



Ancient Italy
Traveling: June 11- 20, 2023

Dear ESJ students and parents,

I am pleased to confirm that we will be traveling to Italy in the middle of June 2023! In Jacksonville, students have studied Roman history, the Latin language, and/or Italian art history. The trip aims to complement and deepen this knowledge through seeing many sites that provide a deeper insight into the lives of ancient Romans, the Renaissance, and modern Italians.

This is an exciting opportunity to visit some extraordinary and world famous locations, get a firsthand knowledge of ancient life, and enjoy fun activities to learn about pizza and gelato. There will be some travel between various cities, so a simplified itinerary is on the following page. Our students will spend all their time in Italy accompanied by ESJ teachers, myself (David Schwei) and Julie Carter (a College Counselor). Total cost for the program will be in the \$5,000-6,000 range. The final cost of the program will be determined in November. Cost includes airfare, hotel accommodations, all transport within Italy, all excursions and activities listed on the itinerary, medical insurance, ESJ chaperone accompaniment, and dinners. We will run this program if at least 10 students enroll in this program, but we will not run if there are less than 10 enrolled students.

Program applications are attached, and are due by ~~October 21, 2022~~ **November 1, 2022**. All applications must be submitted to me by the deadline. All current ESJ 9th through 12th graders are invited to apply, though students taking Latin at the school may take precedence in the selection process. Students' attendance record, teacher recommendation, and approval from the school Honor and Discipline Council will also play a part in the selection process. Students accepted into the program must be of sound character and mature enough to handle the responsibility and trust which we will place in them overseas. These students must also be willing to write journal entries about their experience.

If you would like to be a part of ESJ's Ancient Italy travel program, please complete the attached application and submit it to Dr. Schwei by ~~October 21, 2022~~ **November 1, 2022**. My classroom is WL-2. Your teacher recommendation must also be submitted by Winter Break. In order to reserve your space for those traveling, you must also submit the application, family commitment form, and \$1,500 deposit with your application. Please make all checks out to ESJ. This \$1,500 deposit will go toward the overall program cost, but it will not be reimbursed if you withdraw from the program. The remaining balance for the program is due January 27, 2023. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at schweid@esj.org.

I am very excited for this program, especially after all of the COVID lockdowns and restrictions, and the opportunity to take students to Italy. This will be an experience that will stay with everyone for a lifetime. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,
David Schwei
Latin Instructor
Lead Coordinator of Ancient Italy trip



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June 11	Fly from Jacksonville to Naples
June 12	See National Archaeological Museum of Naples
June 13	Visit Pompeii and Herculaneum
June 14	Visit sites in Naples from the Roman and Renaissance period Travel to Rome
June 15	Guided Tour of Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Palatine Hill – the political and entertainment centers of Rome
June 16	Visit the Vatican Museums, the Ara Pacis Augustae, and Mausoleum of Augustus
June 17	Travel to Venice See Venice by gondola, Guggenheim Museum
June 18	Excursion to Vicenza to see buildings designed by Palladio, an architect working from Roman descriptions of buildings
June 19	Tour of Venice (St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace) Glass-blowing demonstration
June 20	Fly from Rome to Jacksonville



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This section is to be filled out by the **student**.

Why are you interested in the Ancient Italy Program?

What part of the program appeals most to you?

What will be your biggest challenge while participating in the Ancient Italy Program?

What are your goals for your time in Italy?

Are you willing to write journals about your experience? _____

Student signature

Date



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Please print the following information very clearly. **It is very important that you write your child's name EXACTLY as it is recorded in his/her passport.** Please note, if your child's passport expires within 6 months of the travel dates to Italy, you will be required to renew his/her passport by January 5, 2023.

Student's last name:

Student's first name:

Student's middle name:

Student's birth date:

Grade level (2021-2022):

Student's cell phone number:

Guardian #1's name:

Guardian #1's phone number:

Guardian #1's email address:

Guardian #2's name:

Guardian #2's phone number:

Guardian #2's email address:

Home phone number:

Passport number:

Passport Expiration date:

Dietary Restrictions:

Please list ANY allergies or medical conditions:

Does the student carry an EpiPen and/or inhaler on him or her at all times?

Yes

No



Please list any medications that the student takes regularly or specific medications for specific conditions:

Please list the student's travel Experience (if any):

Has the student ever been away from home
(without parent's presence) for an extended period of time? Yes No

What else we should know about your child?

Payment Schedule:

October 21, 2022	\$1,500 deposit to Dr. Schwei
January 27, 2023	Remaining money due to Dr. Schwei

I am aware that my participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection procedure:

Student Signature

I am aware of, and approve of, my son/daughter/ward's decision to apply for participation in the Ancient Italy program.

Guardian Signature



Family Commitment Form
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Please return this application, including this form, with your deposit!

I agree to permit my child _____ to participate in the ESJ *Ancient Italy* program and to travel to Italy June 11 to June 20, 2023. I have read and understand the outlined payment schedule for the ESJ *Ancient Italy* program. I understand that after the program application deadline of **October 21**, our \$1,500 deposit will *not* be reimbursed, unless my child is not selected for the program, then this deposit will be reimbursed in full.

Guardian #1 Printed Name

Signature

Date

Guardian #2 Printed Name

Signature

Date