

ART TOUR OF ITALY

ITALY

DAY 1 / Australia - Italy

Depart Australia on your flights to Italy.

DAY 2 Venice **B D**

Upon arrival, transfer to the city centre by private boat. Enjoy a full free day in the city, exploring Venice as a group. Take your sketchpad with you and begin your visual record of the tour.

First night's accommodation in Venice

DAY 3 / Venice **B D**

After breakfast, meet your guide and enjoy a half-day tour of the City of Canals. Possibility of including a practical workshop about traditional Venetian arts: like glass blowing, paper marbling, bookbinding, the making of glass bead jewellery and Carnival masks (subject to availability).

Second night's accommodation in Venice

DAY 4 / Florence **B D**

Travel to the Tuscan capital by High Speed Train this morning. Upon arrival, meet your guide and enjoy a tour of the magnificent Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's David. Spend free time in the city before returning to your accommodation in the evening.

First night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 5 / Florence **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to your atelier for the first art workshop session. Classes available: Drawing



and Painting, Fresco, Watercolours, Oil and Tempera, Sanguine and Charcoal Drawing, Xylography, Life Drawing and Sketchbook. This afternoon, visit a local artist's studio (subject to availability) before enjoying free time in the city as a group.

Second night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 6 / Florence **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to your atelier for the second art workshop session. This afternoon, meet your guide for a tour of the Uffizi Gallery, which has in its collection many Italian Renaissance masterpieces.

Third night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 7 / Florence, Pisa **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to your atelier for the third art workshop session. This afternoon, enjoy an excursion to Pisa by train. Return to Florence in the evening for dinner.

Fourth night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 8 / Florence **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to your atelier for the fourth art workshop session. This afternoon, enjoy a lesson 'en plein air' in a Florentine square or garden.

Fifth night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 9 / Florence **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to your atelier for the fifth art workshop session. Enjoy a free afternoon or you might like to travel to the walled, hill-top town of San Gimignano by private coach.

Sixth night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 10 / Cinque Terre **B D**

Enjoy a full-day coach excursion to the Cinque Terre (early departure). Visit the villages by train, from La Spezia to Monterosso Al Mare. You might like to explore each town at your own pace, adding to your sketchpad. From Riomaggiore, walk along the Via dell'Amore, part of the famous Sentiero Azzurro, to Manarola. Return to Florence for dinner.

Seventh night's accommodation in Florence

DAY 11 / Siena, Orvieto **B D**

Meet your coach and make your way through the beautiful Tuscan countryside to Siena. Spend a free morning in the city. Continue on to Orvieto. Enjoy a guided tour of the town.

First night's accommodation in Orvieto



DAY 12 / Orvieto **B D**

Enjoy a free morning adding to your sketchpads in Orvieto. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Orvieto underground world.

Second night's accommodation in Orvieto

DAY 13 / Rome **B D**

Depart Orvieto for the Eternal City this morning. Upon arrival, check in at your accommodation. This afternoon meet your guide for a walking tour of the Forum Romanum and Colosseum.

First night's accommodation in Rome

DAY 14 / Rome **B D**

This morning, make your way to the Vatican City for a half-day guided visit. Visit St. Peter's Basilica and the impressive Vatican Museums. Spend a free afternoon in the area adding to your sketchpads.

Second night's accommodation in Rome

DAY 15 / Rome **B D**

Enjoy a full free day in Rome. You might like to explore the Spanish Steps, the boutique-lined Via Condotti and the Trevi Fountain in the morning. In the afternoon visit the Capitoline Museums.

Third night's accommodation in Rome

DAY 16 / Rome **B D**

After breakfast, make your way to Villa Borghese and enjoy a guided tour of the Gallery, which houses major works by Raphael, Rubens, Titian and Caravaggio. Spend a free final afternoon in Rome with your teachers leading the group.

Fourth night's accommodation in Rome

DAY 17 / Italy - Australia **B**

Today you are transferred to the airport for your return flights to Australia.

DAY 18 / Australia

Arrive home.