

# GRANDE QUATTRO



**Day 1: AUSTRALIA – ROME**

Meet at your international airport for your flight to Rome, Italy.

**Day 2: ROME (D)**

On arrival into 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. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant. *(Any entrance fees at own expense).*

**Day 3: ROME (BD)**

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 fees to Colosseum and Roman Forum included)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 4: ROME (BD)**

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 center. *(Entrance and reservation fees to Vatican museums and St Peters Headsets included)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 5: ROME – POMPEII – SORRENTO – ROME (BD)**  
After breakfast this morning you will be transferred by coach to Pompeii and Sorrento. On arrival in Pompeii you can explore the ruins of Pompeii with your teacher. Pompeii was struck by a volcanic explosion in 79AD. 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 onto Sorrento, where you will have some free time to explore with your teacher. Later you will be re-board your coach and transferred back to Rome. *(Any entrance fees at own expense)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 6: ROME (BD)**  
This morning after breakfast, the day is free for teacher supervised sightseeing. You may like to make your way (walking or local bus at own expense) to the Time Elevator. This is a multi-sensorial attraction showing 3000 years of Roman history from Romolus and Remus to the present day in an exciting and fun way, *(any entrance fees at own expense today)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 7: ROME – FLORENCE (BD)**  
This morning after breakfast, you will make your own way to the train station. Here you will depart Rome by train for your journey to Florence. Florence is often considered the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance and was long ruled by the Medici family. The Medici family was a powerful and influential Florentine family from the 13th to 17th century. The family produced three popes *(Leo X, Clement VII, and Leo XI)*, numerous rulers of Florence, and later members of the French royalty. The family also helped to spur the beginning of the Italian Renaissance. Florence is also famous for its fine art and architecture. It is said that, of the 1,000 most important European artists of the second millennium, 350 lived or worked in Florence. On arrival you will make your own way with your teacher to your hotel. Depending if time permits the rest of the day is free for teacher supervised activities. *(One way train fare Rome to Florence included, any entrance fees at own expense)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 8: FLORENCE (BD)**  
This morning after breakfast, you will have the day free for teacher organized activities. You may wish to visit the St Lorenzo Church *(at own expense)*. San Lorenzo is one of the most famous buildings in the city, and one of the largest churches in Florence, situated at the center of the city's main market district. It was consecrated in 393 and is one of the many churches that claim's to be the oldest in Florence. It contains the Medici Chapel. A private chapel owned by the Medici family who were one of the most powerful families in Florence during the 15th century, *(any entrance fees at own expense)*. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 9: FLORENCE – PISA – FLORENCE (BD)**

This morning after breakfast, you will make your own way to the train station with your teacher for your trip to Pisa, where you will board your train (*return train fare included*). There you can visit by far the best-known sight of Pisa the famous Leaning Tower, which is, but one of many architecturally and artistically important structures in Pisa. The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or bell tower, of the Cathedral. It is situated behind the Cathedral and it is the third structure in Pisa's Campo dei Miracoli (*field of Miracles*). The tower is famous for its noticeable lean. It was intended to stand vertically, to serve as a bell tower, but began leaning soon after construction started in 1173, (*any entrance fees own expense*). In the late afternoon with your teacher make your way back to Florence by train. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 10: FLORENCE (BD)**

This morning after breakfast, you will meet your guide for your half-day guided tour of Florence. You will visit such sights as Il Ponte Vecchio, Il Duomo (*outside*), and Il Batistero (*outside*), Giotto Bell Tower (*outside*) and Signoria Square. After your tour, the rest of the day is free for teacher supervised sightseeing. You may like to visit the Uffizi Gallery and explore the gallery with your teacher. Uffizi Gallery is home to priceless paintings and sculptures from the world's most important collection of Renaissance art. Giotto's – Maesta, Botticelli's – The Birth of Venus and Titian's – Venus of Urbino. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*). Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 11: FLORENCE – VENICE (BD)**

This morning after breakfast you will make your own way with your teacher to Florence train station for your journey to Venice (*one way train fare included*). On arrival you will make your own way to your hotel to check in for your three night stay. The rest of the day is free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher. You could take a Gondola ride (own expense) down the Grand Canal. Don't miss the sunset from Doge's palace square facing Santa Maria della Salute. Or take a visit to the Giardinetti Ex-Reali (Ex Royal Gardens), the gardens have benches that face the water and you can sit down, rest your feet while watching the gondolieri pass by, (*any entrance fees at own expense*). Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 12: VENICE (BD)**

This morning after breakfast, the day is free for teacher supervised activities. You may like to see such sights as St. Mark's square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doges Palace, the Bridges of Sigh. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*). Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 13: VENICE (BD)**

This morning after breakfast, the day is free for teacher organised activities. You may like to purchase a vaporetto pass (*at own expense*) and visit the islands of Murano and Burano, where you can see lace making and glass blowing demonstrations. Murano has been the "home" of the glass making industry since the 13<sup>th</sup> century and Burano is the "home" to the lace making industry. (*Any entrance fees at own expense*). Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 14: VENICE – MILAN (BD)**

This morning make your own way to Venice train station where you will board your train to Milan (*one way train fare included*). On arrival you will be met by your coach and transferred to your hotel. The day is then free to explore your new surrounds with your teacher. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 15: MILAN (BD)**

This morning after breakfast, you will make your own way from your hotel to meet our guide for your guided tour of Milan. On the tour you will visit sights such as Il Duomo, the famous “La Scala” Opera House (*outside*), Castello Sforzesco and the graceful Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, (*any entrance fees at own expense*). After the tour is complete the rest of the day is free for teacher supervised activities. Dinner tonight is at the hotel or a local restaurant.

**Day 16: MILAN – AUSTRALIA (B)**

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred by coach to Milan International airport for your flight back to Australia.

**Day 17: AUSTRALIA**

Arrive home.

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Return International economy airfares: Australia / Rome // Milan / Australia.
- 14 nights accommodation in 2/3 star hotels (private facilities) with students in multi-share and 2 complimentary teachers in 1 twin share room.
- Meals: breakfast and dinner daily.
- Coach travel: as per itinerary.
- Train travel: Rome – Florence, Florence – Pisa – Florence, Florence – Venice and Venice – Milan.
- Guided tours: 2 half days in Rome, half day in Florence and a half day in Milan.
- Entrance Fees: Vatican Museums with reservation and headsets, Colosseum/Roman Forum.
- Trekset travel wallets.