

KIRKWOOD STUDY ABROAD



ITALY INTERIOR DESIGN



July 11 - July 24, 2019
3 Credits

Course: INT-311 Global Perspectives in Interior Design

This course is a combination of hands-on learning, lecture and travel. It uses hands-on teamwork focusing on national and global design issues, human factors through exposure to contemporary issues, historical architecture and design, varying dynamics, other cultures, and different economic groups. The course includes pre-departure meetings with information about Italian culture, locations and design. While abroad, you will participate in design charrettes (quick design challenges) and carry a sketchbook to sketch what you are seeing and reflect using visual methods.

The Country:

The heart of the Roman Empire, birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Vatican and Roman Catholic Church, Italy is home to some of the world's greatest works of art, architecture and cuisine. You will explore the most-visited cities—Rome (Roma), Naples (Napoli), Florence (Firenze), Pisa, Burano, and Venice (Venezia). In Rome, you can feel the uninterrupted flow of the ages, from the classical era of the ancient Romans to the pulse of contemporary life being lived in centuries-old settings. Next, in Naples you will experience the elegant masterpiece of history, design, and archaeology of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Florence is the jewel of the Italian Renaissance, which is evident in the formal grandeur of its palaces and piazzas. Venice, by contrast, seems suspended in time, with its Venetian architecture and glorious canals. Burano is the most colorful architecture in the country and known for lace production since the 15th century. Each of these cities reveals a different aspect of the Italian character; all six reveal the seamless blend of awe-inspiring art, history of architecture suspended in time, chic design and human warmth that symbolize the country.

Program Highlights:

- ◆ Vatican Museums and St Peters, Galleria Borghese (Rome)
- ◆ The Colosseum and Roman Forum (Rome)
- ◆ Pompeii /Herculaneum
- ◆ National Archaeological Museum (Naples)
- ◆ Medici Palace, Duomo (Florence)
- ◆ Visit FUA design, our partner school (Florence)
- ◆ The academia and statue of David (Florence)
- ◆ Industry Visits for Interior Design
- ◆ Leaning Tower (Pisa)
- ◆ Piazza San Marco, Dodges Palace Tour, Gondola Ride (Venice)
- ◆ Burano (small island known for picturesque houses)
- ◆ Transportation between cities includes (high speed train or bus)
- ◆ Guided tours in many locations

Estimated Program Fee: \$4,200

\$1,000 Global Advantage Scholarship Available

Includes:

Round-trip Airfare
Housing (Hotels)
Wi-Fi Hotspot Rental
Some Meals
Health Insurance
Many Cultural Excursions
Most In-country Transportation

Does not include:

Tuition for Summer 2019 credits
Personal Expenses
Passport Fee
Optional Capri/Sorrento excursion

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Tentative Program Itinerary: July 11 to July 24, 2019

- Thursday, July 11, 2019:** Depart USA
- Friday, July 12, 2019:** **Rome** - Arrive in Rome. Walk to the Spanish steps and the Trevi Fountain.
- Saturday, July 13, 2019:** **Rome** - Entrance to the Vatican Museums and St Peters, then walk to Pantheon.
- Sunday, July 14, 2019:** **Rome** - Entrance to Borghese, lunch around that area. Taxi to the entrance of the Forum, tour through the Forum and then the Colosseum. Take the Collesseo Train to the Termini train station back to hotel.
- Monday, July 15, 2019:** **Rome** - Free Day, possibly morning tour at an architecture firm.
- Tuesday, July 16, 2019:** **Pompeii/Rome** - Depart the hotel very early (4 or 5 AM) for a two-day excursion to Pompeii /Herculaneum including entrance and guided tours to the excavations. Spend the evening in Naples.
- Wednesday, July 17, 2019:** **Naples** - National Archaeological museum in Naples in the morning, evening in Naples.
*Optional excursion to Sorrento/Capri
- Thursday, July 18, 2019:** **Florence** - Check out of the hotel in Naples and travel by public transport to the Naples train station. Take the high-speed train to Florence. Arrive in Florence and check into hotel, evening group dinner.
- Friday, July 19, 2019:** **Florence** - Walking tour around central Florence with local guide through the leather market, Medici Palace, Duomo tour, and walking of major squares, Strazzi home, etc. Lunch and the Academia Gallery, including the statue of David.
- Saturday, July 20, 2019:** **Florence** - Morning tour of the Uffizi- Birth of Venus, etc., afternoon excursion to Pisa via train and a stop in the small country town of Lucca, evening back in Florence.
- Sunday, July 21, 2019:** **Florence/Venice** - morning at Florence University of the Arts and design charrette with the interior design students, check out of hotel, evening high-speed train to Venice, check into hotel.
- Monday, July 22, 2019:** **Venice** - Visits to Piazza San Marco, Dodges Palace Tour, gondola ride.
- Tuesday, July 23, 2019:** **Burano** - Day at Burano, explore lace shops and the island, and then back to Venice or optional boat to Lido.
- Wednesday, July 24, 2019:** **Venice/USA** - Check out of hotel and walk to Piazza Roma for ferry transfer to Venice airport.

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