

# MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE SPRING BREAK TOUR '24

# ITALY



FLORENCE CATHEDRAL



PIAZZA DEI MIRACOLI, PISA



SISTINE CHAPEL, VATICAN CITY

## LEADERS



CHRISTOPHER  
WEEKS



IVAN  
PARKE



COLOSSEUM, ROME



FORUM, ANCIENT ROME

# MARCH 6-15

VENICE



ST. MARK'S SQUARE, VENICE

FLORENCE

PISA

ASSISI

VATICAN  
CITY

ROME



BASILICA DI SAN FRANCESCO, ASSISI



MISSISSIPPI  
COLLEGE  
A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

## COST:

\$5650 DOUBLE/TWIN

\$579 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

INCLUDES ROUND TRIP AIRFARE FROM JACKSON  
AND ALL TOUR INCLUSIONS LISTED ON PAGE 2

\$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

DEADLINE: SEPT. 30, 2023 OR UNTIL TRIP IS FULL (23)



# Mississippi College Spring Break Italy Tour Details

## Tour Inclusions:

8 nights First Class accommodation  
2 nights Venice or Venice Lido  
3 nights Montecatini  
3 nights Rome  
Italian city hotel taxes, fees & service charges  
Hotel portage  
Group transfers on arrival and departure  
10 meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 dinners  
Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach  
Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout  
Services of local guides in all major cities  
Entrance fees per itinerary  
Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

## Special Features:

Walking tour of Venice including St. Mark's Square, with its extraordinary treasures and architectural wonders  
See Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli with its famous Leaning Tower  
Explore the Renaissance city of Florence with a guided walking tour  
Visit the 13th-century Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi  
Tour of the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's incomparable Sistine Chapel  
Historic tour of Ancient Rome including the Roman Forum and the Colosseum or Palatine Hill

## Itinerary:

**DAY 1 -**  
Depart for Italy

**DAY 2 -**  
Arrive in Venice and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure in this magical city built over a hundred small islands and connected by 400 bridges.  
Overnight: Venice or Venice Lido  
Meals: None

## DAY 3 -

**Venice City Tour**  
The discovery of Venice begins with a boat ride to the Island of Murano, known for its artistic and colorful glassware. Visit one of the factories to witness the art of glassblowing. Afterward, continue to the main Venice island and take a walking tour with your local guide through the maze of narrow alleyways and bridges before reaching St. Mark's Square. Upon reaching the square, stop to view its most prominent monuments including the Bridge of Sighs, the pink marble Doge's Palace, and golden Basilica of San Marco, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. It was built over several centuries in a fusion of Byzantine, Roman and Venetian architecture. The rest of the day is yours to explore Venice at leisure, or participate in this afternoon's optional Gondola Ride, offering a different perspective of this unique city built on water evening dinner at hotel. Optional: Gondola Ride (PM)  
Overnight: Venice or Venice Lido  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4 -

**Tuscany & Pisa en route to Montecatini**  
Depart Venice and travel through the stunning golden landscape of Tuscany, dotted with olive and fig trees to Pisa, to view the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, among the most instantly recognizable structures on earth. The monuments on the extraordinary Piazza dei Miracoli create a unique architectural blend of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Then, travel to Montecatini for overnight.  
Overnight: Montecatini  
Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 5 -

**Excursion to Florence**  
After breakfast, depart to Florence. On arrival take a guided walking tour through the heart of Florence. View the

magnificent *Duomo*, with its Brunelleschi-designed dome, the renowned "Gates of Paradise" of the Baptistry by Ghiberti and Giotto's Bell Tower. You'll be enchanted as you walk through the open-air art museum of Signoria Square, with its Palazzo Vecchio, first residence of the Medici family that today houses the seat of the city government. Continue to the splendid Ponte Vecchio, also known as the "Old Bridge." Spend the afternoon at leisure. In the evening return to Montecatini.  
Overnight: Montecatini  
Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 6 -

**Excursion to Siena & San Gimignano**  
After breakfast, depart to the enchanting medieval city of Siena that sits elegantly over three hills. The heart of the city is the stunning Piazza del Campo, the huge central plaza where the Roman Forum used to be. It is now the site of the famous Palio horse race, that takes place twice every summer to celebrate the holy apparition and assumption of the Virgin Mary, patron saint of the city. Tour Campo Square before continuing to San Gimignano. The evening at leisure in Montecatini.  
Overnight: Montecatini  
Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 7 -

**Medieval Assisi City Tour en route to Rome**  
Depart Florence and venture on to the quaint medieval town of Assisi, perched high on a hill in the Umbria region with its rugged, winding streets and sacred shrines. Upon arrival, join your local guide for a walking tour of Assisi, best known as the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of Italy. The town is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its significant art and architecture. Its main attraction is the 13th century Basilica di San Francesco, an artistic highlight of medieval

Europe containing the sacred relics of St. Francis and Giotto's frescoes. Afterward, continue to Rome, the astonishing city built on seven hills.

Overnight: Rome  
Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 8 -

**Vatican Museums & Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel**  
Today visit the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel. Stroll through one of the most important art collections of the world. Admire the Gallery of Tapestries and the Geographical Maps before arriving to the Sistine Chapel, with its great frescoes by Michelangelo. Continue to St. Peter's Square, passing Bernini's famous colonnade to view St. Peter's Basilica, built on the burial site of Saint Peter. Spend the afternoon at leisure.  
Overnight: Rome  
Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 9 -

**Tour Ancient Rome**  
The historic tour of ancient Rome begins at the Roman Forum, walking through the uneven surfaces of the original central area of the city from which Rome developed. View the triumphal Arch of Constantine, erected by the Roman Senate to commemorate Constantine's tenth year of leadership over the Eternal City. On to view the outside of the mighty Colosseum, the largest amphitheater built in the Roman Empire that seated over 50,000, where gladiatorial contests and public events were attended by the rich, the poor and by the Emperor himself. Discover the delights of Rome this afternoon on your own. Tonight farewell dinner at a local restaurant.  
Overnight: Rome  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 10 -

**Depart Italy**  
Arrivederci Roma! Transfer to the airport for your departure flight  
Meals: Breakfast



Cost: \$5650 double/twin (\$579 Single supplement)  
\$500 non-refundable deposit  
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[www.go.mc.edu/register/springbreak](http://www.go.mc.edu/register/springbreak)

