YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP IN ITALY

overnights
ROME 3, TUSCANY 2, MILAN 2

what’s included

Round-Trip Flights
Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)
Centrally Located Hotels
24-Hour Tour Manager

- Rome Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Vatican Museums with Reservation
- St. Peter’s Basilica
- Colosseum with Guide and Reservation
- Leadership Workshop at an Immigrant Relief Organization
- Global Exchange with a Local Primary School
- Leadership Workshop with Emanuela Prinzivalli of Rome University
- Rome Dinner Voucher
- Florence Tour with Guide and Personal Headsets
- Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore (Il Duomo)
- Accademia with Reservation
- Service Project at a Donne in Campo Farm
- Siena Duomo
- Leadership Workshop with Tuscan Town Mayor
- Milan Tour with Guide
- Santa Maria delle Grazie
- Leadership Workshop with Fashion Industry Director

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trip itinerary - 9 days

**Day 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

Depart from the USA.

**Day 2: ROME**

_Benvenuti in Italia!_ Meet your ACIS Tour Manager, settle in to your hotel at the heart of bustling, historic Rome and begin your Young Women’s Leadership Program. Perhaps practice your language skills by ordering _una coppa_ gelato and enjoy people-watching in one of the city’s stunning piazzas. Later, you can mingle with café-goers around the Pantheon and Piazza della Rotonda.

**Day 3: ROME**

Rome is called “The Eternal City” because the ancient Romans believed that no matter what empires rose and fell, Rome would endure forever. Today’s panoramic drive of the city is a great introduction to the many phases of Roman history. Our local expert accompanies you through the _Vatican Museums_, including the _Sistine Chapel_, and _St. Peter’s Basilica_, giving commentary via personal headsets. These are timed entrances, meaning you’ll breeze right by the long lines facing other tourists. Then go inside the iconic and historic _Colosseum_ with a local guide (another line-avoiding timed reservation) and learn the many stories of this nearly 2,000-year-old Roman landmark that’s considered one of the architectural wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon your first _leadership workshop_ has you meeting with the female head of a relief organization aimed at supporting and assisting immigrant women refugees, often coming from Africa or the Balkans.

**Day 4: ROME**

This morning enjoy a _Global Exchange_ focused on comparative learning and sharing dynamics at a _local primary school_. Meet with a female Italian educator and engage with the children while teaching them English (if traveling outside the school calendar, another leadership activity will be substituted). Continue the education theme in the afternoon during a _leadership workshop_ with _Emanuela Prinzivalli, Professor of the History of Christianity at Rome University_. You'll have the opportunity to discuss the impact of Pope Francis’ recent opening to the possibility of women becoming deacons in the Catholic Church. Tonight we’ll provide restaurant vouchers and suggestions for our favorite _trattorias_ so you can dine like (and with) the locals. After, we’ll head out for a _passeggiata romana_ around the Piazza Navona.

**Day 5: TUSCANY**

After breakfast journey north to the region of Tuscany and visit _Florence_, known as the “Cradle of the Renaissance” for its role as a center of education, art, and science. Your sightseeing tour with a local guide providing commentary via headsets shows you Brunelleschi’s splendid _Duomo_, Ghiberti’s famous _Baptistry Doors_ and the _Piazza della Signoria_—the political center of the city. Then breeze by the crowds with your own timed entrance to the _Accademia_, which houses Michelangelo’s _David_. Later continue to your picturesque lodging in the Tuscan countryside.

**Day 6: TUSCANY**

Today’s _leadership workshop and community service_ opportunity connects you with the strong _Donne in Campo_ organization of women farmers. Visit one of these local, woman-run farms where you will meet with the farmer, learn about what drives her, discuss the challenges she faces and assist her for a partial work day. The specific activities completed will depend on need. In the afternoon explore _Siena_, one of Italy’s best-preserved hill towns. A walking tour shows you the green and white marbled _Duomo_ and the famous _Piazza del Campo_ before you return to your Tuscan hill town accommodations for the evening.

**Day 7: MILAN**

Nearly 20% of the Italian municipalities presided over by a female mayor are in Tuscany. Stop in one of these towns for a _leadership workshop with the mayor or a senior female member of her staff_ to discuss the achievements and challenges faced by women in Italian politics. Then continue north to the thriving and chic city of Milan.

**Day 8: MILAN**

Today discover Milan, a city renowned as one of the world capitals for design and fashion. A sightseeing tour with a local guide shows you the spectacular _Duomo, Galleria_ and _La Scala_ before you visit the church of _Santa Maria delle Grazie_ to see Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece, _The Last Supper_. Your final leadership workshop this afternoon connects you with a local _female director in Milan’s thriving fashion industry_. Discuss her career path and present work as you gain an insider’s perspective on an Italian fashion house. During tonight’s farewell dinner at a local restaurant, you and your fellow classmates will enjoy recapping the previous nine days of amazing and unique leadership learning experiences.

**Day 9: DEPARTURE**

Depart for the USA.