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THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY



ROME AND POMPEII SUMMER
HANDBOOK

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VISA INFORMATION AND BUDGETING

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- **Visa**
 - According to the Italian Consulate, because you are studying for less than 90 days in Italy, you are considered a tourist by the Italian government. Therefore, you are not eligible for a student visa. Please be advised, however, that if you are asked by immigration/custom officers at the airport for your intent of visit, you must tell them you are a tourist.

BUDGET

- Your budget for incidental expenses will depend on your personal taste/extravagance and the amount of independent travel you intend to do before or after the program. For basic expenditures in Rome (some meals and incidentals) we recommend about 450 per week, for the Bay of Naples area (where all meals are covered), we recommend 200 per week. Naturally, if you plan to do a significant amount of shopping and/or traveling, you should budget accordingly.
- If you plan to travel before or after the program, study your guidebooks carefully to get a sense of the cost of intercity transportation, reasonably priced hotels and restaurants in the cities you plan to visit. Check with your student travel agency for good prices on rail travel passes to use for personal travel. For trains in Italy, check <http://www.trenitalia.com/> .

TRAVELING TO ITALY

NOTE: You are responsible for your own travel arrangements to Rome and back to the U.S.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Transportation from the airport to your accommodations **will be available if you arrive within the specified time frame on the designated arrival day.**

The Program Director will discuss more information about travel to Italy at your student orientation. Please schedule your travel so as to arrive on the morning of **May 29th**. (As flights from the U.S. to Europe are overnight, this means leaving the U.S. on the evening of **May 28**). The program officially ends June 19th (i.e. you will need to leave by that date or make arrangements for your own housing for that night and beyond). If you plan to stay in Rome after the conclusion of the program, you will be responsible for organizing and incurring all additional housing and food costs. You have no commitments to the program on the day of June 19

Don't forget to call or email home!

As soon as possible following your arrival, remember to call or email your family to let them know you have arrived safely. This will not only save them from worry, but also help the Reeves Center and the program director from receiving panicked phone calls regarding your whereabouts.

COURSEWORK

While in Rome, students will visit a number of important sites, including the Roman Forum and all of its monuments, as well as various imperial fora, catacombs, the ancient port of Ostia, and the Tiber Island. They will also have the opportunity to visit several museums, including the Vatican Museum. While in the Bay of Naples, they will visit numerous additional sites, such as Cumae, Herculaneum, Paestum and the remarkable remains of the ancient city of Pompeii.

For this program, students will take a four credit course entitled “The Ancient City” (CLCV 498) where they will visit archaeological sites, and study monuments and works of art of classical antiquity in their original setting; they will also take a two credit course entitled “Undergraduate Research Abroad in Classical Studies” (CLCV 494), for which they will prepare and give two on-site presentations of a particular site, monument or work of art.

Courses	
CLCV 489: The Ancient City	Instructor: Professor Spaeth (4 credits)
CLCV 494: Undergraduate Research Abroad in Classical Studies	(2 credits) Instructor: Professor Spaeth

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES



Photo courtesy of Dr. John Donahue

EXCURSIONS

This program in many ways is a 3-week excursion. Students will visit archaeological sites and museums throughout Rome and many additional ones in the Bay of Naples area. More specific information about excursions will be provided to students by the program director.

GUIDEBOOKS

Consider purchasing a travel guidebook prior to leaving the United States to help you make personal travel plans. These can be purchased at bookstores like Barnes & Noble, or online. Some guidebook publishers include:

- Blue Guide
<http://www.blueguides.com/>
- Eyewitness Travel Guide
(<https://www.traveldk.com/destinations/europe/italy/rome/sights/>)
- Fodor's (<http://www.fodors.com>)
- Let's Go (<http://www.letsgo.com>)
- Lonely Planet (<http://www.lonelyplanet.com>)
- Rick Steves' Books
(http://www.ricksteves.com/books/update/update_menu.htm)

HOUSING AND MEALS

HOUSING

Housing and excursion logistics are provided by institutional partners. Most meals are included, including bag lunches during days of site visits. Students will be housed in hotels or in dormitories.

MEALS

Most meals are included, except on weekends in Rome and on the day off in the Naples area

Note: In keeping with the policy of the W&M Office of Residence Life, the Reves Center does not offer housing for the family of any students participating in W&M-sponsored study abroad programs. Also, family members or friends may not participate in any program activities or excursions. If you have family or friends who want to visit you while abroad it is recommended they do so after the completion of the program.

COMMUNICATION

The GEO provides local cell phones for all students on William & Mary summer programs with *homestays*. Students that are not participating in a program with a homestay are responsible for researching and arranging their communication plan.

PLACING INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALLS

See the “Handy Information” section for a time zone conversion chart before you call!

Calling Rome from the United States: Dial 011+ 39 +city/area code + phone number.

Calling the United States from Rome: Dial 00-1+area code + phone number.

Emergency Contacts:

Police: 113

Medical Emergencies: 118

Fire: 115

Carabinieri: 112

HEALTH & SAFETY

IMMUNIZATION

Although it is no longer necessary to have smallpox immunization to re-enter the USA after international travel and no special health precautions are necessary for travel to Italy and/ or Western Europe, students are encouraged to consider updating standard immunizations against meningitis and tetanus. For current information concerning recommended protection against communicable diseases for those planning to travel abroad, you may check the Center for Disease Control’s website at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/italy.htm> If you prefer to talk to someone in person about the currently recommended immunizations, you can call Travel

Health of Williamsburg at 757-220-9008 (located at 287 McLaws Circle), or consult with a physician in your area who has some expertise concerning immunizations for international travel.

STAYING WELL/GETTING SICK

For the duration of the program, the program director and the on-site staff at each location are always available to assist students in obtaining medical care. Useful information on preparing for medical emergencies before you go abroad is provided at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/go.html>.

Good health care is readily available in Italy and there are a number of English-speaking doctors in Rome. For minor concerns such as colds and stomach upsets, Italian pharmacists are trained to recommend treatments. You will be provided with extensive information regarding health care in Rome and Pompeii during your on-site orientation.

You will find that many American over-the-counter medications are available in Italy, but at much higher prices than in the US. By contrast, Italian products recommended by the local pharmacist may be much less expensive than equivalents in an American pharmacy.

TRAVEL & COUNTRY INFORMATION

We encourage all students to research their study abroad destination. The State Department has important information available online. Be sure to read up on Italian history, culture, and current events before your arrival, as well. Knowing as much as possible about where you are going will make you more comfortable during your time in the country.

We strongly recommend that you register your travel plans with the U.S. State Department at this website:

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

This will help the State Department contact you if there is a family emergency in the U.S., or if there is a crisis where you are traveling. On this website you can find information ranging from geographic and political descriptions of the country, to special health and safety announcements.

CONTACT INFORMATION

REVES CENTER CONTACTS

You may call the Reves Center and its advisors at the numbers below between 8am and 5pm (Virginia time), Monday through Friday. In case of an emergency that falls outside of these times, please call William & Mary Campus Police at (757) 221-4596. Campus police will then forward your call to the correct person or office.

GEO Advisor: Laura McDonald (lmcdonald@wm.edu) +001 (757)221-3425

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*To call the U.S. from abroad: 001+ (Area Code) + phone number

ADDRESSES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ITALIAN LODGINGS:

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