

CHCA Intercession 2020

January 6-17, 2020

Course Description for: ***Mediterranean Marvels: Greece and Italy***

Instructor(s): Michelle Barron, Paul Gansle, Kara Ussery	
Course Type: International	Service Hours: 0
Maximum enrollment: 42	Minimum enrollment: 20
Length of trip (if applicable): 15 days	14 nights
Cost:	\$ 4246 (based on 40 travelers)
Overview:	This trip is a 15 day, exploration of the sites associated with the history, music, art, and literature of the Ancient World and Renaissance. This trip will bring to life the events and concepts studied in Western Civilization and AP European History as well as enrich students with increased knowledge of world literature, music, and cuisine as we travel 1,800 miles through Italy and Greece.
Course Goals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To explore sites associated with the history, music, art, and literature of the Ancient World and Renaissance, especially those studied in Western Civilization and AP European History.• To develop a greater appreciation for Italian and Greek cuisine. All evening meals have been upgraded from the normal student tour.• To cultivate a spirit of adventure and independence as students will spend their free time in some cities—not Rome or Athens—navigating in small groups without a chaperone.
Reading Component:	In order to respond to their journal prompts, students will read a document packet that includes excerpts from the following; Machiavelli's <i>The Prince</i> ; Dante's <i>Inferno</i> ; the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi; Polybius' <i>Histories</i> : "The Roman Constitution"; Pliny the Younger and Trajan: "Rome and the Early Christians"; Acts: chapters 24-28; Selections from Edith Hamilton's <i>Mythology</i> ; selections from Aristotle's <i>Politics</i> ; and Acts: 17:16-34.
Writing Component:	Students will spend time journaling every day. They will be required to complete a free response section where they simply describe the experiences of the day and their response. They will also respond to an academic prompt. These questions will reference material in their document packet as well as refer specifically to artwork, music, architecture, politics, and religion of the time periods being studied.

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In Italy we will explore Milan, Verona, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome, Vatican City, the seaside resort of Sorrento, and Pompeii. Highlights include riding gondolas in Venice, viewing Michelangelo's David and the Duomo in Florence, touring the Sistine Chapel and the Coliseum, shopping in Rome, and visiting the catacombs where early Christians sought refuge. Students will be given $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day to explore Florence on their own—in small groups. After being given guidance about the various options Florence offers, they will be able to customize their day according to their own interests. On the last night in Rome, we will eat dinner at a restaurant of our own choosing in front of the Pantheon.

In Greece we will visit the sites of Meteora, Delphi, Argolida, Epidauros, Mycenae, and Athens. Highlights include the Corinth Canal, the Temple of Zeus, several museums, the Temple of Zeus, the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and Athens's Plaka District. On our last night in Athens, we will again eat at a restaurant of our own choosing—this time in Athens' historic Plaka District.

We will be traveling with EF Educational Tours. Our transportation will include planes, tour bus, and overnight ferry. We will be staying in hotels.

This is a description of Day 7 which we will spend in Rome: Our morning will begin with Vatican City Sightseeing: tour St. Peter's Basilica; view Michelangelo's *Pieta* along with the Sistine Chapel's ceiling depicting the creation. After lunch we will embark on Imperial Rome Sightseeing: begin tour at Piazza Venezia; head to the Coliseum; this tour ends in the Forum. In the mid-late afternoon we will begin our walking tour of Rome: includes climbing the Spanish steps in Piazza Spagna; eating gelato by the Trevi fountain, visiting the Pantheon commissioned by the emperor Hadrian, and seeing the Piazza Navona. We will dine in one of the restaurants in front of the Pantheon. This will be one of the two dinners that students order / pay for themselves. Dinner in front of the Pantheon. This day is a great example of the stamina required from students. Much of this day's tour is conducted outside regardless of the weather.

This course is well suited to:

All students interested in this trip due need to be mature, responsible individuals in order to travel successfully in a large group and to handle free time appropriately. As students will eat lunch on their own, they need to navigate any food allergies they may have. Students need to possess the stamina to tour all day regardless of the weather and to spend significant amounts of time outside. Students also need the flexibility to handle any curves the trip may through them—like not receiving their luggage for a week. The course is especially suited to those students who have a passion for European history, art and culture.

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Cost:

This trip will require families to pay \$4,246—which averages out to approximately \$284 a day. This cost is based on 40 paying students. If we have fewer students, the cost will go up.

- For 35-39 students: \$4,321
- For 30-34 students: \$4,442
- For 25-29 students: \$4,536
- For 20-24 students: \$4,761

Families will need to provide the following:

- passport fees if students lack a passport,
 - monies for lunches and snacks—varies significantly based on student's appetite* Some students can eat lunch for 10-15 Euros while some spend up to \$30 every day. Some students rarely purchase snacks others do so at every opportunity.
- Additional costs:**
- monies for two dinners where students will order off of restaurant menus* Dinner can be ordered for 15-30 Euros each night. Greece will be cheaper than Italy.
 - monies for souvenirs*
 - money for the optional gondola ride in Venice* (\$34 dollars—currently that would be 30 Euros.)
 - We strongly recommend that families purchase travel insurance. This can be purchased through EF or on their own.

* Students can do a lot of their souvenir shopping with credit cards. However, they should also carry cash in the form of Euros. Students who plan to change money in Europe or to withdraw it from ATM's often experience exorbitant fees and technical difficulty.

Other Information:

In order to avoid weekend airline fees, we have requested to leave on January 2nd which would have us returning on January 16th. These travel dates could be moved up or back by two days by the travel company when they book the airline tickets. While the trip will cut into Christmas break, not only will it avoid significant extra fees it will enable students to be recovered from jetlag when second semester begins.

It is best if all students travel with a cell-phone that has international calling / texting enabled.

International travel - Students will need a passport for International travel. Passports cannot expire before July 18, 2020.
