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Rates from £825.00 per person, based on 15 paying students in twin rooms with the below inclusions. All groups also benefit from 24 hour emergency assistance, free mobile phone for group leaders, and directional and tourist maps for all participants.

Day 1

AM Arrive in Italy, transfer from airport to hotel in Rome by private coach

PM ½ day guided tour of architectural Rome with private coach and guide

Benvenuto in Italia! This morning you will arrive in Rome, where you will be met at the airport by your private coach. Upon arrival at your hotel you will leave your luggage before some free time to explore the local area. You will then return to the hotel to meet your guide and coach for a specialist tour of Rome. During your tour you will cover all of the major sites, including the Vatican, Colosseum, Capitoline and Pantheon. Rome is a city rich in architecture and history, and you will find yourself in awe of the beautiful locations you will see throughout the afternoon.

Day 2

AM Entrance to Colosseum

PM Entrance to Vatican

Your day will begin with entrance to the Colosseum. The largest ever amphitheatre built in the Roman Empire, this spectacular concrete and stone building is considered to be one of the world's greatest examples of Roman architecture and engineering.

Following your visit you will make your way to what is technically another country, although rest assured you don't need your passport to enter the Vatican. Ruled by the Pope, this is the smallest, both in population and area, internationally recognised independent state in the world. During your time here you will visit the museums, churches and areas of the buildings, including the world famous Sistine Chapel.

Day 3

AM Entrance to Villa Borghese

PM Entrance to Capitoline

Villa Borghese is the 2nd largest public park in Rome and home to the Borghese collection, including some outstanding sculptures by Cardinal Borghese dating back to the 1600s. The park has many works of art, and exhibitions ensuring you will be spoilt for choice for things to do during your all too short time here.

After free time for lunch the group will visit the Capitoline Hill, where the Capitoline Museum can be found. The collection includes artefacts, jewellery, and an extensive variety of medieval and renaissance art.

Day 4

AM Depart Rome for Florence via high speed train

PM Entrance to Uffizi

After checking out of your hotel, you will depart for Florence making your way to the station by private coach. Your high speed train will take just over 75 minutes, taking you right to the heart of the city, where you will walk to your centrally located hotel. Your tour guide will meet you at your hotel and escort you to Uffizi, where you will have a guided tour of the museum, one of the most famous and respected in the Western world. Your guide will cover a wealth of different artists including Michelangelo, Caravaggio, Della Francesca and Da Vinci, just to name a few.

Day 5

AM Entrance to Accademia

PM ½ day trip to Siena

Founded in 1563 by Cosimo I de' Medici, the Accademia di Belle Arti is now the main branch of the still existing Accademia delle Arti del Disegno. Perhaps the most famous statue housed in the museum is that of David, and many are fooled into thinking that they have seen the original in the Piazza outside, when actually this is a replica. The original can be seen inside the gallery.

After lunch you will board your coach for a trip to the beautiful city of Siena. A UNESCO world heritage site, it is one of Italy's most visited tourist attractions. Your guide will take you on a guided tour before leaving you free time to explore the city, which is home to many beautiful locations, the most popular of which is the Duomo, where you will find a number of great works of art. On your way back you have the option to stop at the Piazza Michelangelo to view Florence from afar.

Day 6

AM Entrance to Bargello Museum

PM Entrance to Pitti Palace

Bargello is also known as the Bargello Palace, Museo Nazionale del Bargello, or Palazzo del Popolo (Palace of the People), and is a former barracks and prison, now containing a famous art museum. Works by Michelangelo, Donatello, and Celini, just to name a few, can be found there.

After your visit to Bargello your final stop will be the Pitti Palace. Originally the home of Luca Pitti, a wealthy banker, this vast Renaissance Palace contains several minor collections as well as those of the Medici family who purchased the palace in 1549.

Day 7

AM Depart Florence

Sadly today you will leave the wonderful city of Florence, and return home. Your coach will transport you to the airport to catch your flight, leaving you with a whole host of memories of a country steeped in art and architecture.

Buon viaggio!

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