



Florence Baptistery

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Florence at Leisure & Farewell Dinner

Enjoy a full day to explore Florence at your own pace – revisit favourite sites, discover new museums, or simply wander its atmospheric streets. In the evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable journey through Italy's history, arts and culture. Overnight Florence.

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Departure

Transfer by private coach to Milan Airport for your return flight to Sydney, carrying with you lasting memories of Italy's timeless cities. Overnight In-Flight.

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Arrival

Arrive in Sydney, enriched by your exploration of Italy's extraordinary history, artistic genius and enduring cultural legacy.



Vatican City



Roman Forum



CAMPION COLLEGE

HISTORY, ART & CULTURE
TOUR TO EUROPE

OVERVIEW

This 15-day History, Arts & Culture tour of Italy has been carefully designed for students of Campion College, offering an immersive exploration of Rome, Assisi and Florence. Based in two of Italy's most historically and artistically significant cities, you will engage directly with the classical, medieval and Renaissance worlds that have shaped Western civilisation and the Catholic intellectual tradition.

In Rome, the Eternal City, trace the legacy of the Roman Republic and Empire, walk in the footsteps of early Christians, and explore the heart of the Vatican. In Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, encounter masterpieces of art and architecture and reflect on the cultural rebirth that transformed Europe.

This tour is a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of history, theology, philosophy and the arts while experiencing Italy's cultural heritage.

ITINERARY

Rome (6 nights), Florence (6 nights)

TOUR DATES

September 16-30, 2026

TOUR PRICE

\$7,250* per person, multishare
**Based on a minimum of 15 participants*
\$660 per person, single supplement

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ International flights, including all taxes and fuel surcharges.
- ✓ 12 nights' accommodation in centrally located hotels.
- ✓ Daily Breakfast and 2 Dinners.
- ✓ Entrance fees to all sites listed on the itinerary.
- ✓ Local guides at key sites.
- ✓ Airport transfers and intercity coach transport.
- ✓ Public transport pass in Rome.
- ✓ Tipping for all booked services.

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Colosseum

DETAILED ITINERARY

Start & Finish

The tour starts in the evening of Wednesday 16 September at Sydney International Airport. The tour ends late in the evening on Wednesday 30 September at Sydney International Airport.

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Departure

Meet your fellow students and lecturers at Sydney International Airport and depart for Italy. As you begin your journey to Rome, anticipation builds for the history, art and culture that await. Overnight In-Flight.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Arrive Rome

Arrive in Rome and transfer by private coach to your hotel. First glimpses of domes, fountains and ancient walls signal your arrival in the Eternal City. After check-in, enjoy time to relax or take an orientation stroll through your local neighbourhood, absorbing the atmosphere of this remarkable capital. Overnight Rome.

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Ancient Rome – Colosseum & Forum

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SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

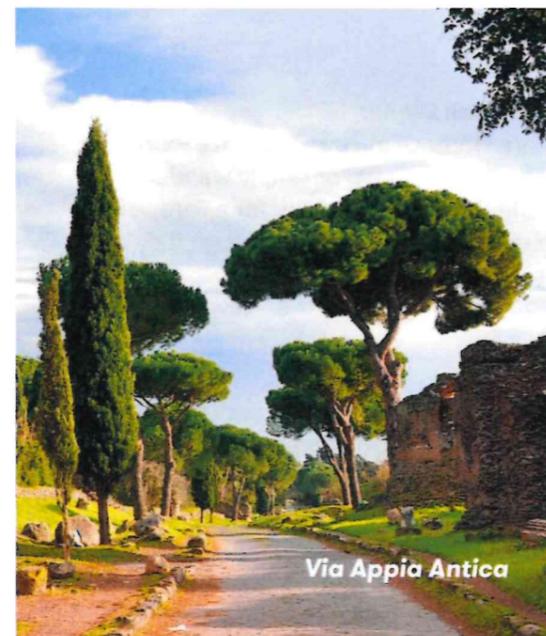
The Pantheon & Baroque Rome

Visit the Pantheon and stand beneath its extraordinary dome, a masterpiece of Roman engineering and sacred architecture. Walk through Rome's historic centre to the Trevi Fountain and enjoy free time around the Spanish Steps, where elegant streets and lively piazzas showcase the city's Baroque splendour. Overnight Rome.

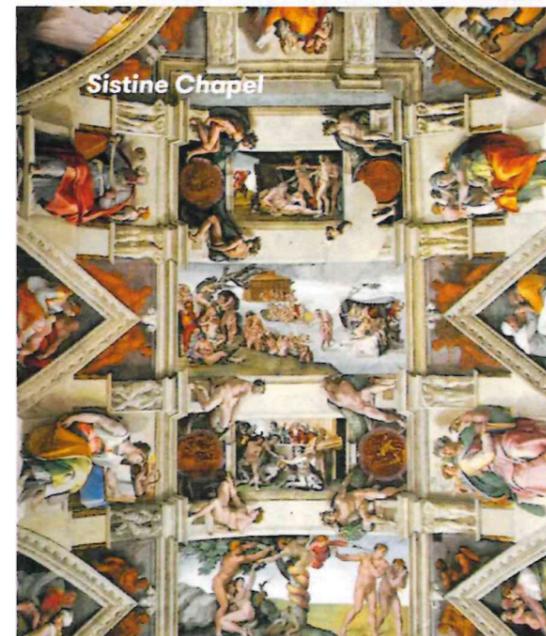
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Mass in Rome

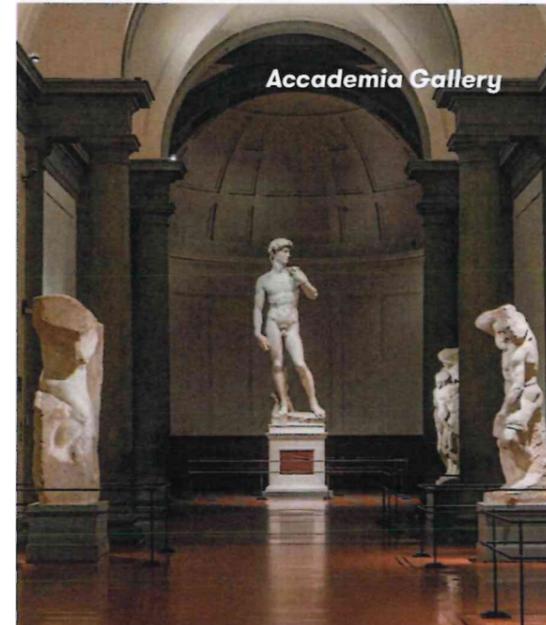
Attend Mass in Rome, sharing in the spiritual life of the city that has shaped Catholic history for centuries. The afternoon is free to explore further — perhaps a hidden basilica, a bustling market, or a quiet café overlooking a sunlit piazza. Overnight Rome.



Via Appia Antica



Sistine Chapel



Accademia Gallery

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Via Appia, Baths and Aqueducts

Discover the ancient Via Appia Antica, walking along one of Rome's oldest roads. Explore the vast Baths of Caracalla and admire the great aqueducts that once sustained a city of over 1,000,000 people — enduring symbols of Roman ambition and ingenuity. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Rome.

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Vatican Museums & Castel Sant'Angelo

Experience the artistic treasures of the Vatican Museums on a guided visit, culminating in the awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel. Enter St Peter's Basilica, then explore Castel Sant'Angelo, a striking monument that reflects Rome's imperial and papal past. Overnight Rome.

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Assisi & On to Florence

Travel north through the Umbrian countryside to Assisi, birthplace of St Francis. Explore its historic centre and reflect on its enduring spiritual legacy. Continue to Florence, where Brunelleschi's magnificent dome announces your arrival in the cradle of the Renaissance. Overnight Florence.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Florence – Cradle of the Renaissance

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Florence, including the Ponte Vecchio and panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. Wander through elegant piazzas and past Renaissance palaces, discovering the legacy of the Medici and the artists who reshaped European thought and culture. Overnight Florence.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Uffizi Gallery & The Duomo Complex

Visit the Uffizi Gallery to encounter masterpieces by Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Later, explore Florence's Duomo and Baptistry, architectural triumphs that symbolise the city's artistic and spiritual ambition. Overnight Florence.

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Accademia Gallery & Italian Traditions

Stand before Michelangelo's David at the Accademia Gallery, one of the defining works of the Renaissance. Later, enjoy a hands-on pizza or pasta making class, sharing dinner together and celebrating Italy's rich culinary traditions. Overnight Florence.

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Mass in Florence

Attend Mass in Florence, connecting with the city's vibrant religious heritage. The afternoon is free for independent discovery — from artisan workshops to galleries and hidden courtyards. Overnight Florence.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Ancient Rome Brought to Life

Explore the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill with a local guide, uncovering the political, religious and social foundations of the ancient world.

The Heart of Christendom

Discover the Vatican Museums and St Peter's Basilica, encountering masterpieces of sacred art and reflecting on the spiritual and cultural influence of the papacy.

Via Appia & The Early Church

Walk the ancient Appian Way, visit the Baths of Caracalla and the great aqueducts, and trace the physical and spiritual foundations of imperial Rome and the early Church.

Florence & The Renaissance Genius

Encounter Florence at the height of its creative power — from the Uffizi and Accademia to the Duomo and Baptistry — and explore the ideas that gave rise to Renaissance humanism and transformed European thought.

Assisi & The Franciscan Tradition

Visit Assisi's hilltop centre en route to Florence, and encounter the life of St Francis amid the sacred art and architecture shaped by his enduring spiritual legacy.