# STUDENTS TRIP ROTARY

## Italy



From February 24 till March 3, 2025







## **Your itinerary**

#### Day 1: Monday February 24, 2025

Flight from Brussels to Bologna. No meals on board. Guided tour in **Bologna**.

Road to Florence. Diner and overnight in Montecatini.

#### Day 2: Tuesday February 25, 2025

Breakfast and departure to Florence.

Guided tour in Florence.

Packed lunch and free afternoon in Florence.

Diner and overnight in Montecatini.

#### Day 3: Wednesday February 26, 2025

Breakfast and road to Rome.

Packed lunch.

Guided tour in Ostia Antica.

Diner and overnight near Rome.

#### Day 4: Thursday February 27, 2025

Breakfast and departure for a guided tour in **Rome** (including Colosseum - outside only) and Forum & Palatin.

Packed lunch.

Free visit of St Peter's Basilica.

Diner and overnight near Rome.

#### Day 5: Friday February 28, 2025

Breakfast and road to Rimini.

Packed lunch.

Guided tour in San Marino.

Diner and overnight in Ravenna or surroundings.

#### Day 6: Saturday March 1, 2025

Breakfast and departure to Venice.

Packed lunch.

Guided visit by boat of Murano.

Diner and overnight in Mestre or surroundings.

#### Day 7: Sunday March 2, 2025

Breakfast and departure to Venice.

Guided tour in Venice.

Packed lunch.

Free time in Venice.

Diner and overnight in Mestre or surroundings.

#### Day 8: Monday March 3, 2025

Transfer to the airport.

Flight from Venice to Brussels





## Information on visits

#### Bologna

Bologna is the dynamic and historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. Its Piazza Maggiore is a vast square lined with vaulted colonnades, cafes and medieval and Renaissance structures such as the town hall, the Neptune fountain and the Basilica of San Petronio. The city's many medieval towers include the Asinelli Leaning Tower and the Garisenda Tower.



#### **Florence**

Florence, capital of Tuscany, is rich with many masterpieces of art and architecture of the Renaissance. One of its most emblematic sites is the duomo, the Cathedral whose terracotta dome was designed by Brunelleschi and, the bell tower, by Giotto. The Galleria dell'Accademia houses Michelangelo's "David" and the Uffizi Gallery "The Birth of Venus" by Botticelli and the "Annunciation" by Leonardo da Vinci.



#### Rome

Capital of Italy, Rome is large cosmopolitan city whose art, architecture and culture of almost 3 000 years radiate around the world. Its ruins such as those of the Roman Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the Ancient Roman Empire. Home to the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican Museums with masterpieces such as the fresco of the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo.





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#### Venice

Located on the lagoon of the same name, Venice is the main city of Veneto and north-eastern Italy, its municipality has about 271,000 inhabitants.

With 19 million visitors a year it is the most visited city in Italy, in front of Rome and Florence.

Venice was the gateway to the east, founded by refugees fleeing the barbarians, it became a Byzantine province that gained independence in the tenth century. In the Middle Ages, it conquered a vast empire in the mediterranean which assured for centuries wealth and power.



The entire city and the Lagoon were declared in 1979 as Unesco's World Heritage Site.

#### Burano

The picturesque Burano Island is known for its brightly colored fishing houses and friendly restaurants serving fish and seafood from the lagoon. The Lace Museum presents exhibitions on the development of lace making in the neighborhood, and shops sell lace products, such as sheets and clothes, as well as local biscuits called "bussolai buranei". The old church of Chiesa di San Martino has an inclined clock tower dating back to the 17th century.



#### Murano

The island of Murano is famous for its long tradition of glassware. The Glass Museum traces its history through the centuries. Possibility to buy souvenirs made on the spot.

Built in a Romanesque style, the Basilica Santi Maria e Donato has a colorful mosaic floor and houses the bones of a so-called killed dragon.



