

Treasures of Italy & Sicily

February 22-March 7, 2025

Registration: www.cha-tours.com

Projected tour cost: \$5,895 per person (double occupancy). **This is an all-inclusive cost***.
See inclusions and exclusions below.

Cost Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare between Columbus, Ohio - Rome, Italy
- 12 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All escorted transfers, including ferries.
- Daily breakfasts and dinners (including a special dinner in Florence).
- Transportation by private, climate controlled, bus with driver throughout the tour.
- English-speaking professional tour director and city tour guides.
- Entry fees to all scheduled sites and museums as noted in the itinerary in italics.
- Minimum tips for tour guides and drivers.
- The registration fee of \$95 is part of the total cost.
- Applicable air-related taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges as well as taxes assessed by hotels and restaurants and tips for services provided by hotel and restaurant staff.

**For passengers not departing from Columbus, Ohio this cost may vary. Please email [Prof. John Donnelly](mailto:Prof.JohnDonnelly) or call (740) 501-2172 for more information.*

Cost Excludes:

- Supplemental airfare from those not flying out of Columbus, Ohio. Our travel agency will work with you directly on these arrangements.
- European Union visa (ETIAS) 7 Euros (approximately \$8). [More information at this link.](#)
- Lunches and all drinks (approx. \$6-15 per meal), snacks or any drinks for lunch or dinner (approx. \$3-5 per meal). Coffee, milk, and juice are included in the breakfasts.
- Personal expenses, such as souvenirs, or snacks.
- Additional travel and health insurance.
- Optional excursions.
- Any other service which is not mentioned above.

Important Note: Tour prices are based on a group minimum of 36 passengers, projected 2025 airfare rates, and cost of land arrangements as of September 2023. These are subject to any changes that may be imposed prior to departure.

Priority trip admission will be given to MVNU students. If the trip is full, non-MVNU registrants will be put on a first-come, first served waiting list and will be notified.

Schedule of payments*:

- March 1, 2024: \$95 registration fee due | \$400 deposit within 60 days
OR pay \$495 upfront.
- November 1, 2024: final payment due. If not paid in full by this date, a \$100 late payment fee will apply.
- November 1, 2024: required documents due. If you're sending your documents via U.S. Post Office, please send them to:

Fairbanks Center for Global Engagement / MVNU
c/o Christy Taylor
800 Martinsburg Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Tour delays, cancellation, and refund policy: CHA Educational Tours is not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and cannot reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from delays, re-issuance of air tickets, etc. For cancellation and refund policy visit [CHA's website](#).

Travel insurance (extra): This will cover medical, legal as well as any costs incurred due to trip cancellation or mix-up in travel plans. We do encourage you to get this insurance. Travel insurance information will be added to the website when available.

Money Exchange: Italy uses the Euro. You can change money in the U.S.A. or when we get to Italy. You can also use credit cards quite easily and get cash out at ATM machines. Ask your local bank to order Euros for you to have in advance of departure. Visit www.xe.com/currencyconverter/ for up-to-date currency exchange rates.

Luggage Allowance: Due to space limitations on the bus, we recommend one check-in bag (width + length + height cannot exceed 62 inches and maximum weight must be 50 pounds). You may also take one carry-on/day bag that will fit under your airline seat, the overhead compartment, and that you can carry on the bus.

Educational Opportunities*:

If you are planning to take this tour for course credit, **you need to register** for the course with the MVNU registrar's office for undergraduate or graduate credit. ***Your tour company registration does not enroll you automatically in a course. Please [visit the website](#) for available courses.***

**Course availability may be dependent on the number of students registered. Credit is available for both undergraduate and graduate levels. Courses are not required for alumni and friends of MVNU.*

Tour-Only Participants:

Even though you are not taking this tour for course credit, you are welcome to attend the evening sessions and lectures, taking advantage of the expert faculty leading this tour.

Passport:

- How to apply for a **first** passport:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html
- How to get you passport **renewed**:
 - http://travel.state.gov/passport/renew/renew_830.html

Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months *beyond* your travel dates. This means that if your passport expires prior to September 7, 2025, you need to get it renewed before the trip. Airlines will deny boarding to anyone whose passport does not comply. Your name on the enrollment form must match your passport. If you don't have a passport yet, make sure you enter your name as it will appear on the passport.

Please make five (4) copies of your passport, give two to Prof. Donnelly or Dr. Serrão, keep one for yourself and put it somewhere other than with your passport, give one to your roommate/spouse to keep in their belongings.

Preventing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discriminatory Conduct Training and Test

- MVNU students/faculty/staff – Complete the required test.
- Everyone else not directly affiliated with MVNU [use this link](#).

Weather:

The temperatures in February/March range between 40-60 degrees F, depending on location. Lows may dip into the 30s at night/early morning. As we get closer to departure time, check the weather report for [Italy](#) so you will know better how to pack.