

Rome, Italy - Summer 2009 Program Handbook

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Contact Information

On-Site Program Information

Your primary contact in Italy will be UW Professor Marc Kleijwegt, the Resident Director. Professor Kleijwegt will be staying with the students on-site at the Vesuvian Institute in Castellammare and at the Centro in Rome. In the event of an emergency, you may reach him on his cell phone. The number will be given to you after you arrive in Italy.

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In case of an emergency, call the main IAP number **(608) 265-6329** between 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; after-hours or on weekends call the IAP staff on call at **(608) 516-9440**.

Embassy Registration

All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

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Via Vittorio Veneto 121
00187
Roma
Tel: + (39) 06.46.74.1
<http://rome.usembassy.gov/english/>

Program Dates

Depart U.S.	May 26
Arrive in Italy (first night in housing)	May 27*
Course dates in Rome (ICCS Centro)	May 27 – June 1
Course Dates in Rome (Hotel Monteverde)	June 1 – June 8
Course Dates in Stabiae (Vesuviana)	June 8 – June 17
Depart housing	June 17

All participants must arrive in Rome by 5pm on May 27. Please make sure to schedule a flight that arrives in the **morning** in case of delays.

Preparation Before Leaving

Refer to the Pre-Departure Checklist on pages four and five of the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for essential information.

Immigration Documents

Passport

A passport is needed to travel to Italy. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website (<http://travel.state.gov/passport>). If you already have your

passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad.

Visa

Unless you are a citizen of the European Union, you will need an Italian visa in order to participate in the Rome Summer program. Visa application instructions will be provided to you by e-mail.

Handling Money Abroad

The currency in Italy is in Euros. For the latest currency exchange rate, visit www.x-rates.com.

Students **must** obtain an ISIC (International Student Identity Card) prior to departure. This card entitles the students to discounted rates for the fieldtrip locations you will attend on this program and also to other locations throughout Europe. Details on the ISIC card can be found at www.isic.org. You can purchase an ISIC card at STA Travel on State Street.

Packing

All manner of clothing is possible in Italy, within the limits of decency and good taste. Italians do tend to dress up, so you might want to consider that when you pack. You are expected to dress in a respectable manner when visiting churches and monasteries. In order to enter a church, men and women are expected to wear shirts that cover their shoulders (no tank tops). You will see tourists entering churches with far less clothing than is required, but it can be considered offensive. A hat is also good for protection against the strong Mediterranean sun.

Since this trip includes a lot of walking on uneven, cobbled streets (some almost 2500 years old!), you are advised to bring a comfortable pair of shoes, preferably tennis shoes. Flip-flops are not advised for site visits.

You should bring an Italian phrasebook as most Italians do not speak English.

Passports and credit cards should be left in student rooms as much as possible.

Women should bring a shoulderbag with a strap that can be worn to the front of their bodies (unless they want to wear a money holder inside their clothes).

Electronics

The standard in Italy is 220V AC (50Hz). With the difference in currency, we recommend that you avoid taking U.S. electrical appliances. If you do, pack an adapter together with your electrical appliance, so that you do not have to spend valuable time looking for adapters and transformers during your stay. Only low voltage hair appliances should be packed.

Travel and Arrival Information

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements, which includes arranging flights that will allow for appropriate arrival time before the course start date. You may wish to arrange flights with other students on the program or fly to Rome on your own. Please plan to arrive at the program housing no later than 5pm on the program start date of Wednesday, May 27, 2009. Prior to this date, you will need to arrange your own accommodations.

Arrival Directions

Rome's international airport, Fiumicino - www.adr.it, also called Leonardo da Vinci, has all the amenities of a large airport including a post office, banks, currency exchanges, ATM's, as well as many stores and restaurants. The airport is 26 kilometers (16 miles) west of Rome and is accessible by car, taxi, train, and bus.

Upon arrival you will need to arrange your own transportation to the program housing, Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies (address found below). You will be provided with detailed instructions on how to travel from the airport to the ICCS at your program orientation.

General Information

This program examines the literature, culture and history of ancient Rome. Studying the archaeological remains closely together with literary texts, the class will explore the defining characteristics of ancient Roman civilization, from the Etruscans to the rise and fall of the Empire.

Course Information

You will receive more detailed course information from the Resident Director at program orientation. Planned activities and fieldtrips include (schedule is subject to change):

Summer 09 schedule:

Week 1 - Rome

- Thursday, May 28 – Forum Romanum & Imperial Fora
- Friday, May 29 – Tarquinia & Cerveteri
- Saturday, May 30 – free
- Sunday, May 31 – free

Week 2 - Rome

- Monday, June 1 – *Depart ICCS housing, move to Hotel Monteverde*
 - Colosseum, Baths of Caracalla, Palatine
- Tuesday, June 2 – Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli
- Wednesday, June 3 – Ara Pacis, Villa Borghese
- Thursday, June 4 – Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museum
- Friday, June 5 – Ostia
- Saturday, June 6 – free
- Sunday, June 7 – free

Week 3 - Stabiae

- Monday, June 8 – *Depart Hotel Monteverde, move to Vesuviana*
 - Campania, Stabiae
- Tuesday, June 9 – Pompeii, Vesuvius
- Wednesday, June 10 – Pompeii, Herculaneum
- Thursday, June 11 – Archaeological Museum Naples
- Friday, June 12 – Pozzuoli, Archaeological Museum of the Campi Phlegrei at Baiae, Cumae.
- Saturday, June 13 – free
- Sunday, June 14 – free

Week 4

- Monday, June 15 – Capreae
- Tuesday, June 16 – Final Exam
- Wednesday, June 17 – depart housing

The class will meet during the week every day. Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn 3 credits of Classics 372: Topics in Roman Culture.

For all fieldtrips you may be required to read assigned readings, so that you come to the site with at least a basic understanding of the historical and cultural importance of the site that is visited.

Required texts & readings: TBA

Grading: *This course cannot be taken for Pass/Fail*

Living Abroad

Italy is located on the Italian Peninsula in southern Europe, and on the two largest islands in the Mediterranean Sea, Sicily and Sardinia. Italy shares its northern Alpine boundary with France, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia. The independent states of San Marino and the Vatican City are enclaves within the Italian Peninsula, while Campione d'Italia is an Italian exclave in Switzerland. Italy has been the home of many European cultures, such as the Etruscans and the Romans, and later was the birthplace of the Renaissance, which began in Tuscany and then spread throughout Europe. Italy's capital, Rome, has been the center of Western civilization, and is the center of the Catholic Church. Today, Italy is a democratic republic. It is a founding member of the European Union and has used the Euro since 1999.

(Information in this paragraph adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy>.)

Housing

Rome

From May 27 – June 1, all participants will be staying at the Center for Intercollegiate Classical Studies (the "Centro") in Rome. Located in a four-story building on one of the main streets of the Janiculum, the Center is ten minutes by bus from the Piazza Venezia and downtown Rome. It is close to the American Academy in Rome with which it maintains cordial relations. The building is owned by the Suore Infermiere dell'Addolorata,

and contains bedrooms (mostly doubles) for 36 students, classrooms, a library, offices, dining rooms, and a kitchen. Outside is a small and pleasant garden. The neighborhood is residential with apartment buildings, small shops, cafes, and services.

Address:

Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies
ICCS & DUKE in ROME
Phone: + 39 + 065-817-036
Office Phone: + 39 + 065-806-113
Via A. Algardi, 19
00152 Rome, Italy

From June 1 – June 8, all participants will be staying at the Hotel Monteverde in Rome. Located in the Monte Verde Nuovo district, it has very convenient public transport connections to the city-centre. Hotel Monteverde has been owned by the Austrian Festin family since its inauguration in 1950. All rooms have bath/shower, hairdryer, air-conditioning, telephone, and television.

Address:

Albergo Monteverde & Austria
Via di Monte Verde, 86
00151 Roma - I
Tel/fax: 0039 06 58230000
www.monteverdehotel.com

Castellammare di Stabia

While in Castellammare di Stabia all participants will be staying at the Institute for Vesuvian International Institute, a residential instruction facility operated by the Restoring Ancient Stabiae Foundation. It provides classrooms and other instructional venues, including a small computer lab and wireless internet access. Rooms at the Institute include an en-suite bath and a study desk. Meals are served in a common dining hall.

The Vesuvian Institute is located above the town center of Castellammare di Stabia, within walking distance of the CircumVesuviana Railway station. A "send out" laundry service is available at the Institute.

Address:

Vesuvian International Institute for Archaeology and the Humanities
Via Salario 12
Castellammare di Stabia (NA)
80053 ITALIA
off. (011) + 39 -081-871-7114
cell (011) + 39-339-673-5819

****Please note that students are responsible for any additional charges you accrue on your own (In-Room phones, misc. expenses, etc.)***

Meals

At the Centro (May 27-June 1), all meals will be provided **except** Saturday and Sunday (May 30-31). Box lunches will be available for trips.

At Hotel Monteverde (June 1 – June 8), continental breakfast will be served at the hotel from 7:30-9:30AM daily. Students will be responsible for the cost of other meals on these days.

At the Vesuvian Institute in Castellammare di Stabia (June 8-17), some meals will be provided. Students will be responsible for the cost of meals not provided by the Vesuvian.

Transportation

Quite a bit of travel will be done on foot. Walking to the various lecture locations is a great way to absorb your surroundings! Be sure to bring some good walking shoes.

Local transportation: CircumVesuviana railway line to sites around Castellammare; public buses in Rome

Chartered bus for longer distances

Communication

Mail

See housing locations for mailing addresses.

Telephone

General calling information is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook,

Email

There is wireless Internet access both at the Vesuvian Institute as well as at the Centro, but there are also Internet cafes in the neighborhood. Internet access should be fairly easy to find in heavy tourist areas in Naples, Rome, and throughout Europe.