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# Professional Development in Italy

June 5-13, 2012





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## **C.L.A.S.S. Professional Development in Italy**

A private tour designed by C.L.A.S.S. Education, in conjunction with EF Customized Tours

**Requested departure date: Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

*(Dates below are subject to change. Required date flexibility of 4 days on either side of requested departure date)*

### **Pre-Departure Day: First Meeting**

All travel/professional development participants meet to begin the preparation for the best professional development experience of their lives. The day will be focused on building inclusion with travel mates; Italian culture and trip preparation. Interwoven will be instruction on brain research as it applies to this trip and its application in teaching and learning in the classroom.

### **Pre-Departure Day: Second Meeting**

Reunite with travel mates as everyone begins to understand how this trip will have an effect on their lives and the lives of their students. Understanding cultural differences, packing for international travel, and the C.L.A.S.S. instructional process of *Say it, Play it, Relay it, Weigh it* will be the focus of the presentation at this meeting. Participants will continue to build relationships with the group, discuss current brain research as it applies to the trip and its application to classroom instruction.

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 5, 2012</b>
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*Board your overnight flight to Venice!*

<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 6, 2012</b>
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### **Arrival in Venice**

Arrive in magical Venice, home of Marco Polo. Known globally for its gondoliers and glassware, Venice is also a heady mix of busy piazzas, thronging with pizzerias and cafes, and deserted streets that wander alongside canals. These winding streets lead to hidden gems such as churches and local restaurants serving regional delicacies.

*Overnight in Venice*

**Guided sightseeing of Venice**

Begin your sightseeing of la Serenissima (the city's nickname meaning "the most serene") at St. Mark's Square, "the finest drawing room in Europe," according to Napoleon. Allegedly buried under the altar of the basilica are St. Mark's remains, which, in the 11th century, were smuggled out of Alexandria in a barrel of salt pork to prevent a thorough search by the city's Muslim guards. Also, see the Grand Canal and the 324-foot Campanile (Bell Tower), whose steps were originally built so that a noble could ascend on horseback. Look for the clock where two bronze figures have been striking the hour for over 500 years.

**Visit to the Doges' Palace**

Visit the grand 14th century pink and white Doges' Palace, from which mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Here you'll stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, connecting the palace and its prison. As they crossed the bridge, prisoners supposedly sighed with perfect sadness as they regarded their beautiful city for the last time. Casanova made a daring escape from this prison in 1756. Venice is also famous for its glassware-you'll see why during a glassblowing demonstration.

**Free time in Venice**

The afternoon is yours to explore wondrous Venezia. Stroll along the intertwining canals, or venture into the labyrinth of streets crammed with restaurants and shops. Alternatively, you might wish to take in the views from the Rialto Bridge. Otherwise, enjoy a truly romantic experience and ride in one of the city's many gondolas along some of its finest canals.

*Overnight in Venice* (Dinner is not included this evening.)

**Transfer to Florence**

Set deep in the heart of Tuscany is one of Italy's jewels. The city of Florence has delighted visitors for centuries with its remarkable architecture. Whether sitting by the River Arno, strolling the beautifully housed streets or viewing the renaissance masterpieces that fill the city's churches and museums, one can only be astonished by the feeling of true beauty.

**Guided sightseeing of Florence**

Fall under the spell of the powerful Medici family on your guided tour. See Giotto's Bell Tower and the imposing marble cathedral in the Piazza del Duomo. Stand before Ghiberti's legendary Gates of Paradise (so dubbed by Michelangelo), and pass the classical statues of the Piazza della Signoria- here you can see where Michelangelo's David originally stood. Later, watch local artisans at work at a local leather workshop.

*Overnight in Florence*

**Day 5**

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

**Free time in Florence**

You might take a moment to soak in the cobblestone birthplace of the Renaissance with a cappuccino in one of the small cafes throughout the city. Visit the world-famous Accademia or Uffizi galleries. Maybe you would prefer to peruse the luxurious shops of the Ponte Vecchio, or take a stroll up through the Boboli Gardens to Forte di Belvedere, where you might chance on a sculpture exhibition as you take in the spectacular panorama of Florence.

*Overnight in Florence* (Dinner is not included this evening.)

**Day 6**

**Sunday, June 10, 2012**

**Transfer to Rome via Assisi**

Travel south through the Tuscan countryside to the town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Enjoy free time to explore Assisi before continuing to Rome.

**Arrive in Rome**

Welcome to bella Roma, the Eternal City and capital of the Italian Republic.

*Overnight in Rome*

**Day 7**

**Monday, June 11, 2012**

**Guided sightseeing of Rome**

Your guided sightseeing of ancient Rome takes you past the ancient Forum Romanum, once the heart of the Roman Empire. You will also visit the Colosseum, where gladiators once battled for their lives in front of 50,000 spectators. During a guided walk, stroll through the Piazza Venezia and view the Pantheon, the temple to "all the gods." End at the Trevi Fountain, a favorite meeting spot for tourists and locals alike.

**Free time at Spanish Steps**

Enjoy free time in Piazza di Spagna. Climb the staircase to view the city below, or take the time to wander through one of Rome's most popular shopping areas. Alternatively, snag a moment to relax amongst the hustle and bustle of the city while enjoying a traditional Italian treat- gelato.

*Overnight in Rome*

**Guided sightseeing of Vatican City**

The world's largest dome is located in the world's smallest country. See both as you tour St. Peter's Basilica, erected in Vatican City on the site where the saint was martyred. Enter the basilica under the watchful eyes of the brightly dressed Swiss Guard. Inside, admire Michelangelo's Pietà and try to find the artist's signature (it is the only sculpture he ever signed). Then continue on to the Vatican Museum, where elaborate galleries packed with one artistic masterpiece after another lead you directly to the Sistine Chapel. Between 1508 and 1512, Michelangelo painted some of the world's finest pictorial images on the Chapel's ceiling. This was his first attempt at working in fresco, which he did by standing up and craning backwards from a scaffold.

**Free time in Rome**

Take an opportunity to visit the Forum and explore its fascinating history. You might also want to sit on the grassy banks of the Circus Maximus and imagine what it was like to watch chariot races there. Rome also has some of the most fashionable shops to be found anywhere. If not, just find a café, order a soda and watch the noise and bustle of this fascinating city go by.

*Overnight in Rome***Transfer to the airport for your return flight**

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

**C.L.A.S.S. Instruction**

Throughout each day of the tour, participants will engage in professional development Power Shots that apply directly to brain research, educational practice and their experiences in Italy. The C.L.A.S.S. Travel Journal will be a constant companion for each traveler during the trip to document facts, culture, memories, educational activities related to the brain, and what impact these will have in the classroom.

*Itinerary is subject to change*

For complete financial and registration details, please refer to the Booking Conditions at [www.eftours.com/bc](http://www.eftours.com/bc).



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### Tour Highlights and Details

#### **Overnight stays:**

Venice	(2)
Florence	(2)
Rome	(3)

#### **Comprehensive sightseeing tours led by an expert local guide of the following:**

Venice	Rome
Florence	Vatican City

#### **Entrances included to the following sites:**

Glass Blowing Factory, Venice	Colosseum, Rome
Doges' Palace, Venice	Forum Romanum, Rome
Duomo, Florence	Sistine Chapel, Vatican City
Leather-making Demonstration, Florence	St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

#### **Included in the Program Fee:**

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight stays in first-class, superior tourist class or tourist class hotels (all with private bathrooms)
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner on days 2, 4, 6-8
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director
- Full-time services of a C.L.A.S.S. Instructor
- (2) pre-departure C.L.A.S.S. professional development days
- All C.L.A.S.S. Instructional Materials
- 90 Professional Development recertification hours applicable toward teaching license renewals (optional at no cost; registration for the hours is required)

#### **Not included in the Program Fee:**

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Dinner on day 3, 5
- Public transportation to free time activities



## Educational Tours

**Tour Name**

**Professional Development  
in Italy**

**TOUR INFORMATION**

Group Leader Name	C.L.A.S.S.
Tour Number	1058184
Requested Departure Date	Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Requested Return Date	Wednesday, June 13, 2012
Number of Days	9 Days, 7 Overnights
Departure Gateway	Indianapolis, IN

<b>Tour Costs</b>	<b>For Educators</b>
Program fees <sup>*</sup>	\$2,290
Departure fees <sup>^</sup>	\$475
Instructional Fees	\$300
<b>Total cost of tour</b>	<b>\$3,065</b>

\*Program fees are based on a departure from Indianapolis, IN and are valid for enrollments through March 31, 2011.

<sup>^</sup>Departure fees and surcharges are imposed by airlines and governmental agencies. They cover federal or foreign government imposed landing fees, security fees, and energy/fuel increases. Departure fees are subject to change and can fluctuate. They are finalized 30 days prior to the departure of your tour.

**Additional Tour Items Available (Not Included in Total)**

All Inclusive Insurance Plan	\$145/participant
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