

TRAVEL TO

Italy

WITH MVNU

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MOUNT VERNON
NAZARENE UNIVERSITY



IMPORTANT

Feb. 22 Schedule and Flights

All times are local

Departure schedule from MVNU to Columbus, OH:

- ❖ Meet at PSU at **8:30 a.m.** for quick student's breakfast, passport check, devotional, load bus
- ❖ Leave campus no later than **9:30 a.m.**
- ❖ Arrive at Columbus airport around **10:30 a.m.** and start group check-in

**These times could change if the flights or weather conditions change.
Keep an eye on your email.**

Airline/Flight Number	Departure Time	Arrival Time	Approx. Flight Time
American 4388	Columbus 1:28 p.m.	New York 3:19 p.m.	1 hrs. 51 mins
American 0198	New York 6:25 p.m.	Milan 8:10 a.m.	7 hrs. 45 mins

ALL OTHER PASSENGERS:

- ❖ *If you're meeting us at **Columbus** airport, be sure to wait by the American Airlines ticketing desk area until we all arrive so we can check in together. **Be there no later than 11:00 a.m. ET***

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**Read Your Travel Tips
& Review Orientations 1 & 2**

Hotels

- ❖ Venice – [Hotel Continental](#)
- ❖ Florence - [Grand Hotel Adriatico](#)
- ❖ Assisi - [Hotel Windsor Savoia](#)
- ❖ Rome - [Hotel Palatino](#)
- ❖ Sorrento – [Hotel Regina](#)
- ❖ Taormina – [Splendid Hotel Taormina](#)
- ❖ Palermo - [NH Hotel Palermo](#)



Transportation

- ❖ Bus from MVNU to/from Columbus International Airport
- ❖ Flights from Columbus
 - ❖ Columbus to New York – about 1:51
 - ❖ New York to Milan – about 7:45
 - ❖ Take a travel pillow, wear comfortable clothing and shoes you can easily remove.
 - ❖ We'll be traveling on very large planes (6 to 8 seats wide), so motion is minor, but we may encounter some turbulence.
 - ❖ Airlines provide food, drinks and snacks as well as movies/TV shows, games (bring your own earphones); not a bad idea to carry a favorite snack (candy bar, granola bars, etc.).
 - ❖ Flight schedules are posted at mvnu.edu/italy/orientation
- ❖ Buses:
 - ❖ Modern, clean, comfortable touring buses.



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Don't Forget To...

- ❖ Take a photo of your suitcase, in case we need to file a claim.
- ❖ Carry copies of your prescription meds and/or photos of their containers.
- ❖ Carry your meds with you (both OTC and prescription).
- ❖ Have a couple of masks on hand just in case we're asked to mask-up.
- ❖ Don't put all your money in the same place. Don't put money or valuables in checked luggage.
- ❖ Give your roommate a copy of your passport, carry theirs and yours with you.
- ❖ Students (in particular): give yourselves **plenty of rest time this week; eat a good breakfast** before you come to the PSU.
- ❖ Notify your bank/credit card company of your travel dates. Make sure you know what your daily limit (if any) is. You will need a credit/debit card to access an ATM.



The Airport Experience

❖ Columbus, CMH:

- ❖ Group check-in at American Airlines counter; have passport and e-ticket in hand until your name is called. Couples can check in together.
- ❖ Donnellys and Serraios will go to the counter, get checked in and help the group come through.
- ❖ Go to counter and follow instructions; **make sure luggage is checked through to Milan (MXP)**. Drop off luggage.
- ❖ Once you receive boarding pass wait until there's a group of at least 10 and go through security together with a leader (Carlos/Tiffany, Stuart/Lori, John/Jeannie)
- ❖ We'll wait at the gate until boarding time.

❖ New York, JFK:

- ❖ Get off plane and wait just outside gate area for rest of group. Quick bathroom break time.
- ❖ Follow leaders to departure terminal. Most likely we'll take the AirTrain from **domestic** arrival terminal to **international** departure terminal.
- ❖ May go through security again at departure gate. Have boarding pass and passport in hand.
- ❖ Once through security please stay in gate area.
- ❖ Get on plane, find your seat, stow your carry-on luggage and relax.

❖ Milan, MXP:

- ❖ Get off plane and **wait just outside gate area** for rest of group.
- ❖ Follow leaders to passport control (foreign passport line or non-EU). Have your passport ready when we land in Milan.
- ❖ Go to baggage claim and retrieve luggage. **MVNU neon green handle wraps** will make it easily identifiable.
- ❖ Once everyone has their luggage we'll walk through customs and meet our guide. Bathroom break time.
- ❖ Proceed to the bus as group. Relax. We're here 😊



Customs / Immigration Notes

- ❖ We'll be going through immigration and customs when we enter Italy and upon return to the USA. Have your passport ready and advance to the window when called forward.
Your passport will be checked. We'll go through security at the same time.
- ❖ Be courteous, answer any "purpose of visit" questions with "tourist." Although we're students, we're not students in one of Italy's universities.
- ❖ Answer what you are asked politely, but do not offer explanations, unless you are asked.
- ❖ Do not joke in the airport. And especially do not talk about terrorism or bombs!

Our Guide

Alessandro Ricciardi



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Travel Awareness

- ❖ Keep a low profile. Avoid scam artists and watch your valuables. Look after each other.
- ❖ Take a patient and calm approach to all situations.
- ❖ Be confident!
- ❖ Respect local sensitivities to photography (it's another country not Disneyland 😊)
- ❖ Carry your passport with you at ALL times.

❖ You are subject to the laws of the country you are visiting.

❖ NEVER go out to walk by yourself and stay with the group during tours. Never travel in groups of less than 3.

❖ Take the business card of the hotel where you are staying which has the address and contact police if you get lost.



❖ Security, Customs, and Immigration checks are now much more extensive and thorough than ever before. Don't be stupid! If you try to take illegal substances, you will be caught.

❖ DO NOT offer or agree to carry anything back home from any stranger, no matter who asks, because it's unsafe and illegal. Be especially suspicious if you are approached at the airport.



❖ Do not leave your suitcase or carry-on unattended at airports or in public. Use a lock on your suitcase at the hotel while we tour.

How do you say that?

ITALIAN!

- ❖ Hello/Goodbye: Ciao! (Chow)
- ❖ Good morning: Buon Giorno (Bwohn-JOHR-noh)
- ❖ Good afternoon/evening: Buona sera (Bwoh-nah-SEH-rah)
- ❖ Goodnight: Buona notte (Bwoh-nah-NOH-teh)
- ❖ Thank you: Grazie (GRAH-tseeYeh)
- ❖ Please: Per favore (Pehr fah-VOH-reh)
- ❖ You're welcome: Prego (PREH-go)
- ❖ How are you?: Come sta? (KOH-meh-stah?)
- ❖ Yes: Si (See)
- ❖ No: No (Noh)
- ❖ I'm sorry: Mi dispiace (Mee dees-PYAH-cheh)

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ITALIAN SPEAKING MODE: ON



Once you do this, you can speak
italian, no matter what...



Florence *from the air*



Questions?



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