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Presents



Venice, Villas, and the Art of Northern Italy

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with Craig Felton, Professor of Art





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Smith Lecturer

Craig Felton earned his B.A. from Saint Vincent College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Felton offers courses in Italian art (circa 1250-1550), and painting and sculpture in seventeenth-century Italy, Spain, and France. He has published on seventeenth-century Italian and Spanish painting, with an emphasis on Naples, and is currently investigating the art and patronage of Catholic Europe (circa 1550-1650). Professor Felton has taught at Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University, and was at the Kimbell Art Museum, where his research led to the first exhibition of paintings by the Hispano-Italian painter, Jusepe de Ribera.

Tour Director

Susie Orso has arranged and accompanied numerous tours for the Alumnae Association of Smith College, as well as many other cultural organizations. She lives in Florence and has developed many private contacts in Italy, along with a faithful following. She is bi-lingual in Italian and, as past travelers can attest, she and Craig Felton together make a first class team!

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Depart the US for Italy with connecting flights to Bologna.

(Appropriate in-flight meals)

Sunday, March 18, 2012

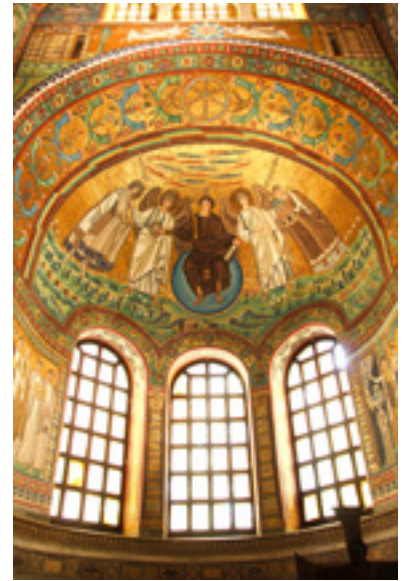
Arrive in Bologna and transfer by private coach to Ravenna and stay at the NH Hotel Diana. After time to rest, join guest lecturer Craig Felton for an introductory talk and drinks in the hotel. After, join your fellow travelers for dinner in Ravenna.

Hotel Diana (Reception, Dinner)



Monday, March 19, 2012

After breakfast, enjoy visits in the town of Ravenna, including San Vitale, Galla Placidia and the Neonian Baptistery, and the Archbishop's Palace museum. This afternoon, lunch will be at Ristorante Bella Venezia. Afterwards, visit Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and leave by coach for Sant'Apollinare in Classe. Then, take a tour of the Mausoleum of Theodoric. Return to the hotel for a brief rest before dinner independently.
Hotel Diana (Breakfast, Lunch)



Tuesday, March 20, 2012

This morning, leave by coach for Urbino. Visit the Palazzo Ducale and the Oratory of San Giovanni. After, enjoy lunch at Ristorante Vecchia Urbino. Then, continue to Rimini and visit the Tempio Malatestiano. In the evening, return to the hotel for a brief rest before dinner Ristorante Cappello.
Hotel Diana (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Wednesday, March 21, 2012

After breakfast, leave (with luggage) for Bologna. Visit the Basilica di San Petronio and the National Picture Gallery. Lunch this afternoon will be independent. Continue to Ferrara for visits to the Picture Gallery and to view the exterior of the Castle. After, continue to Asolo and stay at the Hotel Villa Cipriani. Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.
Hotel Villa Cipriani (Breakfast, Dinner)

Thursday, March 22, 2012

This morning, leave for Vicenza. Take a guided tour of the Teatro Olimpico designed by Palladio and Scamozzi and the exterior of the Basilica, with Wilma Barbieri. Continue to Villa La Rotonda and visit the interior of the villa by special arrangement. Lunch privately this afternoon at Villa Valmarana ai Nani (by kind arrangement with C.ssa Carolina Valmarana), and view the Tiepolo frescoes. Return to Asolo for the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner tonight will be independent.
Hotel Villa Cipriani (Breakfast, Lunch)





Friday, March 23, 2012

After breakfast, leave by private coach (with luggage) for Maser. Join Wilma Barbieri for a visit the Palladian Villa Barbaro with frescoes by Veronese. Continue to Fanzolo and visit the Palladian Villa Emo to view Zelotti's frescoes. Then, enjoy lunch privately at Cà Marcello with Count Jacopo Marcello. After lunch, continue to Padua to see the frescoes by Giotto in the Scrovegni Chapel. Travel to Venice and continue by private water taxi to the Hotel Bauer. Dinner this evening will be independent.

Hotel Bauer (Breakfast, Lunch)

Saturday, March 24, 2012

This morning, leave for St. Mark's Square for a guided visit of the exterior of the buildings. Continue to San Zaccaria to visit the church and view Bellini's Madonna Enthroned with Child and Saints. Continue to San Giorgio degli Schiavoni to see the painting cycle by Carpaccio. Then, visit the Church of SS Giovanni e Paolo. Lunch this afternoon will be at Ristorante Al Milion. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, drinks during a private visit with alumna Connie Rusconi '62. Dinner will be independent.

Hotel Bauer (Breakfast, Lunch)



Sunday, March 25, 2012

After breakfast, visit the Accademia Picture Gallery, then continue to the Church of the Redentore for a visit. Visit the Church of S. Giorgio Maggiore, then take a private boat ride to the island of Torcello. Visit the Cathedral and Santa Fosca. Lunch this afternoon will be at Locanda Cipriani. After, leave for the Island of Murano. Return to Venice this evening for a private visit to St. Mark's, (by kind arrangement with the Patriarch of Venice), and dinner independently.

Hotel Bauer (Breakfast, Lunch)



Monday, March 26, 2012

This morning, leave for a walk in the Rialto Market. Continue to the Church of the Frari to see the paintings by Bellini and Titian. Then, visit the Scuola di San Rocco – Tintoretto. Lunch will be independent, with the afternoon at leisure. Dinner this evening will be at the privately owned Palazzo Alverà (by kind arrangement with C.ssa Caterina Alverà).

Hotel Bauer (Breakfast, Dinner)

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

After breakfast this morning, take a transfer to the Venice airport for your return flights home.

(Breakfast, appropriate in-flight meals)

General Trip Information & Terms and Conditions

Trip Dates: March 17 to 27, 2012

Duration: 11 days

Activity Level: Moderately active

Cost: \$6,900 per person, based on double occupancy

The cost includes accommodation in superior four- and five-star hotels (the Ravenna hotel is not a superior four-star hotel, but is one of the best available and has access for the coach); transportation by private coach; all buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches, 4 dinners including wine, water and coffee, and 2 cocktail receptions; guides; all entrances, including the private visit to St. Mark's; portage at the hotels; services of a Specialtours escort; drivers' gratuities.

Single Supplement: \$1,100 per person

Not Included:

Flights from the USA to Bologna and from Venice to the USA; any meals indicated as independent on the itinerary; personal extras; travel insurance.

Airfare:

Airfare is not included in the cost of the program. You can either make your own reservations, or call our local travel agency, Easthampton Travel. To reach Easthampton Travel, kindly call toll-free (800) 789-7949 or (413) 529-9599 and ask to speak with Vicki Allen.

Early Arrival/Late Departure:

If you wish to arrive in advance of, or stay later than, the group please let Smith Travel know, so that the necessary arrangements can be made with the hotels. The additional cost will be payable on site. Please see the pre-departure information sheet for hotel costs.

Deposit and Payment:

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person is required by November 8, 2011. The balance is required by January 20, 2012, and must be paid by check.

Cancellation Policy:

The deposit for this trip is non-refundable. In the event of cancellations after the balance has been paid and notified in writing 40 days before the tour starting date, 50% will be refunded; 25% will be refunded within 20 days of the tour starting date; between 20 days and one week of the tour starting date, Specialtours will try to refund what they are able to recover from their suppliers. After this, no refund is normally possible. Cancellation insurance is strongly advised, and information will be sent with your confirmation letter from Smith Travel.

Eligibility:

These trips are designed for alumnae of Smith College and accompanying members of the immediate families. Space permitting, a participating alumna may bring a non-Smith friend or couple. For further information about the trip, call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or email alumtrav@smith.edu.

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Registration Form

Enclosed is my credit card information or my deposit check (**\$750 per person**) payable to Smith College.

NAMES (as appears on passport) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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NO. OF PERSONS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED (\$750 per person, non-refundable): _____

I/we are registering: _____ DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (\$6,900) _____ SINGLE OCCUPANCY (plus \$1,100)

If using a credit card for deposit, please complete the following section:

_____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ CID CODE: _____

Terms and Conditions: The Alumnae Association of Smith College (AASC) is the sponsor of the tours. As the sponsor, AASC has engaged independent tour operators to arrange the tours. Because the AASC does not own, operate, manage, or control, and is not in a partnership or joint venture with, either the tour operators or the various independent companies and persons with which or whom the tour operator has arranged to supply services to the tour, the AASC and its officers, directors, trustees, agents, servants, employees, affiliates, and assigns are not liable for any negligent or willful acts or omissions of the tour operator or the various suppliers, including any acts or omissions on their part that cause, without limitations, injury, death, theft, damage to or loss of property, delay, inconvenience, or the cancellation, substitution, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, transportation or other services. Additional terms and conditions may apply to your trip and will be sent to you with your registration acknowledgement, which you must sign and return to Smith.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN:

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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