

# International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary Wilkes University Men's Basketball Italy – Rome, Florence, and Venice

#### Travel dates:

May or June, 2025 (Exact dates TBD.)

# **Itinerary:**

Day	<i>/</i> 1	Departure	from	Newark	airport.
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Day 2 Arrival at Rome airport and transfer to your accommodation.

Day 3 Sightseeing Rome. Visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, the most famous of the seven hills of Rome. Then, take a walk along the Via Sacra or 'Sacred Way', the main path through the Roman Forum that was used for triumphal processions, and visit the temple which houses the altar where Julius Caesar was cremated.

Evening game vs. a local club.

Day 4 Additional sightseeing Rome – visit the Vatican and tour Stadio Olimpico, home of pro teams Roma and Lazio. Visit other famous sights as well (Roman Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, Catacombs of San Callisto, Pantheon, etc.), or a day trip to Tivoli where you will find two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Villa d'Este and Hadrian's Villa. **Evening game vs. a local club.** 

Day 5 Transfer to your accommodation in Montecatini, near Florence.

Day 6 Sightseeing in Florence. You will visit major sights such as the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, the Oltrarno, the Palazzo Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria, and of course Piazza Michelangelo. **Evening game vs. a local team.** 

Day 7 Day trip to Pisa, known for its Torra Pendente (Leaning Tower) and Viareggio, a popular seaside resort on the Mediterranean.

Day 8 Transfer to your accommodation in Venice.

Day 9 Day trip Venice. The famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto bridge and the San Marco church, with its vibrant plaza. **Possible evening game vs. a local team.** 

Day 10 Transfer to Venice, Milan, or Bologna airport and return flight.

# Price estimate per person\*:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$4,237	\$3,945	\$3,751	\$3,607	\$3,499	\$3,414

<sup>\*</sup>The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s), and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



#### **Price inclusions:**

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal see below. Hotel
  options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time
  of tour booking.
- Ground transportation see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant see below.

### Sport program included:

We will arrange 4 games total per team.

### Accommodation and meals included:

Rome: 4-star Hotel accommodation in Rome.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The hotel is located not far from the center of Rome.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with two double beds). All
  rooms have private bathrooms and a TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, and
  bar.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.
- Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.

Florence: 4-star Hotel accommodation in Montecatini near Florence.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Montecatini is a tourist resort 30 miles from Florence.
- The hotel has a restaurant, bar, and lounge with TV.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with three twin beds). All rooms have a TV, telephone, and private bathroom.
  - Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.
  - Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.

#### **Venice:** 3-star Hotel accommodation in Venice.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Approx. 5-10 kilometers from the center of Venice.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with 3 Twin beds or Double & Single beds). All rooms have private bathrooms and a TV. The hotel has a lounge, restaurant, and bar.
- Double rooms are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$55.00 per person per night.
- Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.



### **Ground transportation included:**

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

# Local guide services included:

A local bi-lingual tour manager will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

# Options available (not included in prices)

### Sport program options:

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Please calculate between \$50.00 and \$110.00 or more per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium approx. \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff costs \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.
- We can arrange a training session for your team with an Italian Soccer Federation coach at Coverciano (near Florence), headquarters of the Italian Soccer Federation (subject to availability) along with a tour of the facilities. Costs are \$69.00 per player and \$32.00 per non-player.

#### Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website.

# Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions. This applies to per-person admissions for sights and attractions as well as a Venice per-person city entrance fee (approx. \$11.00 per person per day you go into Venice).