# Switzerland and Italy 2021



## what's included



**Round-Trip Flights** 



3- or 4-Star Hotels

- Centrally Located Hotels
- Geneva
- Swiss Fondue Dinner
- Chamonix



Daily Breakfast and Dinner (unless otherwise noted)



24-Hour Tour Manager

- Alpine Adventure
- Milan Tour with Guide
- Venice
- Florence Tour with Guide
- Accademia with Guide and Reservation



# our promise

In educational travel, every moment matters. Pushing the experience from "good enough" to exceptional is what we do every day. Our mission is to empower educators to introduce their students to the world beyond the classroom and inspire the next generation of global citizens. *Travel changes lives*.

"Our tour guide was phenomenal; he went above and beyond my expectations. His knowledge of the area and the history behind it was most impressive."

**Matthew L.** Participant

## trip itinerary - 11 days

#### Mar 24, 2021: Overnight Flight

Depart from the USA.

#### Mar 25, 2021: Geneva Area

Arrive in Geneva, Headquarters of Europe's United Nations and the Red Cross. Meet your ACIS Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel in the Geneva area. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own. (D)

#### Mar 26, 2021: Geneva Area

Start the morning with a walking tour of Geneva's Old Town, known for its gracious squares, cafés, galleries and historical sites, not to mention its fine Swiss watches and chocolate! Then you'll visit the Red Cross Museum which details the history of this humanitarian organization. After lunch on your own, continue to CERN (details included through Group Leader). Enjoy your final evening in the Alps with an unforgettable fondue dinner. (B,D)

#### **Mar 27, 2021: Chamonix**

This morning there is an early departure to Chaminox. Upon arrival enjoy a true Alpine Adventure. In the morning travel up one of the highest peaks in the Alps, Aiguille du Midi, named because it points to the midday sun when viewed from the valley below. A series of cable cars brings you to 13,000 feet for spectacular scenery and breathtaking views. Then speed on down a 1,300 meter long track on the thrilling Luge Alpine coaster. This day is sure to be a favorite. (B,D)

#### Mar 28, 2021: Milan

The morning head for Milan, one of Europe's cultural hubs and a global center for fashion and design. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure. (B,D)

#### Mar 29, 2021: Milan

Start the day's activities with a guided sightseeing tour that shows you the glass- and iron-roofed Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and world-renowned La Scala Opera House. Entrance is included to Milan's massive Duomo, including a visit to the cathedral's roof from which you can see as far as the Alps among the forest of spires on a clear day. In the afternoon, pending availability, enjoy a fashion tour. (B,D)

#### Mar 30, 2021: Venice

This morning, drive to Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. On arriving in Venice, start exploring this magnificent city of canals and palaces with your 48-hour vaporetto pass, which allows you to come and go throughout the city as you please. (B,D)

#### Mar 31, 2021: Venice

Consisting of an archipelago carved by nearly 150 canals into 118 different islands, the incomparable city of Venice contains a wealth of sights. Arrive in St. Mark's Square where you can see the Basilica of St. Mark before enjoying entrance to the Gothic Doge's Palace, including the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the old prisons of Venice to the palace's interrogation rooms. Then learn about the art of Venetian glassblowing with a demonstration by a master



practitioner. Also visit the lace museum. Be on the lookout for souvenirs as you explore more of Venice's highlights with unlimited access to the entire canal network and smaller islands using your vaporetto pass. You'll be feeling like a local in no time. (B,D)

#### Apr 1, 2021: Florence

We leave Venice this morning and travel to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. Once there, enjoy a free afternoon. (B,D)

#### Apr 2, 2021: Florence

Today's sightseeing tour with a local guide providing commentary via personal headsets shows you the splendid Duomo, Ghiberti's famous Baptistry Doors and the Piazza della Signoria—the political center of this Renaissance city. Then breeze by the crowds with your own timed entrance to the Accademia, which houses Michelangelo's David. (B,D)

#### Apr 3, 2021: Departure

Depart for the USA. (B)

This is a preliminary itinerary for your group.









### tour cost

#### **Participant Fees**

Program Fee	\$4985
Total Participant Fees <sup>2</sup>	\$4985
<sup>2</sup> Valid through 02/01/20 with \$200 deposit.	
Additional Fees (as applicable)	
Adult Surcharge	\$100
Single Room Supplement	\$855
Double Room Supplement	\$450
Ultimate Protection Plan	\$330
Comprehensive Protection Plan	\$275

## notes from acis

- •Save \$50 off your Total Participant Fees if you pay for your trip by E-Check or through our Automatic Payments Plan.
- All registered participants can enjoy the convenience, security and savings of having payments automatically withdrawn from a checking account by enrolling in an Automatic Payments plan. To learn more, visit www.acis.com/autopay
- •Adult travelers age 21 and older should add in the Adult Surcharge and Double or Single Room Supplement to calculate their Total Participant Fees.
- •This educational travel program is not school or district sponsored unless expressly stated by the Group Leader.

# **Travel Changes Lives**

Can travel make a difference in students' futures? It certainly can and does every single day. In fact, we surveyed 930 former ACIS travelers to see how their tours abroad as young adults influenced their choices in education and paved a way for future careers. Many of them credit travel as a defining moment in their adolescence, and below is a recap of our findings.

To learn more, we invite you to read our free ebook, "The Making of a Five-Star Future." http://pages.acis.com/ebook



# education



**81%** 

of those that traveled in middle school or high school continued their studies at the college level compared to the national average of 68%



of travelers who went on to college said their travel experience influenced their field of study.



57%

of respondents were motivated to study abroad during college.

# language skills



of students continued to study foreign language in college.



of ACIS travelers say they speak one foreign language fairly well compared with 18% of the American population.

# personal development



94% felt more independent after their trip.

78% saw an increase in their problem solving skills.

noted improvement in their interpersonal skills.



have traveled overseas again since their ACIS trip.

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