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Hello Parents, and Cadets/Students!

St. John's Northwestern Academies is excited to announce the offering of a once-in-a-lifetime educational and cultural adventure to Italy from **18 to 27 March 2022**. We will explore critical historic sites, discover the diversity and heritage of different cultures, meet with business and military leaders, and return home with a newfound global perspective. This trip will be an unforgettable experience.

On this tour, we will visit Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, and Naples. Highlights include activities and visits that will foster growth in leadership, faith, and military service:

- Venice's Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square
- Meet with business leaders at a glass-blowing factory and family-run pasta factory
- Florence's Duomo and Accademia, where you will see Michelangelo's famous David
- Assisi's charming cathedral and town
- Roman Forum and Colosseum
- Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Honor a fallen St. John's Military Academy alumnus at the Anzio Cemetery
- Pompeii
- Visit with fellow cadets at the Nunziatelli Military Academy (pending)
- And more!

We've chosen to travel with WorldStrides again because of their exceptional service and their strong safety record. Their programs offer the perfect mixture of fun and learning and provide everything we need for the trip of a lifetime!

We would love for your student and family members to join us on this unforgettable trip. This opportunity is limited to 36 Cadets/Students, so sign up early!

Please go to www.educationaltravel.com/bennett-8092 for more details and to sign up (trip ID: Bennett-8092). You can enroll anytime over the summer to budget for the lowest monthly payments. If you had traveled on the WorldStrides program in 2019 or enrolled in the 2020 program, you will receive a **\$100 repeat traveler credit** upon enrollment! You can also watch the WorldStrides trip presentation to get more details on what is included



on tour at: https://community.zoomifier.com/v-1Rl12MR37xzZ93YdaNbZP2EcgcitfFOvI5z1mLkJ_VY?

Tour Investment

Students (travelers under the age of 23): \$4,864 - Adults (age 23 and over): \$5,349
(Trip protection is included in this cost and also reflects a scholarship savings of \$200).

This price is held until October 21, 2021 but in order to keep your monthly payment low, we recommend enrolling over the summer! With the automatic monthly payment plan, pay just \$99 upon enrollment, and the balance will be divided into equal monthly payments, charged automatically to your credit card checking account. As of June 24, 2021, your monthly payments are just \$753. The longer you wait to enroll, the higher the monthly payments will be as we get closer to departure.

Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees, required passport or visa fees, optional excursions, or recommended Tips for the Tour Director or multi-day Bus Drivers. If included, optional excursions, optional pre-paid tips, or other individual/group customizations will be listed as separate line items in the total trip cost.

WorldStrides provides everything you need:

▪ Round-trip airfare and other transportation described in the itinerary ▪ Traveler Assistance, Medical Insurance & Travel Insurance ▪ Centrally located three- and four-star hotels ▪ Daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go ▪ Appetizing, hearty three-course dinner daily ▪ Full time, multilingual, WorldStrides tour director who is LEAP-trained in experiential education	▪ Local guide at sites and on city tours as described in the itinerary ▪ LEAP! Educational Program ▪ Entrances and transportation to sites and activities described in your itinerary ▪ Local guide and local bus driver tips; see note regarding other important tips ▪ 24/7 On Tour Emergency Support ▪ Note: On arrival day only, dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
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Itinerary

Day 1 Start tour Departure from Chicago O'Hare Airport Day 2 Ciao Venice Meet your tour director and check into hotel Rialto Market visit Day 3 Venice landmarks Venice guided exploration: Bridge of Sighs, Doge's Palace visit, Grand Canal, St. Mark's Cathedral visit, glass-blowing industry leadership discussion and demonstration with key business individuals, Watercraft canal tour. Day 4 Venice--Florence Travel to Florence via Ravenna Mosaic Sites LEAP Patron of the Renaissance Day 5 Florence Guided sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets: Accademia, Baptistry Doors, Chiesa di Chiesa di Santa Croce, Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, business leadership lessons from a family-run pasta enterprise. Day 6 Florence--Assisi Olive Oil Making Guided Excursion Travel to Assisi – city walk LEAP Patron of the Renaissance St. Francis' Basilica guided visit	Day 7 Assisi--Rome Travel to Rome LEAP Great Renaissance Debate Ancient Rome guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets Colosseum visit, Forum Romanum visit, Piazza Venezia Rome city walk Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona Day 8 Rome landmarks Vatican City guided walking sightseeing tour with Whisper headsets Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel visit, St. Peter's Basilica visit Day 9 Rome--Naples Travel to Naples via Anzio & Pompeii; honor a fallen SJMA alumnus and military leadership presentation at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery followed by the Pompeii guided excursion; Nueziatell Military Academy for dinner will fellow Cadets (pending) or group dinner. Day 10 End tour Return to Chicago O'Hare Airport
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Information

Contact Ms. Jane Dillig at jdillig@sjnacademies.org and 262-646-7280 or Ms. Anna Gagnon at agagnon.sjnacademies.org and 262-646-7113, they will direct you to the program leaders who can answer your questions.

Special Note: Three college prep credits provided by the University of California-San Diego upon completion of the online course (grades 9-12 eligible). Honors program for 11th and 12th-grade Cadets/Students enrolled in the Servant Leadership class if offered in the Spring Semester 2022.