THE LEGENDARY MARVEL AT THE ART OF FIRENZE (FLORENCE)

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SPEND TWO DAYS IN ROMA

You’ll travel to Rome by train for an overnight excursion. Enjoy a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter’s Basilica. Following this, you will take a private walking tour of Rome including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona. Then, wake up early the next morning for a tour of ancient Rome including the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, the Campidoglio, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon.

SPEND THE DAY UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN IN CORTONA

Cortona, the filming location for Under the Tuscan Sun, is surrounded by Etruscan walls that date back to the fifth century BC. You will see the famed Etruscan lamp, a bronze piece dating back to the fourth century BC, at the Museo dell’Accademia Etrusca which also houses Greek, Roman and Egyptian archaeological finds. You will also visit the Diocesan Museum, one of the most important museums in Tuscany, which houses masterpieces of Renaissance art.

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EXPLORE THE CASENTINO FORESTS AND THE SANCTUARY OF LA Verna

Count Orlando of Chiusi gave La Verna to Saint Francis of Assisi in 1213 as a retreat especially favorable for contemplation. In 1224, Francis withdrew to La Verna and while praying on the mountain-side he received stigmata. You will hike through this peaceful land, untouched for centuries. There is something for everyone hiding in the Casentino. Lunch included.

ENJOY A WALKING TOUR WHERE LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (AREZZO)

With a local guide, you will stroll along the same streets your saw in the movie Life is Beautiful, while viewing La Pieve, the Cathedral, the Prato, Petrarch’s house and Piazza Grande. Also not to be missed will be the house of Giorgio Vasari and the famous San Francesco church, which houses the fresco cycle by Piero della Francesca. Lunch included.

Included Trips and Excursions:
The Accademia dell’ Arte facilitates students to experience the marvelous tapestry of Italian culture while gaining insight and experiencing the world of European Theatre, Art History, Studio Arts and Italian language. Immerse yourself in Art History by studying da Vinci, Michelangelo, Titian, Tintoretto and Veronese — all on their native soil, or study advanced drama techniques through *Commedia dell’Arte*, a style drawn from the Italian theatre, or learn basic drawing techniques while using the beautiful Tuscan landscape as your backdrop. You can experience all that Tuscany has to offer!

**SESSION I COURSES**

(Choose Track A or B)

**TRACK A**

Study advanced drama techniques through *Commedia dell’Arte*, a style drawn from the Italian theatre that demands an intensive physical engagement and presence from the performer.

**INTERMEDIATE ACTING**

**COMMEDIA DELL’ARTE (I)**  
Drama 130A (4 units, 50+ contact hours)

**COMMEDIA DELL’ARTE (II)**  
Drama 130B (4 units, 50+ contact hours)

These courses are highly intensive programs for students who have a concentration in acting and are looking for conservator-style training in physical theater, including the use of mask, mime techniques, clowning, improvisation, and ensemble theatre techniques. (Limited enrollment)  
**Instructor:** Michele Bottini

**TRACK B**

**HISTORY OF WESTERN ART: MEDIEVAL & RENAISSANCE**  
Art History 40B (4 units) (Fulfills UCI Breadth Requirements IV and VII-B or UCI GE Requirements IV and VII)  
Students will discover the roots of the Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance works, with a special emphasis on the art of Tuscany. The setting of Arezzo provides the perfect environment to gain first-hand experience of the ancient origins and modern developments of the art produced during these eras. Students will have first-hand encounters with Renaissance palaces, frescoes, and will visit the home of the artist, architect and writer, Giorgio Vasari, a native of Arezzo, who is widely considered to be one of the first art historians. Students will also travel to the city of Florence and visit the Uffizi Gallery, the Accademia, the Duomo of Florence, Santa Croce, Santa Maria Novella, and San Lorenzo and the Medici Chapels.  
**Instructor:** Anne J. Cushwa, PhD

**BASIC DRAWING**  
Studio Art 20 (4 units) (Fulfills UCI GE Requirement IX)  
In this course, fundamental drawing practices will be explored using various media. Students will learn how to analyze works of art so as to be able to differentiate between, and single out, different styles. The goal of this course is to master the grammar of visual representation, and to use this as a structure for exploring all visual expectations and experiences: imagination, memory, identities, social connection and alienation, senses of beauty and ugliness – anything that can be described visually.  
**Instructor:** Sergio Poddighe

Where Life is Beautiful
Immerse yourself in basic acting, art history or Italian language. All courses are taught in small studio or classroom settings within the Accademia, but you will also find yourself standing in front of the art works you are studying, experiencing the power of their materiality.

**ACTING**

Drama 30A (4 units)
This course introduces majors and non-majors to basic acting techniques that can be useful in all walks of life. Overcome stage fright and improve your public speaking techniques through the practical skills you will learn in this class! This is a beginning-level acting course designed to teach a basic foundation for actor training. Through physical and vocal training, acting exercises, text analysis, character development and improvisation, the fundamentals of acting will be introduced and developed.

*Instructor: Scott Ripley*

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**FUNDAMENTALS OF ITALIAN**

Italian 1A (5 units)
This course introduces the student to basic Italian in such a way that, from the beginning, he or she will be able to understand simple, everyday Italian, both spoken and written. Readings and exercises will reinforce the grammar studied in each lesson, and the textbook will provide a point of departure for conversation – which will be an essential component of each class.

*Instructor: Monica Capacci*

Stroll through the ancient Casentino Forest, a sublimely tranquil environment and a haven for monks and hermits since the Middle Ages including Saint Francis of Assisi; and discover the mysterious 6,000 year-old Etruscan civilization which once counted the Romans amongst its subjects. A short train ride will take you to the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, one of the oldest and most famous art galleries in the world. On a trip to Rome you will find yourself inside the Colosseum where gladiators competed starting in 80AD, Michelangelo’s Piazza del Campidoglio, and Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world.
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SESSION I: ADVANCED ACTING, ART HISTORY AND BASIC DRAWING
SESSION II: BEGINNING ACTING, ART HISTORY AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE

SESSION I: JUNE 22 - JULY 26, 2009
SESSION II: AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 29, 2009

FEE INFORMATION* (PER SESSION):
Session I
Total fee for UC undergrads: $5500 ($1392 course fees + $4108 program fee)
Total fee for others: $6060 ($1952 course fees + $4108 program fee)
Deposit:
$500 (applied towards Total fee)
Due May 1: Remaining balance of Total fee

Session II
(8 UNITS OF STUDY)
Total fee for UC undergrads: $5342 ($1384 course fees + $3958 program fee)
Total fee for others: $5902 ($1944 course fees + $3958 program fee)

(9 UNITS OF STUDY)
Total fee for UC undergrads: $5515 ($1557 course fees + $3958 program fee)
Total fee for others: $6145 ($2187 course fees + $3958 program fee)
Deposit:
$500 (applied towards Total fee)
Due June 1: Remaining balance of Total fee

*Course Fees for Summer Session are pending the State budget and approval by the Regents of the University of California, and are subject to change. The figure above assumes an estimated 10% increase over Summer 2008 fees, but does not represent an official statement of fee levels. All fees subject to change. Total fee does not include air travel.

Fee Includes:
travel.
• One-night, two-day trip to Rome
• Day trip to Florence
• Day trip to Cortona
• Day trip to Casentino Forest and La Verna
• Arezzo tour

study.
• Enroll in two of the 4.0 quarter unit courses offered
  (8.0 units total) in your session
• Courses taught by master performers and local faculty
• “Black Box” type theatre space of over 110 square meters

live.
• Accommodations on campus, a short walk to the city of Arezzo
• Double rooms with shared bathrooms and showers
• All meals while classes are in session (generally from Monday breakfast through Friday evening dinner with breakfast Saturday and Sunday)

More Perks!
• Local Program Assistants to help you get to know your way around
• One group pick up upon arrival at the Florence Airport
• The beautiful city of Arezzo is right outside your door
• Siena and Florence are just 1 hour away by train

Arezzo is amazing! Nestled in the heart of Tuscany, you will fall in love with the town, people, food, and its passionate sunsets. Arezzo has so much history and so much to offer!
~ Patricia N., 2008