

ITALY TRIP

The University of Colorado men's basketball team played four exhibition games during a 10-day tour of Italy in August 2017.

It was the perfect mix of basketball and sightseeing for the Buffaloes, touring some of the most storied locales in Italy, many ranging from 1,000 to over 2,000 years old.

The Buffaloes started their trip with four days in Rome that included tours of the Roman Colosseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Vatican. From there it was off to Siena, Florence, Venice, Treviso and finally Lake Como.

Along the way, the travel party visited the Accademia Gallery which houses Michelangelo's David, toured St. Marc's square and the waterways of Venice, enjoyed a biking tour of Treviso and a boat ride on Lake Como.

On the court, Colorado won its first three games before finishing 3-1 on the tour, an admirable record considering the inexperience of the team and the unusual circumstances surrounding the contests. The Buffaloes rarely had time to relax during the excursion, mixing in a day's worth of sightseeing before game action later in the evening.

The trip came at a perfect time for the program. Colorado enters the 2017-18 season with nine student-athletes who haven't played a minute in a Buffaloes uniform, which includes six true freshmen and three redshirts. The NCAA allows 10 full practices during the summer for teams going on summer tours. Colorado used two of those in June, and then after taking July off, had the last eight in the days before taking off for Italy.



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"The Italy trip was not just plucked out of thin air," head coach Tad Boyle said this fall. "We knew that this year's team needed it, we redshirted Dallas Walton and Alex Strating last year, Namon (Wright) was sitting out after transferring from Missouri. We knew we were going to lose a lot of experience and firepower last year so the Italy trip was critical. It was good for us, we learned a lot."



Game	Opponent	Result	High Scorer	High Rebounder	High Assists	High Steals
1	Dream Team Italy	W 70-56	13-King	10-King	2-4 players	4-Bey
2	Silute BC (Lithuania)	W 73-60	14-N. Wright	10-King	4-M. Wright	3-King
3	Vicenza All-Stars	W 87-54	13-M. Wright	9-Miller-Stewart	5-Collier	4-Siewert
4	Novipiu Junior Casale	L 64-72	22-King	6-Bey	3-Siewert/M. Wright	3-N. Wright

