TCC TOUR IN ITALY

MAY 2016
10 DAYS

This tour, designed specifically for ASL students, will include the best sights of Italy: the eternal city of Rome, Renaissance Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Medieval Siena and Venice, also known as La Serenissima.

B - breakfast, D - dinner

DAY 1
Depart from the United States for Venice.

DAY 2
Arrival in Venice and be met by your tour guide. Transfer to our hotel then we take an orientation walk around the lesser known districts of Venice including the Campo Santa Margherita and the Frari Church. Welcome dinner. Sleep in Venice for 2 nights. D

DAY 3
Today we spend the entire day in Venice to visit the principal sights of the magnificent city: St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Church, Doge's Palace, Clock Tower, and the Rialto bridge. B, D

DAY 4
Go to the Padua deaf school to interact with the students and learn more about how Italian deaf high schools are like. Take a late afternoon train from Padua to Florence and settle in our hostel. Stay in Florence for 3 nights. B, D

DAY 5
Visit the delightful city of Florence, including the Accademia where Michelangelo's David is located, Duomo and Baptistery, and the Uffizi art museum. Evening free in Florence. B

DAY 6
We take a day trip by bus to Siena to visit its medieval center including the City Hall, Piazza del Campo, and one of the best duomos in Italy. Then we stop by for a visit at a deaf-owned bed & breakfast and wine producer to learn more about how deaf people operate businesses here in Italy. B

DAY 7
Take a day trip to Pisa to visit the famous Leaning Tower and the Field of Miracles. Return to Florence and catch the train to Rome in the late afternoon. Stay in Rome for 3 nights. B, D
DAY 8 • • •
Today we go to the Vatican City, the smallest country in the world. We visit St. Peter’s Church and the spectacular Vatican museums which has Michelangelo’s frescoes in the Sistine Chapel as a highlight. We then climb the dome of St. Peter’s Church for the best views of Rome. B, D

DAY 9 • • •
We focus on ancient Rome today, visiting the Colosseum, Forum, Capitol Hill, and Trajan’s Column. In the afternoon we go to the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. Meet with Roberto Wirth, a deaf man who owns one of Rome’s five star hotels, the Hassler. Farewell dinner. B, D

DAY 10 • • •
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the USA. B
TOUR PRICE

$1800 per person (for a group of 12+ paying participants)

$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space.

Participants could opt for a full payment or installment payments for the balance. Each participant must pay in full no later than 3 months before the start of the tour.

WHAT’S INCLUDED IN THE ITALY TOUR PRICE?
- Total of 8 nights in moderately priced hotels/hostels with private bathrooms.
- Total of 13 meals: Breakfasts (8) & Dinners (5).
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf guide(s).
- All transportation expenses in connection with the tour itinerary.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- All tips in connection with the tour itinerary.
- Assistance with travel preparation.

IMPORTANT POINTS:
- Airline ticket to/from Italy is not included.
- We will provide obligatory travel insurance at an additional fee. It will cover trip cancellation & interruption, emergency medical & dental, medical evacuation, travel delay, and baggage delay.
- Accommodation for students will be in up to 8 students per room.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- It is essential to be aware of the Hands On Travel School Tour Terms and Conditions.
- There is a lot of walking or hiking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is expected.
- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.