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EDUCATIONAL FIELD LEARNING





EFL educational field learning is the academic department of Florence University of the Arts which provides students with first-hand learning experiences. EFL field learning activities lead students away from the typical tourist mindset, giving the opportunity to experience Italy through a native perspective to create a clearer view and lasting impression on their minds.

We know that the more positive our reaction and memories are to events, the better we learn. With this in mind, EFL's aim is to create experiences rich in positive emotions. Hands-on involvement leads to increased interest on the part of learners, and so we believe that it is extremely important to encourage the students in field learning activities as an essential part of every study abroad experience. This might involve being engaged and challenged, as students explore areas and situations totally new for them. Our instructors are here to assist the students in communicating with their new environment and surroundings, facilitating in this way their cultural exploration and understanding.

For us the academic aspect is a priority. In our vision Field Learning Experiences are not isolated moments of fun, but they enrich in an enjoyable way the content of the courses held in the classroom, contextualizing the information received in class through on-site lectures. Selected readings, communication with other participants and with Italians, and taking part in local events make our field learning activities become an integral part of the courses.

At the same time EFL offers a well-organized and safe environment that makes the students feel as comfortable and secure as possible so far away from their home. EFL field learning activities are planned for a student budget, while providing very comfortable accommodations and travel arrangements (3-star hotels, private charter buses), as well as entrance to museums and guided tours. Syllabi with complete itineraries, history, tips, local recipes, suggested readings and websites, are also provided by EFL, so that students will always have a guide to the places and customs they are exploring.



COST
85€



AREZZO

TUSCANY

Sun, February 23

This Field Learning activity will introduce students to a hidden corner of Tuscany. Founded by the Etruscans, Arezzo is a main point of reference for industry, history, culture and fashion. Attention will be given to major sites and visits in the city, as well as to the international marketing and trade that has helped drive the city's success.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to Arezzo. Walking tour and guided visit of the Arezzo's city-centre and main sites including the Basilica di San Francesco. Tasting of local products. Time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Tasting of local products
- Entry fees and guided visits of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own during free time

Learning outcomes:

- Becoming familiar with the history of Arezzo as a 'minor' town in Tuscany
- Ability to recognize the characteristics of cultural heritage in Italy
- Reflecting on the role of spirituality and religion in Italian culture
- Evaluating the revolution which took place in the art of the 13th Century through the work of Italian masters such as Giotto, Cimabue, and Simone Martini
- Ability to assess the role of Piero della Francesca in the history of early Renaissance painting
- Understanding the evolution of Renaissance culture and art in Italy

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COST
85€



CARMIGNANO

TUSCANY

Sun, March 15

Surrounded by a fascinating hilly landscape where vineyards and olive groves supply excellent wines and extra virgin olive oil, Carmignano has much to offer: local trattorie where to eat traditional dishes, a wealth of farms and enoteche (wine shops) where to drink, archaeological sites and magnificent villas to visit, ancient churches such as the Pieve di San Michele at Carmignano (the church of St. Michele) where visitors can admire the splendid "Visitation" (XVI century) by Pontormo. During the visit to a local wine estate, students will learn about one of the most ancient Italian wines and forefathers of the world-known Super Tuscan Wine.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to Carmignano. Walking tour of Carmignano's historic town center and guided visit of selected sites (including the gothic church of San Michele). Guided visit of Tenuta Capezzana and group lunch. Time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Group lunch
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Evaluate the "Renaissance" of quality wine in Tuscany over the last decades
- List multiple Italian official wine classifications
- Evaluate an example of a 'carbon-free' wine and the application of eco-sustainable criteria in agriculture
- Compare traditional tourism and eco-tourism in Tuscany
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities and/or differences

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CINQUE TERRE

LIGURIA

Sat, May 9

This Field Learning activity will allow students to discover different perspectives of one of Italy's most sought-out sites: the Cinque Terre. The area lies along the Ligurian coast and consists of 18 kilometers of rocky coastline abounding with bays, beaches, and deep sea, surrounded by mountains running parallel to the coast. The "Five Villages," Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso all face the sea. The environment represents the centuries-old effort of generations that has transformed an inaccessible territory into a landscape of extraordinary beauty. It is a Natural Reserve and national park in Italy, declared a World Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 1997.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to the Cinque Terre. Guided hike between selected Cinque Terre villages and walking tour of one of the Cinque Terre villages. Free time to further explore the area (time may be spent in one of the villages, by the beach, or for an additional hike). Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

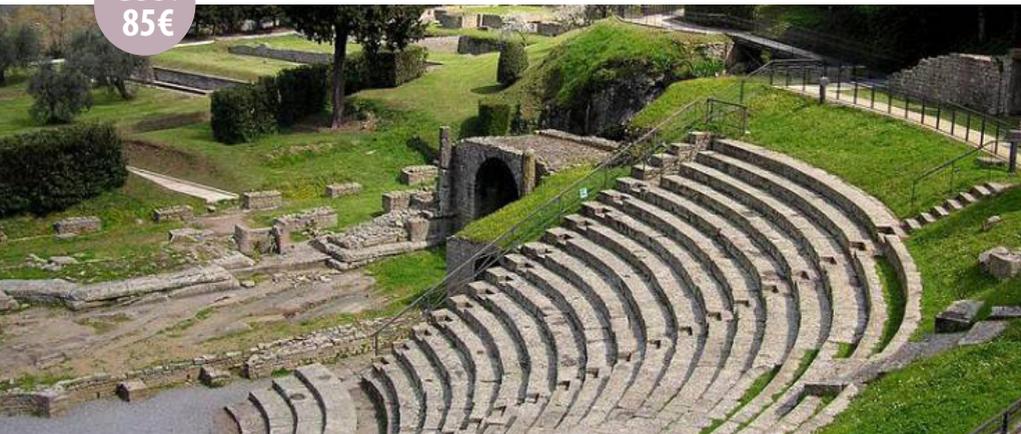
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- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Explore the Ligurian coast and create connections among nature, biodiversity, and human health and wellness
- Gain a broader knowledge of food and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food, and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences

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FIESOLE

TUSCANY

Saturday, March 7

Saturday, May 2

The long history of Fiesole is constantly visible to tourists walking around the town, with a number of fascinating archaeological sites dating back over 2000 years: the Etruscan walls (which still partly encircle the town), Etruscan tombs on Via del Bargellino, and the astonishing Fonte Sotterra are some of the most noteworthy examples of local historical importance. Situated in a position of extraordinary interest for both its history and landscape, the Archaeological Museum conserves Fiesole's historical treasures from members of various cultures that have lived in the region, from the Villanovan and Etruscan periods, to the Romans and the Longobards. Although Fiesole is small, it is still the seat of a number of churches, with an ancient diocese: its importance is clear to visitors of Saint Jacopo's Chapel. In fact, inside this small building decorated with frescos a multitude of antique liturgical gold works are gathered.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to Fiesole. Visit of the town center, main church, and to the Etruscan-Roman Archeological area and museums. Research time for Field Learning assignment and free time, walk through rural Tuscany (Montececcheri park) and return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Define the basic events of Etruscan and Roman History, become familiar with the daily life, values and social attitudes of both ancient civilizations
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artworks and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Critically analyze the political, religious and intellectual heritage of Roman society and use it as a means of interpreting the human experience through history
- Explore the Tuscan countryside and create connections among nature, biodiversity, and human health and wellness

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GAIOLE IN CHIANTI

TUSCANY

Sat, March 7

The Chianti area is home to charming small villages, churches, abbeys and castles. For centuries, this area was a prime battleground for conflicts between Siena and Florence. Castles and walled towns were built on hilltops as protection and to maintain control over the land. Today, some of them are part of huge wine estates which welcome visitors and help them discover incredible stories. In this Field Learning activity, students will visit the Brolio Castle and explore the town of Gaiole, in order to acquaint themselves with a fascinating part of Tuscany.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to the town of Gaiole. Walking tour of Gaiole and main sites. Guided visit of the Brolio's castle, food and wine tasting. Time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fee and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Food and wine tasting
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Identify the different towns that compose Chianti, and their renowned products;
- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture;
- Evaluate the "Renaissance" quality wine in Tuscany over the last decades;
- List several Italian official wine classification;
- Evaluate an example of a 'Carbon-Free' wine and the application of eco-sustainable criteria in agriculture;
- Compare Traditional Tourism and Eco-tourism in Tuscany;
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy;
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills;
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences.

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GUBBIO AND FABRIANO

UMBRIA AND MARCHE

Sun, January 19

Sat, March 14

This Field Learning itinerary will guide students through the discovery of the Umbria and Marche regions. Both towns are located in the scenic Apennine mountains; Gubbio is renowned for the role it played in the life of St. Francis from Assisi while Fabriano, nominated as the 2019 UNESCO Creative City, is well-known worldwide for its production of high-quality paper.

Itinerary:

Early morning departure from Florence to Gubbio. Guided walking tour of the city, including entrance to selected sites, such as Gubbio's Duomo and Palazzo Ducale. Free time for lunch. Transfer to Fabriano, walking tour of the city, including entrance to Fabriano's paper museum. Time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own during free time

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of two minor towns in Italy and the Umbria region
- Recognize the characteristics of Cultural Heritage Tourism in Italy
- Demonstrate familiarity with Italian religious tradition and recognize its diverse manifestations in particular cultural contexts
- Discover the history of 'minor' cities within Italy, their culture and traditions
- Evaluate the importance of craftsmanship in Italian/Tuscan culture and economy
- Display knowledge of the different processes involved in the production paper
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences

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LUCCA

TUSCANY

Sun, January 12

Sat, March 14

This Field Learning activity provides an opportunity to evaluate how the Renaissance developed in Tuscany. Visiting a private villa built in this period gives an overview of the architectural and decorative features of the Renaissance in Lucca, and how they differ from those in Florence. A walking tour through the city center of Lucca will allow students to identify architectural styles and construction materials and different styles of art including Romanesque, Gothic, and Renaissance. Last but not least, a walk along via Fillungo, Lucca's shopping street, will allow students to experience first-hand Italian style and Made in Italy culture.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to Lucca. Guided visit of Lucca's city center and main sites, including the Duomo of S. Martino and the church of San Michele. In the afternoon, a short detour to Capannori to visit Villa Torrigiani, a historical villa from the second half of the sixteenth century, representing an example of Renaissance art in the Tuscan countryside. Throughout the day, time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Assess the achievements of Renaissance architecture outside Florence
- Familiarize with the history of a minor town in Italy
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artworks and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Analyze the architecture of the best-preserved example of Renaissance city walls in Italy

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MODENA

EMILIA ROMAGNA
Sat, January 11
Sat, February 22

This Field Learning activity will allow students to discover Modena's gastronomical traditions, as they will have the chance to experience firsthand the entire production process of two typical Italian products: Lambrusco wine and Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena. This is a great opportunity to learn the secrets that make these high-quality products unique and set them apart from their imitations. Emphasis will be placed not only to the methods of production, but also to the international marketing and trade of quality food products, and in particular of protected designation of origin products. The Consortiums for the protection of traditional food products, which run promotions in Italy and throughout the world, are also an excellent example of Territorial Marketing.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to the Modena area. Visits to several production sites, namely, a winery and a Acetaia (vinegar factory) where you will be introduced to the different steps involved in the production of Lambrusco wine and of the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. Product tasting, time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Product tasting
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Gain a broader knowledge of food and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Describe the processes of production of Aceto Balsamico di Modena and Lambrusco wine
- Assess the role of food and wine in Italian culture and lifestyle
- Analyze the strategies for international marketing and trade of quality food products
- Identify the EU product regulations and their effects on the local economy

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PIENZA AND MONTALCINO

TUSCANY

Sun, March 8

This Field Learning activity will take you through some of the most charming corners of Tuscany, full of architecture, history, gastronomical traditions, and untouched nature. Montalcino is an ancient town in Southern Tuscany and an important agricultural center, famous for its Brunello wine. Over the centuries, the town has preserved many architectural jewels and artistic treasures alongside the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside. Pienza, considered by many as the “Ideal Renaissance town,” is the humanistic creation and vision of Pope Pius II. This place is also famous for the production of “pecorino” cheese, which is produced from sheep’s milk. Different aging processes give the cheese particular flavors and textures.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to Pienza and Montalcino. Guided visits to both towns, a local winery, and tasting of local products. In Pienza there will be a tasting of Pecorino cheese. In Montalcino, there will be an opportunity to taste locally produced wines, including Brunello, and to assess the importance of the territory and its production through a visit to a local winery. Light lunch in a local farm, time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fee and guided visits of selected sites
- Light lunch and tasting of local products
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Assess the achievements of Renaissance architecture outside Florence;
- Familiarize with the history of two minor towns in Italy;
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general;
- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture;
- Evaluate the “Renaissance” quality wine in Tuscany over the last decades;
- List several Italian official wine classification;
- Evaluate an example of a ‘Carbon-Free’ wine and the application of eco-sustainable criteria in agriculture;
- Compare Traditional Tourism and Eco-tourism in Tuscany;
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy;
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PISA

TUSCANY

Sat, February 29

The Leaning Tower has made Pisa famous all over the world, but this is not the only site worth visiting in this Tuscan town. This Field Learning activity will allow students to visit a number of historical and artistic sites in Pisa, often neglected during a day trip to Pisa. A guided visit of the city center and a leisurely walk along the Arno will allow students to discover the city's numerous hidden gems. In addition to visiting the Piazza dei Miracoli and the main squares of Pisa, students will also visit the Orto e Museo Botanico at the University of Pisa.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to Pisa, guided visit of Pisa city center and main sites (including the Duomo and Baptistery). Guided visit to Pisa's botanical gardens, time to work on FL assignment and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of Pisa and the wider Tuscan region
- Assess the achievements of Renaissance architecture outside Florence
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artwork and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Gain a broader knowledge of food and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food, and culture of Italy
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PRATO

TUSCANY

Sat, February 22

Prato's urban landscape, like those of the majority of Tuscan towns, is richly rooted in Medieval and Renaissance history and the city is characterized by an abundance of art, monuments, churches, and palaces. Given its proximity to Florence, the histories of the two cities have been closely intertwined over the centuries. Prato has represented over the centuries the design, development, and manufacturing of Italian products as well 20th century immigration. The Field Learning activity will cover significant sites related to Prato's religious and civic historic background as well as its local economy such as the textile industry boasting a museum with a vast archive of historic samples and documents, and the production of the town's famed biscotti di Prato.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to Prato. Guided walking tour of the historic center, including the Cathedral of Santo Stefano, Palazzo Pretorio, Palazzo Datini, Santa Maria Delle Carceri, and the Castello dell'Imperatore; visit to the Biscottificio Mattei, including biscotti tasting; visit to the Museo del Tessuto (textile museum). Time to work on FL assignments and free time. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites • Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on one's own

Learning outcomes:

- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Describe the processes of production and the history of Prato's famous biscotti
- Understand the history and the development of the textile industry in Prato
- Discover the artistic and architectural importance of Prato during the Middle Ages and Renaissance

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COST
280€



ROME

LAZIO

Sat, Feb 15 - Sun Feb 16

Rome was once the largest, wealthiest, most powerful city in the Western world. The birthplace of Caesar and home to the Catholic Church, Rome is a city built on history. The Italian capital is packed with countless historical landmarks, museums, and over nine hundred churches. Though crowded and sprawling, it is a city filled with life, beauty, charm and it is the highlight moment of a stay in Italy for many. In the two-days Field Learning activity students will have the opportunity to visit some of the most renowned sites in Rome as well as some more unusual, off-the-beaten-track locations.

Itinerary:

Early morning departure from Florence to Rome. Introduction to Rome: walking tour of the main sites on Saturday. Transfer to the hotel in the late afternoon, free time and lunch. On the second day, visit to Tivoli gardens and Emperor Hadrian's Villa. Transfer to the train station in the late afternoon and return to Florence.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- All transfers by public or private transport
- 1 night in hotel (shared rooms) with breakfast
- 1 meal
- Guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of the Roman Empire and its importance in contemporary Italy
- Understand the terminology associated with the culture, identity and power relevant to the Roman Empire
- Become familiar with the history of Rome and the region of Lazio
- Assess the achievements of Renaissance and Baroque architecture outside of Florence
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artwork and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Gain a broader knowledge of the food and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food, and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills

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SETTIGNANO

TUSCANY

Sat, April 4

This Field Learning activity focuses on a small but culturally packed location set in the picturesque hills surrounding Florence. Settignano occupies one of the Florentine hills and offers a panoramic view of the entire valley and the Florence city center, located less than half an hour away. The town's fascinating layout, including a central square and charming streets, has always attracted creative types such as artists, writers, and musicians from Italy and abroad - Gabriele D'Annunzio, Mark Twain, and the painters of the Macchiaioli movement. A significant location of the activity features Villa Gamberaia and its gardens, a historic 17th century villa whose building planning and landscaping design have been a constant source of study and analysis for architectural historians.

Itinerary:

Morning departure from Florence to Settignano. Walking tour of the town, including the main piazza, the picturesque streets that surround it, and the panoramic "terrazza," from which to enjoy the spectacular view of Florence in the Arno valley below; guided visit to the Villa Gamberaia. Time to work on FL assignments and free time. Return to Florence in the late afternoon.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on one's own

Learning outcomes:

- Become acquainted with the history and cultural significance of this small town just outside Florence
- Analyze the draw of Settignano for artists and writers, and the way in which it inspired their works
- Understand the genesis of the Villa Gamberaia and subsequent interventions on the building and its gardens
- Assess the achievements of Renaissance architecture outside of Florence

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COST
390€



SICILY: CATANIA AND TAORMINA

SICILY

Thu, April 16 - Mon April 20

Sicily has long been a crossroads and melting pot of Mediterranean culture, and the island today is a fascinating palimpsest in which Greek temples, Norman churches and Baroque palazzos emerge from the rich fabric. But it also has natural wonders aplenty, from the smoking craters of Mount Etna to the still relatively undiscovered beaches of the southern coast. In this Field Learning activity, students will have the opportunity to visit the second largest metropolitan city of Sicily, Catania; Sicily's Mount Etna volcano (Europe's largest and most active volcano) and the charming town of Taormina: the perfect combination of history, sea, and nature.

Itinerary:

Departure from Florence to Sicily on Thursday evening. Arrival in Catania on Friday morning, guided visit of the city-center and food tasting in the morning, visit to a local wine producer and wine tasting (light meal) in the afternoon. Full day excursion on Mount Etna on Saturday and return to Catania in the early evening. Transfer to Taormina on Sunday morning, guided visit, group dinner, and transfer to the train station in the early evening. Return to Florence on Sunday night, arrival in Florence on Monday morning.

The activity includes:

- Round trip transportation
- All transfers by public or private transport
- 2 nights in hotel (shared rooms) with breakfast
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Food tasting
- 3 meals
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own during free time

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of Catania, Taormina and the wider region of Sicily
- Define Italian "regionalism" and understand that there are many "Italies" and many "capitals" in the history of Italy
- Explore the Sicilian countryside and create connections among nature, biodiversity, and human health and wellness
- Assess the achievements of Renaissance and Baroque architecture outside Florence
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artworks and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to Italy, including their history
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences

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SIENA

TUSCANY

Sun, March 1

Siena is one of the most popular and visited places in Tuscany, a place extremely rich in history, art and with strong local traditions tied to its 17 districts (called “contrade”). It also holds the famous Palio di Siena, the biggest annual event that takes place twice each summer in the city. Built on three hills and surrounded by well-preserved walls, is filled with fine examples of Gothic architecture and has one of the world's most unique piazzas - Piazza del Campo. The city's ancient university continues to deliver important research while imbuing the town with a youthful spirit. In addition to visiting Siena, in the Field Learning activity students will also have the opportunity to visit a small town called Impruneta, within easy reach from Florence, it is famous for its terracotta production as well as an increasingly diverse output of high-quality painted ceramics.

Itinerary:

Early departure from Florence to Siena. Walking visit of city center and to selected sites (Piazza del Campo, Duomo and Libreria Piccolomini). Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- Entry fee and guided visit of selected sites
- Lunch
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Assess the achievements of Renaissance architecture outside of Florence
- Become familiar with the history of Siena
- Discover the history of ‘small’ cities in Italy; their culture and traditions
- Evaluate the importance of craftsmanship in Italian/Tuscan culture and economy
- Display knowledge of the different processes involved in the production of terracotta
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artwork and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Analyze the architecture of the best-preserved example of Renaissance city walls in Italy
- Describe the political development of cities in Italy from the Middle Ages
- Identify local cultural differences characterizing Italian regions and cities
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences

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TURIN

PIEDMONT

Sat, May 2 - Sun, May 3

Turin must be one of Italy's most unsung cities. While most travelers to Italy head to the triptych Rome-Florence-Venice, Turin appears to remain off the tourists' radar. This northern Italian city is known at economic-level most of all for its car production, due to the automobile factory FIAT and to its allied industries. In recent years, however, Turin has successfully reinvented itself as a city of the arts, design and gastronomy. While Rome is associated with Antiquity and Florence with the Renaissance, Turin is Italy's regal city per excellence. First capital of unified Italy and historic home to the Savoy kings, Turin is an elegant city filled with beautiful baroque churches and palazzi, 11 miles of porticos and a vibrant cultural scene—not to mention great food and some of the best wines in the world.

Itinerary:

Early morning departure from Florence to Turin on Saturday. Arrival in Turin late in the morning, hotel check-in and light lunch. Guided visit of the city centre and main sites (Piazza Castello, Duomo, Palazzo Madama, Mole Antonelliana and Cinema Museum to enjoy a panoramic view of Turin) free time for the rest of the day. On Sunday morning, transfer to the Langhe area to visit a local wine producer, wine tasting and light lunch. Return to Florence in the early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round-trip transportation
- One night in hotel (shared rooms) and breakfast
- Entry fee and guided visit of selected sites
- 2 meals
- Wine tasting
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of Italy and the Risorgimento period which led to the unification of the country's city-states within one single nation.
- Become familiar with the history of Turin and the region of Piedmont
- Assess the achievements of Renaissance and Baroque architecture outside of Florence
- Trace the origins of many aspects of Western European culture and of modern Western society in general
- Place artwork and other archaeological evidence in the context that created them
- Recognize the geographical production areas of products of excellence such as truffles, chocolate and Nebbiolo-based wines, like Barolo, Barbaresco and Langhe;
- Gain a broader knowledge of food culture and products that are unique to Italy, including their history;
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food and culture of Italy;
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills;
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences.

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280€



VENICE

VENETO

Sat, April 4 - Sun April 5

With its historic buildings and gorgeous canals, Venice is one of Italy's most famous attractions. This floating city consists of a group of 117 small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges. Sometimes called the "Queen of the Adriatic" or the "City of Water," Venice offers its visitors an unforgettable experience. On the first day of this Field Learning, students will have the opportunity to visit Venice's main sites, including San Marco's basilica. On the second day, a day trip to the islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello - Venice's most picturesque islands - will give students a taste of authentic Venetian culture.

Itinerary:

Early departure on Saturday from Florence to Venice. Arrival in Venice mid-morning, hotel check-in and lunch. After lunch, walking tour of Venice (squares, main roads and main piazzas) and guided visit of San Marco's Basilica. Free time in the late afternoon and group dinner. On Sunday, day trip to the islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello. Mid-afternoon departure from Venice to Florence, arrival in Florence early evening.

The activity includes:

- Round trip transportation
- All transfers by public or private transport
- One nights in hotel (shared rooms) with breakfast
- One meal
- Entry fees and guided visit of selected sites
- Field learning staff on-site
- Insurance

The activity does not include:

- Meals not listed above
- Entrance fees or costs associated to sites/activities visited on own during free time

Learning outcomes:

- Become familiar with the history of Venice and of the Veneto region
- Become familiar with the history of Murano, Burano and Torcello
- Assess the achievements of the Renaissance outside of Florence
- Gain a broader knowledge of food and products that are unique to the Italian territory, history, and culture
- Increase critical thinking, especially in relation to the role tourism plays in marketing the history, food, and culture of Italy
- Develop team-building and collaborative skills;
- Increase awareness of cultural similarities/differences.

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How to book your spot

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Availability is limited. The Direction reserves the right to close registration before the deadline, in case spots are sold out.

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