

# ITALY & GREECE

## OXFORD LATIN TOUR

### Day 1 Australia - Italy

Depart Australia on your flights to Rome.

### Day 2 Rome

(D)

Upon arrival, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Forum Romanum and the Palatine Hill. Spend a free afternoon exploring the surrounding area, including Caesar's forum and the Circus Maximus.



*First night's accommodation in Rome*

### Day 3 Rome

(B,D)

Enjoy a free day exploring Rome as a group. You might like to visit the Colosseum, the Arch of Constantine and the Baths of Diocletian this morning before heading over to the Quirinal Hill in the afternoon.

*Second night's accommodation in Rome*

### Day 4 Excursion to Ostia Antica

(B,D)

After breakfast, meet your coach and travel to the ancient port town of Ostia. Visit the Archaeological Park with a guide. Return to Rome for a free afternoon in the city.

*Third night's accommodation in Rome*

### Day 5 Rome

(B,D)

This morning, make your way to the Vatican City for a half-day guided tour of the Vatican Museums, including the magnificent Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. Enjoy a free afternoon in Rome. You might like to spend time around the Piazza di Spagna.

*Fourth night's accommodation in Rome*

### Day 6 Rome

(B,D)

Make your way to the Via Appia this morning to visit sites including the Tomb of Cecilia Metella and the Catacombs, where early Christians congregated beneath the streets of Rome. Spend a free afternoon in the city.

*Fifth night's accommodation in Rome*

### Day 7 Naples, Sorrento

(B,D)



After breakfast, meet your coach and travel to the Campanian capital of Naples. Visit the Archaeological Museum with your guide. Organise your lunches before continuing on to Sorrento for a free afternoon.

*First night's accommodation in Sorrento*

### Day 8 Campi Flegrei

(B,D)

Enjoy a full-day trip to the Campi Flegrei. Visit Pozzuoli, Baia, Cumae and Misenum. Return to Sorrento in the evening.

*Second night's accommodation in Sorrento*

### Day 9 Pompeii

(B,D)

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Pompeii, including a 2-hour guided tour, lunch at the site restaurant and a free afternoon exploring the ruins as a group.

*Third night's accommodation in Sorrento*

### Day 10 Herculaneum and Vesuvius

(B,D)

Travel to Herculaneum and explore the well-preserved Roman city as a group. This afternoon, drive up Mount Vesuvius and see the smoking crater. Return to Sorrento for dinner.

*Fourth night's accommodation in Sorrento*

### Option 1

### Day 11 Venusia, Sorrento

(B,D)

Enjoy a half-day excursion by coach to the ruins at Venusia, Horace's birthplace. Return to Sorrento for a free afternoon in the pretty seaside town.

*Fifth night's accommodation in Sorrento*

### Day 12 Rome - Athens

(B,D)

After breakfast, return to Rome for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation to drop off your luggage. Spend the afternoon on the Acropolis, visit the Acropolis Museum and enjoy the views from the Hill of Ares. Return to your accommodation for dinner.

*First night's accommodation in Athens*



### Day 13 Athens

(B,D)

Spend the morning at the National Archaeological Museum, which houses the best collection of Greek antiquities in the world. The afternoon is free for you to explore the capital with your teachers leading the group.

*Second night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 14 Marathon, Vrauron, Sounion

(B,D)

After breakfast, depart Athens for a full-day excursion to Marathon, Vrauron, and Sounion, returning along the coast to dinner in the Piraeus.

*Third night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 15 Athens

(B,D)

Return to the Acropolis and Agora this morning and spend a free day exploring the sites as a group.

*Fourth night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 16 Thebes, Lamia

(B,D)

Commence your coach tour through Thessalia and Macedon. Spend the morning at the archaeological ruins at Thebes. Continue on to Lamia this afternoon.

*Overnight accommodation in Lamia*

### Day 17 Thermopylae, Meteora

(B,D)

This morning, travel to the ancient battle site at Thermopylae, where the vastly outnumbered Greek alliance fought the invading Persian Empire in 480BC. This afternoon, continue on to the cliff-top monasteries at Meteora. Enjoy dinner and accommodation in Kalambaka tonight.

*Overnight accommodation in Kalambaka*

### Day 18 Mount Olympus

(B,D)

Drive north east to Mount Olympus, home of the gods. After your visit, continue on to Vergina for a free afternoon.

*Overnight accommodation in Vergina*

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# OXFORD LATIN TOUR (Cont.)

### Day 19 Vergina, Thessaloniki (B,D)

Spend the morning visiting the tombs of the Macedon kings with your guide. Continue north to Thessaloniki for a free afternoon in the city followed by a restaurant dinner.

*First night's accommodation in Thessaloniki*

### Day 20 Philippi (B,D)



Enjoy a full-day excursion to Philippi, where Caesar's allies and assassins fought a battle after his death. Return to Thessaloniki in the late afternoon.

*Second night's accommodation in Thessaloniki*

### Day 21 Greece - Australia (B)

Transfer to Thessaloniki Airport for your flights home to Australia via Athens.

### Day 22 Australia

Arrive home.

### Option 2

### Day 11 Venusia, Brindisium (B,D)

After breakfast, visit the ruins at Venusia, Horace's birthplace. Continue eastwards to Brindisium and have an early dinner before boarding your overnight ferry to Greece.

*Overnight accommodation on board ferry to Corfu.*

### Day 12 Corfu, Ioannina (B,D)

Spend the morning at leisure in Corfu town. You might like to visit the Archaeological Museum. This afternoon, transfer to the mainland by ferry and continue on to Ioannina for dinner and accommodation.

*Overnight accommodation in Ioannina*



### Day 13 Meteora, Mt. Olympus, Veria (B,D)

Travel east into Thessalia, stopping to visit the cliff-top monasteries at Meteora in the morning. Continue on to Mount Olympus, before turning north towards Veria.

*Overnight accommodation in Veria.*

### Day 14 Vergina, Thessaloniki (B,D)

After breakfast, visit the royal Macedon tombs at Vergina. Continue on to Thessaloniki and enjoy a free afternoon in the northern capital.

*Overnight accommodation in Thessaloniki*

### Day 15 Philippi - Athens (B,D)

Enjoy a day excursion to the battle site at Philippi, where Horace fought in Brutus' army. Return to Thessaloniki for your evening flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, meet your coach and transfer to your accommodation.

*First night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 16 Athens (B,D)

Explore the Acropolis this morning, with visits to the Agora, the Acropolis Museum and the Hill of Ares. Spend a free afternoon in the Plaka.

*Second night's accommodation in Athens.*

### Day 17 Athens (B,D)

Spend the morning at the National Archaeological Museum. The afternoon is free for you to explore the capital as a group.

*Third night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 18 Athens (B,D)

Enjoy a free day in the city.

*Fourth night's accommodation in Athens*

### Day 19 Greece - Australia (B)

Transfer to Athens Airport for your flights home to Australia.

### Day 20 Australia

Arrive home to Australia.



**B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, PL = Packed Lunch, D = Dinner**

**We tailor all tours to meet your specific requirements.**