

Italy Revealed : Exploring the Ancient Land of the Romans
June 5 – 17, 2012
4 hours graduate level credit from Colorado School of Mines

Cost: \$4,210 includes airfare, tuition, all tours, ground transportation, lodging, and entry fees to major museums, plus breakfast most mornings. \$4,000 without tuition. \$2,500 without tuition or airfare. Tuition cost for 4 hours is \$170

Day 1 – June 5, 2012- Tuesday– Leave the United States - Arrive in Rome next morning.

Day 2 – June 6, 2012 - Wednesday –**A shuttle will meet you in the airport lobby and bring you to the hotel** - Check in, meet in the breakfast area and discuss class expectation and plans for the class. -Go over map of Rome- Orientation walk of our area – do the hop on –hop off bus with stop at St. Peter’s Square, - Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria that houses Bernini’s *St Teresa In Ecstasy*(easy walking distance from our hotel), - Santa Maria Maggiore with ancient mosaics – one of the seven major basilicas visited on the pilgrimage to Rome and one of the five churches in Rome that is officially part of Vatican City - Early dinner and back to the hotel for jigsaws and prep for next day– Sleep in Rome

Day 3 – June 7, 2012 - Thursday – Meet on front steps at 8:30 am - class time covering today’s sights – take the metro to St. Peter-in-Chains Church, home of Michelangelo’s Moses – walk to and tour the Colosseum, Arch of Constantine, and the Roman Forum with lunch somewhere in between –walk to the Pantheon with a stop at Maria Sopra Minerve Church (has Michelangelo statue, *Christ Bearing the Cross*) - Late afternoon go to the Borghese Gallery - Back to the hotel - Sleep in Rome.

Day 4 – June 8, 2012 – Friday – Meet at 7:30 for class time - Meet our guide at St. Peter’s Basilica at 9 AM to tour the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter’s Basilica– in the afternoon take metro to the Spanish Steps, walk down Via Condotti, stop at the Trevi Fountain and visit Piazza Navona with historical background as we go. Have dinner at Piazza Navona in view of The Four Rivers fountain sculpted by Bernini. – Back to hotel - Sleep in Rome.

Day 5– June 9, 2012 - Saturday – A van will pick us up and take us to Pompeii- class time on the way – Meet our guide at Pompeii for a 3 hour tour – back to the van for a drive along the Amalfi Coast to Positano where we will have time to explore this wonderful village and have a late lunch/early dinner before heading back to Rome for prep time for the next day. Sleep in Rome.

Day 6 – June 10, 2012 - Sunday– Be in front of the hotel at 9 am with luggage ready to go- Take the train to Orvieto, one of Italy’s major Etruscan settlements centuries before

Christ – class time on the train - check in at hotel - Orvieto is famous for its Cathedral, Classico wine and ceramics – Have lunch in Orvieto. Meet at the top of the funicolare at 4:30 sharp to go to Tenuta LeVelette for a tour of their winery with Etruscan cellars with wine tasting and a light dinner– 4 different local wines served– Back to Orvieto for class and to sleep at our hotel in Orvieto.

Day 7 - June 11, 2012 – Monday –Meet at 8 am with luggage in front of the hotel -Take the train to Pisa and view the Leaning Tower - class session on the train - On to La Spezia and Cinque Terre, the Italian Riviera on the Ligurian Sea where we will spend the next two nights. Class time will be on the steps by the ocean tonight - Sleep in Vernazza.

Day 8 – June 12, 2012 – Tuesday --At 7 am sharp we will begin hiking from village to village with breakfast at the 2nd little town with history of the area as we walk. Spend the day in the 5 little villages of the Cinque Terre, birthplace of pesto, the white vino delle Cinque Terre and focaccia, - take a boat back to Monterossa and complete the hike among the grape vines and lemon and olive groves. This area has as much stonework as the Great Wall of China! Sleep in Vernazza again.

Day 9– June 13, 2012 - Wednesday– Take an EARLY train to Florence - class time on the train- Tour the Uffizi Gallery which has the greatest collection of Italian paintings anywhere in the world - After dinner, do a Renaissance Walk through Florence – Back to the hotel for jigsaws and next day’s prep. Sleep in Florence.

Day 10 – June 14, 2012 – Thursday -After class time– walk to and tour Accademia (*Michelangelo’s David and Prisoners*)– Visit Medici Chapels to see Tombs of Florence’s great ruling family, designed and carved by Michelangelo - then a visit the Duomo, the Duomo Museum and Santa Croce Church which houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Dante, Machiavelli, and Galileo – Stop at the Leonardo da Vinci Museum and the Science Museum to view the section on Galileo. Meet for the session about the next day’s activities. Sleep in Florence.

Day 11 – June 15, 2012 - Friday - Class time– then a visit to Bargello Sculpture Museum with works by Michelangelo, Donatello and Medici Treasures - then take the train from Florence to Venice’s Santa Lucia Station – Cruise the Grand Canal – an introduction to Venice’s ‘Main Street’ by boat – Visit St. Mark’s Square, St. Mark’s Basilica and 3 museums within the basilica – Dinner, Take a gondola ride – class time at the hotel - Sleep in Venice.

Day 12 – June 16, 2012 - Saturday - Class time - go to one of the 3 islands: **Murano**, famous for its glass and its glass factories -- Take St. Mark’s to Rialto walk – Take Rialto walk to Frari Church – Stop at Church of San Moise, La Fenice Opera House, Correr Museum, Accademia and Scuola Grande di San Rocco. Other choices are Armory Museum, Bridge of Sighs, and Prisons. – Class paper work – Sleep in Venice.

Day 13 – June 17, 2012 - Sunday- Leave Venice -Arrive in the US the same day.