnier**, the **Ile de la Cite**, with **Notre Dame** and la **Sainte Chapelle** and many other sights. Transfer to your hotel (Hotel Ideal). The Rainbow Educational Tours representative will meet you. He will give you an orientation of the famous **Parisian Metro** and the area where you are staying. The Metro in Paris consists of 18 lines, over 350 stations and transports over five million people each weekday! Continental breakfasts and dinner each evening are included in Paris. Take an evening stroll in the Place de la Concorde for your first glimpse of the floodlit monuments of Paris, notably the **Arc de Triomphe** at the head of the long **Champs Elysees** and the fountains and obelisk of **Concorde**. As you gaze around the spacious Place it is hard to imagine the guillotine set up here during the French Revolution and the many heads that rolled. After dinner you will go to the third level of the **Eiffel Tower**. Overnight in Paris.

Wednesday April 27

Day Seven - This morning you will go on the Metro with your **Rainbow Educational Tours** Representative to the **Louvre** for a guided sight seeing tour. Then, you will board your coach for an excursion to the **Palace and Grounds of the Sun King** at **Versailles** for a guided tour. You will see the **Grands Appartements** of the royal living quarters and the beautiful **Galerie des Glaces** also known as the **Hall of Mirrors**. You will have time to wander through parts of the exquisitely landscaped grounds with the many fountains. Return to Paris for dinner.

Thursday April 28

Day Eight - This morning you will go by Metro to the **Perfumery Fragonard** near the Opera Garnier and its museum of perfume. The rest of the day is free for your own plans. Why not climb the steps up to **Montmartre** where the white **Basilica of Sacre Coeur** gleams high above Paris. Visit the Basilica and then go around the corner to the nearby **Place du Tertre** where artists have set up their easels, and perhaps have your portrait sketched. You may wish to spend the day exploring the **Ile de la Cite** and visit **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the **Conciergerie**, where Marie Antoinette and many other victims of the Reign of Terror of the French Revolution spent their last days before being guillotined. You can also visit and see the exquisite example of Gothic architecture of **Sainte Chapelle**. There are many other options: visit the new **Musee d'Orsay**, home of the Impressionist art, go to the top of the **Arc de Triomphe** or stroll the renowned **Champs-Elysees**. By now you will feel at ease in the city and able to travel on foot or by metro like a Parisian! You might want to shop in the **Grands Magasins** such as **Printemps** and **Galleries Lafayette**. Explore the **Latin Quarter** and pick up some interesting souvenirs on the 'Boul' 'Mich'. After dinner enjoy a scenic cruise down the **Seine River** on one of the famous **Bateaux Mouches** boat rides, overnight in Paris.

Friday April 29

Day Nine - This morning your coach will pick you up and take you to Vimy Ridge where you will have a tour of the site and then continue to Calais where you will take the ferry across to Dover and then be transferred to your hotel in London.

Saturday April 30

Day Ten - This morning you will leave with your London guide for a sightseeing tour of the highlights of the city on foot and by Tube. First you will go to one of the most historic buildings in London- **Westminster Abbey**. The Abbey dates from the 11th century and the start of the Norman Conquest of William the Conqueror; you will see a cavalcade of the ages on tombs and portraits. See **Big Ben**, the **Parliament Buildings**, **#10 Downing Street** and continue down Whitehall past the Admiralty where you will see the famous Horse Guards. Continue through **St. James's Park** and up the Mall to **Buckingham Palace**. You will watch the ceremony of the **Changing of the Guard**. Walk past the palace to **Hyde Park Corner** where you will take the Tube to **Covent Garden**, the former **Market Square of London**. There will be time for lunch before continuing to the **Tower of London** where your guided visit includes entrance to the **Jewel House** to see the **Crown Jewels of the Royal Family**. Tonight you will attend a live **West End Theatre** performance.

Sunday May 01

Day Eleven - Today you will take the Metro to Greenwich with your guide. You will have a tour of Greenwich including The Maritime Museum and the Old Royal Observatory. The world's time has been measured from the Old Royal Observatory since 1884. The adjoining National Maritime Museum has exhibits ranging from primitive canoes, through Elizabethan galleons, to modern ships. You will return to

London by a boat on the River Thames. There will be some free time as shoppers in the group will no doubt want to spend time in the famous department stores **HARROD'S** and **SEFRIDGE'S**. **Oxford Street** and **Regent Street** and **Camden Lock** are also popular shopping destinations. You may also decide to visit the **War Museum**. If you have budgeted for extra entrance fees, you might want to go over to the macabre London Dungeon or visit **Madame Tussaud's famous waxworks**. Tonight after Dinner you will be going on the Famous **Ghost of The Old City Walk**.

Monday May 02

Day Twelve - Transfer to the airport for your direct flight back to Canada.

Included in the Cost of the Tour:

- Airfare Calgary/Rome/London/Calgary via scheduled airlines such as Air Canada, Lufthansa
- All transfers
- Continental Breakfast daily (except one on the overnight train)
- Dinners.
- 9 nights Tourist Class Accommodation in multi bedded rooms
- Entrances as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Tickets to West End Theatre
- Ghost Walk
- Boat Ride on the Bateaux Mouches or similar-
- Entrance to the third level of the Eiffel Tower.
- Carnet (10) of Metro Tickets for Paris
- Ferry tickets Calais to Dover
- Second class tickets with couchettes on the overnight train Paris to Rome-
- Tube passes in London for the one day of sight seeing
- Services of the RAINBOW Educational consultant before departure including materials for the students
- Airport Taxes
- Comprehensive Insurance: Excess Medical, Trip Cancellation, and Baggage

Not Included:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Passport
- Visa Fees (if necessary)
- Beverages with meals
- Optional tours, excursions and activities
- Gratuities for tour managers, guides, coach drivers and in restaurants.
- Single supplements for any single hotel room accommodation required
- **Fuel surcharges if applied by the airlines**
- Any additional taxes imposed by any authority before departure.

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