



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

Italy: Sorrento & Orvieto

Sept 30-Oct 11, 2007

DETAILED PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

(subject to amendment)

Sunday - Sept 30

Depart your gateway city for Naples, Italy.

Depart Gateway City

Monday - Oct 1

Arrive at the Naples airport. Following immigration and customs formalities, those passengers booked on the group flights, flying on the group dates and from the international departure city or cities listed in the trip brochure will be met by an Alumni Campus Abroad® representative and escorted to the town of Sorrento.

Sorrento, Italy

Upon arrival at the **Grand Hotel Flora**, room keys will be distributed and your luggage will be delivered directly to your room.

Excursion: *An Orientation Walk of Sorrento*

This afternoon, join your Campus Director for a short stroll around the town of Sorrento that provides an excellent orientation of your home away from home for the next week. Experience the beauty of this peaceful town of lemon groves and cafés and its magnificent view of the Gulf of Sorrento.

6 p.m. – This evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

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Grand Hotel Flora

Tuesday - Oct 2

Amalfi Coast

7 - 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast is served at this time each morning at the hotel, unless noted otherwise.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. – **Excursion: *The Charm of the Amalfi Coast***

Drive along the fabled Amalfi Coast, the most amazing of all the Mediterranean shores. Visit Positano, Italy's most vertical town, then spend some time at leisure in the charming town of Amalfi pursuing individual interests. Lunch is served at a restaurant in Amalfi. After lunch, return to Sorrento.

6 - 7 p.m. – **Educational Focus: *The History and Beauty of Campania***

Discuss the historical events of this unique seaside region and its relationship to Italy as a whole.

7 p.m. – Dinner is served at the hotel.

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Wednesday - Oct 3

Pompeii

7 - 7:45 a.m. – Breakfast is served at the hotel.

7:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. – **Excursion: *Pompeii Today***

This morning, embark on your visit to Pompeii! Founded around the fifth century B.C., it is a perfect example of a Roman town. Pompeii was buried in one of the most disastrous volcanic eruptions in history.

1:30 p.m. – Lunch is served at the hotel.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

6 - 7 p.m. – **Educational Focus: *Meet the People***

This evening, participate in an open forum discussion with residents of Sorrento from various walks of life.

7 p.m. – Dinner is served at the hotel.

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Thursday - Oct 4**Isle of Capri**

7 – 7:45 a.m. Breakfast is served at the hotel.

7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. – Excursion: *The Isle of Capri*

Depart by boat for a full day excursion to the *Isle of Dreams*. The Isle of Capri is majestically situated in crystal clear waters. Spend some time at leisure exploring Anacapri, with its breathtaking views of the sea. Lunch is served in a local restaurant. Transfer to the town of Capri for a walking tour before returning to Sorrento.

7 p.m. – Dinner is served at the hotel.

B / L / D***Grand Hotel Flora*****Friday - Oct 5****Sorrento****8:30 - 9:30 a.m. – Educational Focus: *Contemporary Italy***

Enjoy a discussion of Italy's society today, its current political status, Italian life in Campania, and Italy's economic future as a part of the Economic Union.

The balance of the day is at leisure to pursue individual interests.

Noon – Lunch is served at the hotel.

6 p.m. – Join your fellow travelers for a *Farewell to Campania Reception*.

7 p.m. – Dinner is served at the hotel.

B / L / D***Grand Hotel Flora*****Saturday - Oct 6****Sorrento / Orvieto**

8:30 a.m. – Depart the hotel for the motorcoach transfer through the scenic landscapes of the Campania and Lazio regions of Italy to the charming hill top town of Orvieto. En route, pass through the vineyards of the Albani Hills where you'll stop at a local winery for a wine tasting and lunch.

Late this afternoon, upon arrival at the ***Grand Hotel Italia*** in Orvieto, room keys will be distributed and your luggage delivered directly to your room.

7:30 p.m. – Dinner is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin* in Orvieto.

B / L / D***Grand Hotel Italia*****Sunday - Oct 7****Orvieto****8:30 - 9:30 a.m. – Educational Focus: *Introduction to Orvieto and the Province of Umbria***

Examine of the history of this characteristic Umbrian town and its relationship to greater Umbria and Italy as a whole.

9:45 a.m. - Noon – **Excursion: *Walking Tour of Orvieto***

Walk to the main town square, visit the magnificent cathedral, and wind through the narrow cobblestone streets to see many other churches and admire the breathtaking vista overlooking the rolling hills of Umbria.

1 p.m. – Lunch is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. – **Educational Focus: *Renaissance Art***

Tuscany was home to many of the great masters of this profound era in art history. Enjoy a comprehensive and enlightening examination of the Renaissance period.

7:30 p.m. – Dinner is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

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Monday - Oct 8

Perugia / Assisi

7 – 8 a.m. – Breakfast is served at the hotel.

8 a.m. - 7 p.m. – **Excursion: *Perugia and Assisi***

This full-day excursion begins with a guided walking tour of Perugia. History will come alive as you walk through this old Etruscan city-state. Enjoy lunch in Assisi before you begin your walking tour of the city and the St. Francis Basilica.

7:30 p.m. – Dinner is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

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Tuesday - Oct 9

Florence

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast is served at the hotel.

7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. – **Full-Day Excursion: *Florence***

During a local walking tour of this Renaissance city, marvel at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore; Piazza della Signoria; the Old Palace, which was once home to the Medici family; and Piazzale Michelangelo. Then, enjoy some free time for independent exploration of Florence. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

8:30 p.m. – Dinner is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

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Grand Hotel Italia

Wednesday - Oct 10

Orvieto

7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast is served at the hotel.

The morning is at leisure for independent exploration.

11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. – **Excursion: “From the Shop to the Table” – Cooking Demonstration**

Join Chef Lorenzo Polegri for a morning visit to a local ‘greengrocer’ where you’ll shop together for fresh local products. Then, learn how to transform these ingredients into some of Italy’s most delicious dishes at a cooking demonstration.

1:30 p.m. – Lunch is served at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to complete your sightseeing or shopping.

6:30 p.m. – Enjoy a *Farewell Reception* and *Dinner* at the restaurant *Zeppelin*.

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Grand Hotel Italia

Thursday - Oct 11

Return to Gateway City

Early this morning, depart by motorcoach for Rome Fiumicino (Leonardo da Vinci) Airport and your return flight to your gateway city. Complete details regarding your hotel check-out and motorcoach transfer to the airport will be provided by your Campus Director.

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