

Dear Parents,

We're going to **Italy for Spring Break 2010**, and I'm excited that you've expressed interest in this travel opportunity. This trip is going to be an amazing experience for students and will open new doors for them. Students will learn how to travel with cultural awareness and sensitivity, and students will have the opportunity to put a real-world application to their education. The pages of their textbooks will come alive on this trip, and I can't wait to see their reactions!

Here is what you need to know:

1. Our tour itinerary, "the Renaissance and Rome," includes visits to Rome, Florence, and Assisi. Our travel dates are scheduled for March 8-15, 2010. EF Tours sometimes has to change these dates slightly—by no more than plus or minus two days.
2. The cost for the trip is \$2,121. This includes airfare, hotels, transportation, admission fees, some meals (breakfast & dinner most days), an additional excursion tour of the catacombs, and travel insurance. (Please note: EF's quote is based on 3-4 students per room.) This package price is paid directly to EF Tours. You can pay with credit card by phone, FAX, or online, or you can mail a check. They also offer two different payment plans. This is all explained in the enrollment booklet, or you can go to their website: www.eftours.com
3. There will be some additional expenses that will be collected by the school. This includes transportation to and from the airport, tips for the driver and tour guide, and additional international travel insurance that the school is required to purchase. I estimate this will be \$250, but the amount may change depending on the total number of students. Finally, students should bring spending money, money for lunches, and airport bag fees (usually \$20/bag, but I will confirm the price once our travel arrangements are set).

4. Sign up by **October 15**. To register, you will need the tour number:
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EF Educational Tours is a company that has over 40 years of experience. Traveling with EF is safe and fun: They have offices all over the world, they can offer the lowest prices, and they have a 24/7 emergency service for while we are on our trip. I have traveled on an EF Tour last year and know that they are an organized, dependable tour company.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bladd@williamsschool.org

Thanks,

Ben Ladd