

Classic Italy and Greece



DAY 1: AUSTRALIA – ROME

Please meet at the airport for your international flight to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: ROME

On arrival in Rome you will be met and transferred by coach to your hotel. The rest of the day is then free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher. You may like to make your way (walking or local bus) to the Time Elevator. This is a multi-sensorial attraction showing 3000 years of Roman history from Romulus and Remus to the present day in an exciting and fun way. Dinner tonight will be at your hotel or a local restaurant. *(Entrance fees at own expense).*

DAY 3: ROME (B)

Today you will explore and experience Ancient Rome and its historical perspective. After breakfast meet your guide at the Colosseum for your half-day walking tour of Ancient Rome. You will see the sights of the Colosseum (inside) (opened by the Emperor Vespasian in A.D. 80). With a circumference of 580 yards and height of 157 feet, the Colosseum would hold 50,000 persons. You will then continue on with your tour visiting the Arch of Constantine and the Roman Forum. The afternoon is then free to spend time with your teacher sightseeing, you could visit places such as, Il Campo de' Fiori, Arch of Titus, the Pantheon, the Spanish steps, Victor Emmanuel Monument, and the Trevi Fountain. *(Entrance fee to Colosseum included).*

DAY 4: ROME (B)

This morning you will meet your guide at the Vatican for your second half-day guided tour of Rome. You will visit the Vatican City and its museums, including the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica with its many treasures and masterpieces, including the famous Pieta' of Michelangelo. The rest of the day is then free for independent sightseeing supervised by your teacher, you may like to take a walk to Piazza Navona, which is a vast and beautiful square lined with baroque palaces. The square has three fountains, including Bernini's masterpiece "Fountains of Rivers" in the centre. *(Entrance fee to the Vatican museum & St Peter's headsets included).*

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DAY 5: ROME – NAPLES – SORRENTO (B)

This morning will see you depart Rome by coach bound, for Sorrento. En-route you will stop in Naples. Naples is a lively and vibrant city, full of wonderful historical and artistic treasures and narrow, winding streets with small shops. The name comes from the Greek *Neapolis* meaning new city. You will have a half day guided visit of Naples, your guide will then take you to the Naples Archaeological Museum, where you will say good bye and explore the Museum with your teacher. The museum was created in the lively intellectual climate of 18th century Naples, and boasts the largest collection of classical antiquities in the world. After this tour is completed you will continue traveling to Sorrento for your three-night stay. *(Entrance fee to Archaeological museum included).*

DAY 6: SORRENTO – POMPEII – HERCULANEUM - SORRENTO (B)

This morning after breakfast you will be taken on a one day guided tour to Pompeii and Herculaneum, departing by coach. First you will explore the ruins of Pompeii, which was struck by a volcanic explosion in 79AD, with your guide. The volcano buried the city under many feet of ash and it was lost for 1,600 years before its accidental rediscovery. Since then, its excavation has provided an extraordinarily detailed insight into the life of a city at the height of the Roman Empire. You will then continue on to visit the ruins of the Herculaneum excavations site with your guide. Herculaneum was an ancient Roman town and is most famous for having been destroyed, along with Pompeii; the outflow from Vesuvius had completely engulfed the town. Later you will be transferred back to the hotel by coach. *(Entrance fees to Pompeii and Herculaneum included).*

DAY 7: SORRENTO – PAESTUM – SORRENTO (B)

After breakfast you will be taken on your half day trip to Paestum, departing by coach. You will have a half day guided tour exploring the ruins of Paestum, which is one of the enduring images of Southern Italy of their three Greek temples standing in fields of wild red poppies. The trio is among the best-preserved monuments of Magna Graecia, as the Greeks called their colonies in Southern Italy. You will then continue on to visit the museum of Paestum, there you will see prehistoric material, painted pottery and the archaic Treasury, including Greek statues and pictures. Also to be seen are the grave-paintings found in the nearby necropolis. You will then head back to Sorrento by coach. *(Entrance fees to Paestum site and museum are included).*

DAY 8: SORRENTO – ROME (B)

Today will see you depart Sorrento bound back to Rome, by coach. On arrival in Rome you will be taken to your hotel, you may have time in the afternoon to do more sightseeing with your teacher. You may like to take a visit to Castel Sant' Angelo, it is reached by one of the world's most beautiful bridges, with Bernini's billowing angels. Castel Sant' Angelo was converted into a papal fortress in the 6th century, and is linked by underground passages to the Vatican palaces. The mausoleum is now an interesting museum, and its evocative atmosphere is heightened by the knowledge that it was from here that Puccini's Tosca plunged to her death. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

DAY 9: ROME – ATHENS (B)

Today you will be departing Rome to Athens. Your coach will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Athens. Ancient Athens was a powerful city-state and a renowned center of learning, it is considered to have been the cradle of Western civilization, largely due to the immense impact of its cultural and political achievements during the 4th and 5th centuries BC, now known as a European Continent. On arrival in Athens, you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you will have some time to relax and enjoy your new surrounds with your teacher.

DAY 10: ATHENS (B)

Today you will have a half day guided sightseeing tour of Athens featuring the highlights of this ancient capital. You will visit such sights as the Acropolis and its magnificent museum, which houses sculptures from the Acropolis. You will also visit the Benaki Museum. You will then be transferred back to your hotel in Athens, where the rest of the day is then free for teacher organized sightseeing. You may like to visit the Syntagma Square (Constitution Square), situate in central Athens. Near Syntagma Square stands the Kallimarmaro Stadium, the place where the first modern Olympic Games took place in 1896. It is a replica of the ancient Athens Stadium, made entirely of white marble, the same as that used for the construction of the Parthenon, you could also visit the National Archaeological Museum of Athens which holds the world's greatest collection of Greek art. *(Entrance fees to Acropolis and Benaki Msueum included any other fees will be at own expense).*

Day 11: ATHENS - OLYMPIA (B)

Today departing Athens you will begin your 3-day coach tour of the mainland. An English-speaking guide will be with you throughout the tour. You will first visit the *Corinth Canal*, where you will have a short stop. You will then re-board your coach to visit the Ancient Theatre at Epidaurus, famous for its acoustics. You will then continue to travel to Mycenae to visit the Archeological Site and the Tomb of Agamemnon. You will then head towards Olympia driving past central Peloponnese. On arrival in Olympia you will be taken to your hotel, where you will stay overnight. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

DAY 12: OLYMPIA – DELPHI (B)

Today you will visit the archaeological site of Olympia; in ancient times Olympia was the sacred place of temples, priest dwellings and public buildings, as well as being the venue for the first Olympic Games. The ruined Temple of Zeus, to whom the games were dedicated, dominates the site. You will also visit the museum, which is north of the site. You will then board your coach and travel north to Delphi. On arrival you will be taken to your hotel, where you will stay overnight. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

DAY 13: DELPHI – ATHENS (B)

Today you will visit the Ancient ruins of Delphi and its museum. After the Acropolis, Delphi is the most popular archaeological site in Greece. Delphi in ancient times was considered the center of the known world, the place where heaven and earth met. This was the place on earth where man was closest to the gods. You will then board your coach and head towards Athens. On arrival you will be taken to your hotel, where the rest of the day is then free for teacher-supervised activities. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

DAY 14: ATHENS– AUSTRALIA (B)

Depending on flight times, the morning is free for teacher-organized activities, before being transferred to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

DAY 15: AUSTRALIA

Arrive home.

Tour Inclusions:

- Return International Economy Airfares: Australia/Rome//Athens/Australia
- Internal airfare: Rome/Athens
- Trekset travel wallets

Italy Inclusions:

- Accommodation: Based on 2/3* hotels with multi share rooms for students and staff will be accommodated in 1 twin room.
- 4 nights in Rome, 3 nights in Sorrento
- Breakfast daily
- Coach travel and transfers as per itinerary
- Entrance Fees: Vatican Museums, St Peter's headsets, Colosseum, Pompeii and Herculaneum, Archeological Museum Naples and Paestum site and museum of Paestum.
- Reservation Fees: Colosseum
- Guided Tours: 2 half days in Rome, 1 half day Naples, 1 half day guided tour in Paestum, 1 full day in Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Greece Inclusions:

- Accommodation: Based on 3* hotels with twin share rooms for students (except on odd numbered students – 1 triple room will be provided for 3 students) and staff will be accommodated in 1 twin room.
- 3 nights in Athens, 1 night in Olympia, 1 night in Delphi
- breakfast daily
- Coach travel and transfers as per itinerary
- Guided tour: Half day sightseeing of Athens
- 3-day private coach tour of the mainland with English speaking guide
- All sight seeing as per itinerary

CONDITIONS

Conditions apply. The price is based on the exchange rate AUD1.00 = EUR 0.5982 dated 25/7/08. It is based on 20 students and 2 staff complimentary in low season. All taxes are approximate and included taxes for the 2 complimentary staff. Please contact your Trekset Tours representative for all terms and conditions.

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