

Your best travel programs are as good as the partner behind them.



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MBA Roundtable

Smithsonian University Travel Programs

Innovation Through Collaboration

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A founding corporate member



Together we build the best programs to elevate your educational outcome



Your goals come first

Our mission is simple: To meet your goals, however open-ended or specific they may be. Our decades of experience partnering with university educators help us identify the specific travel experiences that will extend and enrich the academic syllabus.

Our integrated approach

We believe the best travel-based education is a meld of art and science. The science of our formidable ability to get you to the right place at the right time to do your learning in comfort. The art of our ability to imbed the curriculum-tuned, real-life learning experiences into the travel agenda. To us, travel is a springboard for learning, versus an end in itself.

Safety and security for peace of mind

We've spent years building the infrastructure and partnerships to deliver safety and reliability for your traveling groups that exceeds your university travel standards. From the details – like pre-travel safety orientation presentations – to the major items – like our \$50 million liability coverage, we are relentlessly focused on emergency preparedness so that your groups can travel with absolute confidence.

Putting partnership first

At WorldStrides we have a real passion for people, education and travel. And our enjoyment in serving you and your students shows in every facet of our work on behalf of your organization. It starts with a single point of contact—your personal guide through each phase of the program process, from strategy to administrative approvals to travel logistics. What's more, our program managers are backed by an internal team of over 1000 professionals in more than 60 offices around the world, working together as a virtual extension of your university team.



This year, WorldStrides celebrates 50 years of excellence in educational travel. Our Capstone programs set the standard in more than 400 higher ed institutions across the world. A spirit of innovation drives us to for the future – to exceed expectations for the next travel program and continue to change lives.



Your itinerary overview

The following itinerary is a working document and is subject to change (revised 7/27/2017).

March 9

Friday

Meals Included:
Per airline

Departure

- Group flight departs for Rome.

Departure Flights

Flight #	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
KL612	Chicago (ORD)	Amsterdam (AMS)	4:30 p.m.	7:10 a.m. + 1
KL1601	Amsterdam (AMS)	Rome (FCO)	9:55 a.m.	12:10 p.m.

March 10

Saturday

Meals Included:
Per airline
Dinner

Rome Accommodations:
[Hotel Rex](#) (1 of 4)

Arrival and Acclimation in Rome

Welcome to Rome! Once the heartbeat of the world's most important empire, modern Rome is a well-preserved monument to its historical legacy and an experience in living well. Whether you are viewing the artistic wonders of the Vatican, meeting with business leaders in the business district, or simply enjoying an afternoon espresso, the Eternal City leaves an eternal impression.

- Meet your guide and board your private coach at the airport for transfer to the hotel. Your guide or tour manager will distribute public transportation passes for all travel within Rome (1-week CIS travel card).
- Enroute to the hotel, visit **Ostia Antica**, a powerful trading city during the height of the Roman Empire. Time permitting, the visit will conclude with a stop at the Museum displaying Roman statuary (entrance included)
- Lunch on own, stop provided.
- Check in to your hotel.
- Taste the local cuisine with a Welcome Dinner (coach transportation provided).

March 11

Sunday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Rome Accommodations:
[Hotel Rex](#) (2 of 4)

Immersion in Rome: Colosseum, Pantheon, and more

- Meet full day guide in hotel lobby for full day cultural tours via public transport.
- Enjoy morning Cultural visits
 - Start the day with Guided tour of the **Colosseum**, completed under Titus in 80 AD, to include the Arch of Constantine (entrance included)
 - Visit **Palatine Hill** and the **Roman Forum**, featuring the remains of temples, basilicas, and triumphal arches
 - Visit the **Pantheon**, the oldest and largest-scale dome in Rome, in continuous use throughout its history (free admission)
 - View **Trajan's Column & Market**, completed in 113 AD as a monument to Emperor Trajan; stroll past the Victor Emmanuel Monument, created to honor the first king of a unified Italy (no entrances included)
 - Stop in the church of San Luigi dei Francesi to see the Contarelli Chapel, featuring 3 paintings by Caravaggio based on scenes from the life of St Matthew (free admission)
 - Make a brief stop at Santa Maria della Vittoria to view Bernini's Ecstasy of St. Teresa (free admission, limited times open)
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon Visit to the **Museo Borghese**, located in the Borghese Palace and featuring sculptures by Bernini and masterpieces by Raphael, Titian and Caravaggio (entrance and audio guides included)
- After visit, return to hotel. Return to your hotel and enjoy a free evening.
- Dinner on own.



March 12

Day trip to Pompeii

Monday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Rome Accommodations:
[Hotel Rex](#) (3 of 4)

- Meet Full day private coach and full day assistant in hotel lobby for cultural tour to Pompeii (bottled water provided on coach)
- Meet the local specialist guide who joins group in **Pompeii** for tour (2 hours). Entrance to Pompeii ruins included.
- Lunch on own in Pompeii and free time to further explore
- Return to your hotel. Enjoy a free evening.

March 13

Immersion in Rome: Vatican City

Tuesday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Rome Accommodations:
[Hotel Rex](#) (4 of 4)

- All travel today via public transport with full day guide
- Morning visit of the **Vatican Museums**, including the **Raphael Rooms** and the **Sistine Chapel**. (Entrances included and audio guides included)
- Visit in **St Peter's Basilica**. (Entrances and whisperers included)
- Lunch on own
- Group will meet in the hotel lobby for visits to **San Carlo** and **San Andrea Cathedrals**
- Return to your hotel and experience the city on your own for dinner.

March 14

Travel to Florence | City tour in Siena

Wednesday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Florence Accommodations:
[Hotel Jane](#) (1 of 4)

- Meet full day guide in hotel lobby for transfer to Siena via private coach (bottled water provided on coach)
- City Tour of Siena to include the **Duomo** and **Piccolomini Library**, and the **Piazza del Campo** (entrances included, no guide included, whisperers are available but not included)
- Lunch on own in Siena
- Continue on coach to Florence
- Arrive at the hotel. Enjoy a free evening.
- Dinner on own.

March 15

Immersion in Florence

Thursday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Florence Accommodations:
[Hotel Jane](#) (2 of 4)

- Meet full day guide in hotel lobby for full day cultural tours. All sightseeing will be done on foot.
 - Enjoy the **Piazza del Duomo** and its cathedral, tower and baptistery which exhibit Florentine art from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. We will also visit the **Duomo Museum** (entrances included to the Duomo complex including the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Brunelleschi's Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistry of San Giovanni, the Crypt of Santa Reparata, and the Opera museum. Whisperers also included.)
- Lunch on own
- Continue with full day guide for afternoon cultural tours.
 - Explore the **Piazza della Signoria**
 - Visit the **Accademia Gallery** to view Michelangelo's masterpiece David and Botticelli's Madonna and Child (entrances and audio guides included)
 - Cross the **Ponte Vecchio**, Florence's famous covered bridge
- Return to the hotel. Enjoy a free evening.
- Dinner on own.

March 16

Day Trip to Venice

Friday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Florence Accommodations:
[Hotel Jane](#) (3 of 4)

- Meet assistant in hotel lobby ready to depart for coach pick up location.
- Meet at train station for earliest train to Venice.
- Train from Florence to Venice
- Upon arrival, assistant will greet the group and transfer with group from Piazzale Roma to Venice historical city centre via public vaporetta. Group will receive 24-hour Vaporetto passes for exploring Venice.
- Cultural visits with group:
 - **Vaporetto Ride** along the Grand Canal, described as the world's finest street
 - Rialto Bridge, the most elegant and famous of the bridges that span the Grand Canal



- **St. Mark's Basilica**, featuring interior walls encrusted with spectacular gold mosaics, and including an ascent to the Galleries to see the original bronze horses and a stunning view of St. Mark's Square (entrance included)
- **Doges' Palace**, residence of the rulers of the Serenissima Republic. (entrance included) Please note that you must purchase whisperers if the faculty member would like to explain inside the Doge's Palace.
- **Bridge of Sighs** to the cells where Casanova was once imprisoned
- Lunch on own
- Afternoon free to explore Venice further using Vaporetto pass
- Early Dinner on own
- Meet at train station for latest train back to Florence
- Return train from Venice to Florence
- Upon arrival, return to hotel via coach (driver only, no guide included). Dinner on own.

March 17

Saturday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel

Immersion in Florence: Uffizi Gallery

- Meet half day guide in hotel lobby ready to depart for cultural tour on foot.
- Depart on foot for tour of Uffizi Gallery with group (entrance included)
- Lunch and Dinner on own and remainder of day free

Florence Accommodations:

[Hotel Jane](#) (4 of 4)

March 18

Sunday

Meals Included:
Breakfast at the hotel
Per airline

Return Home

- Check out hotel
- Group met by assistant in the hotel lobby to walk the guests to the coach pick up location and transfer to airport for return flight to USA.(bottled water provided on coach)
- Group flight departs for the US.

Return Flights

<u>Flight #</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Arrival</u>
KL1638	Florence (FLR)	Amsterdam (AMS)	6:35 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
KL611	Amsterdam (AMS)	Chicago (ORD)	12:40 p.m.	3:30 p.m.

Throughout your tour

As part of our commitment to quality and value, we've included the following:

- English-speaking, trained professional tour guides or field specialists throughout the program.
- Wireless internet access in hotels, unless otherwise noted
- Entrances for cultural sites, unless otherwise noted
- Transportation in safe, clean motorcoach, including:
 - Intra-city transportation, as listed in your itinerary
 - Airport transfer for group flight
 - Meal transfers, as noted
 - As noted - Full day =8 hours; Half day = 4 hours
- Round trip train transportation from Florence to Venice and return to Florence (quote only, subject to change until booking)

We thought of that too!

- Bottled water on coach rides
- One non-alcoholic drink at all included meals

Before your program departs

- Customized online registration portal to manage student registration, payments, dietary and health information collection, roommates, etc.
- Destination e-books
- Customized pre-departure packets for students; Binder for faculty

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Your travel arrangements

Air Transportation

- Round-trip international flight is included.
- Group air booking requires 10 or more passengers traveling on the same itinerary.
 - Note: **20 seats held on KLM.**
- Airport transfers included for students on the group international flight.

Departure Flights

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Please note: Intra-program transportation is listed in the working itinerary, unless otherwise noted.

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Hotel Services

- 8 nights hotel accommodations in triple shared rooms:
 - **Rome:** 4 nights in [Hotel Rex](#)
 - **Florence:** 4 nights in [Hotel Jane](#)
- Daily buffet breakfasts at the hotel, wireless internet, hotel taxes, service charges, and applicable meal gratuities included.

Visa Services

WorldStrides' Visa Team is dedicated to assisting faculty, staff, and students with visa procedures and requests. This includes communicating specific visa requirements and provides guidance to non-U.S. residents following their registration. Regardless of whether visas are required or included in package pricing, a customized visa assessment and toolkit (including application(s) and instructions) is emailed to every participant with U.S. residency status following their registration.

- Visas are not required for U.S. citizens entering Italy.

