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Study abroad in central Rome puts over 2,000 years of history at your doorstep. Be a part of the community, not just a tourist, taking courses and living in the Eternal City for eight weeks. The city will become your classroom with relevant academic field trips and cultural activities. On your free time, enjoy relics of ancient Roman Empire, treasures of the Renaissance and Baroque masterpieces on every corner as well as the delights of Italian culture and cuisine in the ristoranti, cafes and gelaterias.

PROGRAM DATES:

Arrive Rome: Friday, March 31, 2023

Depart Rome: Friday, May 26, 2023

INCLUDED

- Student housing in self-catering apartments in central Rome. 4-6 students share the apartment in double rooms. Apartments include a shared kitchen and living space. Linens and Wi-Fi are provided.
- An orientation program on arrival, consisting of a meeting with AIFS staff, information on safety and security, workshop on cultural differences, a local area walking tour, and a welcome meal.
- Travel pass for unlimited use of the buses, trams, and metro in the central zone of Rome for the duration of the program.
- Half-day sightseeing tour of Rome with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
- Italian Life and Culture course taught by a local guest lecturer, focusing on historical, political, economic, and cultural aspects of Rome and Italy.
- Reserved entrances and guided tours of the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and Colosseum and the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Half-day excursion to Tivoli, including guided tour and entrances to Hadrian's Villa and round-trip transportation.
- Weekly program of free and subsidized cultural activities such as walking tours, opera tickets, a sporting event, museum visits, and cooking and wine appreciation classes.

- Access to the AIFS Student Center and the services of AIFS support staff for information, personal advising, and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Medical Insurance Policy.

FEES

Based on an enrollment of 15 or more participants, the fee per person is \$6,245.

This fee excludes airfare, optional medical insurance upgrade, passport or visa fees, meals other than those listed, personal expenses, any WCCSA home campus tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field trips or excursions required by the WCCSA faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate. AIFS will charge a \$35 returned check fee on each check returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Students submitting an application and deposit prior to Friday, October 28, 2022 will receive a \$100 discount off of the program fee.

FINANCIAL AID

Many students are eligible to apply for financial aid, grants and loans to assist with the costs of the Rome program. Early application is essential. Contact your home institution's financial aid office promptly if you are interested in this possibility. Be sure to identify yourself as a potential Rome program participant.

OPTIONAL SORRENTO EXCURSION

A three-day, two-night excursion to Sorrento and Pompeii including round-trip transportation and accommodation in multi-bedded rooms in a centrally located hotel with daily breakfast, guided tour and entrance to Pompeii, a day excursion to Capri and the services of an AIFS representative for \$510 (a minimum of 15 must enroll for the trip to run)

FACULTY

DON LUDWIG, CLARK COLLEGE

Dr. Rev. Don Ludwig (Ph.D., M.S.W., M.Div.) views travel and cultural experiences as meaningful and life changing. As an undergraduate, Dr. Ludwig participated in two study tours abroad that shaped his worldview: Europe (1984) & Israel/Greece/Egypt (1987). In graduate school, Dr. Ludwig spent three weeks in Pakistan (1994) studying the Islamic culture and observing adult literacy programs and three weeks in Thailand (2001) studying Buddhism.

Currently, Dr. Ludwig is a tenured Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice at Clark College in Vancouver, WA, where he also serves as both the Sociology Department Chair and Behavioral Sciences Division Chair. Dr. Ludwig uses a cross-disciplinary lens of sociology, psychology, history, religious studies, and anthropology to study social life in unique and engaging ways, always seeking to connect culturally relevant experiences into the learning process.

COURSES

Students will enroll for 15 credits to include the mandatory Italian Life and Culture course and two courses taught by WCCSA faculty.

See your campus coordinator for course numbering.

HUMAN 205 ITALIAN LIFE AND CULTURE (5 CREDITS)

Italian Faculty

Taught by a qualified local Italian adjunct lecturer, this course focuses on the historical, political, economic, and cultural aspects of contemporary Italy.

SOC 246- WORLD RELIGIONS

Rome is the crossroads of cultures and empires that today serves as the Sociologist's dream. Through Guided tours, lively discussions and observations, Rome and the Vatican will provide a framework to examine and experience not only Christianity but other religious traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism and Atheism from sociocultural, political and faith perspectives.

Choose ONE of the following courses:

SOC 101 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

OR

SOC 201 - SOCIAL PROBLEMS: THE PURSUIT TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE

What can be more sociological than a teaching and learning experience at the mecca of ancient and modern civilization? Guided tours and experiences will examine cultural differences and how social interactions create a sense of self and community, such as how soccer is closely related to citizen participation in Italy. Current social and political issues in Rome and Italy and the US will be examined (i.e., political corruption and the mafia, "Baby Gangs", racial divisions, poverty, etc.) with a keen eye on equity and social justice.



AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via email to customizedfaculty@aifs.com, by fax or certified mail to: Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of email or fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student withdraws on or before Wednesday, January 4, 2023, a full refund will be made less \$150, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after Wednesday, January 4, 2023, but on or before Friday, February 3, 2023, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Rome requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Crum & Forster Segregated Portfolio Company.

Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge that does not exceed the Hospital's average charge for a semiprivate room.

That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss.

Full details of the coverage are provided to students with their final invoice for payment of the balance of their program fees.

DEADLINES TO APPLY

October 28, 2022
Early bird deadline - save \$100

January 4, 2023
Purchase your flights

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY:

Go to www.wcccsa.com, and make an appointment with the study abroad coordinator on your campus:

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