

Itinerary - ITP4-12

Date From : July 31      Date To : August 09      Price : \$3,185.00  
 Destination(s) : Italy Photography session 4

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DATE/TIME

DESCRIPTION

**Tuesday, July 31**

08:00 AM

**PHOTO GALLERIES**

Follow along with the trip! Below is a link to the trip's photo galleries. If nothing is posted after the first 24 hours of the trip, don't panic! Please check back again in 24 hours.

Link to photo galleries: <http://picasaweb.google.com/TFT.ItalyPhotography2>

**\*\*NOTE:** If your child is traveling on multiple trips, scroll down to find the photo galleries for his/her second/third/fourth trip\*\*

05:45 PM

**Group Flight**

ATTENTION TRAVELERS – If you are flying in to meet the group flight, Travel For Teens recommends your connecting flight land at least 4 hours ahead of the TFT group flight so you have time to make your connection.

Newark (EWR)—Frankfurt (FRA)  
 Lufthansa 403  
 Departs: 5:50pm  
 Arrives: 7:25am

**Wednesday, August 01**

11:15 AM

**Group Flight**

Frankfurt (FRA)--Florence (FLR)  
 Lufthansa 310  
 Departs: 11:15am  
 Arrives: 12:40pm

01:00 PM

**Bus to Florence**

02:00 PM

**Check in to Florence Hotel**

Our accommodation in Florence is found in a 16th century palace only steps from the Duomo in the center of town!

04:00 PM

**Tour the Piazza della Signoria**

This has always been the main square of the city through the centuries. Here you'll get a great introduction to Florence, home to the Medici family and birthplace of the Renaissance!

07:30 PM

**Dinner**

Enjoy dinner at a beloved neighborhood trattoria. Afterward we'll grab a gelato and have a group meeting to discuss trip guidelines and learn a few words of Italian!

09:00 PM

**First Night Talk and Overview of Photography**

We'll go over TFT's rules and guidelines, and also talk about how the Photography component of the trip will work.

**Thursday, August 02**

09:00 AM

**Breakfast**

09:30 AM

**Photo Prep Session**

Introduction to Photography and Your Camera

Our photographer will begin with the basics - review of how your camera functions - shutter speed, ISO, aperture. Remember - Photography is all about LIGHT! Light will be the recurring theme that ties everything together.

Today you'll visit Lucca, a small village in Tuscany that is still enclosed by a formidable set of medieval walls. The walls, parks, squares, and ancient streets of this town are an ideal introduction to Italy.

In the spirit of really understanding how your camera works, today we will be shooting exclusively in MANUAL mode. Practice adjusting the aperture, shutter speed, and ISO to get the effect you want, and see how changing one setting influences the others.

Tips:

- Beyond the technical aspects of ISO/shutter speed/aperture, always be thinking about composition. How will you choose to frame your image to make it unique?
- Know and master the Rule of Thirds (and know when to break it!)
- Look for interesting and unusual details that might look good shot up close
- Look for shadows that could add interest to your photos
- Play with taking multiple shots of the same subject and changing the ISO, shutter speed, and aperture to see what happens

11:00 AM

**Depart for Lucca by Train**

12:00 PM

**Lunch in Lucca**

01:00 PM

**Walk around Lucca and begin first Photo Project**

Choose 3 subjects (people, objects, or landscapes) over the course of the day in Lucca - Capture each of these three subjects in multiple shots from the same or similar angle, changing only your settings (ISO, aperture, exposure, shutter speed, white balance, etc)

02:30 PM

**Check out Lucca's cathedral**

03:30 PM

**Bike tour around the city's medieval wall**

We'll have time afterward to finish up the photo assignment of the day.

06:00 PM

**Dinner**

07:30 PM

**Return to Florence by Train**

09:30 PM

**Photo Review**

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**Friday, August 03**

09:30 AM

**Breakfast**

10:00 AM

**Photo Prep Session**

Street Photography

This project is about capturing the atmosphere of the streets, public spaces, and local characters in Florence. In the afternoon when we have time to walk around Florence, use your camera to capture the ambience of this city. The area around the Uffizi and the Piazza della Signoria is especially ripe territory for great photos of mimes, street performers, and tourists.

What to look for:

- Human interactions and body language of the people around you. Try to capture some of those great Italian hand gestures and facial expressions!

- Interesting architecture as a backdrop for your photos of people
- Look for local 'characters' and ask if you can take a photo of them
- Look for fun photo opportunities; try to photograph from a unique angle
- Florence is full of children, street entertainers, etc... Be creative
- How to use a long shutter speed to show movement in a piazza or city street

10:30 AM

**Go to the Boboli Gardens**

Spend the morning and early afternoon exploring this gigantic Renaissance garden - you'll find labyrinths, wide open grassy spaces, ancient fountains, and hidden corners.

01:30 PM

**Lunch**

02:00 PM

**Afternoon Choices**

Enjoy some free time to shop in the famous outdoor markets, hit the boutiques, eat a gelato and hang in the piazza, or rest back at the hotel.

03:15 PM

**Visit the Uffizi Gallery**

The world's greatest collection of Renaissance masterpieces - take in masterpieces by Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Giotto, Botticelli, Caravaggio, and many others.

05:30 PM

**Walk up to the Piazzale Michelangelo**

Walk across the river and up the hill for an incredible view of Florence spread out below you. Continue just a little bit further to reach San Miniato al Monte, one of the oldest and most beautiful churches in the whole city.

This vantage point over the city is an excellent time to practice some landscape and portrait photography

07:30 PM

**Pizza Dinner**

09:00 PM

**Evening Choices**

Take a nighttime walk around the city to see the river at night or catch musicians performing on the Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Repubblica

OR

Head back to the hotel for an early night; movies and photo review.

10:00 PM

**Daily Photo Review**

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**Saturday, August 04**

07:00 AM

**Photo Prep Session**

Telling a Story with your Photos

Both the Montalcino excursion group and the Siena group will do this project. The Montalcino group will go over today's assignment on the bus and the Siena group will do it after breakfast.

Today you will focus on telling the story of your day in a series of photos. Imagine that you are a photojournalist and your mission is to tell the story of today. Take as many photos as you want to, but at the end of the day you will choose the TEN photos that represent your experience today.

Check out the itinerary and decide what the key moments in your day will be, and get ready to capture those. Remember that you are telling a story with these images.

- You could start with waking up, having breakfast, transportation to your destination (Montalcino or Siena), etc, etc. This is a big day with lots going on, so make sure you are capturing each event to tell the story of YOUR day. How is your story different from everyone else's?

- The best stories are full of juicy details, so make those come through in your photos. Who did you meet today? Capture a couple great portraits in meaningful settings. What did you see in particular? What did you eat? What was the weather like?

- What did you notice that nobody else did?

07:30 AM **\*\*\*Optional Cooking & Winery Tour Excursion\*\*\***

On this once-in-a-lifetime excursion to the Italian wine country in Montalcino, you will take an exclusive cooking lesson with an Italian chef, followed by a feast on the food that you made with your own hands. You will also take a walk through the vineyards of one of the most exclusive winemakers in Tuscany, followed by a tour of the winery itself and an explanation of the ancient winemaking process. Not to be missed!

09:30 AM **Breakfast for Siena Group**

At breakfast we'll go over the day's photo project

10:30 AM **Go to Siena**

We'll take the bus to Siena for the day!

12:00 PM **Tour the enormous Duomo**

Learn about the fascinating history of this beautiful yet unfinished building.

01:00 PM **Hang out in the Campo**

The central square is the home of Siena's famous Palio horse race, and is also arguably the most beautiful town square in Italy. We'll have lunch in the square.

04:00 PM **Catch the bus back to Florence**

06:00 PM **Photo Review**

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08:30 PM **Dinner at a Classic Florentine Trattoria**

Come to dinner ready to go clubbing afterwards!

10:30 PM **Clubbing in Florence**

Go out for a night of dancing in Florence -- an alternative activity will be available for anyone not interested in clubbing

## **Sunday, August 05**

08:30 AM **Breakfast**

09:30 AM **Depart for Pisa**

11:00 AM **Photo Prep Session in Pisa**

Photographing Strangers

The goal of this project is to build your confidence in taking photos of strangers. You will be in pairs for this one so it will not be as frightening as you think. Be confident and polite, smile, and have fun.

The task is for you take at least 20 photos total of 10 different people. A few people will say no, but most should be fine with it. Keep smiling and be friendly and have fun with this.

Tips:

1) The best way to get over fear of photographing strangers is do it.

- 2) You can explain, "It's for my photography class."  
 3) When you're scared to ask someone if you can photograph them, that person may read your fear as your being threatening. The worst thing that can happen is that somebody says no!

So, be confident in yourself, and have fun!

- 11:30 AM **Tour the Campo dei Miracoli**  
 the ancient sacred area of the city that is home to Pisa's Duomo, Baptistry, and famous Leaning Tower
- 12:30 PM **Our annual Pisa Picnic**  
 at the foot of the Leaning Tower – a TFT favorite!
- 02:30 PM **Train back to Florence**
- 05:30 PM **Visit the Accademia**  
 Stand in awe before Michelangelo's 17 foot tall colossus, the David.
- 07:00 PM **Photo Review**  
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[www.facebook.com/travelforteens](http://www.facebook.com/travelforteens)
- 08:00 PM **Take-Out Dinner**  
 Dinner at Nic's favorite take-out place in Florence. Always a big hit.
- 09:00 PM **TFT's famous Gelato tour**  
 Hit three of the best gelaterias in Florence. Can you make it all the way? We'll see about that...
- 09:00 PM **Evening Activity**  
 Enjoy our final night in Florence!

**Monday, August 06**

- 08:30 AM **Breakfast**  
 Bring all of your bags into the lobby and get ready to walk to the train station.
- 10:00 AM **Depart for Venice by train**
- 01:00 PM **Check in to Venice Hotel**
- 01:30 PM **Grab lunch**
- 02:15 PM **Afternoon Photo Assignment**  
 Portraits
- Today we'll focus on portraiture - how to take striking photos of people. In pairs or groups of four, look for an interesting backdrop to play with. Take 20+ photos of each model. Play with light and shadow, and try to capture a range of expressions.
- It is best to shoot in the shade if it's a very sunny day so you will have even lighting on your model's face.
  - Shoot from different angles, if you can stand higher than your model and look down at them or lie on the ground and look up at your model. You can ask your model to lie on the ground and shoot them looking down at them.
  - Make sure your model is standing up straight. Play around with different positions; Don't simply stand or sit your model down facing the camera, position them sideways, they could look over a shoulder... think creatively
  - Ask your model to give you some attitude or smize (smile with their eyes)
  - Ask your model to use their arms or hands around their face.
  - Be crazy, get your model having fun, tell them to dance, jump in the air, spin

around... have fun making them look fab.

06:00 PM

**Back to the Hotel for Photo Work**

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We will also be available for one-on-one questions and tips.

07:30 PM

**Split up into groups for dinner options**

Dinner will be followed by an optional nighttime walk through this magical city

**Tuesday, August 07**

08:30 AM

**Breakfast**

10:30 AM

**Go to the Island of Murano**

Center of the glassmaking industry. Get access to the most authentic glass factory on the island and witness master Venetian glassblowers hard at work. Enjoy shopping for fine glasswork and jewelry, great time to go gift shopping too!

Also - we'll visit the ancient Church of Santa Maria and San Donato, a gem of Byzantine art and architecture that is said to include the relics of the dragon slain by St. Donato

01:30 PM

**Picnic Lunch on Murano**

After lunch, we'll take the vaporetto back across the Venetian Lagoon to Venice.

02:30 PM

**Go to the Island of BURANO**

Color, Reflection, Shadow

This tiny, colorful island is a photographer's dream. The vividly painted houses reflecting in the canals provide a great opportunity to work with color and reflection.

Today's goal is to create creative and abstract images of vibrant colors, reflections, and shadows.

What to look for:

- The time of day will determine the size or the shadow. Look out for repetitive shadow patterns and figure out how to craft an interesting image from them
- Try playing with your own shadow falling on something interesting like a colored wall or a unique textured pavement
- Look for something eye-catching that makes an interesting shadow. Include the main subject in the image then try just photographing the shadow on its own
- Catch the reflections in water, glass and mirrors, and try and get nice and close to create a bold image
- Choose a specific color then go and find it in interesting objects, buildings, signs...
- On Burano you'll find lots of laundry hanging outside to dry - this can make for some really cool shots with the brightly colored walls behind

05:00 PM

**Photo Review**

Back to the hotel for photo work.

Select your Photo of the Day and hand it in for publication on the TFT Facebook Page!

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Also – select your top 10 photos from your trip portfolio and give them to Nic for our final night slideshow.

08:00 PM

**Dinner**

10:00 PM

**Fun with Night Photography**

This project we will practice using different shutter speeds to create some amazingly artistic images with different coloured glow sticks and movement.

- Writing your name in glow sticks
- Spelling Italy photography in glow sticks
- Drawing pictures with light

**Wednesday, August 08**

08:30 AM

**Breakfast followed by Photo Prep Session**

Photo Project: Venetian Fish Market

- This project will take place at Venice's spectacular food market. Our goal is to capture the essence of what's going on here - who is working? What are they selling? Who are the customers?
- Look at the fresh fish, fruits, and vegetables. These are all displayed in amazingly beautiful arrays of colors and shapes. Get up close and emphasize the color, texture, and artistry of each stall's setup.
- Capture the workers by making a series of images that shows the job that they are doing. You'll see men preparing fish to sell, as well as customers interacting with the sellers - work on capturing both of these moments.
- Show the traditional skills and tools that are used in the market. Watch how the men prepare the fish. Capture this with your camera.
- Get used to moving around and exploring your subject you are documenting, looking for the best point of view, the best angle and the best moments.
- Stand back and try to capture the size of this market.

10:00 AM

**Explore the Venetian Fish Market**

We'll take the traghetto across the Grand Canal to the fish market - this is a great place to capture the essence of this water-bound city. Afterwards we'll head to St. Mark's Basilica.

01:00 PM

**Lunch**

01:45 PM

**Afternoon Choices**

Visit the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, go into the Ducal Palace, ride a gondola (your own expense), do some last-minute shopping - it's up to you!

06:00 PM

**Photo Selection**

Back at the hotel, choose your photo of the day and get it to Nic.

Afterward, get ready for our final dinner in Venice!!

08:00 PM

**Final Banquet Dinner, TFT Style**

Have a great final dinner and reflect on your memories from this trip. After dinner, we'll have our last meeting before we head back to the hotel to pack.

10:00 PM

**Final Night Slideshow**

We'll combine each participant's personal Photos of the Day to make a slideshow to enjoy on the last night!

**Thursday, August 09**

08:00 AM

**Depart hotel for bus station**

Bus to Venice Marco Polo Airport.

10:15 AM

**Group Flights**

Venice (VCE) —Frankfurt (FRA)

Lufthansa 325

Departs: 10:15am

Arrives: 11:40pm

Frankfurt (FRA)—Newark (EWR)

Lufthansa 402

Departs: 1:20pm

Arrives: 3:45pm

03:45 PM

**Land at Newark**

Welcome back to the USA!