

France and Italy 2018

May 17-30, 2018

Emmanuel Community Church

PURPOSE

My Hope: That you will say, “that was fun, and I learned a lot!”

Purpose: To see the countryside along the coast of Spain, France and Italy and see the major Christian historical sites, beginning and ending with the two “vaticans.”

My Role: I am not your tour guide, but your host (and hopefully, teacher). Some teaching will be done before the trip, but we will also do some brief teaching at each of the Biblically significant locations. We will have a French and Italian tour guides (multiples) with us, to lead us and to share the history, geography and more.

— We will also try to see most of the important tourist sites that do not necessarily have spiritual or religious significance.

— The trip is designed to see the highlights of southern France and Italy.

Trip Overview

14 days including travel days — 12 nights of lodging —

May 18-20 Avignon, France (Dinner May18)

May 20-21 Nice, France

May 21-23 Milan, Italy (Dinner on May 21)

May 23-24 Venice Mestre, Italy

May 24-26 Florence, Italy

May 26-30 Rome, Italy (1dinner)10 nights of lodging —

All breakfasts are included. Three dinners included.

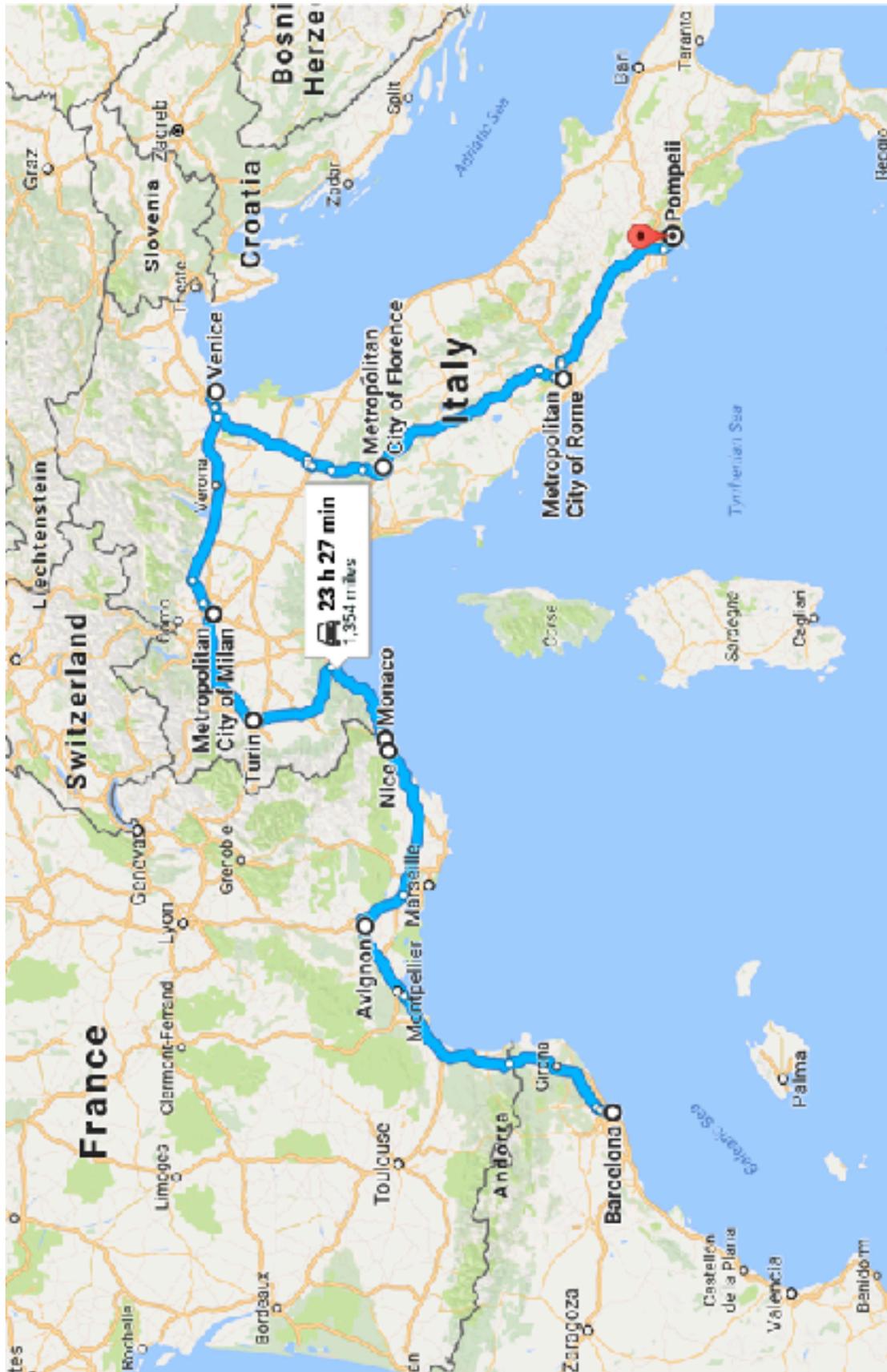
Weather — temperatures would typically be 75-85 degrees.

Dress should be very casual. (May need cover-ups for a few churches.)

You will receive a PDF of the teaching for smartphone/iPad. (If you want a paper notebook, we will provide it.)

Route and Plan

We will start in Barcelona (you should land no later than 10 a.m. on May 18) and end in Rome.



ITINERARY

Thursday, May 17 – Depart USA on your transatlantic flight to Barcelona, Spain

Friday, May 18 – Arrive Barcelona, meet your guide/escort; board your coach – drive to your hotel in Avignon, France

Saturday, May 19 – FD Avignon touring: Rocher Des Doms (the rocks protecting the old town; Museum of the Petit Palais (ancient residence of Avignon bishops); Pomes' Palace and Pont D'Avignon; Chapelle Saint Martial; overnight Avignon

Sunday, May 20 – FD Monte Carlo: Changing of the guard in front of the Prince's Palace; visit Prince Palace; Oceanographic Museum (Jacques Cousteau); Driving along Grand Prix Formula 1 racing; in afternoon drive to Nice for overnight

Monday, May 21 – Monaco – Turin (short stop for lunch in the city center) – Milan

Tuesday, May 22 – Milan, visit of the city center with Sforzesco castle, La Scala opera House, Cathedral (all external visits) and Gallery Vittorio Emanuele II.

Wednesday, May 23 – Milan – Venice, trsf to the city center by motorboat and visit of St Mark Square with the historical buildings surrounding it; St Mark Basilica, Doge Palace (all external visits), the Bridge of Sighs, Rialto Bridge.

Thursday, May 24 – Venice – Pisa (stop for visit and lunch), Campo dei Miracoli with the Cathedral, Baptistery, Leaning Tower (all external sights) – Florence

Friday, May 25 – Florence half day visit of the most charming corners of the Renaissance city; Cathedral and Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria with the Old Palace and the Loggia (all external sights) Lungarno with the Old Bridge and its two rows of artisan workshops.

Saturday, May 26 – Florence – Rome, on arrival I would arrange a stop on top of Gianicolo Hill to have a panoramic view of the city, before reaching the hotel. After dinner go to Trastevere for an evening stroll...(it's very characteristic and in this season weather in Rome is really enjoyable..)

Sunday, May 27 – Rome – Pompei, visit of the excavations, optional lunch and back to Rome in the afternoon

Monday, May 28 – Rome. Full day visit with morning tour of Ancient Rome with Colosseum, Forum, Circus Maximum, Palatine hill, Via dei Fori Imperiali. Stop for lunch as an optional. After lunch, continuation with the Baroque Rome, passing by the Pantheon, Navona Square, the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain.

Tuesday, May 29 – Rome. Half day tour of Vatican Museums, with Sistine Chapel, St Peter Basilica and the square. Afternoon free..

Wednesday, May 30 – Fiumicino Airport as per your schedules or free day in Rome

Accommodations:

12 nights' hotel accommodations in excellent 4**** hotels on BB basis

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Meals

All breakfasts/ three dinners (Avignon hotel; 1 dinner Milano; 1 dinner Rome)

Costs

\$3,295 (Based on a minimum of 40 people) -- Includes extra tips/ transfers/guides

\$140 for extra night on May 30th if interested

— \$500 — deposit is DUE on OCTOBER 15, 2017

— Final payment is due FEBRUARY 15, 2018

INCLUDES

- 12 nights lodging in 4* hotels
- All breakfasts and three dinners
- Entrance fees into many sites and English-speaking tour guide for the land portion of the trip. (Multiple guides)
- Tour Bus and driver and local tour guides in various locations
- Trip insurance and Tips for the guides, bus driver and porters
- Headsets for the entire trip

Reading List

Will be provided. French/Italian tour book might be fun for now to start reviewing.

Flights

You will need to purchase your own flight arriving in Barcelona, Spain no later than May 18 at 10 a.m. and departing from Rome on May 30 or 31. You may arrive early and we will try to get you hotel accommodations at the same hotel.