

Northern Lights – Italy Tour  
Day 1, Monday 3-26  
USA – Rome

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We started our day with an 11:35 flight out of MSP to Detroit, where we had a four hour layover until our final flight to Rome. The flight to Rome was 8 hours and 40 minutes and we arrived at 9:30 am; we watched the sun set with our dinner and rise with our breakfast. Once we landed we picked up our bags and headed to the hotel.

We had a half an hour to get ready before we went to see the Colosseum. We spent about an hour there taking pictures and learning about it's history. It's much bigger in person (especially the stairs)! Next we walked to the Paletino and got to see where all of the emperors lived. While we were there it rained. Once the rain stopped we got a nice overlook of the Forum, then got to walk down and see it up close.

The last sight we went to visit was the San Petrio Church. Inside were the chains of Saint Peter, a statue built by Michelangelo, and many beautiful, intricate paintings. At this point we were very tired, and after a long walk back to the hotel, we had an hour to rest before dinner.

Our dinner was a huge meal! We started with bread and olive oil/balsamic vinegar, next came salad, after was spaghetti, then pizza, another pasta (buttered noodles with cheese and pepper), and lastly, rosemary chicken and potatoes. By the end we were so full from all the courses.

After eating, sightseeing, and being up about 33 hours, we returned to the hotel where we finally got to go to bed. It was a great first day, we can't wait for the rest of the trip! Love and miss you all!s