

Saint John's University Italy Tour Itinerary January 1st to 10th, 2020

General information:

Skeleton Itinerary: This is a skeleton itinerary only. The definite day to day program will be discussed with you upon arrival. The organized playing times and dates of your games and/or clinics and receptions must be honored.

Banks: Please note that banks in Europe are usually closed at weekends. We strongly recommend that you do not utilize traveler checks but use any or all the following – ATM / Debit Card, Euro pre-paid cards, Credit Cards and take cash. Please take enough funds to cover the first few days, as precious time is wasted if most of your group needs to access cash on arrival.

VERY IMPORTANT: Most countries now require travelers to have a passport that is valid more than 90 days after your trip return date. If your passport expires within 90 days of your trip return date you should apply for a new one ASAP.

Copies passports: We also strongly recommend that your group's coach or team manager collects copies of all travelers' passports and, where applicable, paper airline tickets, prior to departure in case of theft or loss.

Student ID: If your group is a student group, please ensure all your party, where applicable, brings their Student ID as this will access many discounts on entry to various attractions.

Entrances fees: Entrance fees, parking fees, unless otherwise stated, are not included.

Soccer balls: Soccer balls will be only provided for the games. Please bring your own soccer balls for training sessions and/or clinic sessions.

Check your tickets: Please ensure that you cross-reference your airline tickets with your itinerary as departure times and flight numbers may have been amended since your itinerary was forwarded to you, and, if in doubt, check with your airline directly.

Delay: In case of delay caused by flight or transport issues, please advise our Representative as soon as possible if any amendments are required, so they can adjust your arrangements wherever feasible. The contact information /phone number of this representative is included in the following itinerary in this document.

Availability of rooms: Most flights from the US to Europe will arrive between 6.00 – 11.00 a.m. European times. However, please note that most hotel bedrooms will only become available between 2.00 and 3.00 p.m., so it will not generally be possible to check into your hotel room as soon as you arrive at your destination. Your local Representative will suggest a light excursion to occupy your group until your rooms are prepared.

General Tour Information: Please read the General Tour/Travel Information on our website and this Tour Itinerary prior to departure to clarify any points with us to avoid misunderstanding. If problems arise during the tour, please liaise with your local Representative immediately.

Security deposit: Some accommodations may require a small security deposit to be paid on arrival. The security deposit is to be held only in the event of damage by your team to any of the accommodation's property. Upon check out, your deposit will be returned.

Seat belts: All passengers are advised that it is compulsory to wear seat belts on all bus transportation at all times when in Europe. Premier International Tours, its partners and suppliers will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to anyone ignoring this regulation.

Ground transportation: During your entire stay in Europe a private bus will be available exclusively for your group. The motor coach can be used for excursions and all local transportation (such as transfers to/from the friendly game locations and for sightseeing). You have a maximum of 800 kilometers available.

Bus Company

Roberto Casucci
Casucci R e D s.r.l.
Via Lauretana 35
52044 Camucia (AR)
Tel: 0335 6599 484

Restrictions bus transportation: The following restrictions have been set by the European transportation departments:

1. The bus driver can drive a maximum of 9 hours per day. Twice a week the driver may use the bus 10 hours. This is usually used for long transfers from country to country.
2. Each day the bus driver must have an 11 hours rest period between his transportation duties.
3. During transfers every 4 hours the driver must make a 45-minute required rest stop.

We kindly ask you to be aware of these rules. **Please notice that if you arrange an excursion which involves parking fees, these fees must be paid by the group.**

City Admission Fees (ZTL charges):

City admission fees (called ZTL fees) for the touring bus in Italy are not included. These ZTL fees are approx. \$100.00 - \$250.00 when you enter a city ZTL zone. There are options to avoid these fees - please consult your tour manager and bus driver for the best ways in which to do this.

Airline reservations:

We have booked your group with Delta Airlines. Premier International Tours has partnered with Fly My Groups who made all your airlines reservations. In case of any questions concerning your airline reservations prior to the tour please contact Premier International Tours. From the day of departure until your return you can contact the 24-hour emergency line of Fly My Group at (866) 551-9807 or emergency@flymygroup.com. We request that only the group leader (John Haws) call/e-mail them and always use the group ID number #36677.

Check-in and Seat assignments:

Passengers can add seat requests to the name spreadsheet (not later than 90 days prior to departure) like window or aisle seat or who wants to seat together. These requests cannot be guaranteed. Delta will assign seats at the time of ticketing. Passengers can access their reservation using their PNR/Record Locator and last name online at the airlines website (Delta/KLM/Air France) to change their seating assignments. Passengers can check in for their flight online 24 hours prior to their departure. We strongly advise that all groups traveling to Europe arrive at the reservations desk for check-in three hours before departure.

Information for flights in case of flight changes or cancellations:

Please note that your group is booked through the group departments of airlines under group fare guidelines and conditions. Many times we have to go through the group department of the airline to change flights for the group or individual passengers, etc. Therefore, please follow these guidelines with any flight cancellations or changes during the trip.

- In case of any flight delays that will cause a misconnect or any flights that are cancelled, always first work with an airline representative at the airport to fix the issue and get the group on other flights. If the airline representatives at the airport are not able to help then contact Fly My Group – see section above “Airline reservations” – as a last resort.
- If any individuals want to change flights (dates only, routing changes not permitted), then individuals should contact the airline first to see if the change can be made. If the change cannot be made by the airline, contact us and we will contact the airline group department and attempt to make the change. Please note that the group departments of airlines are closed on the weekends so we have some limitations.

Tour Manager:

A tour manager will be with your group throughout your stay. Your tour manager will help plan your daily schedule and help in the event of any unforeseen problems or changes. This tour manager is not a professional city tour guide although he or she will have a general knowledge of the cities you are staying in and the surrounding areas.

It is very important that the group leader sit down with the tour manager upon arrival and discuss the daily program and sightseeing activities planned. Then, during the trip the group leader should also discuss each day with the tour manager the program for the next day in case of any last-minute changes so the tour manager can communicate any changes to other parties (hotel staff for meals, bus driver, etc.)

Please note that it is customary to tip the tour manager at the end of the trip if he or she has done a good job. We recommend collecting approx. \$10.00-\$20.00 per person (local currency) for each tour manager for the trip.

Bus Driver:

It is also customary to tip the bus driver if you have a private bus throughout the trip and the same bus driver throughout the trip. We recommend approx. \$5.00-\$10.00 per person.

Laundry:

Please consult your tour manager about laundry services upon arrival. Hotels usually offer an outside company to provide their laundry services for them, but be aware that these services can often be quite expensive. There will likely be a self-service Laundromat near to your accommodation.

Sightseeing activities/excursions:

Sightseeing activities/excursion were suggested/provided in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader, so please check this itinerary for the sightseeing program. If you have any specific wishes, please consult us no later than 6 weeks before departure. For groups participating in tournaments, sightseeing excursions and activities are included on the tournament information sheets, and we recommend you plan the sightseeing program once you know your tournament game schedule (tournament schedules usually known approx. 1-2 weeks out). Please also note that sightseeing entrance fees are not included unless otherwise stated in the original itinerary outline sent to the group leader.

Carry-on luggage:

We recommend that you take medication with you in your carry-on instead of in a checked suitcase.

Water during your soccer activities:

Please make sure all players bring their own water supply to games and clinics. Our tour manager will advise your group the best places where to buy this.

Premier International Tours 24/7 emergency contact information:

In case of emergencies (mainly when you are dealing with issues within the USA or matters you cannot resolve with our local – at your destination - staff) please contact us at (720) 607-0783.

Land arrangements:

Aaron Pearson
eSSeLLe Sports Management
349 The Green, Ecclestone
Chorley
Lancashire
PR7 5PH
England.
Tel. 00 44 (0) 1257 450 991 (office)
Tel. 00 44 (0) 0742 905 6371 (Cell)

Game equipment note:

Please make sure players bring soccer shoes for both grass and artificial grass.

2nd to 6th January 2020 Montecatini, Italy

Accommodation

Grand Hotel Tettuccio
Viale Giuseppe Verdi, 74,
51016 Montecatini Terme PT, Italy
Tel: +39 0572 78051
Website: <https://www.hoteltettuccio.it/en/>

Wifi costs: Free

Meals:

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner 2nd January 2020
Last meal: Breakfast 6th January 2020.
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included on the breakfast buffet.

Premier International Maria Martinez
Tours Representative: Tel. 00 39 (0) 333 389 1521

Wednesday 1st January 2020

03.15pm Departure flight DL 160 from Minneapolis to Amsterdam.

Thursday 2nd January 2020

06.25am Arrival at Amsterdam.
09.40am Departure flight KL 1601 from Amsterdam to Rome (FCO).
11.55am Arrival at Rome FCO Airport.
12.30pm After passing through customs at Rome FCO Airport your group will be met by Maria (recognizable by a 'Saint John's') sign. Maria will accompany you to your bus, onto your hotel and will stay with you for the duration of your time in Italy.
01.00pm Transfer to Montecatini.
05.00pm Arrival at hotel in Montecatini.
Upon your arrival at the hotel please discuss your itinerary and game & excursion program with Maria.
07.00pm Evening dinner.

Friday 3rd January 2020

08.00am Breakfast.
09.00am Departure to Florence making your way to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence for your pre-booked visit. The Uffizi Gallery is a prominent art museum located adjacent to the Piazza della Signoria in the Historic Centre of Florence in the region of Tuscany, Italy. One of the most important Italian museums and the most visited, it is also one of the largest and best known in the world and holds a collection of priceless works, particularly from the period of the Italian Renaissance.
10.30am First group of 25 people to enter the Gallery
10.45am Second group of 24 people to enter the Gallery

- 11.45am Sightseeing in Florence. You will visit major sights such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Oltrarno, the Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and of course Piazza Michelangelo.
- 07.00pm Evening dinner at Hotel.

Saturday 4th January 2020

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 08.30am Departure to Troghi FI for your friendly fixture.
- 09.30am Arrival at the ASD Vigor Calcio
- 10.00am Kick-off vs. ASD Vigor, who play in Blue & White.
- 12.00pm Afternoon trip to Pisa with your first stop being the Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower), Piazza del Duomo, 56126 Pisa. Pisa is a city in Italy's Tuscany region best known for its iconic Leaning Tower. Already tilting when it was completed in 1372, the 56m white-marble cylinder is the bell tower of the Romanesque, striped-marble cathedral that rises next to it in the Piazza dei Miracoli. Also in the piazza is the Baptistery, whose renowned acoustics are demonstrated by amateur singers daily, and the Caposanto Monumentale cemetery.
- 07.00pm Evening dinner.

Sunday 5th January 2020

- 08.00am Breakfast.
- 09.00am Visit to Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean. Viareggio is a city and commune in northern Tuscany, Italy, on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea. With a population of over 62,000, it is the second largest city within the province of Lucca, famously known for its Carnivals.
- 01.00pm Afternoon visit to Lucca. Lucca is a city on the Serchio river in Italy's Tuscany region. It's known for the well-preserved Renaissance walls encircling its historic city center and its cobblestone streets. Broad, tree-lined pathways along the tops of these massive 16th and 17th-century ramparts are popular for strolling and cycling.
- 08.00pm Evening Dinner.

Monday 6th January 2020

- 09.00am Breakfast.
- 10.00am Departure to Bologna to attend the Serie A Fixture at the Renato Dall'Ara Stadium
- 12.30pm Kick-Off Bologna FC vs. Fiorentina
- 02.30pm Transfer to your accommodation in Rome.

6th to 10th January 2020 Rome, Italy

Accommodation

Holiday Inn Rome Eur Parco dei Medici
Viale Castello della Magliana, 65,
00148 Roma, Italy
Tel: +39 06 65581
Website: [Holiday Inn Rome Eur Parco dei Medici](#)

Wifi costs: Free

Meals:

Daily breakfast and dinner are included.
First meal: Dinner 6th of January, 2020
Last meal: Breakfast 10th of January, 2020
Both meals will be served at your accommodation.

Please notice that drinks (such as bottled water, sodas) during the meals are not included. We have requested with the caterers that our groups be served with tap water at dinner. Tea, coffee, milk & juice are included on the breakfast buffet.

Monday 6th January 2020

09.00am Breakfast.
10.00am Departure to Bologna to attend the Serie A Fixture at the Renato Dall'Arra Stadium
12.30pm Kick-Off Bologna FC vs. Fiorentina
02.30pm Transfer to your accommodation in Rome.
06.00pm Arrival Rome.
08.00pm Evening dinner.

Tuesday 7th January 2020

08.00am Breakfast.
09.00am Sightseeing in Rome. Visit the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the Seven Hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated.
01.30pm Start of your guided pre-booked tour of the Colosseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, is an oval amphitheatre in the centre of the city of Rome, Italy. Built of travertine limestone, tuff, and brick-faced concrete, it was the largest amphitheatre ever built at the time and held 50,000 spectators.
08.00pm Evening dinner.

Wednesday 8th January 2020

09.00am Breakfast.
09.30am Optional day trip to Vatican City; a city-state surrounded by Rome which is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church. It's home to the Pope and a trove of iconic art and architecture. Its Vatican Museums house ancient Roman sculptures such as the famed "Laocoön and His Sons" as well as Renaissance frescoes in the Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel, famous for Michelangelo's ceiling.
08.00pm Evening dinner at Hotel.

Thursday 9th January 2020

- 09.00am Breakfast.
- 10.00am Further sightseeing in Rome. With the option of visiting famous sights such as the Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc.
- 02.15pm Arrival at the Impianto Sportivo Alberini for your final friendly of the tour.
- 03.00pm Friendly game Kick-off vs. ASD Tor Sapienza, who play in Yellow or Green.
- 05.00pm After the game return to the Hotel with the bus. Rest of the evening at leisure.
- 07.00pm Evening meal at Hotel.

Friday 10th January 2020

- Please order a packed breakfast 24 hours prior.
- 03.45am Departure for Rome Airport.
- 04.00am Arrival at Rome Airport.
- 06.10am Departure flight AF 1005 from Rome to Paris.
- 08.20am Arrival at Paris Airport.
- 10.20am Departure flight DL 043 from Paris to Boston.
- 01.15pm Arrival at Minneapolis Airport.