

Savor the sights and bites of southern Italy on this immersive tour. Explore charming seaside towns and dig in to the local flavors, whether it's a slice of fresh focaccia or a beachside gelato tasting. See the concept of farm-to-table firsthand during visits to a buffalo mozzarella farm, a family-owned olive grove, and a small-batch factory that takes chocolate from bean to bar.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



Cuisine & culture highlights: one local market scavenger hunt challenge, one visit to a local farm and one locally guided walking tour with food tastings.



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; European breakfast and dinner daily





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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday**

– MELISSA, TRAVELER





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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Italy

Day 2: Rome

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Enjoy free time in Rome for lunch.
- Explore the city on a self-guided walking tour to see important sites such as the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, and the Spanish Steps.
- Cap off your first day in Italy with a welcome dinner featuring classic Italian dishes.

Day 3: Rome

- This morning, take a guided tour of Vatican
 City. Be sure to look up at Michelangelo's
 breathtaking ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and
 check out the colorful uniforms of the Swiss
 Guard, protectors of the Vatican.
- Enjoy free time at the Testaccio Market for lunch, and admire the on-site ancient ruins.
 Then take part in a scavenger hunt through the market, where you'll interact with some of the local vendors.
- Enjoy free time this afternoon, or
 participate in an Italian cooking class.

Day 4: Rome | Capua | Benevento

- Travel to Benevento via Capua.
- Visit Capua's Amphitheater and Gladiator Museum, which displays artillery and other ancient relics.
- Spend the afternoon among grazing buffaloes as you explore a working buffalo mozzarella farm. Learn how this cheese is produced and try some savory samples.

Day 5: Benevento | Matera

- Explore Benevento at your own pace this morning.
- Tour a local chocolate factory, where you'll learn how the sweet treat is made and have a chance to taste the finished product.
- Travel to Matera, known as "the Subterranean City" due to its numerous cave dwellings.
- Get familiar with this UNESCO World Heritage City on a self-guided, early-evening walking tour.

Day 6: Matera | Bari

- Enjoy an expert-led tour of Matera. You'll visit
 Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario, a historical cave
 dwelling, and Chiese Rupestri, a magnificent
 church built into the cliffside.
- Travel to the international port city of Bari.
- Take an expert-led tour of Bari. Visit Bari Cathedral, built atop the ruins of an Imperial Byzantine church destroyed in 1156, and the Basilica of St. Nicholas, which contains the remains of the bishop who inspired the legend of Santa Claus. As you stroll the streets, you'll get to sample focaccia and taralli, pretzel-style snacks. You might also see locals making orecchiette, a type of pasta, outside of their homes.

Day 7: Bari | Ostuni I Polignano a Mare

- Visit a masseria, or a family farm, near Bari.
 Many of these farms are home to some of the oldest olive groves in the world. Tour a local farm and participate in an olive oil tasting.
- Travel to Ostuni, where you'll enjoy an expert-led tour of this quaint coastal town known for its whitewashed buildings.
- Transfer to Polignano a Mare, a seaside town on the Adriatic Sea where Italians like to vacation. Delight in a gelato tasting on the beach, then enjoy some free time to relax on the shores of the turquoise waters.

Day 8: Bari | Alberobello

- Travel to Alberobello.
- Enjoy an expert-led tour of Alberobello and its UNESCO-recognized trulli—ancient hut houses with domed stone roofs.
- Wander through the Caves of Castellana on a guided tour. The 90-million-year-old caves are home to breathtaking canyons and ancient fossils, which visitors can view from an underground walkway.

Day 9: Bari | Rome

- Fly from Bari to Rome.
- On an expert-led tour of the Eternal City, see the Theatre of Marcellus, Piazza del Campidoglio, the Roman Forum, and the Colosseum. (Groups will not enter the Roman Forum or Colosseum.)
- Enjoy a special farewell dinner featuring some of the country's best comfort foods.

Day 10: Depart for home



I very much enjoyed ordering gelato in Italian. Being able to apply a language is something I don't get to do often. This is my fragola e cocco (strawberry and coconut) gelato, my personal favorite #EFtravelgoals

- MORGAN, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

Ever since I was a little girl, I wanted to travel to Italy. It finally happened! With the greatest tour guide too! Our tour guide was the nicest and funniest man I have ever met! There was never a dull moment on the trip. Going to Italy for this trip only made me want to visit even more in the near future!

– MARIA. TRAVELER



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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT



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