TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Five star hotels with deluxe and premium deluxe categories
- Devotional insights from Wheaton College president, Dr. Philip Ryken
- Four nights in Florence at the Westin Excelsior Hotel, with visits to the Academia and Uffizi Galleries
- A Tuscan cooking class in San Gimignano
- One night in an Umbrian villa in the countryside of Assisi
- Three nights in Rome at the Westin Excelsior Hotel, with visits to Vatican City, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Colosseum, and the Catacombs
- Three nights at the Santa Caterina on the Amalfi Coast, with visits to Pompeii (optional excursion)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary, covering the range of authentic Italian cuisine
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- All taxes, fees, tips, and entrance fees to museums and sites included
- Expert, on-site lectures from Dr. David Sparks '75

ABOUT OUR TOUR

Wheaton College is delighted to host its 18th tour with Footstep Ministries. As president of Footstep Ministries, the Rev. Dr. David Sparks ’75, along with his wife, Elizabeth Iliadou Sparks, a Greek native, have conducted more than 100 tours to Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Israel. Dr. Sparks is an experienced Bible teacher whose passion is to make the Word come alive by exploring it in its historical context so that travelers return home with a renewed faith and strengthened witness. Elizabeth’s heritage is from Greece, providing her a unique perspective on Mediterranean cultures.

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I can hardly wait. This will be our first trip to Italy—a country that for many years has been at the top of my list of countries that I hope to visit someday.


Our trip will be led by Wheaton alumnus Dr. David Sparks and his wife Elizabeth Iliadou Sparks. Their knowledge of biblical history and love for the Italian Renaissance will make this a dynamic learning experience. I hope and expect to come away from our trip with fresh insight into the book of Romans and a deeper understanding of Italian art.

I also know that our time with old and new friends will refresh our spirits. Kingdom connections made through Wheaton College run unusually deep. The opportunity to travel, learn, worship, and play together will help forge friendships that are destined to last for eternity.

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Warmly,

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DAY 1
Depart USA/Arrive Florence

DAY 2
Arrive Florence

DAY 3
Florence

DAY 4
Tuscany & San Gimignano

DAY 5
Day 6
Depart Florence

DAY 7
Rome

DAY 8
Rome

DAY 9
Rome

DAY 10
Depart Rome / Return USA

on or continue on an extension
TO THE AMALFI COAST

TERMS & CONDITIONS

This tour is priced based on a minimum of 35 paying participants and is subject to change only in the event of significant currency fluctuations (1 Euro = 1.30 U.S. Dollar).

INCLUDED IN PRICE: Shared double rooms in five star hotels, daily meals as indicated in itinerary; transportation and assistance fee to sight, sites, and activities listed in itinerary; taxes and gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: Single room supplement, $2,450 (Eu); $2,920 (Premium Deluxe); flights to and from tour start point; travel insurance; additional charges to standard program individual transfers; travel insurance; coffee and drinks; excess baggage. Flights from Chicago (ORD) will be only be considered at additional cost. 60 day advance notice required for transfers.

CANCELLATION FEES: Footstep Ministries must receive all cancellation and refund requests in writing. If you cancel prior to November 10, 2016, you will receive a 100% refund. From November 10, 2016 to May 1, 2017, 25% of deposit must be forfeited. Between May 2, 2017 and August 7, 2017, 50% of tour price must be forfeited. Between August 8, 2017 and September 2, 2017, 75% of tour price must be forfeited. After September 3, 2017, no refunds will be given.

INSURANCE: Tour participants are highly recommended to purchase premium travel insurance to cover trip cancellations, trip interruption, accident, illness and/or loss of baggage and personal effects. Information can be found and purchased from the Footstep Ministries website, FootstepMinistries.org. You will also find this link on the Tour Registration page of the Footstep Ministries website.

DOCUMENTATION: U.S. citizens require a valid passport. The traveler assumes complete and sole responsibility for obtaining all necessary health, travel and other documents or visas that may be required for complete trip participation. Footstep Ministries will make every effort to assist the participant, but assumes no liability for obtaining the above documents.

TRAVELING IN COMPANY: By registering for this tour, participants agree and understand that the Wheaton College Community Covenant, found online at www.wheaton.edu/about-wheaton/community-covenant serves as a guide and outline for the expectations of traveling together.

STAY RESPONSIBLE: Footstep Ministries (FM) and Wheaton College (WC), and their associated companies shall not be held liable for any wrongdoing or negligent acts committed by the participant or anyone acting on behalf of the participant or parties not directly owned or controlled by FM & WC. Any injury or damage, personal injury or property damage, to persons or property as a result of any act, omission or act of negligence committed, directly or indirectly, by any act of God, damage caused by the use, misuse, destruction or malfunction, or act of government of any supplier, airline or other company, firefighter, police, riding the ancient Appian Way, a long landscape trail that leads to Rome. Day 4: Amalfi Coast Extension, October 10 – 13, 2017.

DAY 10
Amalfi Coast Extension

DAY 11
Rome

DAY 12
Rome

DAY 13
Depart Naples/Arrive USA

IN ITINERARY

DAY 1
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DAY 6
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ITALY

October 1-10, 2017

Prices are land only and per person

Deluxe: $3,595 | Premium Deluxe: $4,170

Amalfi Coast Extension, October 10 – 13, 2017

Deluxe: $1,775 | Premium Deluxe: $1,995

Deposit Per Person: $2,350 | Max. Deposit: $2,625

Deposit Per Person: $700

Final Payment Due: May 1, 2017

1st Traveler Name, Exactly as Listed on Passport
Name for Name Tag  Date of Birth (M/D/Y)  Gender
Email Address
City  State  Zip  Phone Number

Optional Post Tour Extension to the Amalfi Coast

Today we visit the Tuscan countryside and the hilltop village of San Gimignano with its medieval architecture, unique with its well preserved tower houses. We then put on our aprons for a Tuscan cooking class with chef Giacca, who will guide us in making handmade pasta according to the time-honored Italian traditions.

Day 5: Florence

We visit the center of Florentine political life at the Piazza Signoria where we see the outdoor sculptures of Donatello before entering the renowned Uffizi Gallery with the works of Botticelli, Botticelli, Botticelli! At the Basilica of San Croce, we visit the final resting place of Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli, and Rossini.

Day 6: Assisi & Umbria

We finish our day in Assisi at the looming Basilica of St. Francis. At the basilica, we visit the wonderful art of the Assisi. We visit the Catacombs. While there we will learn about the life of St. Francis as we visit his home town and burial place, the Basilica of San Francesco with its crypts and the basilica. We then visit the Catacombs. We then visit the Catacombs.

Day 7: Rome

Ariving in Rome, we spend the afternoon in the expansive Roman Forum. Our day begins with a visit to the Catacombs. While there we will learn about the life of St. Francis as we visit his home town and burial place, the Basilica of San Francesco with its crypts and the basilica. We then visit the Catacombs. We then visit the Catacombs.

Day 8: Rome

During the days of the Flavian Emperor the Colosseum was added to the city. We begin our stay at this ancient gladiatorial gladiators, we collect the Sacred Way through the Roman Forum. The afternoon brings us to the Pantheon before we soak up the beauty of the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona.

Day 9: Rome

Our final day is a day of leisure for you to reflect upon your wonderful experiences and as well look forward to traveling with you again soon!