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# Classic Italy by Rail

featuring Venice, Florence and Rome

Departure Date: October 4, 2025

**Exclusive tour for Kennesaw State University**



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The Rialto Bridge spans the Grand Canal of Venice, Italy



The magnificent Duomo in the heart of Florence, Italy

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Venice, Italy.

**DAY 2 Venice, Italy:** Upon arrival in Venice, you'll be met by a Mayflower Cruises & Tours representative who will escort you to the canal boat for your transfer to the hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:00pm. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before the included welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Venice:** Venice is the "Jewel of the Mediterranean", a glorious cityscape with a wondrous artistic and musical heritage. The city itself boasts a marvel of engineering feats, built on 118 small islands crossed by its world-famous canals. Who can think of romance without imagining a pair of lovers floating beneath graceful bridges in a Venetian gondola? During the included walking tour, your local guide will help you discover the exotic sights that surround you as you navigate the picturesque alleyways and cross bridges over the quaint canals filled with gondolas. See the soaring domes of St. Mark's Basilica, the Doges Palace and Bridge of Sighs among other sites of this remarkable city built on water. During the afternoon at leisure, sip coffee in a small café, shop in the boutiques and watch artists at work, recreating these lovely scenes. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Venice – Florence – Montecatini:** This morning, depart Venice on a high-speed train to Florence. What a great way to travel as you watch picturesque hill towns, lush vineyards and beautiful wineries pass by. Upon arrival, walk in the footsteps of great rulers, artists and philosophers as you explore Florence, the breathtaking capital of the Italian Renaissance, on the included walking tour. The city is steeped in the achievements of great minds who found inspiration here. A visit to the famous Accademia Gallery is included where you'll get an up-close view of Michelangelo's masterpiece, *David*. Undoubtedly the world's most famous sculpture, the museum also houses five other Michelangelo sculptures - the four unfinished Prisoners

and St. Matthew - and a collection of Gothic and Renaissance paintings that were once in the Medici collections. After the tour, enjoy your free time shopping for Italian leather goods, art and crystal as lovely reminders of your journey through Italy. This afternoon, continue on to Montecatini, home for the next three nights. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

**Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Montepulciano:** After an early breakfast, enjoy a scenic drive to Kennesaw State University's first permanent international education site located in the Renaissance town of Montepulciano. Nestled in the heart of the Vino di Noble wine region, Montepulciano is built on a narrow tufa limestone ridge and is the largest hill town in southern Tuscany. You will be joined by a local guide who will lead you through an exclusive tour of the Medieval Fortezza (fortress), the culturally rich space in which students experience modern classroom facilities in a site dating back to 200 BCE. Following the guided tour, enjoy a leisurely lunch independently and the option to visit the many artisan shops where you will find native gelato flavors, specialty products, and wine. Rejoin the group for a tour of the Temple of San Biagio, a masterpiece of Italian Renaissance architecture, built between 1518 and 1548. Close out the day with an included dinner at a local restaurant. Return home to Montecatini after dinner. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6 Pisa:** Today's adventure begins with an included excursion to Pisa, best known for the bell tower of the cathedral, the "leaning Tower of Pisa." Your local guide will explain the history of this beautiful town as you walk around the Piazza dei Miracoli and see the architecture and historic walls of this medieval city. Return to Montecatini for an afternoon at leisure. It's the perfect time to stroll through the city center or visit a spa with the curative water and healing springs for which the town is famous. **Meal: B**



Michelangelo's impressive work in the Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

**DAY 7 Montecatini – Florence – Rome:** Leaving the resort town of Montecatini, return to Florence by coach and board a high-speed train for the journey to Rome. With a history spanning more than 2,500 years, Rome offers a breathtaking overview of the highlights of Western civilization. From the remarkable Coliseum to the gorgeous Trevi Fountain, this bustling metropolis invites you to imagine life centuries ago as you gaze upon memorials to ancient civilizations. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and a guided visit to the Coliseum. Built between 70-80 AD, the Coliseum is considered one of the greatest works of Roman architecture and engineering, and remains the largest amphitheater in the world. The tour ends at the hotel. **Meal: B**

**DAY 8 Vatican City / Rome:** This morning, enjoy a guided visit to the spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Church and the smallest independent state in the world: Vatican City. During the guided visit of the Vatican Museums, walk through halls containing some of the most priceless art treasures in the world. The highlight of the visit may be the Sistine Chapel which houses the single most impressive work of art by Michelangelo. During the visit to St. Peter's Basilica, experience the magnificence of Bernini, Michelangelo, and other great artists of the Roman Renaissance and Baroque periods. Be sure to see Michelangelo's famous statue, *Pietà*, created by the artist when he was only 25-years old. The afternoon and evening are free to enjoy on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 9 Rome:** The last day in Rome is yours to enjoy as you wish. This evening join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 10 Rome / USA:** As you bid "arrivederci" to Italy you'll be filled with memories of Renaissance art and architecture, rolling hills and vineyards, and all the glory of the Roman Empire. **Meal: B**



## Tour Highlights

- 12 Meals: 8 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Included walking tour of Venice with a local guide
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- Visit the Accademia Gallery and see the sculpture of Michelangelo's *David*
- Three nights in Montecatini
- Included full-day excursion to Montepulciano
- Included excursion to Pisa to see the Leaning Tower
- Ride the high-speed train from Florence to Rome
- Included city tour of Rome with a visit to the Coliseum
- Included tour to Vatican City with a visit to the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 and 3** Hotel Cavalletto, Venice, Italy

**Days 4 through 6** – Grand Hotel Tamerici and Principe, Montecatini Terme, Italy

**Days 7 through 9** – Radisson Blu, Rome, Italy

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The intricately carved monuments of Pisa

Tour Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 4, 2025	\$4,999	+ \$1,099

## Pricing includes roundtrip air from Atlanta

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.*

### Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$399 per person

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

#### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 day prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 50% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



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#### TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



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