Art Day in Florence
September 9-10, 2017

Spend your first free weekend exploring one of Italy’s most important cities and the birthplace of the Renaissance: Florence. This excursion is designed to help you learn how to travel in Italy and to give you the skills to feel confident in booking all of your future travels throughout Italy and beyond!

Saturday, September 9th

9:30 a.m. Meet promptly by the front steps of the Duomo of Florence (Cathedral).

Today’s guided visits will include:
- **Galleria dell’Accademia** to see Michelangelo’s “David” statue.
- Visit the Florence Duomo and its Baptistery, the original home to the Gates of Paradise. You’ll also get to see the Museum of the Works of the Cathedral, where you’ll see the **original panels of the Gates of Paradise**!
- The **Ponte Vecchio**, Florence’s oldest existing bridge and home to dozens of jewelry stores.
- **Piazza della Signoria**, the heart of Florentine politics and one of Italy’s most beautiful squares.
- And much more!

Independent lunch time in Florence.

Afternoon included gelato break!

5:00 p.m. Optional Mass in English at the Duomo of Florence

8:30 p.m. **Included Group Dinner** at Da Mimmo! (Via San Gallo, 57 - Tel. 055.481.030) Indulge in a multi-course Tuscan meal at one of our favorite Florentine restaurants!

Sunday, September 10th

Today is a free day for you to explore the rest of Florence on your own. Don’t forget to check out the San Lorenzo leather markets where you can negotiate on all kinds of leather goods. You’re ticket from the day before will also give you the possibility to climb Brunelleschi’s famous dome and also the ability to climb Giotto’s stunning bell tower!

Price: €60,00

Includes: Guided tour of the city of Florence, all entrances to sites listed in the itinerary, Group dinner on Saturday evening and gelato.

Does not include: R/T transport to Florence, hotel accommodations, any meals not listed as included in the itinerary. Personal expenses.
If you are enrolled in High Renaissance Art with Prof. Elizabeth Lev, you will spend this weekend exploring the Birthplace of the Renaissance: Florence, getting you ready for your semester long course in Rome. – Mandatory for those enrolled in ARHY 349-98 High Renaissance Art.

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Gelato break during your busy day of learning!

Price: FREE
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Friday, September 15th
6:15 Take luggage to the bus (Pick up your sack breakfast in the lobby and take with you on the bus)
6:30 Departure from the Italian Campus for the Port of Naples (Capri).
A restroom and snack stop will be given at an Autogrill en route to Naples.
11:35 Ferry from Naples to Capri departs.
12:45 Free Day at Capri!
Enjoy exploring the cities of Capri and Anacapri taking in the extensive shopping, panoramic views, and extensive Villas (ancient and modern). Take a boat tour around the island, including the famous Blue Grotto!
16:00 Meet at the Port of Capri for ferry to Naples
16:30 Depart for Paestum from Naples with private coach bus.
19:30 Arrive in Paestum. Arrive at hotel in Paestum for check-in
Best Western Esplanade**** Via Poseidonia, Paestum.
21:00 Included dinner tonight in the hotel dining room.
Please dress up for tonight’s dinner.

Saturday, September 16th
7:00 Wake-up Call
7:30 Breakfast in hotel dining room.
8:30 Departure from hotel.
9:00 Group 1: 9:00, Group 2: 9:45, Visit of Tenuta Vannulo, where they produce organic Buffalo mozzarella, chocolate & more.
When you are not on the guided tour of the estate, you have free time to enjoy their products (coffee, yogurt, gelato, pastries, etc.) at their Yogurtaria café, use the restroom, or shop in their leather shop.
Via G. Galilei, (Contrada Vannulo), 84047 Cappaccio Scalo (SA) Tel: 0828.727.894
11:30 Departure from Tenuta Vannulo
12:00 Visit of Temples and Archaeological Museum of Paestum with Prof. Schembri, the Prof. Mantle & Profs. Wilkins
14:00 Time for Independent Lunch in Archaeological zone.
15:30 Departure for Vietri sul Mare, to explore the beginning of the Amalfi Coast, the local ceramic, and TAKE THE SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE! All while taking in sweeping views of the Mediterranean Sea!
21:00 Included dinner tonight in the hotel dining room. Please dress up for tonight’s dinner.

Sunday, September 17th
7:00 Wake-up Call
8:00 Breakfast in the hotel dining room. All bags on bus & return hotel keys.
9:00 Departure for Pompeii.
10:30 Arrive in Pompeii. Lectured visits of Pompeii with Prof. Schembri, Prof. Mantle & Profs. Wilkins
14:00 Departure for Rome!
A lunch/restroom stop will be given at an Autogrill en route to Rome.
17:00 Arrive at the Italian Campus
19:30 Dinner on Campus in Dining Hall
20:45 Mass on Campus

COST: FREE – mandatory for all students and supplements Italian Campus course work.

Policies and Rules for Academic Excursions:
While we are on excursion, our hotel(s) become our “Italian Campus”. This means that all rules on campus apply to our hotels for the next few nights. The Alcohol Agreement that you signed at the beginning of the semester is clear (no. 7): When we travel together, on these excursions, alcohol is ONLY allowed when provided by the program as part of group meals or other structured activities.
Not included: All lunches & personal expenses.
A special excursion for students in the Global Insights and the Intro to Management classes to Italy's food capital and bread basket. The Learning Journey will take students to explore the Barilla Corporation in Parma with a full day of activities. Students will also explore the university city of Bologna and the gem of Modena, home of Ferrari, Maserati, Pavarotti and balsamic vinegar.

*Excursion is mandatory for all students enrolled in the two business classes.*

**Thursday, September 21st**
**Rome – Parma**
Departure after lunch for Parma. We’ll arrive in time this evening for an independent dinner in Parma. Preparation for tomorrow’s visits to the Barilla Center.

Overnight: Grand Hotel de la Ville, Parma

**Friday, September 22nd**
**Parma – Collechio - Bologna**
Breakfast this morning in the hotel.

7:30 a.m. Barilla Corporation is hosting the Business students from the Duquesne University Italian Campus. Departure this morning for the *Casificio Gennari*, the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese producer at Collechio near Parma. Here you’ll have tour this morning to see how parmesan *(parmiggiano)* cheese is produced and find out more about the king of cheeses and the economy it provides to the area.

10:00 a.m. Welcome to Accademia Barilla, the Italian Food Academy! The morning at Barilla will start with an overview and Q&A session of the Barilla Corporation by Luca Virginio, Director of Communication and External Relations.

11:00 a.m. Cooking Experience: Students will be divided into groups for a cooking course and will prepare their own lunch! After the cooking experience, students will eat lunch together.
2:00 p.m. Arrival at the Barilla Headquarters. At Barilla’s HQ, students will have a guided tour of the largest pasta factory in the world.

5:00 p.m. Departure for Bologna

6:30 p.m. Arrival at our hotel in Bologna. After check in, you’re free to explore this exciting university town and have an independent dinner.

Overnight: Hotel Mercure Bologna Centro, Bologna

Saturday, September 23rd
Bologna – Modena

Breakfast this morning in the hotel.

8:45 a.m. Departure for Modena! Today we’ll spend the day exploring the small Emilian giant of Modena. Famous for a certain opera singer, the most famous vinegar in the world and multiple luxury car companies, the small village of Modena is located on the fertile flat plains of the Po River.

10:00 a.m. Casa Museo Pavarotti. This morning we’ll visit Luciano Pavarotti’s home, which today has been converted into a museum dedicated to the world famous opera singer.

11:00 a.m. Museo Casa Enzo Ferrari. This Ferrari museum in Modena delivers a unique and enthralling museum experience that takes visitors back to the roots of the world’s most famous brand. Topped by a striking yellow car hood-inspired roof that stands out against the Modena skyline, the Museum not only tells the story of Ferrari’s founding father but also showcases some of the most beautiful cars ever built.

1:00 p.m. Group Lunch. Emilia Romagna is the food capital of Italy and today we will sample some of the delicacies of this area with a relaxed traditional Italian lunch.

3:00 p.m. Acetaia Malpighi. Today’s visits will finish up with a visit to a traditional Balsamic Vinegar estate in Modena, where you’ll learn about the process of making the world’s most famous vinegar. You’ll enjoy a tasting of the different aged vinegars and there will be an opportunity to buy products to take home with you!

6:00 p.m. Return back to hotel in Bologna. This evening is an independent evening for dinner.
Sunday, September 24th
Bologna – Rome

Breakfast this morning in the hotel (An opportunity to go to Mass will be provided to all students on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning – tba).

10:00 a.m. **Bologna city tour.** This morning you’ll have a guided tour of the city of the region’s capital, Bologna. Fusing haughty elegance with down-to-earth grit in one beautifully colonnaded medieval grid, Bologna is a city of two intriguing halves. On one side is a hard-working, hi-tech city located in the super-rich Po valley where suave opera-goers waltz out of regal theatres and reconvene in some of the nation’s finest restaurants and trattorias. On the other is a Bolshie, politically edgy city that hosts the world’s oldest university and is famous for its graffiti-embellished piazzas filled with students swapping Gothic fashion tips.

1:00 p.m. **Group lunch:** It wouldn’t be a Sunday without a traditional Italian lunch. We’ll enjoy some of Bologna’s most famous foods before our long journey back to Rome this afternoon.

3:00 p.m. **Journey back to Rome.** The rest of the afternoon will be spent traveling back to Rome by private coach.

8:00 p.m. Arrival at the Italian Campus. Dinner in the dining room.

What’s included: R/T transport with private coach. Accompanied excursion by Dr. Ciccone and an Italian Campus staff member. Two meals daily. Entrance to any of the events/tours listed in the itinerary. Overnight in doubles/triples in centrally located hotels.

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Total cost: €290.00
Emilia Romagna Mini-Excursion

Parma - Bologna - Modena

September 21-24, 2017

A special mini-excursion for students to discover Italy's food and luxury car capital. Students will explore the university city of Bologna, the capital of Prosciutto and Parmesan cheese in Parma and the gem of Modena, home of Ferrari, Maserati, Pavarotti and balsamic vinegar.

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1:00 p.m.  Included group lunch at a typical Parma restaurant

2:30 p.m.  Tour of the city center of Parma with local guide.

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6:30 p.m.  Arrival at our hotel in Bologna. After check in, you’re free to explore this exciting university town and have an independent dinner.
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**Total cost: €315.00**
EAT PRAY & LOVE: Perugia & Assisi
Excursion 1: October 13-15 & Excursion 2: October 20-22

On this trip we will discover the wonders of the region of Umbria! “Baci” chocolates, pasta with truffles, roasted pork, local vegetables, and wines. This excursion brings us closer to nature as we will hunt for our own truffles, prepare our own pasta, and visit the Euro Chocolate Fest in Perugia. With our time in Assisi, true to the message of St. Francis, we hope you experience a renewed appreciation for the outdoors and spiritual appreciation for this mystic medieval hilltop town. Most importantly, we will come together to dine in a way that nourishes our happiness.

**Friday: Rome – Città di Castello – Perugia**

6:30 a.m. Private coach departs Rome Campus for Città di Castello

10:30 a.m. Learn how to hunt for prized truffles in the woodland around the village of Città di Castello. Learn how locals use their hunting dogs to find truffles and receive a certificate showing that you are now a truffle hunter! Afterwards, return to the farm house where you will have a beautiful multi-course included lunch based on black truffles.

1:30 p.m. Depart for Perugia.

2:45 p.m. Arrival at La Volpe e L’Uva Agriturismo Farm House, our home for the weekend.

6:00 p.m. Cooking class this evening at the Agriturismo. Share a group dinner together with all of the local cuisine you learned how to cook!

**Overnight:** La Volpe e L’Uva Agriturismo, Strada Communale a S. Marino, 06125 Perugia

**Saturday: Perugia**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you’ll spend the day in Perugia enjoying exploring the annual Euro Chocolate Festival in Perugia. Perugia is famous for its Perugina Chocolate brand, with its most famous chocolate kisses or “baci”. Chocolate vendors from all over the world will come together for the world’s largest chocolate party!

1:00 p.m. Group lunch prepared by our host Raffaëla at the Agriturismo

8:30 p.m. Meet at restaurant Dal Mi Cocco for dinner, a local favorite of students studying at the University of Perugia.

**Sunday: Perugia – Assisi - Rome**

Breakfast at the hotel.

7:45 We will depart the Agriturismo for Assisi. This city is the birthplace of the famous St. Francis of Assisi. Francis is the patron saint of animals, the environment and of Italy and today we will be following in his footsteps throughout this mystic hilltop village.

9:00 Special Mass in English at the Basilica of St. Francis.
10:00 We will start the **pilgrimage walk in the footsteps of St. Francis** with our Seminarians Friends from the North American Pontifical College. We will visit important sites in the life of St. Francis including the **Church of St. Damian** and **St. Clare** as well as the **main piazzas of Assisi**.

12:00 p.m. **Free time for exploring, shopping, and lunch!** Truffles, chocolates, honey, and beautiful Umbrian wines and oils are specialties of this area. Other things such as embroidered cloth, Tao crosses, and other religious articles are also present in the small shops.

You’ll also have time for independent visits of the **Upper and Lower Basilica of St. Francis**, including the famous **frescoes** by medieval masters, such as Giotto, Cimabue and Pietro Lorenzetti, as well as being able to visit the **tomb of St. Francis**.

3:30 p.m. **Private coach departs for campus in Rome.**

7:00 p.m. **Arrive back in Rome in time for Sunday dinner on campus!**

**Cost: €365.00**

**What’s Included:** Private bus transportation throughout the entire weekend – 2 Nights Stay at Agriturismo with breakfast daily – 1 Excursion for Truffle Hunting with lunch – 1 Cooking Class with dinner (approx 4 hours) – Entrance ticket to Euro Chocolate Fest – an additional lunch at Agriturismo – an additional dinner in Perugia - 2 Metro Passes

**What’s Not Included:** Any meals not listed as “included”. Gratuities for guides, drivers and restaurants. Personal expenses.
Friday, November 10th
Roma – Lucca

7:00  Departure from Duquesne University Italian Campus. *Pick up take-away breakfast in lobby!*

11:00  **Arrival in Lucca.** During the free time in Lucca, we have included some suggestions:

- **Puccini’s Birthplace** (Casa Natale di Puccini) Birthplace of one of Italy’s greatest operatic composers, Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924). Near Piazza San Michele, the house contains the piano at which he composed *Turandot* and has several of his librettos, letters, objets d’art, and momentos. *Corso S. Lorenzo, 9. Admission €3.00.*

- **San Michele in Foro** Most notable of the style and flair that the Lucchese brought to the Pisan-Romanesque school of architecture. Inside there is a Filippo Lippi painting, *Saints Sebastian, Jerome, Helen, and Roch*, on the far wall of the right transept. San Michele is on the spot of the ancient Roman forum. *Piazza S. Michele. Free admission. Daily 9am-noon.*

- **National Picture Gallery and Palazzo Mansi Museum.** This palace was built for the powerful Mansi family. There are some important treasures in this museum, notably a portrait of Princess Elisa by Marie Benoist. Elisa Bonaparte who married into a local wealthy family, was given the town by her brother Napoleon – making her the Princess of Lucca and Piombino. Tintoretto’s *Miracle of St. Mark Freeing the Slave* is also in this collection. *Via Galli Tassi, 43. Admission €4.00. Open: 9:00-14:00.*

- **Rent bikes and ride around the exterior walls.** Bike rentals are available all around town. Rent a bike and ride the exterior of the medieval wall (2.5 miles). Enter and exit through the different gates in the city to see the monuments.

13:00  Independent Lunch in the center of Lucca.

15:30  Departure for hotel check-in.

16:00  Check-in at Best Western Grand Guinigi, *Via Romana 1247*, Lucca Tel: 0583.4991

18:00  Departure for evening in the center of Lucca!

19:00  Opera evening at the Church of St. Mark – Puccini Recital

20:30  Group Dinner at *Ristorante La Buca di Sant’Antonio, Via Cervia, 3, 55100 Lucca* (Phone: 0583 55881)

**Overnight: Lucca**
Saturday, November 11th
Lucca – Pisa – Siena

7:30 Luggage Downstairs and Breakfast.
8:30 Departure for Pisa
9:30 – 12:00 Visit: Camposanto, the Cathedral, & the Baptistery with Prof. Lev, Prof. DiPippo, and Prof. Mifsud
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch in Pisa
13:30 Departure for Siena
15:30 Arrival in Siena
Afternoon visits of:
- The Duomo of Siena (Cathedral)
- The Baptistery
18:30 Check-in to hotel and independent dinner.

Overnight: Siena

Sunday, November 12th
Siena – Roma

Breakfast in hotel.
8:00 a.m. Optional Mass: Duomo of Siena (Cathedral)
9:30 a.m. Morning visits include:
- The Campo, Palazzo Pubblico, The House of St. Catherine (exterior), The Church of S. Domenico
12:30 p.m. Departure for Rome.
2:00 p.m. Stop at Aугtогrill at Montepulciano for a quick lunch.
Circa. 18:00 Arrival back in Rome in time for dinner on campus!

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Not included: All lunches & personal expenses.
Rome Weekend Day Trip: Tivoli and Castel Gandolfo
Sunday, November 19th, 2016

Join us on a fantastic day trip outside of Rome, to two of Lazio’s most famous villages: Tivoli and Castel Gandolfo. We’ll explore the Renaissance Villa d’Este in Tivoli with its 100 fountains and then we’ll travel up into the volcanic Alban hills to visit the town known for the Pope’s summer home. We’ll enjoy a multi-course lunch with wine overlooking beautiful Lake Albano!

Morning: Tivoli- Villa d’Este

At Tivoli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will tour the Villa d’Este with its magnificent grounds and beautiful gardens. The breathtaking gardens are refreshed by some five hundred jets in fountains, pools and water troughs. Self-guided tour

Lunch & Afternoon: Castel Gandolfo

The next stop will be in the city of Castel Gandolfo overlooking Lake Albano (summer residence of the Popes). We will have a delicious four-course lunch including a sampling of local Castelli Romani Wines while overlooking the lake!

Price: €60.00 per person
What’s Included: R/T Private coach transport, lunch at Castel Gandolfo, and entrance into the Villa d’Este, and all gratuities