

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Saturday, December 27, 2025

- 9:55 PM Arrival into Rome
API organized airport reception and transfer to program accommodations
- 11:00 PM Check-in at **Hotel Ripa**, Via degli Orti di Trastevere, 3
Overnight in Rome

Sunday, December 28, 2025

- 8:00AM Breakfast at accommodations
- 9:30 AM **API Orientation**
Meeting to cover comprehensive cultural, health, and safety information to set students up for a safe, successful program abroad.
- 11:30 AM Visit of the **Colosseum and Roman Forum**
Explore the awe-inspiring amphitheater where gladiators once battled, walk the ancient streets of the Roman Forum—the political and commercial hub of the empire—and climb Palatine Hill, the legendary birthplace of Rome.
- Afternoon Lunch on own
- 2:30 PM **Walking tour led by RD** of the city
The tour includes the main sights of the Historical center: Campo dei Fiori, Navona Square, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps.
- Evening API celebratory **Welcome Dinner** to kick off the start of the program.
Overnight in Rome

Monday, December 29, 2025

TUSCANIA

- Morning Breakfast at accommodations
- 8:30 AM Hotel check-out and transfer to the Vatican Museums
- 11:00 AM **Guided Tour of Vatican Museums.**

House one of the world's most significant art collections, amassed by the Popes throughout the centuries. The vast complex comprises numerous museums and galleries, displaying an immense collection of art, archaeology, and ethno-anthropology.

Highlights include masterpieces from Egyptian, Etruscan, Greek, and Roman civilizations, as well as crucial works of Renaissance and modern art by artists like Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci, Caravaggio, and many others. The museums' visit famously concludes with the Sistine Chapel, renowned for Michelangelo's stunning frescoes, particularly the ceiling and The Last Judgment.

Afternoon
2:40 PM

Lunch on own

Travel to Tuscania by private coach

Hotel check-in at Hotel Tuscania Panoramico, Via dell'Olivo, 53

5:00 PM

Neighborhood walking led by RD tour to orient students to their location in the city, nearby transportation, pharmacy, local shops, etc.

5:30 PM
Evening

Cappuccino making tutorial at Caffè del Duomo

Group dinner

Overnight in Tuscania

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

Morning
10:00 AM

Breakfast at accommodations

Visit and **group lunch** at **Agriturismo Sensi**.

Managed by Patrizia e Claudia, this agricultural company is one of the few Italian companies entirely run by women. With roots dating back to the early 1900s, Agriturismo Sensi has a long-standing tradition of sustainable agriculture. The farm spans 11 hectares and is home to centuries-old olive trees of the Caninese cultivar, a local variety prized for its exceptional quality. One of the highlights of Agriturismo Sensi is their exquisite extra virgin olive oil, recognized as a Slow Food Presidio. This designation acknowledges the exceptional quality and cultural significance of this unique olive oil.

12:00 PM

Lecture by **Angelo Murri** on Extra Virgin olive oil
Technical consultant responsible for the monitoring, technical and agronomic assistance, and traceability of

Afternoon	<i>olive oil for olive oil companies and oil mills.</i> Visit to the National Archaeological Museum. <i>It showcases significant Etruscan and Roman archaeological finds from the extensive necropolises around the ancient city of Tuscania. The collection is particularly renowned for its Etruscan tomb furnishings from aristocratic families dating from the 4th to 2nd centuries BC. The exhibits offer a deep insight into the funerary rites and daily life of the powerful Etruscan center of the region.</i>
5:00 PM	Class session
Evening	Dinner on own <i>Overnight in Tuscania</i>

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Morning	Breakfast at accommodations
9:00 AM	Day trip by public transportation in Viterbo. <i>Known as the "City of Popes," is a historic city in the Lazio region of central Italy. It is famous for its well-preserved medieval center, which is enclosed by a series of ancient walls and features charming cobblestone streets, elegant squares, and historic buildings. The city's most notable landmark is the Palazzo dei Papi (Papal Palace), which served as the seat of the papacy in the 13th century and was the site of the longest papal conclave in history.</i> Free time for lunch and to explore before returning back to Tuscania
Evening	Dinner on own
Midnight	New Year's Eve celebration - API made a reservation for the group at <i>Ristorante Terziere di Poggio Fiorentino.</i> <i>Overnight in Tuscania</i>

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Morning	Breakfast at accommodations
TBD	Class session Lunch on own Free rest of the day <i>Overnight in Tuscania</i>

Friday, January 2, 2026

FLORENCE

Morning	Breakfast at accommodations
8:00 PM	Travel by private bus to Assisi
10:00 PM	<p>Guided Walking Tour of Assisi</p> <p><i>Assisi is a beautiful, peaceful medieval hill town located in the Umbria region of Italy, famous as the birthplace of Saint Francis (San Francesco), the founder of the Franciscan Order, and Saint Clare (Santa Chiara). Perched on the slopes of Mount Subasio, the town is a major site for Christian pilgrimage and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi is one of Italy's most important religious and artistic landmarks, built immediately after the saint's canonization in 1228.</i></p>
	Lunch on own
2:30 PM	<p>Transfer to Florence - Check in at Hotel Paris, Via dei Banchi, 2</p> <p><i>Tour of the surroundings: you will be shown how to's, where's and what's around your neighborhood.</i></p>
6.30pm	Meeting in Hotel Lobby
7:00pm	<p>Cooking class, with dinner included</p> <p><i>Overnight in Florence</i></p>

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Morning	<p>Breakfast at accommodations</p> <p>Meeting in Hotel Lobby</p> <p>Guided Tour Uffizi Gallery</p> <p><i>A guided tour of Florence's Uffizi Gallery provides skip-the-line access and expert context for the Italian Renaissance masterpieces. An art historian leads you directly to highlights like Botticelli's Birth of Venus and works by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, making the visit efficient and deeply insightful.</i></p>
Afternoon	Lunch on own
3pm-6pm	Class session
Evening	<p>Dinner on own</p> <p><i>Overnight in Florence</i></p>

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Morning	Breakfast at accommodations Free time to visit State Museums Explore on your own Accademia Gallery, Palazzo Vecchio, Boboli Gardens, Bargello Museum, and many more! There will be free access for all visitors to state museums, archaeological parks and cultural sites.
Afternoon	Lunch on own
3pm-6pm	Class session
Evening	Dinner on own <i>Overnight in Florence</i>

Monday, January 5, 2026

VENICE

Morning	Breakfast at accommodations
8:00am	Depart for Venice by private coach (bus stop halfway)
12:00pm approx	Arrival in Venice Tronchetto Take Vaporetto to Hotel and deposit luggage
Afternoon	Lunch on own
2:00pm	Check in Hotel Do Pozzi, Piazzetta XXII Marzo, 2373
2.30pm	Meeting in the Hotel Lobby and walk to class venue
3pm-6pm	Class session
Evening	Dinner on own <i>Overnight in Venice</i>

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

	Epiphany - National Holiday
Morning	Breakfast at accommodations
9.45am	Meeting in Hotel Lobby & Walk to Piazza San Marco
10am-12pm	Guided tour of Venice <i>A guided walking tour of Venice's city center is the best way to understand the "Floating City."</i> <i>An expert guide leads you to major landmarks like St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge, while also navigating the labyrinth of hidden calli (narrow streets) and campi (small squares) to give you a genuine local experience and share the rich history and unique architecture of the Venetian Republic.</i>
Afternoon	Individual visit to Doge's Palace at leisure

The Doge's Palace (Palazzo Ducale) is a masterpiece of Venetian Gothic architecture and one of the most iconic symbols of Venice, located in St. Mark's Square. It served for centuries as the residence of the Doge (the elected head of the Venetian Republic) and the seat of the Republic's political power and administrative offices, including law courts and a prison (connected by the famous Bridge of Sighs). The current structure, mainly dating from the 14th and 15th centuries, is distinguished by its ornate exterior and magnificent interiors, housing impressive art collections by masters like Tintoretto and Veronese. It has been a public museum since 1923, allowing visitors to explore the Doge's Apartments, the Institutional Chambers, and the old prisons.

Evening

Dinner on own
Overnight in Venice

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Morning

Breakfast at accommodations
Meeting in Hotel Lobby

Venetian Carnival Mask making activity (1h30min approx)

During the course, you'll learn the secrets and techniques of mask decorating. You'll paint and customize the mask to your liking, all under the watchful eye of the artisan, who will share stories and anecdotes about Carnival and its historical figures. At the end of the experience, you will take home the mask as a souvenir of this Venetian experience.

Afternoon

Lunch on own

3pm-6pm

Class session

Evening

Dinner on own
Overnight in Venice

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Morning

Breakfast at accommodations

9.30am

Meeting in Hotel Lobby and walk to Vaporetto Stop

Take Vaporetto to Murano (approx 30min)

Visit the island of Murano.

The island, situated just North-East of Venice, is known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. You will visit one of the glass factories. Enjoy the visit to a glass furnace to admire closely this ancient art.

11.30am approx Take Vaporetto to Burano (approx 50min)

Explore on own the island of Burano.

This island, famous for the hand-made laces and for its vibrant houses and cheerful atmosphere.

Afternoon Lunch on own in **Burano**

3.00pm Return back to Venice

Free Time

7.30pm **API organized farewell dinner**

Overnight in Venice

Friday, January 9, 2026

Morning Breakfast at accommodations

7.15am Meeting in the Hotel Lobby

7.30am Departure to Airport

Check out

API organized airport return