

About Ubiquity International, LLC

Experience. Explore. Embrace the world. Since 2004, Ubiquity International, LLC, has earned a reputation as the premier provider of unique cultural, historical and educational travel experiences throughout the world. Founded by Thomas Talboy, an academic, teacher, world traveler and destination expert, Ubiquity International creates fun, insightful and enriching tours designed to give travelers an inside perspective of the destinations visited during every cultural travel adventure.

From start to finish, Ubiquity International takes the time to make certain all details are handled efficiently and that travelers enjoy a well-orchestrated, memorable experience. With new destinations and customized itineraries offered each year, travelers have a variety of options to experience the world, explore its diversity and embrace its many wonders.

What separates Ubiquity International from other tour companies is the team of enthusiastic, knowledgeable and dynamic Cultural Specialists who accompany the groups on guided tours throughout each destination. All tours offered by Ubiquity International are led by a Cultural Specialist. These unique individuals bring a passion for travel, advanced education and expert training that relates directly to the tour they lead. Cultural Specialists pilot in-depth discussions and provide insight and inspiration about the sites and cities explored throughout the guided tour.

Based in Piedmont, California, with trips offered throughout Europe and South America, Ubiquity International provides an online travel brochure and a wealth of information at www.ubiquityinternational.com. For additional information, call 866.984.8687.

Tom's trips are magical. He transforms his love for language, art and ancient history into a genuine travel experience. Our family has enjoyed each of our Ubiquity International excursions which have given us the destination as well as a real sense of the people, culture and history.

- Roxana Keland

Who Takes Our Tours

When it comes to traveling the world, many people today prefer to share the enriching experience with people they already know, such as their friends and family. This kind of close-knit group travel is growing in popularity as the definition of family expands to include partners, exes, alumni and multi-generations, from the new baby to grandma.

Ubiquity International serves this market to the fullest. As the premier provider of unique cultural, historical and educational travel experiences throughout the world, the San Francisco firm offers travelers of all ages, diversities and interests the opportunity to embrace the world like they've never seen it before.

Travel is now available to more people, and families, friends and alumni recognize this as a way to share, explore and spend quality time together. Whether it's a couple who want to go on a tour to learn more about Napoleon, a family of six ready to take the kids to the ruins of Pompeii, or an alumnae reunion, group travel is Ubiquity International's area of expertise. Specialized itineraries are available to Rome, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, Paris, Athens and the Greek Isles, Northern Greece, Perú, Spain and Ireland.

Ubiquity International attracts those interested in understanding the unique culture and history of the world, by providing explorations of archaeological sites and ruins and personalized visits to museums and historical sites. Company Founder, Thomas Talboy, a Certified Travel Advisor and Destination Specialist in both Italy and European Culture & Heritage, goes to great lengths to customize each adventure to meet the specific needs and interests of the group. Itineraries include free time for exploration and shopping, visits to the beach, boat rides and endless opportunities to experience the flavorful local cuisine.

My husband and I have enjoyed our tours with Ubiquity International. Dr. Talboy manages a pleasing blend of historical sites and museums with opportunities for leisure activities. We especially like learning to get around using local transportation so that the more adventurous of us are able to explore on our own.

- Dr. & Mrs. Ben Richards



Cultural Specialists Lead the Way

Ubiquity International is a stand-out travel firm offering guided tours led by knowledgeable, passionate Cultural Specialists with expertise in the particular destination. On each trip, a Cultural Specialist accompanies the group daily and leads the symposia, providing a high level of personal attention to ensure each tour is rewarding and memorable. Our experts include the following individuals.



Thomas Talboy has taught Latin, Ancient Greek, Spanish and English for more than 15 years, has written an online course in Greek Drama for the University of London, Royal Holloway, and is associated with Town School for Boys in San Francisco. He recently completed a term at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, California, where he taught Latin. Tom is an avid lover of travel and Ancient History. He received his PhD from the University of Nottingham, England, in Classics, focusing on ancient Greek drama. Tom has performed in several stage plays, and has appeared on the Travel/Discovery Channel's presentation of The Secrets of Ancient Greece. He brings a great deal of enthusiasm and deep love of the ancient world to his symposia. Tom is the founder and director of Ubiquity International, and a recognized travel expert having recently been featured as a guest on Travel Talk Radio Network.

Chrissy Nichols has studied French and Art History extensively, and has taught both in the US and abroad. In 2001, Chrissy studied in Paris, completing her masters in French from Middlebury College while also teaching English at the prestigious Ecolé Alsacienne. Chrissy has traveled and lived extensively in France. Besides loving art and all things French, Chrissy enjoys hiking, sailing and traveling. She has just returned from a year long exploration of Thailand and Indonesia.



Alexa Flores-Hull is a graduate of Georgetown University School of Language and Linguistics and is a student of Northern Arizona University pursuing a masters degree in Educational Technology. She is currently teaching Spanish at Mountain Ridge High School in Glendale, Arizona. She and her husband John have two small children, Vivian and Blake. She enjoys studying Hispanic pop culture, reading and traveling.

Terrel Jones lived and taught in Perú for 10 years. She now lives in Troy, Montana, where she serves as art and foreign language instructor for the Troy School District. She received her MA in Art at the University of Montana, Missoula. Terrel continues to teach and paint, drawing from South American Native art for preferences in choices of colors and patterns.



Kevin Cole is a PhD candidate in Classical Art and Archaeology at the University of Virginia, focusing on the distinction between public and private Roman life. Kevin has conducted summer fieldwork at Morgantina, an ancient Greek site in central Sicily, Pompeii and is currently excavating in Isthmia, near the ancient city of Corinth, Greece.

David Fitzpatrick received his PhD in Classics from the University of Nottingham, with a focus on Greek tragedy and myth. He works at The Open University, an institution dedicated to the provision of distance learning in higher education. David has a deep interest in modern Irish history. He enjoys Gaelic football, British and Irish films, theatre and reading.



Ubiquity International trips are fun, flexible, have great tour guides and are good for all ages.

- Peter Fettis, a teenager

The Simple Facts

Ubiquity International, LLC is the leading provider of distinctive cultural, historical and educational travel experiences throughout the world. Offering personalized tour itineraries for families, students and alumni groups throughout Europe and South America, Ubiquity International excels in delivering quality tours led by knowledgeable Cultural Specialists who provide travelers an inside perspective of the destinations visited during each adventure.

Founder and Director: Thomas Talboy, PhD Classics

Year: 2004

Ownership: LLC; privately held

Employees: 7

Tour Destinations: Italy, Spain, Greece, Ireland and Perú

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Frequently Asked Questions

Everyone has questions. Here are the answers to a few of the most often asked questions at Ubiquity International.

Are Ubiquity International tours for adults only?

No. We welcome individuals, groups, families, friends and chaperoned students.

What is the average size of a group?

Most tours are 10-15 people. Some tours are offered for more or fewer travelers.

How long is a typical tour?

Duration of a tour is usually 10 to 12 days.

Do all tours cost the same?

No. Price varies by location, duration, accommodation type, time of year, etc.

Can I take multiple tours during the same season?

Definitely. We encourage people to explore the world like never before.

Is airfare included in the tour package?

Not usually. This allows travelers from different locations the greatest amount of flexibility in choosing an airline, class of service, most convenient connections and the ability to use frequent flyer miles. Travelers are required to arrive at the destination city for the start of the guided tour. Many travelers opt to arrive earlier or stay beyond the set tour dates to further enjoy the experience.

What is a Cultural Specialist?

This person possesses advanced knowledge and a deep love of a particular area related to a trip. The specialist accompanies the group throughout each day and leads the symposia, providing a high level of personal attention to ensure each tour is rewarding and memorable.

What is a Destination Coordinator?

This is the detail person who is responsible at the destination for making certain all particulars of the itinerary are met. Available 24/7 during the entire tour, the coordinator is the group travel resource for questions or emergencies.

What are symposia?

This is when the group gathers in the evening to put the pieces together from the day's adventure. The Cultural Specialist provides an educated, insightful perspective to the sights and locations visited, offering a fresh way to view or understand history, culture and travel.

Dr. Thomas Talboy, Founder, Ubiquity International

Thomas Talboy likes to share his knowledge with others. As a lifelong learner, educator, lawyer and traveler, he created a platform for doing just that when in 2004 he founded Ubiquity International, the premier provider of unique cultural, historical and educational travel experiences throughout the world.

“The world offers so many exciting opportunities,” said Talboy, who began combining his book smarts with his hands-on travel during his first trip to Europe at the age of 18. “The more you explore different cultures, the more you want to learn. Knowledge is limitless.”

The name Ubiquity International was selected by Talboy from the Latin word “ubique,” meaning everywhere, and that’s exactly the idea he wanted to convey. Ubiquity International will soon be offering tours everywhere in the world.

Talboy, who has a PhD in Classics from the University of Nottingham, UK, and a master’s degree in both Greek Drama and Ancient History, also offers travel and destination reading suggestions on www.ubiquityinternational.com. To engage web-savvy travelers, he launched Dr. Tom’s Traveling News and Trivia. Available as a newsfeed, in it Talboy provides commentary on cultural news headlines, sharing his knowledge and insight on a variety of topics.

An author and contributing editor of *Sophocles: Fragmentary Plays*, Talboy is currently writing a Rome destination guide for travelers. He teaches language courses at private schools in San Francisco and Monterey, CA. Talboy is a sought-after speaker for his specialization in language, art, history and culture of many European destinations, in particular Italy and Greece.

Talboy is involved with Classical and Medieval theater productions, is a member of the San Francisco Commonwealth Club and the American Philological Association, among others. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the International Language and Culture Foundation and the Board of Advisors for the Hellenic Cultural Institute, Central Coast California. In addition to sharing his knowledge and experience with individuals and families as they travel abroad, he is a Certified Travel Advisor and Destination Specialist in both Italy and European Culture & Heritage, and is a member of the American Society of Travel Agents.

Tom knows how to wear off your pasta by walking the streets of Rome by lamplight. He can pick the hot spots and make history come alive.

- Mary Alice Fettis

Tour the World with UI

Ubiquity International knows that today's modern, savvy traveler wants a vacation that engages the mind and provides an enriching experience. As the experts in delivering unique cultural, historical and educational travel experiences throughout the world, Ubiquity International delivers the opportunity for travelers to embrace the world like never before.

Since 2004, Ubiquity International has offered personalized tours to Rome, Florence, Naples, Pompeii, Paris, Athens and the Greek Isles, Northern Greece, Perú, Spain, and Ireland. Tours are led by a Cultural Specialists who share their knowledge about the language, art, history and culture of the destinations, offering travelers a unique perspective into the sites and cities visited.

ITALY – Rome and Florence Tour: Romans to Renaissance. This family tour is offered June 19 to 30, 2006. Explore the ancient streets of Rome, Pompeii, Florence and Pisa. Relax while basking on the sun-drenched beaches of the Mediterranean.

SPAIN – Madrid and Seville Tour: Romans, Moors & Conquistadores. This chaperoned trip for ages 10 and above runs June 6 to 17, 2006. Discover Roman, Moorish and tribal cultures. Enjoy beautiful Atlantic beaches of Cádiz.

ITALY – Rome and Florence Tour: Romans to Renaissance. The adult tour is available July 6 to 18, 2006. Experience the Renaissance, vincoli and the Borghese Gardens. Enjoy Pompeii and Pisa. Sip limoncello and grappa. Learn about the Guelphs and the Ghibellines, powerful Medieval families that altered the course of history and religion.

GREECE – Thessaloniki and Ioannina Tour: Alexander's Northern Traces. Popular family tour runs July 24 to August 3, 2006. Visit Pella, Dion, Mt. Olympus and Vergina. Experience the warm Aegean waters and sun-drenched beaches.

IRELAND – Dublin Tour: Erin Go Bragh. The family tour runs from August 6 to 17, 2006. Discover Bernard Shaw, James Joyce and Oscar Wilde. See the Viking museum, Book of Kells and imbibe Ireland's gold, Guinness Stout.

PERÚ – Perú Tour: Pre-Incas, Incas and the Spanish. South American family adventure offered August 23 to September 3, 2006. Behold the cloud-lined Andes, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Huayna Picchu and Lake Titicaca. See the exhilarating *pena*, the criollo floor show. Enjoy delectable Peruvian cuisine.