

TRAVEL WITH THE FIGGE TO ITALY



David, Michelangelo

SEPTEMBER 9-19, 2013

Join Figge Members on the trip of a lifetime! This ten-day adventure takes you through the best that Rome and Florence have to offer, from museums to palaces to ancient excavations! Wrap up your experience with a wine tasting and farewell dinner for the group, hosted at the award-winning Verrazzano Castle and winery in the Chianti region. The itinerary is flexible by design, so you may choose to participate in all activities listed or explore individual interests on your own.

Director of Education Melissa Huetting and Figge Trustee Wynne Schafer will host the trip.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

English-speaking guides will be provided for the museums and historic homes listed in this section.

ROME

Colosseum • the largest amphitheater built during the Roman Empire, a triumph of ancient architecture and engineering

Roman Forum • extraordinary ruins, once the center of public life for ancient Romans

Borghese Gallery • lovely villa-turned-museum, houses some of the finest examples from Caravaggio, Bernini and many more

Trevi Fountain • largest Baroque fountain in Rome (be sure to throw a coin into the fountain—legend has it this will ensure that you return to Rome someday!)

Pantheon • an architectural wonder, one of the best-preserved ancient structures in Rome

Vatican City • Vatican Museums—including the Sistine Chapel and “Raphael Rooms”—and St. Peter’s Basilica with Michelangelo’s *Pietà* and cupola, and Bernini’s *Baldacchino*

Full-day trips

Herculaneum • Pompeii’s twin sister, simultaneously destroyed and preserved during the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, contains excellent examples of mosaics and frescos

FLORENCE

Academy of Fine Arts • rich with history, houses Michelangelo’s *David*

Pitti Palace • stunning palace-turned-museum, houses many treasures by Renaissance and Baroque masters, initially designed by Brunelleschi

Uffizi Gallery • one of the oldest and best-known art museums in the world

Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore • famous Florentine cathedral known as “Il Duomo”

Half-day trips

Assisi • a guided walking tour of Assisi with a visit to the San Francesco Basilica

Siena • a guided walking tour of Siena

Greve • a farewell dinner at the Verrazzano Castle in the Chianti region (<http://www.verrazzano.com/en/>)



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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Cupola of St. Peter's Basilica, Castel Sant'Angelo, Boboli Gardens, Santa Maria Novella, San Marco, Santa Croce, Bargello National Museum

GETTING AROUND ITALY

A motorcoach will transport Figge members to and from the museums and historic sites listed in the Trip Highlights section of this flyer. Additional touring will be done by foot. Members may use taxis at their own expense. Please note that on some days this trip will require considerable walking, sometimes on uneven ground.

TRIP FEES

Double: \$4,250 per person; Single: \$4,650 per person

This fare applies to 27 passengers with deposits paid. Additional air tickets will be available at the current rate. The Figge reserves the right to cancel the trip with fewer than 20 participants signed up at the time of final payment.

The fee includes motorcoach transportation to and from Chicago, round-trip airfare from Chicago to Italy, ground transportation in Italy (airport to hotel), nine-night accommodations (hot breakfast included), insurance and taxes. The fee also covers transportation, admission, guided tours and gratuities for museums and sites listed in the Trip Highlights section. A farewell wine tasting and group dinner is also included.

Additional Fees

Members are responsible for drinks, meals, special admission fees and all other optional excursions and activities.

RESERVATION, PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

To reserve a place on the trip, send a deposit in the form of a \$250 non-refundable check (per person) attention: Joan McGee to the address listed below, along with the two reservation forms available through the Figge. Final payment (cash, check or credit) is due to The Travel Business by July 1, 2013. Cancellation fees for non-covered reasons: 4-44 days \$350; less than 4 days, no refund. Airline tickets are non-refundable.

CONTACTS

For reservations and payment:

Joan McGee • The Travel Business • 3601 Avenue of the Cities • Moline, IL 61265
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For information about the itinerary or general questions:

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Trip participants must be Figge Members. For membership information, please call 563.326.7804.

TRIP-RELATED CLASS

Italian Language Class

6-8 pm Tuesday, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16

Instructor: Myriam Stangherlin • Fee: \$60 members; \$70 non-members

Learn more about this class at www.figgeartmuseum.org



Colosseum



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Ponte Vecchio



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