

# Panoramas of Italy and France

**Feb 11 - Feb 20, 2021**

**Group Leader:**

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264610

**Depart From:**

Detroit



## what's included

 **Round-Trip Flights**

 **3-Star Hotels**

- ✓ Centrally Located Hotels
- ✓ Start Exploring
- ✓ Service Guarantee
- ✓ All Local Transportation
- ✓ Global Network
- ✓ Personal Headsets Included Throughout Tour
- ✓ Rome Tour with Guide
- ✓ Vatican Museums with Guide and Reservation
- ✓ St. Peter's Basilica
- ✓ Colosseum and Roman Forum with Guide and Reservation

 **Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)**

 **24-Hour Tour Manager**

- ✓ Florence Tour with Guide
- ✓ Pisa Cathedral
- ✓ Nice by Bike
- ✓ Pont du Gard
- ✓ Nîmes Roman Arena
- ✓ Provence-Paris TGV
- ✓ Paris Tour with Guide
- ✓ Louvre with Guide and Reservation
- ✓ Seine Boat Ride

## OUR promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from “good enough” to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives.*

## cultural connections

 **HIGHLIGHTS waiting to happen**

### **Petanques Lesson in Nice**

Join a pétanque expert for a lesson in this classic French pastime.

“Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive.”

**Matthew L. Participant**

## trip itinerary - 10 days

### Feb 11, 2021: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

### Feb 12, 2021: Rome

Benvenuti in Italia! After meeting your ACIS Tour Manager and settling in to your hotel in bustling, historic Rome, practice your language skills by ordering una coppa gelato and enjoy people-watching in one of the city's stunning piazzas. (D)

### Feb 13, 2021: Rome

Today's panoramic drive of the city is a great introduction to the many phases of Roman history. Our local expert accompanies you through the Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica, giving commentary via personal headsets. The best part is that these are timed entrances, meaning you'll breeze right by the long lines facing other tourists. Then go inside the iconic and historic Colosseum with a local guide (another line-avoiding timed reservation) and learn the many stories of this nearly 2,000-year-old Roman landmark that's considered one of the architectural wonders of the ancient world. Your ticket also includes entrance to the nearby Roman Forum if your group has time. Tonight enjoy an authentic brick-oven Roman pizza dinner and learn the art of the Italian passeggiata romana around Piazza Navona. (B,D)

### Feb 14, 2021: Montecatini

Depart Rome and drive to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. Today's sightseeing tour with a local guide providing commentary via personal headsets shows you the splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistery Doors and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of this picturesque city. (B,D)

### Feb 15, 2021: Nice

Travel across the Tuscan landscape to Pisa. Visit the Cathedral and marvel at the iconic Leaning Tower—the Cathedral's bell tower before continuing on to Nice in the heart of the French Riviera. (B,D)

### Feb 16, 2021: Nice

Begin the day with a walking tour of Nice that includes strolling the lovely Promenade des Anglais along the Mediterranean Sea. In the afternoon practice your sporting French vocabulary with local experts who teach you how to play the traditional French game pétanque. Similar to lawn bowling, the sport dates back to the early 1900s. (B,D)

### Feb 17, 2021: Provence

Journey to the picturesque Provence region, where you'll marvel at the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct preserved in almost perfect condition. A true marvel of Roman engineering, the 161-foot tall bridge aqueduct is still standing nearly 2,000 years after its construction. Our tour offers an exclusive visit to the third floor and its exceptional views. Continue to Nîmes, a city full of Roman history and known for textiles. In fact, denim, the fabric of blue jeans, derives its name from Nîmes. Get to know the city and its



Roman Arena with an audio-guided tour. (B,D)

### Feb 18, 2021: Paris

Board a high-speed TGV train to Paris, the City of Light. Spend your afternoon on a guided sightseeing tour that takes you past some of the most famous attractions in Paris. Your expert local guide will show you the magnificent Arc de Triomphe at the top of the Champs-Élysées, Napoleon's final resting place at Les Invalides and the Gothic wonder of Notre Dame. (B,D)

### Feb 19, 2021: Paris

This morning, breeze by the crowds with your timed entrance to the Louvre and discover the many famous masterpieces that call it home. Insightful commentary from your local guide highlights the Mona Lisa, Winged Victory, Venus de Milo and more as you wander through the galleries. From its beginnings as a royal fortress to its current status as the world's most visited art museum, the Louvre has long been at the center of Parisian culture and home to a collection of 35,000 works of art from around the world. Then enjoy an afternoon to explore more of Paris's bohemian neighborhoods or world-renowned museums at your own pace. Tonight's final highlight is a scenic evening boat ride along the Seine. You may opt to upgrade your Seine experience with an illuminated dinner cruise, reveling in traditional French cuisine and music as you serenely glide past some of the city's most notable landmarks. C'est magnifique! (B,D)

### Feb 20, 2021: Departure

Depart for the USA.

Optional Extensions and Extra Nights:

Enhance your European experience with a two-night extension to London via Eurostar, including a city sightseeing tour with an expert local guide, entrance to the Tower of London and an Oyster Card to help you get around.

*This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.*



## learning objectives

1. Independence: Take charge of yourself and your schedule as you gain the courage to navigate new destinations, test your language skills in real-world situations, and manage your time and money.
2. Flexibility: Develop skills to adapt and acclimate as you step outside your comfort zone, experiencing the cultural adjustments that come with new places, new foods, dynamic schedules and the wonderful idiosyncrasies of travel.
3. Teamwork: Learn respect, communication and collaboration—new settings and shared activities allow you to gain confidence at working together with both familiar faces and new acquaintances.

## tour cost

### Participant Fees

Program Fee	\$3998
Early Registration Discount	\$-200
Weekend Surcharge	\$40

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Total Participant Fees<sup>2</sup> \$3838

<sup>2</sup> Valid through 01/01/20 with \$200 deposit.

Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$760
Double Room Supplement	\$400
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$300
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$250
Seine Dinner Cruise	\$107

## notes from acis

Estimated tipping: \$6/day for Tour Manager, \$4/day for bus driver

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- This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

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Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

## education



**81%**

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



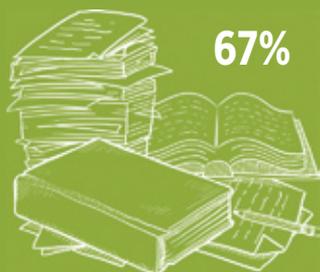
of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



**57%**

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

## language skills



**67%**

of students continued to study foreign language in college.



**73%**

of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

## personal development



**94%** felt more independent after their trip.

**78%** saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

**92%** noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



**65%**

have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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