

Riverside Secondary School
AUSTRIA EXCHANGE
BELLA ITALIA & GREECE
March 14 – 28, 2014 (15 days)

Vienna – Venice – Florence – Rome – Athens – Greek Islands

Day 01

March 14, Fri: VANCOUVER – EUROPE
Departure for Europe

Day 02

March 15, Sat: ARRIVE VIENNA
After changing arrival in Vienna – pick up by host families

Day 03

March 16, Sun: VIENNA
All day with host families

Day 04

March 17, Mon: VIENNA
Morning welcome in the school and then city walk – then return for lunch to a school hosted lunch – and in the afternoon at 13.00 bus and guide for half day Panoramic City Tour of the main sites incl visit to Schoenbrunn Gardens – return to school around 17.00 and to host families

Day 05

March 18, Tue: VIENNA
Morning attendance of the Practise Sessions of the famous white stallions of the Spanish Riding School – then afternoon visit to town (maybe split in 2 groups etc to visit a museum of your liking: Natural History Museum, Art History Museum) and time for the Inner City, Mariahilferstrasse etc

Day 06

March 19, Wed: VIENNA
Morning special guided tour of St.Stephen's Cathedral – then a visit to Schoenbrunn Palace (the famous summer residence of the former Rulers of Austria, the Habsburg Dynasty) in the afternoon

Day 07

March 20, Thu: VIENNA – VENICE
Morning departure for Italy – late afternoon arrival, check in and dinner

Day 08

March 21, Fri: VENICE – FLORENCE
Morning visit to Venice – and in the afternoon across the Appenine Mountains, and check into hotel in Tuscany (B,D)

Day 09

March 22, Sat: FLORENCE
All day touring of Florence – walking tour including including the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio etc and time also to enjoy the local market ...(B,D)

Day 10

March 23, Sun: FLORENCE /TUSCANY – PISA – ROME
Train to Pisa for a look at the famous Leaning Tower, then by train past Florence to Rome – there check in and dinner (B,D)

Day 11

March 24, Mon: ROME
Morning visit to the Vatican Museum (Sistine Chapel) and St.Peter's Basilica – and then afternoon Panoramic City Tour of the main sites of Italy's capital including historic centre passing the Forum Romanum, Colosseum etc (B,D)

Day 12

March 25, Tue: ROME – ATHENS

Morning walking tour including Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps – late afternoon transfer to airport for flight to Athens – upon arrival check into hotel (B)

Day 13

March 26, Wed: ATHENS

In the morning we enjoy our sightseeing tour of Athens including hike up to Acropolis, and a panoramic tour of the main sites with the Parliament House, Olympic Stadium etc – and then in the afternoon time also in the Plaka area, to stroll through the markets at the foot of the Acropolis (B,D)

Day 14

March 27, Thu: ATHENS – ONE DAY CRUISE: Poros, Hydra, Aegina

Transfer to the port of Piraeus for a one day cruise including lunch visiting 3 islands, which all have very different sites to offer: *Poros* where the first naval arsenal of independent Greece was established. Poros provides delightful scenery marked by the low pine-wooded hills. From here we continue our voyage to *Hydra*, fashionable artists' colony, a retreat of intellectuals and a favorite film location. An amphitheatrical town rings the colorful harbor with well-preserved sea-merchant family mansions. Leisurely we have time for strolling, shopping or swimming. Our last call is *Aegina*, an attractive and tranquil resort place. Walk leisurely around the harbor or browse in the small gift shops. Return to Athens in the early evening for overnight and dinner (B,L,D)

Day 15

March 28, Fri: ATHENS – VANCOUVER

Transfer to the airport for flight home and arrival same day back in Vancouver

INCLUDED:

- Air fare Vancouver – Vienna, Rome – Athens; Athens – Vancouver
- Homestays in Vienna
- Tourist Class Hotels based on multiple occupancy in Italy, Greece
- Breakfast and dinner as stated (B,D)
- Bus and guide during time of touring
- City Tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees for sites per itinerary
- Local taxes and service charges
- All inclusive travel insurance
- Tips for driver/guide
- Departure taxes, in conjunction with airline tickets

NOT INCLUDED:

- Lunches
- Items of personal nature

COST PER PERSON:

DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS.