

# International Soccer Tour 2023 Itinerary

## DePauw University

### Italy – Rome and Florence

#### Travel dates:

January 5-20, 2023

#### Itinerary:

- Jan. 5 Departure from Indianapolis airport.
- Jan. 6 Arrival at Rome Fiumicino airport. After arrival transfer by bus to your hotel for check-in. Afternoon walk to metro station and grab street-side lunch at Pizza Design near Cornelia Metro station. Afternoon orientation to the center of ancient Rome.
- Jan. 7 AM Training session. Afternoon excursion to Roman museums. Evening game vs. a local team.
- Jan. 8 Walking tour of Rome. Afternoon visit Serie A pro game.
- Jan. 9 AM visit Rome on your own. Afternoon transfer to Perugia. After arrival check in and orientation to the historic city center of Perugia (Walking Tour).
- Jan. 10 Am training session at Don Bosco with Italian coaches. Afternoon visit and demonstrations of medieval weaving at Museo Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti followed by free time in Perugia.
- Jan. 11 AM training session at Don Bosco with Italian coaches. Afternoon visit the National Archaeology Museum of Umbria and Basilica San Pietro.
- Jan. 12 Day trip to Assisi, the medieval city of St. Francis.
- Jan. 13 Visit National Gallery of Umbria, Archaeological Area of the Museo Capitolare and Collegio Nobile del Cambio. Free time to explore Perugia.
- Jan. 14 Bus transfer to Montecatini via Sienna.
- Jan. 15 Morning free in Florence and/or Montecatini. Afternoon walking tour and orientation to central Florence and then set out for the Boboli gardens and Galleria Palatina.
- Jan. 16 Trip to Coverciano – home of the Italian Soccer Federation including a lecture.
- Jan. 17 Visit Florence - Duomo Complex
- Jan. 18 Tour of Florence including the Accademia, Uffizi Gallery, Palazzo Vecchio and Torre del Palazzo
- Jan. 19 Free day in Florence. Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- Jan. 20 Transfer to Rome airport and. Return flight.



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\*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.

**Price per person\*:**

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,666	\$3,480	\$3,357	\$3,276	\$3,216	\$3,174

\* Prices are based on published group fares for 2022. We will know more about fares for 2023 approx. 11 months prior to departure date, when airlines publish group fares and flights, and can confirm pricing then.

**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.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

**Sport program included:**

We will arrange a total of 2 games per team.

**Accommodation and meals included:**

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

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Not far from the center of Rome.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet 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.

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

- Daily breakfast included.
- Not far from the center of Perugia.
- All rooms, triple rooms (3 people) have private shower, toilet, minibar 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.

**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, bathroom with shower and toilet.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$12.00 per person per night.

**Ground transportation included:**

Executive bus with AC / PA / TV & DVD for return airport transfers, transfers to two friendly games, transfers between Rome & Perugia and Perugia & Florence plus full day for a trip to Assisi. We have included as well as Roma Public Transportation Pass for 72 hours and a Florence Public Transportation Pass for the duration of your stay.

**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.

**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 page.

**Not included in prices:**

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions unless specified above. This applies to per person admissions for sights and attractions as well as city admission fees (called ZTL fees) for the touring bus in Italy. These ZTL fees are approx. \$100.00 - \$250.00 when you enter a city ZTL zone. There are options to avoid these fees – consult us for more information on this.
- 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.

## Touristic information Rome

Rome, Italy's capital, is a sprawling, cosmopolitan city with nearly 3,000 years of globally influential art, architecture and culture on display. Ancient ruins such as the Forum and the Colosseum evoke the power of the former Roman Empire. Vatican City, headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church, has St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, which house masterpieces such as Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel frescoes.

**Coliseum:** The Coliseum in Rome is a grand structure which was built over 2,000 years ago as an amphitheater 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.

**The Pantheon:** 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 were responsible for the construction of the original church, to which a dedicatory inscription is clearly visible over today's magnificent portico.



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**The Roman Forum:** 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.

**St. Peters and Vatican City:** 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.

## Touristic information Florence

Florence is the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany and of the Metropolitan City of Florence. It is the most populous city in Tuscany, with 383,083 inhabitants, expanding to over 1,520,000 in the metropolitan area.

**Leaning Tower of Pisa:** 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) by efforts in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

**The Ponte Vecchio:** 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; the present tenants are jewelers, art dealers and souvenir sellers. The Ponte Vecchio's two neighboring bridges are the Ponte Santa Trinita and the Ponte alle Grazie.

**Palazzo Vecchio:** 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.

**Viareggio:** Viareggio is a city and commune 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.

**Piazza del Campo in Siena:** Piazza del Campo in Siena is considered one of the most beautiful places of the world. It has a characteristic shell-shape divided in 9 slices, you can admire this particular form from the top of the Torre del Mangia.



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