

ITALY PROGRAM
28 MAY – 9 JUNE, 2010
[Southern Italy, Sicily, Rome]

- DAY 1 FRI 28 MAY** DEPART FROM USA, American Airlines departs St. Louis and arrives Rome, via Chicago, 9:30am Rome time.
- DAY 2 SAT 29 MAY** Arrival at Rome 9:30am. Clear customs and transfer to the hotel. Dinner and over night.
- DAY 3 SUN 30 MAY** Guided tour of the Ancient Roman Empire: the Colosseum, the Roman and Imperial Forum, the Palatine Hill. PM we explore with our guide the city center admiring the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, Navona Square and the Spanish Steps. O/N Rome
- DAY 4 MON 31 MAY** Drive by coach to Paestum. Afternoon free and time for a relaxation at the beach. Dinner in front of the magnificent temples. O/N Paestum
- DAY 5 TUS 1ST JUNE** Visit to the astounding Temples at Paestum – archaic, classical, and late classical Doric styles. Whose temples were these? Introduction to ancient architecture, the Greek and Roman mythologies, and ancient Religion. Midday free for swimming! In the late afternoon visit to Velia archeological site, a Greek colony founded in 540 BCE by refugees from Phocaea, a Greek city in Asia Minor, from which the philosopher Parmenides, Zeno, and Melissos come. Introduction to ancient philosophy. O/N Paestum
- DAY 6 WED 2 JUNE** Guided visit of the archeological site of Pompeii followed by a visit to the Naples Museum, one of the greatest museums in all of Italy. Review the highlights of Magna Graecia – mythology, religion, architecture – and Roman culture layered over it. After the visit transfer to the port for an over night on board of a ferry to Katana. We all have private cabins. O/N ferry.
- DAY 7 THR 3 JUN** Morning arrival in Katana, Sicily. Drive to Syracuse. Short visit to Syracuse, with hands-on activity performing Greek and Roman tragedy in the theater. Syracuse is situated at the head of a beautiful bay in one of the most beautiful places in the “Greek” Sicily. Lunch followed by transfer to Agrigento. O/N Agrigento
- DAY 8 FRI 4 JUNE** Visit Agrigento, discovering the Valley of the Temples. Walking along the Sacred Way and visit the temple of Concord, which is the most massive, majestic and best preserved; the Temple of Hercules, the oldest of Agrigento

temples; the temple of Jupiter which was supposed to become the largest temple in the ancient world, but was never completed; and the Temple of Castor and Pollux.

We continue our the themes of Greek and Roman mythology and ancient religious rituals and practices. How were the temples used? O/N Agrigento

DAY 9 SAT 5 JUNE Visit the Museum of Agrigento; review the ideals and themes of ancient pottery, coinage, and statues; and drive to Selinunte. Catch some beach time and enjoy a magnificent sun set behind the temples. O/N Selinunte.

DAY 10 SUN 6 JUNE Driving along the Salt Way and visit the site of Selinus that holds the huge ruins of temples with their enormous platforms, wrecked by earthquakes. We continue the theme of how Roman culture was set over the Greek inhabitants before them. O/N Selinunte.

DAY 11 MON 7 JUNE Departure to Segesta and visit the Doric temple that stands alone on hill, surrounded by a deep ravine in a suggestive landscape. Then, we continue upwards to the ancient town and theater where we perform scenes from Greek and Roman comedy. Afterwards, we transfer to Palermo to visit the grand Museum there. Transfer to the airport and fly to Rome. O/N

DAY 12 TUS 8 JUNE Guided visit of the Vatican Museums with the Sistine Chapel and the Rafael's Rooms and St Peter's Basilica. Afternoon free and over night Rome

DAY 13 WED 9 JUNE Flight to the US or extend your stay in Rome, and/or take it to Florence, Sienna and Venice.

EXTENSION FLORENCE & VENICE FROM 9 TO 14 JUNE 2010

DAY 13 WED 9 JUN Departure from Rome in private minibus and stop en route to **Siena** for a visit of the city. The magnificent Tuscan Gothic Cathedral of Siena (**the Duomo**) with its striking black and white-striped facade is an art museum in and of itself with works by Duccio di Buonisegna, Donatello and Michelangelo.

The **Palazzo Pubblico**, located at Siena's central piazza where the famous Palio horse race is run twice a year, once housed Siena's governing officials. The splendid architecture and art of the palace, including Simone Martini's Maesta' and the Lorenzetti frescoes of Good and Bad Government bring visitors into the heart of Medieval and Renaissance Italy. Continue to Florence and overnight.



DAY 14 THU 10 JUN Walking tour in Florence to visit this Open Air Museum city. The **Florence archaeological museum** houses some of the most remarkable Greek, Roman, Etruscan, and Egyptian art in the world, including the famous bronze Etruscan Chimera. No visit to Florence would be complete without a visit to the **Duomo, Santa Maria del Fiore**, Brunelleschi's masterpiece of engineering. A climb to the top of the dome is not for the faint of heart and rewards visitors with an unparalleled view of the city. With the collections of the Medici Family at its heart, **the Uffizi** houses a Renaissance tour-de-force of paintings, prints, and sculpture, including works by Botticelli, Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Titian, Caravaggio, and Rembrandt. Afternoon at leisure for shopping. Overnight in Florence

DAY 15 FRI 11 JUN Half day tour in **Chianti** area to have a wine and cheese tasting. In the afternoon departure to Venice by train (approx 2 hours). Overnight stay in Venice

DAY 16 SAT 12 JUN A full day visit to **Venice and its islands Murano and Burano** by private water taxi. Venice's role as a highly successful merchant city helped it earn its name as "La Serenissima," "the most serene" republic and opened its doors to influences from around the Mediterranean. Its lagoon setting inspired cultivated uses of colour and light in its buildings and its art. **The Basilica of San Marco** is a virtual treasury of the best the Byzantine world had to offer, and the nearby **Doge's Palace** testifies to the success of Venice's unique form of government. Of course a visit to Venice must include a visit to **Murano**, home to the iconic traditions of Venetian glass. Overnight stay in Venice

DAY 17 SUN 13 JUN Morning at leisure to enjoy this romantic city. In the afternoon departure to Rome by train (approx 4 hours). Overnight stay in Rome

DAY 18 MON 14 JUN Transfer from Hotel to Rome Airport and flight to STL

 Extension cost in double occupancy	\$ 1790.00 P/P
 Single room occupancy	\$ 375.00 P/P

▪ **Extension price includes:**

- 2 nights in a 3*** hotel in Florence
- 2 nights in a 3*** hotel in Venice
- 1 night in a 3*** hotel in Rome
- 5 breakfasts
- Entrance to all sites mentioned on the program with our team of professors.
- Private transfer from Rome/Siena/Florence
- All transfers mentioned in private air-conditioned vehicles
- The assistance of our local representative during transfers.
- Train tickets from Florence to Venice
- 2 Private transfers with water taxi from/to train station to hotel* in Venice

- Water taxi at disposal for a visit of Venice/Murano

- Train tickets from Venice to Rome

* Please note that for the water taxi transportation we consider only 1 luggage per pax. Each extra luggage cost € 7,00

o **Package price does not include**

- Beverages

- Whatever is not specifically indicated under the voice “package includes”

Archaeology and Self-Knowledge in Italy

In our newest *Ancient Legacies* program, we explore three levels of meaning unearthed by the archaeologist: Magna Graecia (ancient Greece developed in Greece’s western colonies), overlaid by Roman culture, and then overlaid by Christianity; we take this approach to explore what the ancient peoples still have to teach us, that is, what are their legacies. By analogy we explore our own self-knowledge buried in layers as we grow up and develop.

Our focus is on the origins of democracy, philosophy, and the theater in what were Greek colonies of the archaic, classical, and Hellenistic times, and how they were transformed by Roman culture. We begin with the great temples in Paestum, south of Naples, and then explore Velia the home of Parmenides and the [V]Eleatic philosophers, and contrast them with the Pythagoreans in not too distant Crotona, Taranto, and Metapontum. Our next adventure is to Pompeii, whose ruins are preserved by the volcanic ash that froze the city in time; there we introduce our Roman themes. In the afternoon, we visit the Naples museum where many of the archaeological finds are housed from both Magna Graecia of Paestum and Roman Pompeii and Herculaneum; then we fly from Naples to Catania in Sicily, transferring to Syracuse where we stay overnight. In the morning we go to ancient theater in Syracuse and perform some scenes from both Greek and Roman plays, and then set off for the great temples of Agrigento, also home to the philosopher Empedocles. For the next two days we divide our time between the Valley of the Temples and the fabulous museum as we get a synoptic view of Greek art – vases, sculpture, and coins – before setting out for Selinunte. For two more days we explore the great temples of Selinunte and then depart for Palermo, stopping at the great temple of Concord in Segesta. In Segesta, we go to their ancient theater and perform some more scenes from a Greek play and a Roman version of that same play, to contrast the themes with our exercise in Syracuse, as we try to integrate the exquisite experience of relaxing in Sicily overlooking the great open sea. After visiting the Palermo museum where we review our Greek and Roman themes, we fly to Rome. We spend three nights in Rome focusing on the Roman Forum the next day, and Christianity at the Vatican the following day.

Italy 2010 – Ancient Legacies

PROGRAM OPTIONS: 28 May – 9 June, 2010

Name _____

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female **(As listed on passport)** Last First Middle

Present Address: *Good until:* _____/_____/_____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

University Information (*For students and those seeking university credit only*)

Name of Home _____

University: _____

Class Year (Circle One): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Other: _____

Social Security/I.D.#: _____ College GPA: _____

Highest Degree Earned: _____

Major & Minor: _____

Please initial the appropriate section:

_____ I intend to register for credit through Southern Illinois University Carbondale. I understand that I will be sent registration information and that it is my responsibility to complete and return this information. **Note:** Class registration cannot be changed after the program begins.

_____ I intend to register through another university (please indicate): _____ and I understand that it is my responsibility to make all arrangements for credit through that university.

_____ I do **not** intend to register for credit. I understand that I will not be sent information on optional registration.

IMPORTANT: Tuition is not included in the program fee.

Passport Information

Date of Birth: _____ Passport #: _____ Expiration
Date: _____ Citizenship: _____ Note: You do not need
a passport to apply for the program, but you should apply for it immediately. Please send us
the passport information or a copy of the information page after you receive it. **Important:**
Your passport must be valid for three months after your departure date from Greece.

Emergency Contact

In case of emergency, please notify:

Telephone:() Relationship:_____

State any conditions which may affect you as a
traveler:_____

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General Information

Why are you interested in this
program?_____

Experience, skills, interests, training (including courses) that might bear on your contribution
to the program: _____

Have you ever traveled outside the United States and, if so,
where?_____

Roommate Preferences

I would like to room with:

(both must indicate)

Smoking: I smoke/do not smoke and would prefer a roommate who is smoking/non-
smoking/ does not matter.

Single Rooms (subject to availability): I would be interested in a single room: Yes/No. Please
note that there is a higher cost required for a single room. We will contact you to verify the
amount of the charge and your interest before making any changes in your reservation.

*Please note that we will make every effort to accommodate your roommate requests, but we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. This depends in part on the composition of
the group.*

Travel Insurance

When traveling to Greece, you are required to have travel insurance that covers you in case of medical or other emergencies for the duration of your trip. *The following is provided by the Greek Embassy:*

For information on travel insurance coverage you are encouraged to contact your travel agent. There are also a number of travel insurance providers offering a range of different products, which you can access over the Internet. A search using an Internet search engine (Yahoo, Google etc.) should yield a number of results some of which are listed below.

- <http://www.accessamerica.com>
- <http://www.globaltravelinsurance.com>
- <http://www.travelguard.com>
- <http://www.travelinsure.com>
- <http://www.worldtravelcenter.com>

Before purchasing travel insurance coverage please contact your domestic insurance provider to check if your existing plan covers you and your family overseas. You may also contact your credit card company and request information on travel insurance coverage they may be offering. After purchasing travel insurance please allow some time for the insurance card to arrive to you.

Currently enrolled students should check with their academic advisors about how this program will apply to their degree. **Return to:** Study Abroad Programs; Southern Illinois University; Carbondale, Illinois 62901-6885. Telephone: (618) 453-7670. **Please make deposits payable to "Southern Illinois University."**

***** **OFFICE USE ONLY** Date Application

Received: _____

DATE	CHECK#	RECEIPT #	RECEIPT SENT	AMOUNT	BALANCE

Thank you for your interest in our programs.

Interdisciplinary Seminars in the Ancient World Experience

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 28th Annual Interdisciplinary Seminar with Southern Illinois University. Please fill out the indicated forms and return to Study Abroad Programs, Rm. B233 Northwest Annex, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901-6885; Telephone: (618) 453-7670, Fax: (618) 453-7647, E-mail: studyabr@siu.edu.

_____ 2010 (Italy) Interdisciplinary Seminar Application Form

_____ **Assumption of Risk and Conditions of Placement form:** Please sign and return the agreement to Study Abroad Programs. You may wish to make a copy for your records. Please note that the schedule of payments is listed on the bottom of the page.

_____ **Payment:** Please enclose your initial payment of \$250.00 to secure your place on the program. All acceptances are subject to final approval by the instructor(s) and the university. Please make payable to "Southern Illinois University." Deposits will be refunded if the student is not accepted or if the program is canceled.

Optional Course Registration: You will receive forms for off-campus registration after you apply for the program if you request credit. All interested applicants should fill out the course registration form. Non-SIUC students should also fill out the Off-Campus Registration form in order to be admitted as a visiting student at SIUC. Please note that travel/study courses after Spring semester are considered part of summer enrollment. If you wish to take regular summer courses you will need to add them. **Please note that tuition is not included in the program fee. It will be billed separately by the Bursar.**

Photographs: Applicants will need to submit one photograph for identification purposes. We will provide more information about this later. You will also need **two** more photographs (1 1/2" x 2") for your passport if you do not already have one.

Insurance: All participants in international programs who are college, senior high or vocational students will receive the International Student I.D. Card which includes supplemental insurance. The card also offers discounts and a 24-Hour Travel Assistance Program. You will receive more information on this after enrollment. You are responsible for ensuring that you have adequate medical insurance for the program.

Passports: You should immediately apply for a passport if you do not already have one. If you do have one, it should be valid for at least three months beyond the period of the travel/study program. The forms may be picked up at authorized U.S. Post Offices, Passport Offices and some federal and state courts. In Carbondale, applications may be picked up at the main post office or at Study Abroad Programs, Room B233 Northwest Annex. International students are responsible for securing their own visas to foreign countries if one is required. **You do not need a passport to apply for the program.**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your registration.