

Traub Trip to France/Italy Photobook 2026

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Amalfi Coast/Pompeii

We landed in Naples around noon and were able to get a beautiful view of the Italian mountains and the coastline. I loved taking notes about the architecture from just the shops and the plazas, to the Basilica and the Piers, there's so much amazing scenery, and the vibrant and gorgeous colors. Not to mention, the food is incredible. We later on went to Pompeii where the ruins and the city's area helped me not only understand the engineering that went into the city but also the kinds of architecture and paintings that were used at the time and how much they would end up evolving into what was seen later on in the trip.









Rome

This was my favorite place we visited on the trip. To start the amount of breathtaking sculptures was incredible such as the trevi fountain, the altar of the fatherland, and more. It was truly amazing the detailing and the expressions in both the sculptures and the paintings were awe inspiring. There were also the buildings such as the pantheon and the colosseum that were crazy to be inside and even near to appreciate the scale of these buildings. It helped so much for me to do the research about the history of all the art to gain a deeper appreciation for the work and stories that went into these works. Overall I learned so much not only of how these structures were made but also why and what the structures conveyed through their designs.















The Vatican City

I think what amazed me most about the Vatican city was how so many stories, figures, and cultures all came together in the beautiful museum with so much art from so many eras and places. It was incredible to see things like Saint Peter's basilica, the sistine chapel, and even just roaming the halls was so incredible and breathtaking.













Florence

The thing I appreciated the most about Florence was the city itself and how pretty every corner is. There were obviously the amazing galleries we visited like the Uffizi and the Academia, both of which showed my ways art used to be made that were very reflective of life in those certain ages, but I appreciated how much art is such an integral part of how the city functions and looks. The city is so in tune with its art and history it made for one of if not my favorite spots on the trip.

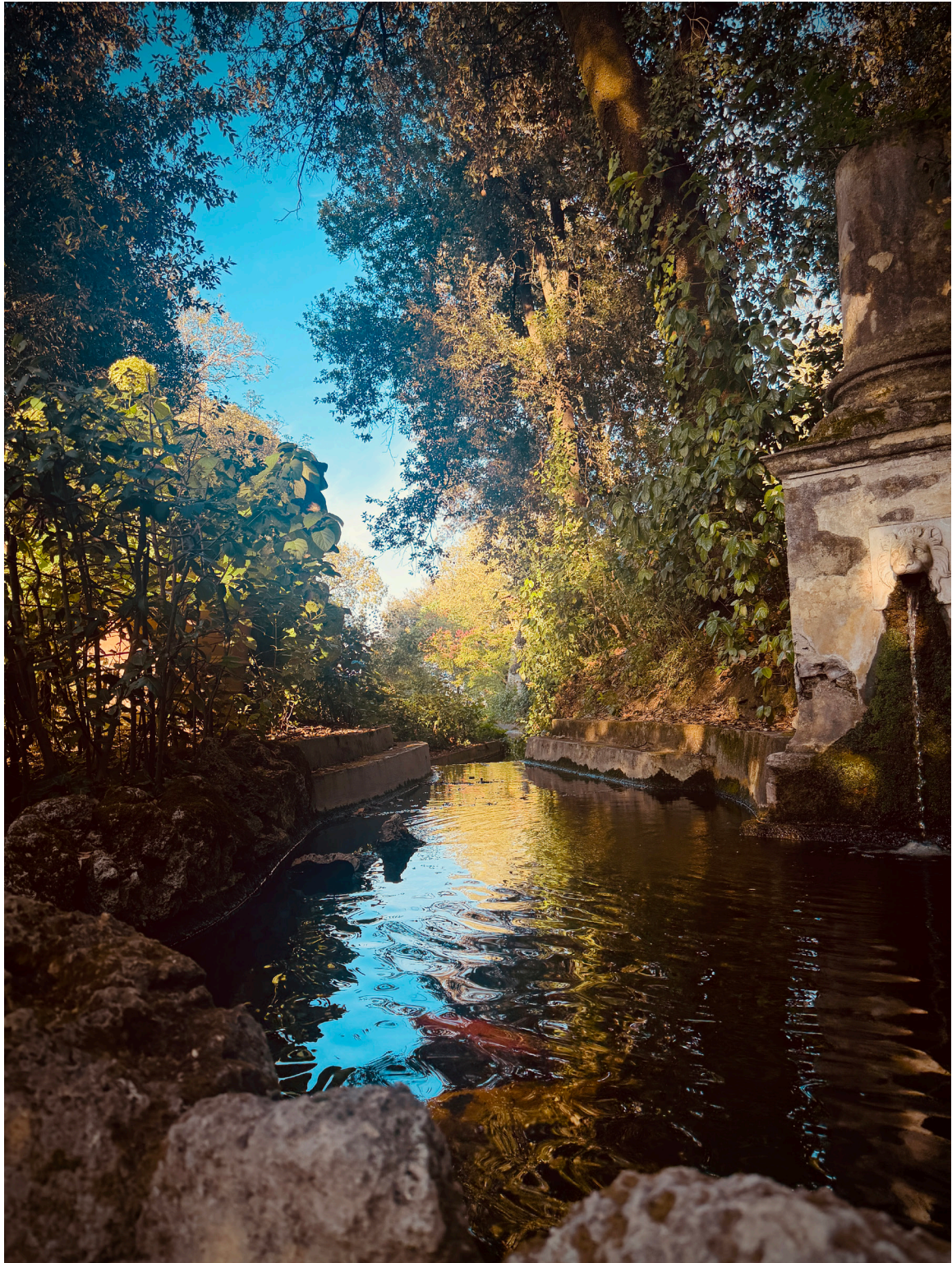














Paris

Since we spent the most time in Paris I got to see so many things that, while I had seen them in past trips, I had gained a new and better understanding about what I was seeing. Places like the Louvre, the Musee Dorsay, and Notre Dame were places I now understood not just what was in these places, but also the history and events that happened and shaped the country. I also really enjoyed the music in Paris as Caveau de la Huchette was a particular highlight of not just Paris but the entire trip. I learned so much and got to see so many different styles and eras of art and music through all the places we went. It has helped me out so much now that I go into college with these experiences under my belt.





















June 29-July 14
Air fares \$1,640
(Toronto-Naples)
(Florence-Paris)
(Paris-Toronto)

Accommodations:

Rome \$460
Florence \$225
Amalfi \$145
Paris \$890
Total \$1720

Tours:

Vatican \$208
Roman Colosseum \$125
Louvre \$143
Versailles \$180
Total \$656

Tickets:

Accademia \$57
Musee d' Orsay \$38
Pompeii \$40
Total \$135

Trains \$168
Ground Transportation \$100
Food & Drinks \$1,340
Entertainment \$315
Miscellaneous \$390

Total expenses \$6,464