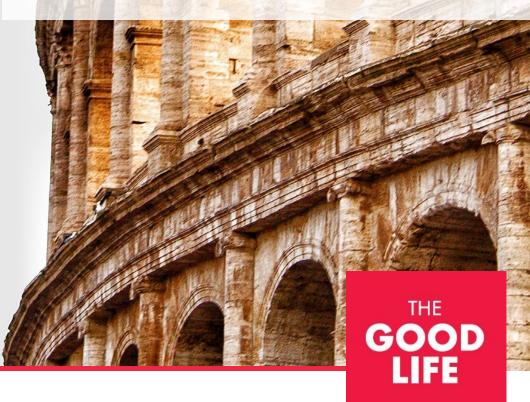




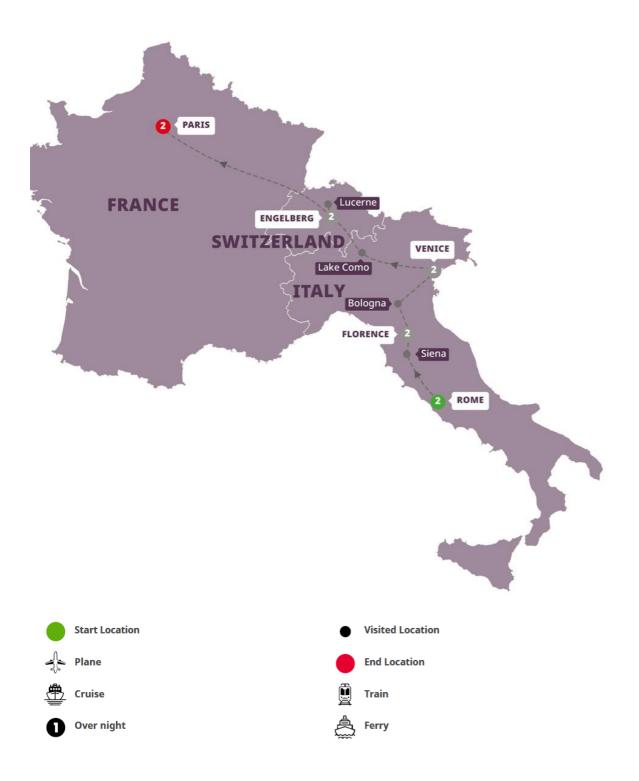
## OGCMA Fellowship Expedition through European History

11days- 10 nights |3Countries \$3950.00 twin share \$600.00 single supplement

Start date: 08 October 2024



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#### DAY 1:08 OCTOBER 2024

#### Welcome to Rome

Buckle up Bambini – we're off on a grand adventure through Europe, launching our Family Experience in the 'Eternal City' of Rome. You will have one group transfer to your hotel leaving the airport at 1 PM. Please ensure you arrive before 12:00 to meet this transfer. This evening we enjoy a Kickoff Party with our travel companions where we Dive Into Culture with a Family Fun experience and learn how to make a pizza that would make any Italian mamma proud.

Meal(s):Kickoff Party

Hotel(s): Crowne Plaza Roma - St. Peter's Rome or similar

#### DAY 2: 09 OCTOBER 2024

## Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. Then, gain priority entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Specialist. Admire the Papal art collection and visit the breathtaking Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling Masterpiece. Next, venture into Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus, where the thundering noise of chariot races once filled the air. Then, view the mighty Colosseum (\*entrance subject to availability) and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. Sit on the Spanish Steps, shop up a storm on Via Veneto or continue your encounter with Ancient Rome on Palatine Hill to see the Temple of Apollo and Flavian Palace, among other excavations.

Meal(s):Breakfast

#### DAY 3: 10 OCTOBER 2024

#### **Admire Siena and Florence**

Explore the medieval playground of Siena, strolling to the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo where you'll imagine the fun and fanfare that the festive Palio bareback horse race brings to the city twice a year against the backdrop of colorful flags and emblems. You'll journey to Florence this afternoon where the Cradle of Renaissance comes alive in ways you could never imagine. You'll go back in time and learn how Florence drove innovation and imagination all those centuries ago.

#### Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Hilton Florence Metropole Hotel or similar

#### DAY 4: 11 OCTOBER 2024

#### **Explore Florence**

The treasures of the Medici family are on full display as we delve into the centuries of art, architecture and tumultuous history. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the city. Visit the Piazza della Signoria, the hub of the city, and view the magnificent marble Duomo. Learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city's historic industries at demonstrations of Florentine leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Then, spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Climb a tree or two in Boboli Gardens, tick off great masterpieces in Uffizi Gallery. You could also join an Optional Experience to snap a selfie next to the Leaning Tower of Pisa before returning to Florence and pounding the pavements in search of the city's tastiest gelato.

Meal(s):Breakfast

#### DAY 5: 12 OCTOBER 2024

#### Journey to Bologna and on to Venice Mestre

Cross the Apennine Mountains to the city of Bologna where you will join a Local Specialist to view the city's Kissing Towers and Il Gigante, commonly known as Neptune's Fountain. Ditch your diet and indulge in the delicious flavors of what is widely regarded as the gastronomic capital of Italy – chase tortellini around your plate or twirl Spaghetti Bolognese like a local. This afternoon, we arrive in the island city of Venice. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring with the family or enjoy an Optional Experience gondola ride through Venice's labyrinthine canals. Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana or similar



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#### DAY 6: 13 OCTOBER 2024

**Discover the Floating City of Venice** Take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Sauare. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Basilica and the Campanile with its five bells. Enjoy an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness first-hand the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. You'll learn how the master craftsmen shape the molten glass to make the exquisite and delicate works of art that adorn homes all over the world and perhaps be inspired to buy your own souvenir as a reminder of this special visit. Then, join a Local Specialist for a Family Fun experience to learn about the great Venetian tradition of Carnival masks, with an opportunity to create your own colorful alter egos. This afternoon, consider a lagoon cruise to the colorful island of Burano, on an Optional Experience, for a mouth-watering meal. Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana Venice or similar

#### DAY 7: 14 OCTOBER 2024

Onwards to Lake Como and Engelberg We travel through the Italian Lake District bound for Switzerland this morning and enjoy some free time for lunch in the laidback lakeside town of Como, which for centuries has served as the crossroads between Central Europe and the Mediterranean. We continue through Alpine landscapes, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, before arriving in Engelberg. Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): H+ Hotel & Spa Engelberg or similar

#### DAY 8: 15 OCTOBER 2024

#### **Uncover Lucerne's Treasures**

Walk across the flower-lined 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge and into a land of lakes and lions. See the giant dying lion hewn from sandstone rock to commemorate the heroism of the Swiss Guards during the French Revolution. Ascend one of the magnificent surrounding mountains during an Optional Experience or spend the afternoon sampling the rich flavors of delicious Swiss chocolate.

Meal(s):Breakfast

#### DAY 9: 16 OCTOBER 2024

#### **Off to Magical Paris**

From Switzerland, we cross the mighty Rhine River and into France, traveling through the Burgundy wine region to the 'City of Lights'. This evening, amble up grand boulevards and through tiny cobblestone lanes in search of the French treasures you'll have an opportunity to sample tomorrow. Meal(s):Breakfast

Hotel(s): Mercure Paris 17 Batignolles or similar

#### DAY 10: 17 OCTOBER 2024

#### Explore Paris's Sights

Join a Local Specialist on a guided sightseeing tour which includes a drive along the Champs-Élysées with views of the magnificent Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. Now, take to the water for a leisurely cruise on the Seine River with spectacular views of the city's bridges and life on the river.

Meal(s):Breakfast

#### DAY 11: 18 OCTOBER 2024

#### **Farewell Paris**

For now, it's time to say au revoir to your fellow travelers at the end of an unforgettable experience. You will have one group transfer to the Charles de Gaulle airport at 8:00 AM for your flight back home. Please make sure to book flights leaving after 11 AM to utilize this transfer. Meal(s):Breakfast

### ⊢ HIGHLIGHTS ¬

- Explore Rome, Florence, Bologna and Paris with a Local Specialist.
- Discover Siena, Venice and Lucerne.
- Visit St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a glassblowing factory and a mask-making studio in Venice.
- View the ancient sites of Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, scenic Lake Como, the spectacular alpine scenery of Switzerland, the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.
- See the vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme Battlefields in France.
- Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice and along the Seine River in Paris.





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- 10 breakfasts, & 1 dinner
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver.
- Hotel tips, restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes.
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of your guided holiday.
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted (Hotels listed to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category).
- Porterage where available.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS** WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Airfares (unless otherwise stated), passports and applicable visa fees, charges imposed by third parties, laundry, phone calls, items of a personal nature, beverages, meals and sightseeing not detailed on the itinerary, excess baggage, travel insurance. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Ask your Travel Advisor or Group Specialist for further details.

**PRICE:** The advertised price is in US dollars, per person twin share. The advertised rate is based on a minimum of 22 passengers. If the minimum passenger count is not met, the rates will be adjusted accordingly.

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due by June 5, 2024.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final Payment is due July 5, 2024. Payments after this date may incur a late fee payment. CANCELLATION FEES: In the event you have to cancel

your booking, cancellation fees will apply. For full details of cancellation fees, contact your Group Specialist. AMENDMENTS: Fees may apply to any change made to

your booking once confirmed. **REFUNDS:** No refund is available if cancellations occur

after the trip has commenced or in respect of any sightseeing, accommodation, meals or any other services not utilized

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requirements, contact your Group Specialist. HOTELS: The hotels listed in the itinerary are listed as a guide only and are subject to change.

PORTERAGE: for one suitcase is included in the trip price on arrival and departure from each trip hotel. Refer to https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us/resources/website-termsof-use https://www.trafalgar.com/en-

us/resources/website-terms-of-use for details of luggage allowances.

**TRANSFERS:** You will have one group arrival on October 8, 2024, and one group departure transfer on October 18, 2024. Please coordinate your flights with the rest of the group. Additional transfers may be arranged for an additional charge. Flight information required for transfers to be arranged.

**DOCUMENTATION:** Documentation will be emailed approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: apply to this special departure. Full terms and conditions are available from Trafalgar. Refer also to the Trafalgar website at https://www.trafalgar.com/en-us/resources/website-termsof-use https://www.trafalgar.com/enus/resources/website-terms-of-use

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be able to take advantage of special offers and Gold Seal Protection as detailed in the Trafalgar brochure or website on this trip. Please check with your Travel Advisor or Groups Specialist for applicable discounts. Note: the Gold Seal Protection insurance plan will not cover any additional group discounts or benefits applied to the rest of the group. ROOMING ARRANGEMENTS: All pricing is based on

twin share accommodation. If a single room is required, the appropriate single supplement will need to be paid. Single rooms are subject to availability. Triple rooms may be available on request.

# Optional Experiences

Your trip already includes a host of wonderful inclusions, however, we have passionately curated a selection of Optional Experiences to further personalise your trip. These can be booked through your Travel Director/Local Host at the commencement and during your trip. Cash, Visa, Mastercard and American Express are all accepted. Please note the optional experiences purchased on your credit card will show as Travel Projects plus your Travel Director Name. Do remember to advise your credit card provider that you will be travelling abroad before leaving home. Children 15 and under are entitled to a 25% discount on all Europeanoperated experiences (some Eastern Mediterranean trips excluded).

Many Optional Experiences are operated by independent third party suppliers. Occasionally these experiences involve outdoor activities and/or can be physically demanding. You should make your own decisions about these experiences and only participate in activities that you feel are suited to your own physical ability. We recommend you check that the insurance you have taken out also includes your participation in any adventure activities you may/will undertake during your overall trip.

Please Note: Some Optional Experiences may operate on an alternative day to that shown on the itinerary; your Travel Director will confirm full details when you join the trip. Optional Experiences offered are dependent on both the weather and number of participants. Some optional experiences involve a pre-paid reservation. Cancellation within 24 hours will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee. Optional Experiences which are subject to cancellation fees have an added note to this effect on the day to day itinerary found below.

## ROME INSIDE THE VATICAN MUSEUMS AND SISTINE CHAPEL

Join us for an extension to your included sightseeing tour, which gives you a chance to see the artistic masterpieces collected and commissioned by the Popes. With our Local Specialist, we'll visit the Tapestry Gallery, Gallery of Maps and the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo spent four years preparing the vault and altar wall, and we'll give you plenty of time to admire just how much painstaking work went into his creations. Adult: €64.00

#### ROME PIAZZAS AND FOUNTAINS

Discover the most charming areas in the city with a Local Specialist. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and beautiful squares of Rome's historic centre, leading to highlights such as the Trevi Fountain, as well as hidden corners of the Eternal City. Adult: €44.00

#### FLORENCE DISCOVER PALAZZO VECCHIO

Marvel at the legacy of the Medici as you visit Palazzo Vecchio, the symbol of Florence's political power for over seven centuries. With our Local Specialist we'll visit the wonderful "Hall of the Five Hundred", dedicated to the Medici popes. We'll also visit rooms decorated with masterpieces by famous artists of the Renaissance like Michelangelo and Donatello. Adult: €46.00

## PISA VISIT WITH TUSCAN MEAL AND MUSIC

Join us on a visit to Pisa with our Local Specialist, where we'll see the remarkable Leaning Tower and marvel at the monuments on the Square of Miracles. At a Tuscan farmhouse, we'll enjoy a selection of local specialties and wines produced in the property. Live music will create an unforgettable atmosphere. Adult: €101.00

## VENICE GONDOLAS & THE GRAND CANAL

On arrival in Venice, a private boat will be waiting to take you to St Mark's Square,

where you'll enjoy a gondola ride while being serenaded by local musicians. Later, private water taxis will take you along Venice's Grand Canal, where you'll admire the magnificent palazzos and Rialto Bridge. Adult: €84.00

#### VENICE LAGOON CRUISE TO BURANO WITH FOOD AND DRINKS

This afternoon, discover the Venetian Lagoon by private boat. You'll enjoy a delicious meal, with a selection of drinks, on the fisherman's island of Burano, famous for its multi-coloured houses - a photographer's paradise. Adult: €82.00

## ENGELBERG SWISS COUNTRYSIDE & CARRIAGES

A chance to get to know the Swiss, you'll meet local farmers and enjoy a delightful countryside tour in horse-drawn carriages. Soak up the stunning scenery as we trot around a typical rural community, en route to a local homestead where you'll savour local drinks and snacks. Adult: CHF77.00

#### ENGELBERG MOUNT TITLIS EXCURSION

With guaranteed snow, two different types of cable car ride and the opportunity to walk inside a glacier, this is Switzerland's most exciting mountain trip. Make sure you wrap up warm, for a wonderful winter experience whatever the weather.

Adult: CHF103.00

## ENGELBERG TRADITIONAL FOLKLORE SHOW WITH LUNCH

Enjoy a delicious lunch (including cheese fondue and one drink) as you listen to yodelling and Alpine horn-blowing, during a lively folklore show of typical Swiss entertainment. Adult: CHF78.00

#### LUCERNE LAKE LUCERNE CRUISE

Widely considered to be the loveliest of the mountain lakes, much of the shoreline of Lake Lucerne can only be fully appreciated from the water. As we cruise gently by, you'll admire the spectacular homes of the fortunate few privileged to live on its scenic shores. Adult: CHF45.00

## PARIS LA NOUVELLE EVE CABARET AND DINNER

Set in the heart of Montmartre District and famous for the filming of 'Emily in Paris' plus host to numerous fashion events including Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Louboutin & Vivienne Westwood, Nouvelle Eve is a must! Celebrating 125 years as one of the most elegant revue theatres in Paris, you will enjoy a night of sumptuous surroundings, a la carte menu and a sparkling cabaret highlighting the spectacular French Cancan. (Open Thursday April 27th until Sat Oct 21st) Adult: €160.00

## PARIS MONTPARNASSE AND PARIS

Take the fastest elevator in Europe to the Panoramic Observation Deck for unbeatable views of the Eiffel Tower and all of the city's iconic monuments. Afterwards, as we drive through this spectacular city, we'll stop at vantage points for you to capture the enchanting Parisian sights on camera. In summer, this trip may take place before sunset. Adult: : €45.00

## PARIS MONTMARTRE VILLAGE AND ARTISTS' SQUARE

Many people go to Paris, but only a few are lucky enough to experience what it's really all about. Join us for a stroll with our Local Specialist through Montmartre – an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse Lautrec, tucked away from the modern city. The paint will still be wet on the canvasses, as we watch apprentices work before our eyes in the famous Artist's Square. Mingle, barter, and stand in awe of Sacré Coeur Basilica in this historic, bohemian neighbourhood. Adult:: €43.00