



Spring Break in Italy

March 31 - April 9, 2017



*A Travel/Study Program to
Selected Points of Interest in Italy for
Eighth Grade and High School Honors
Students as well as Interested Adults*

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SUPER SATURDAYS

**WINTER 2017: January 28, February 4,
11, & 18, 2017**

FALL 2017: Dates TBA



THE SUMMER CAMP FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (SCATS)

June 11 - 23, 2017



THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR VERBALLY AND MATHEMATICALLY PRECOCIOUS YOUTH (VAMPY)

June 25 - July 15, 2017

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This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of Italy. This program, sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, is designed to provide participants with a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified participants will be accompanied by the program director.



PROGRAM COST

The program cost is \$3,500. This cost includes

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN
- Hotel accommodations in double rooms (An adult may request a single room for an additional charge.)
- Breakfast each day at the hotel
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary
- Travel by motor coach for excursions

This cost is subject to increase should there be changes in airfares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs that are not now anticipated. The itinerary is subject to minor changes insofar as the daily activities are concerned.

All travelers must be able to participate in normal physical activities. In addition, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the eighth grade, freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school;
2. Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
3. Two signatures from teachers, counselors, principals, and/or G/T coordinators recommending participation.

APPLICATION

A passport-size photograph and a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 are due with the application. Eligible participants will be admitted to the program in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the study tour has reached capacity.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 deposit and a passport-size photograph are due with application
- \$1,500 payment due: February 1, 2017
- \$1,500 payment due: March 1, 2017

Applications and requests for further information should be sent to:

The Center for Gifted Studies
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PROGRAM ITINERARY

Friday, March 31

Depart the USA for Rome

Saturday, April 1

Arrive in Rome and travel by motor coach to visit **Pompeii**. In 79 A.D., this Roman city of 20,000 people was buried by volcanic ash from an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The incredibly well-preserved remains of this town provide a real feel for Roman life in the 1st Century. Return to Rome and check into our hotel.

Sunday, April 2

In the morning, visit the **Church of St. Peter in Chains** to see the famous Michelangelo statue of Moses. Walk through the massive **Coliseum** completed in 80 A.D. Leaving the Coliseum, walk through the impressive ruins of the **Roman Forum**, the political and social center of the Republic where the Roman Senate met. From the Forum, climb the Capitoline Hill to see the **Piazza del Campidoglio** designed by Michelangelo. In the afternoon, take an excursion to tour the **catacombs**, subterranean burial places used by early Christians for meetings and worship. End the day with a visit to the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, the second largest church in Rome established by Constantine in 314 A.D. over the tomb of the Apostle Paul.

Monday, April 3

In the morning, visit the **Vatican Museums**. This complex of museums houses a wide range of treasures from famous Greek sculptures, Etruscan art, and paintings by Raphael to the **Sistine Chapel** with the famous Michelangelo frescoes on its ceiling and the wall behind the altar. The Vatican Museums are connected to **St. Peter's Basilica**, the world's largest and most significant Christian church. St. Peter's was established in 319 A.D. by Emperor Constantine. Leaving St. Peter's Basilica, walk through **St. Peter's Square** which is surrounded by the "arms" of the **Bernini Colonnade**. In the afternoon, visit the **Pantheon**. End the afternoon with a visit to **Piazza Navona**, famous for the Baroque architecture of the surrounding buildings. In the evening go to the **Spanish Steps** and then stroll to **Trevi Fountain**.

Tuesday, April 4

Travel from Rome to **Orvieto**, a magnificent example of an Umbrian hill town located on a

934 foot plateau. Have a guided tour of the **Duomo**, considered to be one of Italy's greatest Romanesque-Gothic cathedrals, noted for its ornate exterior and the frescoes of the Last Judgment by Luca Signorella in **St. Brizio Chapel**. After lunch, travel to **Assisi** to visit the **Basilica of St. Francis**, the church built to honor Italy's patron saint, St. Francis. The basilica houses the tomb of St. Francis and some of the finest frescoes in the world. Spend the night in Assisi.

Wednesday, April 5

Travel from Assisi to Florence. En route, visit the historic town of Siena. Take a walking tour of the old city to see such sights as the Duomo and the Piazza del Campo, site of the twice-yearly Palio, a festival centered around a bareback horse race. Arrive in Florence in the late afternoon, and check into our hotel.

Thursday, April 6

Spend the morning on a guided tour of the **Uffizi Gallery**. Have lunch near the **Duomo**, the **Church of Santa Maria del Fiore**. In the afternoon, visit the **Baptistery**, the oldest standing building in Florence dating to the 6th century A.D. Close out the day with a visit to the **Museum Academia** to view Michelangelo's David.

Friday, April 7

In the morning, tour the **Church of Santa Maria Novella**, the first great basilica in Florence. Go to the **Church of Santa Croce** which holds the tombs of Galileo, Ghiberti, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli as well as memorials to Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael. In the afternoon, tour the **Bargello**, Florence's Renaissance police headquarters and jail that now houses Italy's leading collection of Renaissance sculpture.

Saturday, April 8

Start the day with a tour of the **chapel mausoleum of the Medicis**, renowned for its architecture and statues by Michelangelo. Depart Florence for Rome. Enroute stop at **Pisa** to see the beautiful cathedral and the famous **Leaning Tower**. Arrive in Rome in the early evening and check into our hotel.

Sunday, April 9

Depart Rome for the USA.

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APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name _____ Preferred First Name _____
(as it appears on your passport)

Previous Participation in The Center's programs _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth _____ Passport # _____ Exp. Date _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Applicant's Cell Phone (_____) _____

Applicant's Email _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

THIS SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANTS.

School Attending _____ Grade in 2016-2017 _____

Father's Name _____

Father's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Occupation _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Address _____
(if different from applicant)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS.

My signature verifies that the applicant is recommended for participation in the Spring Break in Italy program.

Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator _____ Position _____ Date _____

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Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(if applicant is a student)