

John Hersey High School Band

June 4-13, 2018

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BRT *Bob Rogers Travel*



ITALY TOUR

Trip Highlights

- Tour of the Vatican Museums
- Historical tour of Rome
- Entrance to Coliseum and Roman Forum
- Excursion to Piazza Navona
- Guided tour of Florence
- Entrance to Accademia Museum
- Visit to Pisa, Sienna and Lucca
- Guided tour of Venice
- Entrance to the Doges Palace
- Gondola ride through Venice
- Four performances



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DESTINATION: ITALY TOUR
DATES: JUNE 4-13, 2018

SUGGESTED ITINERARY
AS OF
AUGUST 11, 2017

MON. JUN 4 **DEPARTURE** **(In flight meals)**

Afternoon Gather at **O'Hare International Airport**, where your **Bob Rogers Representative** will greet you and assist you with check in of you and your luggage (currently airlines allow one checked bag up to 50 lbs free of charge, additional bag charges may apply for additional bags) Your **overseas flight** includes meals and entertainment in-flight.

TUES. JUN 5 **ROME** **(Dinner)**

Upon arrival We will be met by a Bob Rogers Travel Tour Directors and a motor-coaches at the airport to take us into the heart of the Eternal City!

Upon arrival Enjoy time to get a bite to eat before our **walking tour** of the **Coliseum and Forum**: *We start at Capitoline Hill; overlooking the Forum, is one of the seven hills of Rome. The Coliseum; the largest amphitheatre of the Roman Empire, one of the greatest works of Roman architecture and engineering.*

Early Evening This evening enjoy a **Welcome dinner**

Afterwards Board motor coaches, depart for the hotel. Check in and relax for the evening

Hotel: Ergife Palace Hotel
<http://www.ergifepalacehotel.com/>



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WED. JUN 6

ROME

(B & D)

Morning
Afterwards

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Depart for an early tour of the **Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica**
Visit Raphael's Rooms, Gallery of the Maps and more, and then step inside the Sistine Chapel to see Michelangelo's fresco 'The Creation of Adam.' Finish with a St Peter's Basilica tour and hear the secrets of the holiest place in Christendom.

Afternoon
Afterwards

Enjoy time on own for lunch and shopping
Take a stroll to **Piazza Navonna**, an artist's haven. You will have some time to meander through the square and watch the artists at work or try one of the famous "**tartufo**" gelatos invented here. Continue on to the **Trevi Fountain...** Legend says if you throw a coin in, you are guaranteed a return visit to Rome! Finish our walk at the **Parthenon**, an architectural marvel!

Evening	Hersey H.S. Band has an advertised performance in Sacrofano <i>(performance set up by school; BRT to assist with advertisement)</i>
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Afterwards

Enjoy dinner in Sacrofano (before or after the concert; pending performance schedule)

THURS. JUN 7

POMPEII EXCURSION

(B & D)

Morning
Afterwards

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel
Today we embark on an historical journey to the remarkable and extraordinary city of **Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius**; *the volcano responsible for the destruction of the city; Pompeii lay 2000 years under ashes and lava.*

Afternoon

Have time for lunch and 2 ½ hour entrance and tour of the Pompeii Archeopark.

Evening

Enjoy dinner along the coast before returning to the hotel for the night.



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FRI. JUN 8

SIENNA/MONTECATINI

(B & D)

Morning Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out
 Afterwards Group board motor coaches; depart for **Sienna**
 Upon arrival Enjoy a self-guided tour and lunch on own in this quaint hillside town
 This Tuscan hill town will transport you back to the Middle Ages. Siena's grand cathedral, built in the 1200s, has treasured artworks and marvelous marble floors. The Piazza del Campo, the main town square, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's also home to the Palio, perhaps the most infamous horserace in the world. No goofy hats and mint juleps here—this is a medieval tradition involving bareback riders racing on cobblestones (so as you might imagine, it's quite dangerous).

Afternoon Continue our journey to **Montecatini-Terme**
 The largest and most famous of Tuscany's spa towns, Montecatini Terme has been revered for its curative waters since at least the 16th century, when the first baths were built here.

TBD	Hersey H.S. Band has an advertised performance at local venue
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Upon arrival Check into the hotel and enjoy dinner

Hotel: Hotel Tamerici
<http://www.hoteltamerici.it/>

SAT. JUN 9

FLORENCE

(B & D)

Morning Enjoy breakfast before departing to **Florence**, the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Upon arrival Enjoy a **guided tour of Florence with a visit to the Accademia**
 We'll start with the **Accademia** to see Michelangelo's famous David and "Prisoners in Stone",



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SAT. JUN 9

FLORENCE CONTINUED

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Afterwards

Enjoy a group **lunch** before we continue with our guided tour We head to the **Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore**, one of the largest Cathedrals in the world, begun in 1296 and completed in 1436, the Baptistery; with its magnificent bronze doors and Piazza del Duomo, once the center of life in medieval times. Our walking tour continues with visits to the Piazza della Signoria; the focal point of the origin and of the history of the Florentine Republic and still maintains its reputation as the political hub of the city. Ponte Vecchio; a Medieval stone closed-spandrel segmental arch bridgeover the Arno River noted for its goldsmith shops along it's span.

The tour continues to The Basilica of Santa Croce; is the burial place of some of the most illustrious Italians, such as Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli, Foscolo, Gentile and Rossini, thus it is known also as the Temple of the Italian Glories.

Late Afternoon

The balance of the day is free to explore Florence on your own with free time for leisure or shopping.

Evening

Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening

SUN. JUN 10

PISA/LUCCA

(B & D)

Morning

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel

Afterwards

Board motor coaches and depart the walled city of **Lucca**

Upon arrival

Enjoy a guided tour of the best preserved medieval walled city and birthplace of the great opera composer, Puccini. Time for lunch on own after tour

Afternoon

Depart for **Pisa**

*Pisa is most famous for its **Leaning Tower**. Many visitors arrive into this university town and visit the Piazza dei Miracoli, or **Square of Miracles**, where the **tower**, the **cathedral** and **baptistry** form the city's main attraction.*

Upon arrival

Enjoy a self-guided tour of Pisa (no entry included)



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SUN. JUN 10

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Evening	Hersey H.S. Band has an advertised afternoon performance <i>(performance set up by school; BRT to assist with advertisement)</i>
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Evening	Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant
Afterwards	Return to Montecatini-Terme for the evening

MON. JUN 11

VENICE

(B & D)

Morning	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel; check out of hotel
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Afterwards	Board motor coaches; depart for Venice
Upon arrival	We begin with a walking tour of Venice beginning in the main Piazza, Europe's finest drawing room and most well known sites of Venezia. The city walking tour will bring us to such places as Saint Mark's Square, the Basilica, Il Ponte dei Sospiri (Bridge of Sighs), the Rialto Bridge and the Doges Palace.

Afterwards	Enjoy time to wander, shop and have lunch on your own
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Afternoon	Depart for Venice proper for our tour via Gondola <i>Float past the beautiful palaces and bridges of Venice on a 45-minute Venice gondola ride! See the sights of the city from the impressive Grand Canal aboard a traditional wood-carved gondola boat!</i>
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Evening	Enjoy dinner in Venice before departing to our hotel for the evening
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Upon arrival	Check in and relax for the night
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TUES. JUN 12

VENICE/VITTORIO VENETO

(B & D)

Morning	Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Afterwards	Today we will have free time in Venice to walk in groups and enjoy this beautiful city. Lunch on own.
Afternoon	Groups will have an opportunity to see a Glass Blower demonstration
Late Afternoon	Depart back to the mainland, board motor coaches and depart for Vittorio Veneto.
Upon arrival	Set up for the performance, short time to rehearse
Evening	Depart to a local restaurant for our Farewell Dinner

Afterwards	Hersey H.S. Band's Farewell Performance in Vittorio Veneto (Performance site set up by school; advertising assistance from BRT)
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WED. JUN 13

DEPARTURE

(Breakfast)

Morning	After breakfast , check out of your hotel, board the coach and transfer to the airport for your return flight.
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