



Faculty-Led Study Abroad Italian Art & Culture *Sample Itinerary**

The program offers participants the incredible opportunity to experience centuries of the Italian artistic legacy in-person, from the treasures of ancient Rome to Byzantine mosaics, medieval masterpieces, and countless Renaissance works of art. Students will sharpen their critical visual skills and gain a new appreciation of these works as they view timeless masterpieces, wander the ancient streets, sample the incredible cuisine, absorb the knowledge of local experts, and experience all that this enchanting country has to offer.

- ✓ **Program Length**
14 days
- ✓ **Program Type**
Undergraduate Faculty-Led
- ✓ **Program Topic**
Italian Art & Culture
- ✓ **Cities Visited**
Rome, Orvieto, Arezzo, Florence, Verona, Venice, Padua, Milan

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Italian Art & Culture Itinerary at a Glance*



- DAY 1** ● **DEPART U.S. for Rome**
Depart U.S. for Rome and arrive the next day
- DAY 2** ● **ARRIVE & EXPLORE ROME**
Arrive in Rome; Free afternoon; Welcome Dinner
- DAY 3** ● **DISCOVER ANCIENT ROME & CITY SIGHTS**
Piazza Navona, Roman Forum, Colosseum, Spanish Steps, Pantheon
- DAY 4** ● **ST PETER'S BASILICA & THE VATICAN MUSEUMS**
St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museums, including the Sistine Chapel
- DAY 5** ● **TIVOLI: GARDENS, FOUNTAINS & VILLAS**
Villa d'Este and gardens, Hadrian's Villa and museum
- DAY 6** ● **VISIT ORVIETO & VIEW FRESCOES IN AREZZO**
Gothic Duomo façade & frescoes in Orvieto; Narrative frescoes in Arezzo
- DAY 7** ● **FLORENCE MUSEUMS & ARCHITECTURE**
Cathedral, Baptistry, Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio, Michelangelo's David
- DAY 8** ● **PISA: LEANING TOWER & MORE**
Leaning Tower, Museum of Sinopie, Campo dei Miracoli, Duomo
- DAY 9** ● **MOSAICS OF RAVENNA & VERONA**
Byzantine mosaics at Church of St. Vitale, Mausoleum of Galla Placidia
- DAY 10** ● **TOUR THE TREASURES OF VERONA**
Roman amphitheater, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's balcony, Art Museum
- DAY 11** ● **WALKING TOUR OF VENICE**
St. Mark's Cathedral, Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs, Rialto Bridge
- DAY 12** ● **VENICE ART & ARCHITECTURE DEEP DIVE**
Accademia Museum, Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Abbazia di Chiaravalle
- DAY 13** ● **EXPLORE THE TREASURES OF MILAN**
Castle Civic Museums, Brera Gallery, La Scala, Duomo, Farewell Dinner
- DAY 14** ● **DEPART MILAN FOR THE U.S.**
Private transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport. Arrive U.S. the same day

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DAY 1

DEPART U.S. FOR ITALY

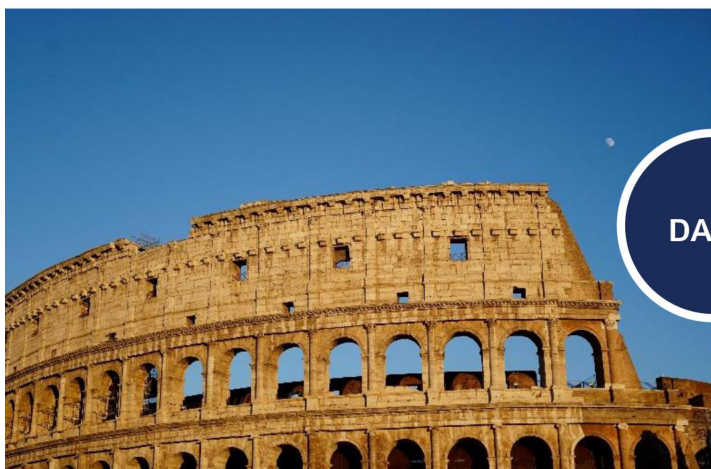
Depart on overnight flight from U.S. for Rome's Leonardo da Vinci International Airport.



DAY 2

ARRIVE & EXPLORE ROME

Arrive in Italy's Eternal City of Rome. Get settled in at the hotel and then explore the city. Wander along the banks of the Tiber River, enjoy some gelato, or relax in a beautiful square, before joining the group for your Welcome Dinner.



DAY 3

DISCOVER ANCIENT ROME

Rome's past and present will come alive on this full-day city tour with our English-speaking local guide. Take in the stupendous Roman Forum, the Colosseum, and other storied landmarks such as Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Spanish Steps. Additional visits include the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and the extraordinary Catacombs of Saint Callistus.

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DAY 4

ST PETER'S & THE VATICAN MUSEUMS

This morning includes a guided visit to the Vatican Museums, which display countless treasures of the Holy Roman Empire. The visit includes the Sistine Chapel, which features Michelangelo's ceiling fresco depicting the creation of man. Next is a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, the holiest of all churches for the world's 1 billion Catholics.



DAY 5

TIVOLI: GARDENS, FOUNTAINS & VILLAS

This morning we'll be taken on a sightseeing excursion to Tivoli to see the magnificent fountains of Villa d'Este and then Hadrian's Villa, the country residence of Emperor Hadrian (117 AD) that epitomizes the opulence and elegance of the Roman world of that time.



DAY 6

EXPLORE ORVIETO & AREZZO FRESCOES

This morning depart Rome and drive through the lush countryside of Umbria and Tuscany. The first stop is Orvieto, a city perched on the nearly vertical faces of a volcanic butte, to see the splendid gothic Duomo that dates from 1290. The next stop in Arezzo is the church of San Francesco to view the narrative fresco, "The Legend of the True Cross" by Piero della Francesca, one of the most important frescoes ever painted in Italy.

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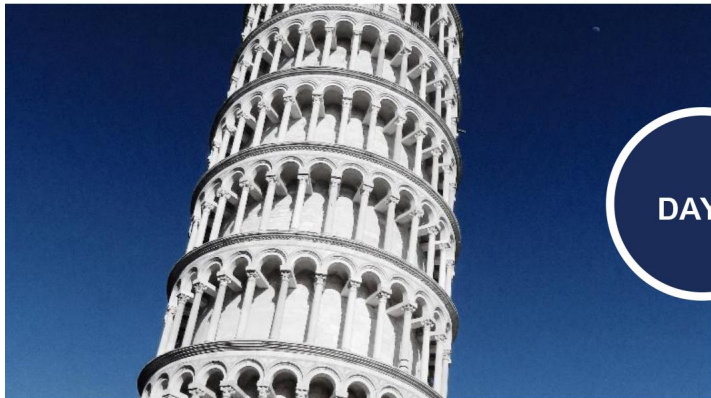
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DAY 7

FLORENCE MUSEUMS & ARCHITECTURE

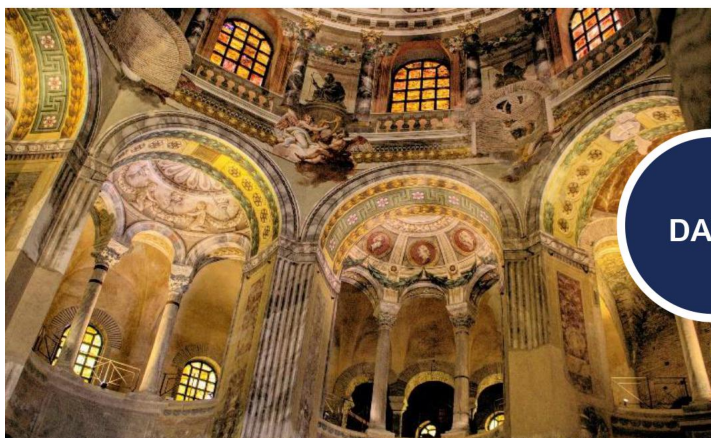
The morning's walking tour of Florence includes a visit to the incredible Cathedral with its dome by Brunelleschi, the Uffizi Gallery, a walk over the famed Ponte Vecchio bridge, the famous Piazza della Signoria, and Michelangelo's sculpture of David in the Galleria dell'Accademia. The afternoon is free for independent activities and personal exploration of this elegant Tuscan city.



DAY 8

PISA: LEANING TOWER & MORE

This morning includes a sightseeing excursion to Pisa, the ancient and splendid capital of the Republic of Pisa. Known for its famed leaning tower, Pisa also features remarkable Romanesque architecture. The visit will include the leaning tower, the Campo dei Miracoli, and the Museum of Sinopie, where the preparatory sketches for the frescoes are displayed.



DAY 9

MOSAICS OF RAVENNA & VERONA

This morning the group heads to the gloriously arcaded town of Ravenna. The city offers the finest evidence of early Christian art with fantastic interior mosaics at the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and the Church of St. Vitale, the most important Byzantine building in western Europe. Next is a stop in Verona, the legendary city of Romeo and Juliet.

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10

TOUR THE TREASURES OF VERONA

The day will begin with a sightseeing tour of Verona with our English-speaking local guide, visiting the almost perfectly-preserved 3rd century Roman amphitheater, the colorful central marketplace, Piazza delle Erbe, followed by the 13th century balconied house belonging to Juliet's family. The morning concludes with a visit to the Civic Art Museum. The afternoon is free for independent activities and to take in Verona's charming city squares.



DAY
11

WALKING TOUR OF VENICE

This afternoon's walking tour of the captivating "City in the Sea" includes the Byzantine St. Mark's Cathedral and the jewel-encrusted Pala d'Oro altar piece. Next is the famous Doge's Palace containing works of great Venetian masters. The tour continues with the Bridge of Sighs, the famed Rialto Bridge, St. Mark's Square and the famous Clock Tower.



DAY
12

VENICE ART & ARCHITECTURE DEEP DIVE

Today's full-day tour includes the Accademia's 25 galleries, featuring the most complete collection of Venetian paintings in the world. Next is the impressive white marble structure, the Scuola Grande di San Rocco, with its large wall and ceiling paintings by Tintoretto. The day concludes with visits to Palazzo Vendarmin-Callergi and Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, one of the most important Gothic churches in Venice.

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13

EXPLORE THE TREASURES OF MILAN

The final full day includes a tour of Milan, the heart of the Alpine north and one of the most important cities in Europe. This guided tour includes the breathtaking Cathedral, the Castle Civic Museums, the Brera Gallery, one of the most important in Italy, La Scala Theatre, and the 12th century Chiaravalle Abbey. The evening concludes with an unforgettable Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY
14

DEPART MILAN FOR U.S.

After breakfast, private transfer to Milan Malpensa International Airport for your transatlantic flight to U.S. Arrive U.S. on the same day.



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