

## International Soccer Tour 2024 Itinerary

### Spencerport Soccer Club

### Italy – Florence and Rome

#### Travel dates:

March 29-April 7, 2024.

#### Itinerary:

- March 29 Departure from Toronto airport.
- March 30 Arrival Florence airport. Transfer to your accommodation in the Florence area.
- March 31 Day trip to Sienna - distinguished by its medieval brick buildings. The fan-shaped central square, Piazza del Campo, is the site of the Palazzo Pubblico, the Gothic town hall, and Torre del Mangia, a slender 14th-century tower with sweeping views from its distinctive white crown. The city's 17 historic "contrade" (districts) extend outward from the piazza. Evening game vs. a local team.
- April 1 Morning or afternoon training session with an Italian FA coach at Coverciano, headquarters of the Italian Soccer Federation. After, sightseeing tour 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.
- April 2 Day trip to Pisa, known for its Torre Pendente (Leaning Tower) and Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean. Evening game vs. a local team.
- April 3 Transfer to your accommodation in Rome.
- April 4 Sightseeing Rome. Visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, 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. Evening game vs. a local team.
- April 5 Additional sightseeing Rome – visit Vatican City/the Vatican and museum and tour Stadio Olimpico, home of pro team's Roma and Lazio. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc).
- April 6 Day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa. Evening game vs. a local team.
- April 7 Transfer to Rome airport. Return flight.

\*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s) and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



Venice



Wartburg College Men's Soccer



Leaning Tower of Pisa



Lake Hill Storm SC

**Price per person:**

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,728	\$3,522	\$3,384	\$3,290	\$3,206	\$3,144

**Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to availability of flights and fares at time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types are always subject to availability at time of booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- City admission fees (called ZTL fees) for the touring bus in Italy.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

**Sport program included:**

We will arrange 4 games total per team.

We will also arrange one training session with an Italian Soccer Federation coach at Coverciano (near Florence), headquarters of the Italian Soccer Federation (subject to availability).

**Accommodation and meals included:**

**Florence:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Montecatini near Florence.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Montecatini is a tourist resort 30 miles from Florence.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar and lounge with TV.
- Rooms for 3 people (triple rooms) include TV, telephone, and private bathroom.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night.

**Rome:** 4-star Hotel accommodation in Rome.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel located not far from the center of Rome.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private bathroom and TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant and bar.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.

**Ground transportation included:**

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

**Local guide services included:**

A local bi-lingual tour manager will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

**Options available (not included in prices)**

**Sport program options:**

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Please calculate between US\$50.00 and US\$110.00 per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$ 300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club – costs approx. \$650 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

**Travel insurance option:**

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website.

**Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions. Based on the suggested itinerary in this tour proposal we estimate admission fees to be approx. \$100.00 per person (even less for under 18s).
- Single rooms in hotels. Single rooms are available at a supplement of \$40.00 per person per night on top of the double room supplements outlined in the accommodation description.

## SIGHTSEEING IN FLORENCE

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- Tower of Pisa
- Uffizi Gallery

### 1) **Tower of Pisa**

Prices: Leaning Tower \$28.00 - Cathedral admission free

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is the campanile, or freestanding bell tower, of the cathedral of the Italian city of Pisa, known worldwide for its unintended tilt to one side. It is situated behind the Cathedral and is the third oldest structure in Pisa's Cathedral Square after the Cathedral and the Baptistry. The tower's tilt began during construction, caused by an inadequate foundation on ground too soft on one side to properly support the structure's weight. The tilt increased in the decades before the structure was completed, and gradually increased until the structure was stabilized (and the tilt partially corrected).

### 2) **The Ponte Vecchio**

Prices: Free of charge.

The Ponte Vecchio ("Old Bridge") is a Medieval stone closed-spandrel segmental arch bridge over the Arno River, in Florence, Italy, noted for still having shops built along it, as was once common. Butchers initially occupied the shops, but the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers. The Ponte Vecchio's two neighbouring bridges are the Ponte Santa Trinita and the Ponte alle Grazie.

### 3) **Palazzo Vecchio**

Prices Museum, Battlements & Tower: \$22.00 Adult, \$18.00 Under 25's

The Palazzo Vecchio ("Old Palace") is the town hall of Florence. This massive, Romanesque, crenellated fortress-palace is among the most impressive town halls of Tuscany.

### 4) **Viareggio**

Prices: Free of charge

Viareggio is a city and comune in northern Tuscany, Italy, on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea. It is known as a seaside resort as well as being the home of the famous carnival of Viareggio (dating back to 1873), and its papier-mâché floats, which (since 1925), parade along the promenade known as "Passeggiata a mare", in the weeks preceding Easter.

### 5) **Siena - Piazza del Campo in Siena**

Prices: Free of charge.

Piazza del Campo in Siena is considered one of the most beautiful places of the world. It has a shell-shape divided in 9 slices, you can admire this particular form from the top of the tower del Mangia. The Torre del Mangia in Siena requires an admission fee of \$14.00 - U11s Free.

### 6) **Uffizi Gallery**

Prices: Adults: \$25.00 per person, under 18's Free and Booking fees apply.

The Uffizi Gallery an art museum located in Florence, and among the oldest and most famous art museums of Europe. In high season (particularly in July), waiting times can be up to five hours. Visitors who reserve a ticket in advance have a shorter wait. Tickets can also be purchased from a lesser-used ticket window at the Orsanmichele that serves multiple museums.

### 7) **Coverciano soccer**

Price: Included in tour package and pricing

Coverciano, also known as Casa Italia, located in the quartiere of Florence with the same name, is the central training ground and technical headquarters of the FIGC, the Italian Football Association. The Coverciano is the primary training ground for all Italy national football teams from the U-15 age group and above (including women's), as well as the Italian Armed Forces's representative football team.

Prices and availability for these excursions may change a little by the time of booking

## SIGHTSEEING IN ROME AND SURROUNDINGS

Recommend excursion(s) to pre-book:

- The Colosseum

### 1) **THE COLOSSEUM**

Price: \$22.00 per person.

The Coliseum in Rome is a grand structure which was built over 2,000 years ago as an amphitheatre to host legendary gladiator contests and other public spectacles. The Coliseum has been partly destroyed and damaged through the years, however, impressive ruins have been preserved and are open to visitors. This grand historic arena was originally built to hold over 50,000 and many of the original outer walls and facade still stand tall today. Please notice that the Colosseum allows us to pre-book this excursion only 12 days before arrival of the group – subject to availability.

### 2) **TREVI FOUNTAIN**

Price: Free of charge.

The Fontana di Trevi - or Trevi Fountain in English - is a fountain in Rome, Italy. It is the largest Baroque fountain in the city and the most beautiful in the world.

### 3) **THE PANTHEON**

Price: Free of charge.

Dedicated to the worship of every god, the Pantheon was built by the Emperor Hadrian between 118 and 125 A.D. over the ruins of another temple dating back to 27 A.D. Statesman and General Marcus Agrippa was responsible for the construction of the original church, to whom a dedicatory inscription is clearly visible over today's magnificent portico.

### 4) **THE ROMAN FORUM**

Price: Price included with Coliseum.

The Roman Forum is a rectangular forum (plaza) surrounded by the ruins of several important ancient government buildings at the center of the city of Rome. Citizens of the ancient city referred to this space, originally a marketplace, as the Forum Magnum, or simply the Forum. Located in the small valley between the Palatine and Capitoline Hills, the Forum today is a sprawling ruin of architectural fragments and intermittent archaeological excavations attracting 4.5 million sightseers each year.

### 5) **ST. PETERS & THE VATICAN CITY**

Price: Free of charge for St. Peter's Basilica and \$ 22.00 for the Vatican Museum + Sistine Chapel.

St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City is an iconic and popular landmark of Rome. Regarded as one of the holiest sites in the Christian world, many make a pilgrimage to the cathedral every year to celebrate Mass with the Pope. Building work for this grand structure originally began in 1506 and is the burial site of its namesake Saint Peter, one of the 12 apostles of Jesus. One of the key architects of the Basilica was Michelangelo and some of his original drawings for a section of the Dome were found as recently as 2007.

### 6) **THE SPANISH STEPS**

Price: Free of charge

With its characteristic butterfly plan, the Piazza di Spagna is one of the most famous images in the world, as well as being one of the most majestic urban monuments of Roman Baroque style.

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