

Italy, Art and Design

June 17 to June 27, 2017, 3 Credits (Summer 2017)

The Country:

Heart of the Roman Empire, birthplace of the Renaissance, and home of the Vatican and Roman Catholic Church, Italy has made innumerable contributions to Western Civilization. Though its history and landmarks are familiar to us from books and movies, there is no substitute for the first time you stand in front of the Colosseum where countless others have gone before you for over two millennia.

The Program:

In this study abroad program you will experience many of the highlights of this fascinating country while focusing on art and design. Travel begins in Rome, and continues through Florence and ends in Venice. You will be immersed in Italian culture, art and design for 10 days with guided lectures, tours and support.

The Course:

[INT 311 – Global Perspectives in Interior Design](#), 3 Credits

This course is a combination of hands-on learning, lecture and travel and is designed for liberal arts, art and interior design students. It combines collaborative effort and hands-on teamwork to focus on national and global design issues, and human factors through exposure to contemporary issues, historical architecture and design, varying dynamics, other cultures, and different economic groups. Lectures with information about destinations are presented prior to international departure. While abroad, you will participate in design charrettes (quick design challenges) and carry a sketch book to sketch what you are seeing and reflect using visual methods.

Program Highlights:

- Sights of Rome
- Vatican, St. Peters
- Pompeii and entrance to excavations
- Museums in Florence (Uffizi/Accademia)
- Venice, Doges' Palace and the San Marco Basilica, Grand Canal



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Estimated Program Fee: \$4,100

\$1,000 scholarship available!

Includes:

Airfare
Housing
Some Meals
Health Insurance
Many Cultural
Excursions
In-Country Transit

Does not include:

Tuition – 3 summer credits
Passport Fee
Personal Expenses

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Tentative Program Itinerary:

Saturday June 17, 2017: Depart **USA**

Sunday June 18, 2017: **Rome**

Arrive in Rome. AIFS staff will be at the airport to greet students at a designated time and transfer them to their accommodation by private bus.

Monday June 19, 2017: **Rome**

AM Meet AIFS staff in the hotel lobby for orientation meeting covering the program in general with emphasis on safety and security. Followed by a tour of Rome with a professional guide.

PM Entrance to the Colosseum

Tuesday June 20, 2017: **Rome**

AM Entrance to the Vatican Museums and St Peters

PM Entrance to the Borghese Gallery

Wednesday June 21, 2017: **Pompeii/Rome**

AM Depart the hotel with AIFS staff for a full day excursion to Pompeii including entrance to the excavations

PM Return to Rome

Thursday June 22, 2017: **Florence**

AM Check out of the hotel and travel by public transport with AIFS staff to the train station.

High speed train to Florence. Arrive in Florence and check into hotel.

PM Tour of Florence with a professional guide

Evening Group dinner

Friday June 23, 2017: **Florence**

AM Entrance to the Uffizi

PM Entrance to the Accademia

Saturday, June 24, 2017: **Florence**

Free time in Florence to explore the sights and to enjoy San Giovanni. San Giovanni is a holiday in Florence. There will be costume processions and other events.

Evening The day of celebration is rounded off in the evening with fireworks from Piazzale Michelangelo. Make sure to get a good spot by the river to watch them!

Sunday June 25, 2017: **Venice**

AM High speed train to Venice. Check into hotel.

PM Entrance to the Doges' Palace and the San Marco Basilica.

Monday, June 26, 2017: **Venice**

Visits to Piazza San Marco, the Grand Canal and other areas with faculty

Tuesday, June 27, 2017: **Venice/USA**

Check out of hotel and walk to Piazzale Roma for transfer to Venice airport.



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