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# ITALY



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# FIRENZE

Birthplace of the Renaissance



## Things to Do in the City

Florence, located in the renowned region of Tuscany, is situated on the banks of the Arno River, surrounded by the rolling hills of the Italian countryside. To study and live in Florence is to walk the streets of Dante, Brunelleschi, Giotto and many other contributors to the arts and humanities. Established in the 9th century BC, Florence is perhaps best known as one of the birthplaces of the Italian Renaissance at the end of the 14th Century. It is a city that welcomes visitors, scholars, artists and students to walk her streets, relive past discoveries in the arts and sciences, and glimpse the rich history that permeates every inch of the city. Students in Florence experience the city with others from around the world who share a passion for learning.

### Try it:

- ✦ Window shop on Ponte Vecchio
- ✦ Dine in authentic Tuscan cuisine
- ✦ Spend an afternoon in the Uffizzi Museum
- ✦ View Michelangelo's David at The Accademia
- ✦ Stroll the Boboli Gardens at the Pitti Palace
- ✦ Attend Sunday Mass at Santa Maria Novella

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

St. Augustine



## Semester Options

API students who choose to study abroad in Florence study at Lorenzo de' Medici - The Italian International Institute (LdM). The campus is primarily located in a 13th century AD convent in the heart of Florence. Students may attend summer or semester sessions.

### Year/Semester Programs

#### FREE ELECTIVE PROGRAM (15-16 CREDITS)

This program is designed for students interested in selecting courses from a wide variety of disciplines with less emphasis on Italian language.

#### SIX-HOUR ITALIAN PROGRAM (15 CREDITS)

This program is designed for students interested in taking more Italian language along with their electives. Students complete one 6-credit language course and three additional courses from the course listings.

#### SUPER-INTENSIVE ITALIAN PROGRAM (16 CREDITS)

This program has been designed specifically for those students whose academic priority is to learn Italian. Emphasis is placed on developing and/or broadening each student's speaking, reading, writing and listening comprehension.

### Summer Programs

#### ONE ELECTIVE PROGRAM (3 CREDITS)

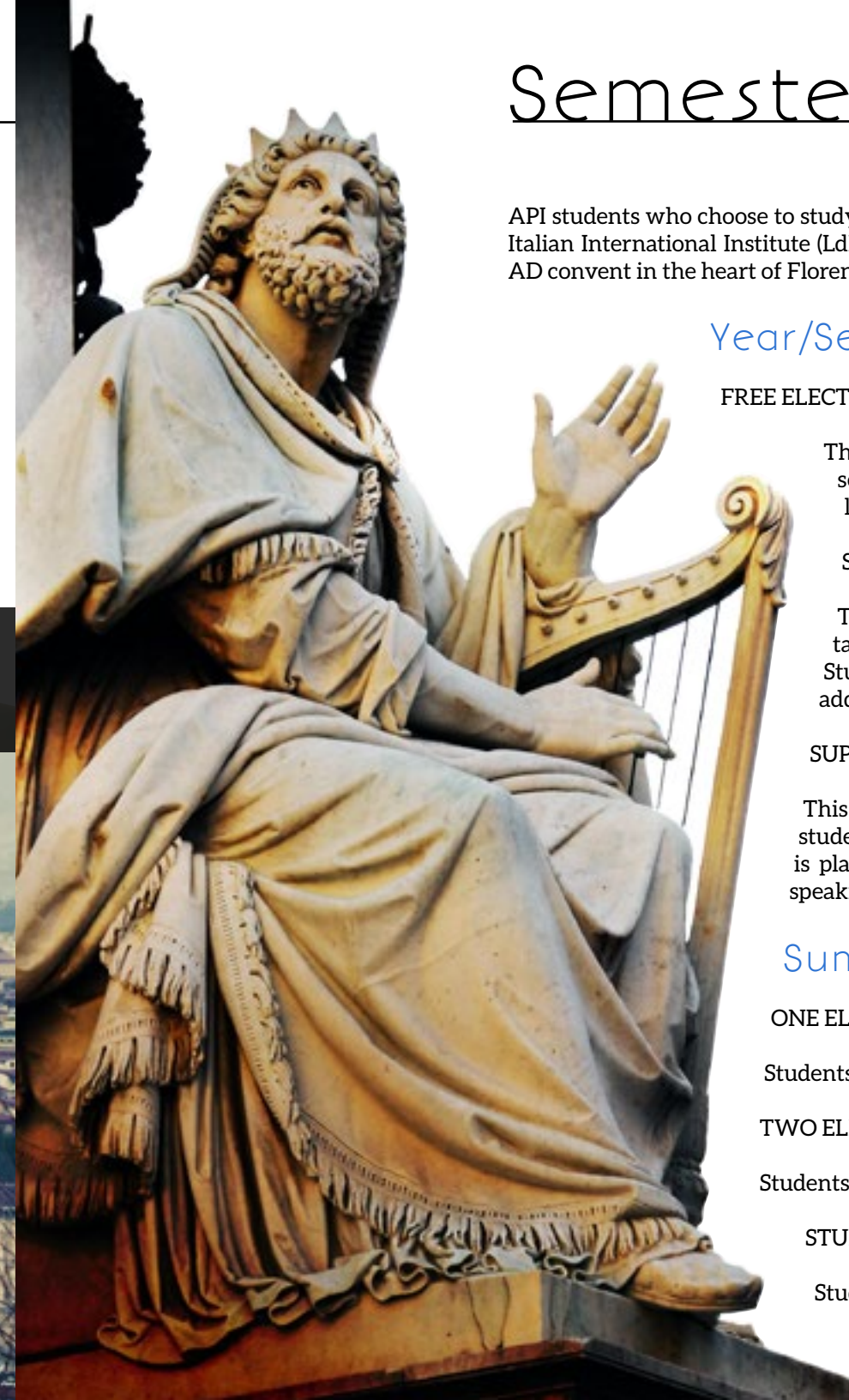
Students may choose any one course from the course offerings.

#### TWO ELECTIVE PROGRAM (6 CREDITS)

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#### STUDIO-ART WORKSHOPS (6 CREDITS)

Students select one workshop class, which includes one week in the Italian countryside.





Architecturally rich medieval town

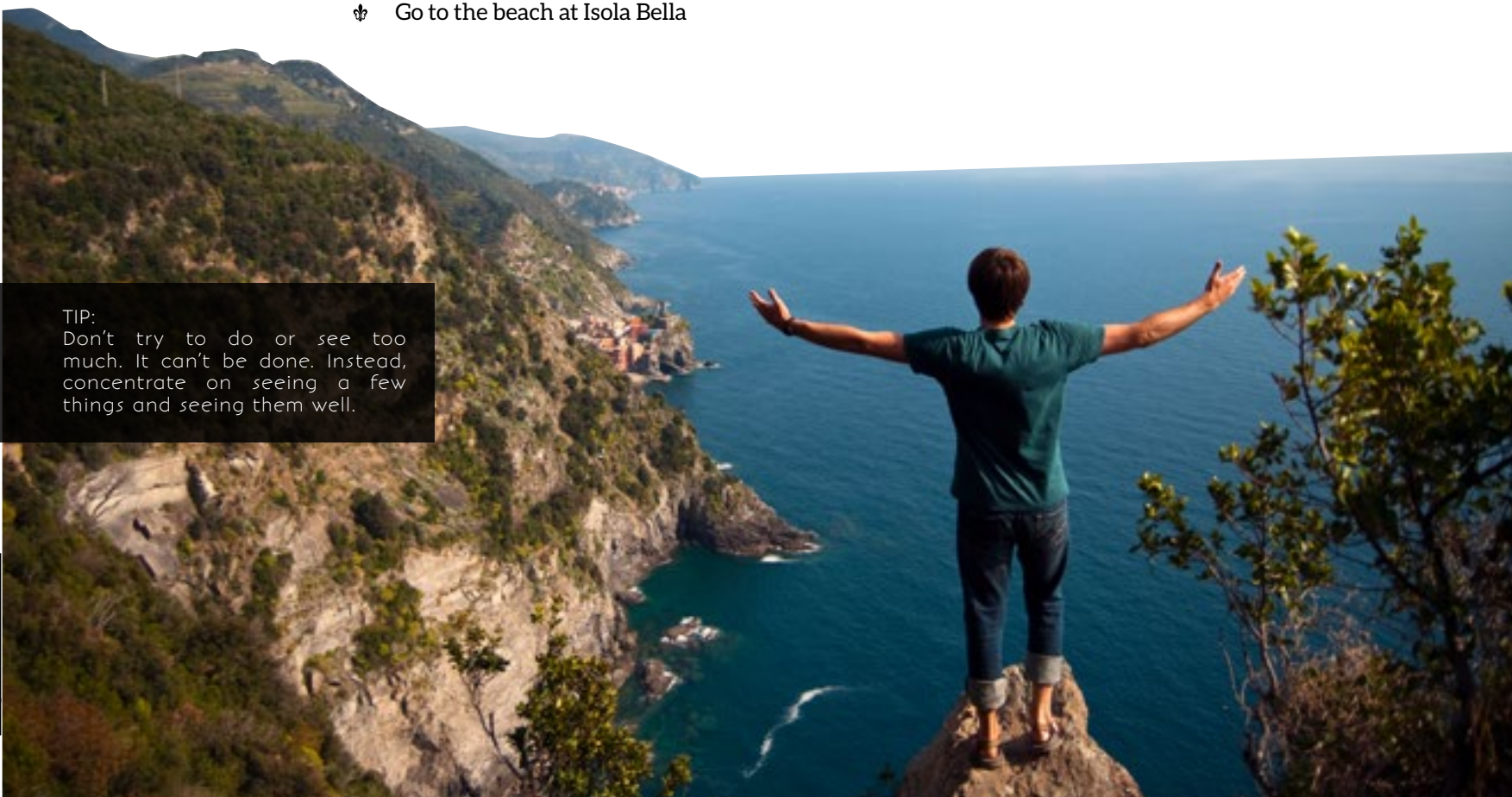
# TAORMINA

## Things to Do in the City

Taormina is a quaint medieval town perched on the summit of Mt. Tauro, in the northeast corner of the island of Sicily. Taormina's amazing views of the turquoise Ionian Sea and Homer's mythical Mount Etna have captivated artists, photographers and writers for centuries. The 2000+ year old Greek Theater, only steps from campus, hosts contemporary and classical concerts, opera, ballet, plays and events, as well as an International Film Fest in June ongoing since the 1950's.

### Try it:

- ♣ Admire the ruins of the Greco-Roman Theater
- ♣ Dine in authentic Mediterranean cuisine
- ♣ Shop at Corso Umberto
- ♣ Go to the beach at Isola Bella
- ♣ Catch a performance at the Teatro Antico di Taormina
- ♣ Take in the views at the Villa Comunale



TIP:  
Don't try to do or see too much. It can't be done. Instead, concentrate on seeing a few things and seeing them well.

# Semester Options

API students who choose to study abroad in Taormina study at Babilonia – Center for Italian Language and Culture. Classes are held at “Casa Silva,” a nationally registered historic villa protected by the Sovrintendenza alle Belle Arti (the National Agency for the preservation of Art and Monuments).

## Year/Semester Programs

### ELECTIVE AND ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM (12 CREDITS)

Students complete 4 courses and receive 12 credit hours per semester session, or 3 credits per course. Students must take at least TWO Italian language courses per semester. Italian language courses are taught at all levels. Semester students are also required to complete a capstone project during their term in Taormina. The capstone is designed to synthesize all of the language, content, and cultural learning of the entire semester. API recommends that students obtain pre-approval from their home university for courses that they plan on taking abroad.

## Summer Programs

### ELECTIVE PROGRAM (3 -12 CREDITS)

Students may choose to study for a short-term, intensive program of 2, 4, or 6 weeks. The number of courses available to them depends on the length of the program. Students in a 2 week program choose 1 course; students in a 4 or 6 week program choose 2 courses. The program price is based on the types and number of courses taken. Not all courses are available each session.

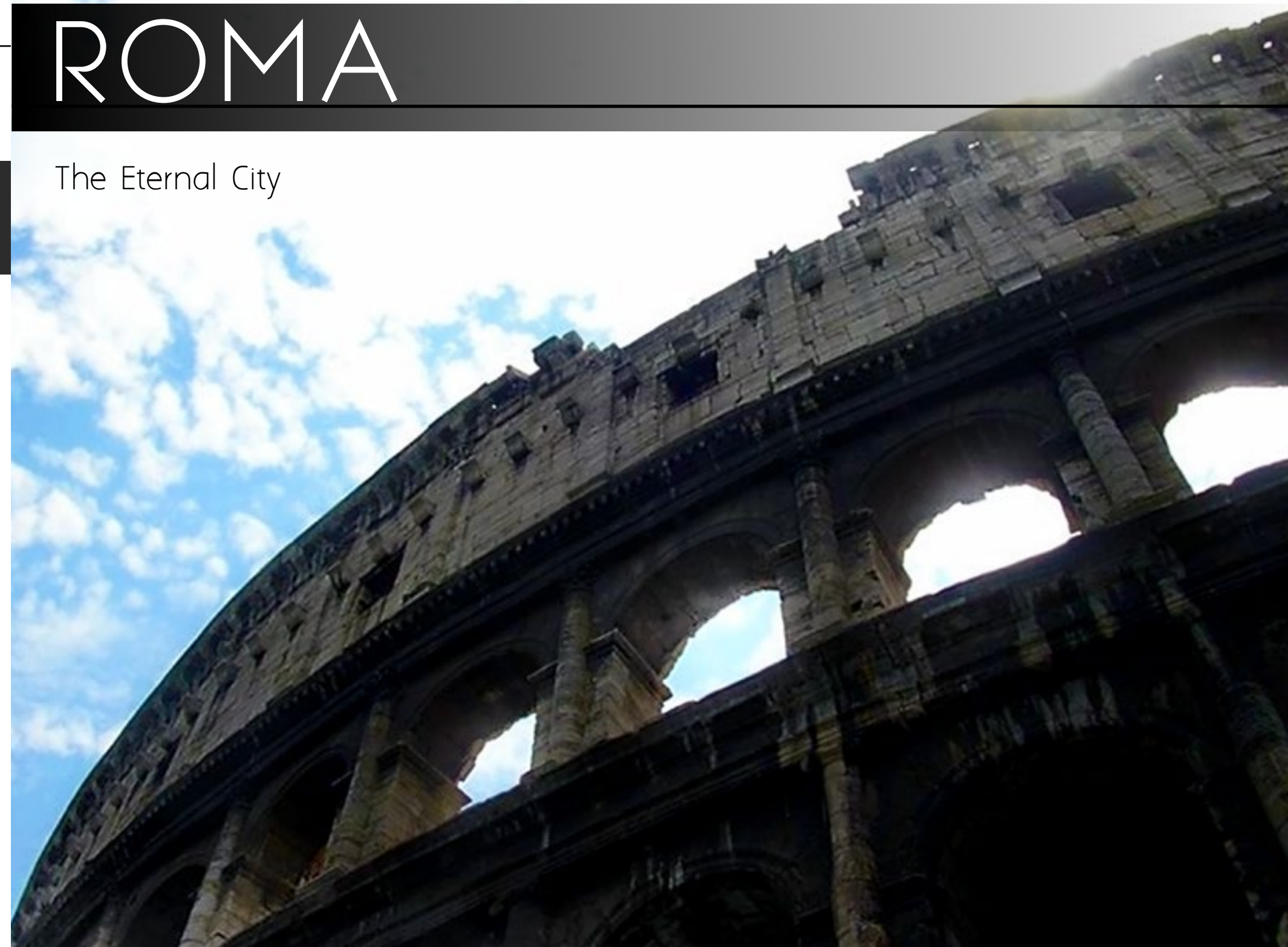


*“One’s destination is never a place, but rather a new way of seeing things.”*

Henry Miller

# ROMA

## The Eternal City



# Things to Do in the City

The capital of Italy, Rome has always been a cultural and political stronghold and crossroads for people from across the globe. The glorious history of the eternal city can be seen in the form of artwork, exquisite monuments, museums, churches and architecture. Rome is also full of picturesque piazzas and famous fountains. Here, Romans and visitors alike can step out of the hustle and bustle of modern Rome and enjoy people-watching over a café. For those looking to study in a cosmopolitan city rich with history, art, architecture and diverse people from around the globe, Rome beckons!

## Try it:

- ✦ Admire the architecture of the Colosseum
- ✦ Make a wish by the Trevi Fountain
- ✦ See the Sistine Chapel
- ✦ Join an audience with the Pope
- ✦ Stroll the Gardens of the Villa Borghese
- ✦ Scope out gelato at San Crispino

TIP:  
Eat where locals eat. You can eat well (really well) almost anywhere in Italy for small money.

# Semester Options



API students have two choices for study abroad in Rome: The John Cabot University (JCU) and Lorenzo de' Medici - The Italian International Institute - Rome (LdM).

The newly renovated and redesigned LdM Rome facilities are conveniently located in the historic center of Rome. Many of Rome's most famous sites such as the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps are within walking distance.

## Year/Semester Programs

### FREE ELECTIVE PROGRAM (12-16 CREDITS)

This program is designed for students interested in selecting courses from a wide variety of disciplines with less emphasis on Italian language. Students select one language course and three to four additional courses from the course listings.

## Summer Programs

### INTENSIVE ITALIAN PROGRAM (6 CREDITS)

This program is designed for students wishing to advance language skills in a short period. All courses are language-focused; no non-language electives are offered or allowed.

### ONE ELECTIVE PROGRAM (3 CREDITS)

Students may choose any one course from the course offerings.

### TWO ELECTIVE PROGRAM (6 CREDITS)

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"I am not the same having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world."

Mary Anne Radmache



The Floating City

VENEZIA

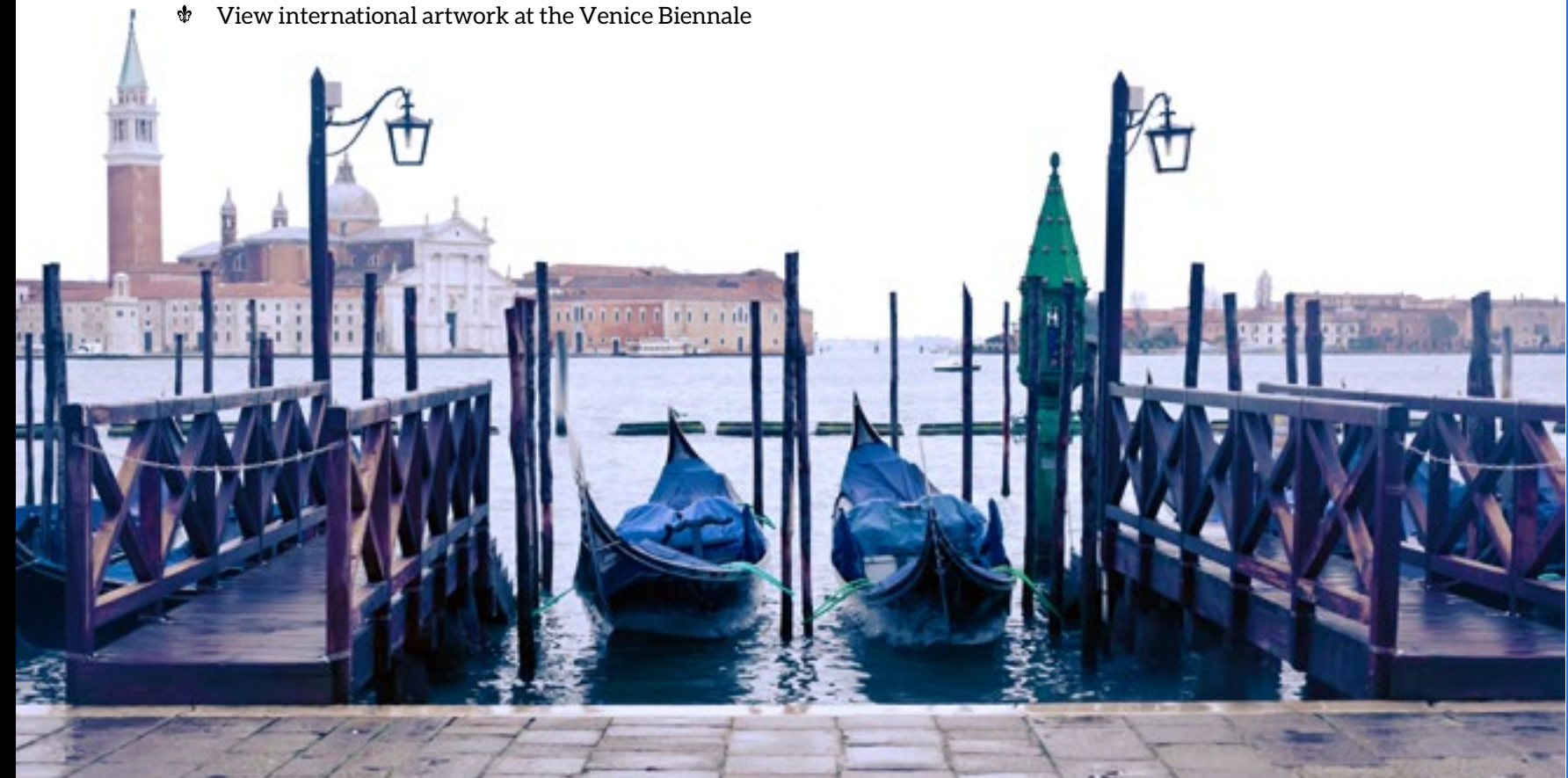
## Things to Do in the City

Venice, the capital of the Italian region of Veneto, is one of the world's most beautiful cities. Known for its canals and bridges, the city stretches across 118 small islands in the Venetian lagoon along the Adriatic Sea in northeast Italy. From the 13th to the 17th centuries, Venice was one of the most important cities in Europe. Its strategic location made Venice an important center of trade between the East and the West, and art and culture blossomed as well, leaving a legacy of amazing artistic and architectural treasures.

### Try it:

- ✦ Take a ride on a gondola
- ✦ Explore the bridges, piazzas, and canals
- ✦ Visit St. Mark's Basilica and San Marco
- ✦ Celebrate Carnevale with a Venetian mask
- ✦ Take a boat out to nearby islands Burano and Murano
- ✦ View international artwork at the Venice Biennale

TIPS:  
Learn some Italian. The Italians you meet will be pleased that you've at least tried to fit in to their culture



# Semester Options

Lorenzo de' Medici - The Italian International Institute (LdM), in affiliation with Istituto Venezia, offers students an opportunity to study abroad in Venice in an historic setting in the city center's Campo Santa Margherita. Whether students traverse the narrow streets on foot or the canals via vaporetto, they are certain to be enraptured by the atmosphere that is uniquely Venice.

TIP:  
Get off the Beaten Track. The farther you get away from large towns and cities, the more "pure" your Italian experience will be.

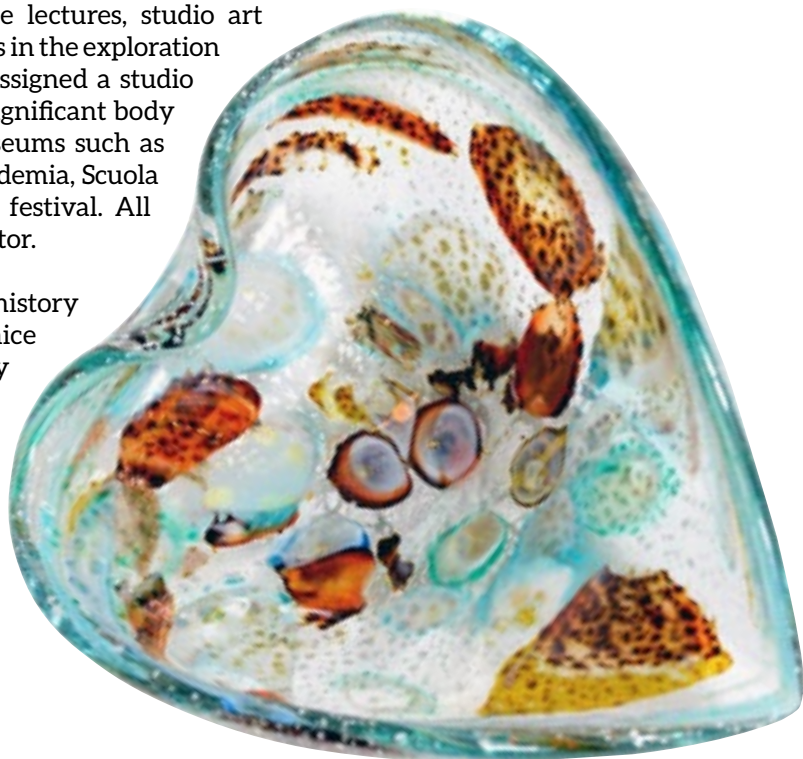
## Summer Programs

### VENICE BIENNALE SUMMER PROGRAM (6 CREDITS)

The Venice Biennale is the world's oldest and most prestigious art exposition. This program gives students the opportunity to explore the work of global contemporary artists featured at the Biennale sites and museums.

This program consists of a combination of on-site lectures, studio art workshops, and critiques designed to engage students in the exploration of contemporary art and culture. Each student is assigned a studio space. Students have the opportunity to develop a significant body of studio work, while experiencing Venice; its museums such as the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Gallerie dell'Accademia, Scuola San Rocco, Punta della Dogana, and the Biennale festival. All lectures will be in English or with an English translator.

This intensive 4-week combined studio/art history program, meets 5 days per week, and focus on the Venice Biennale, opening in June. Through close proximity and exposure to the national pavilions in the Giardini and elsewhere, as well as the Aperto and ancillary project spaces, students are immersed in the wide range of work that global contemporary artists are creating. Studio production is informed by not only the day-to-day experience of visiting the Biennale sites and museums, but also through an understanding of the history of the Biennale.



# TUSCANY

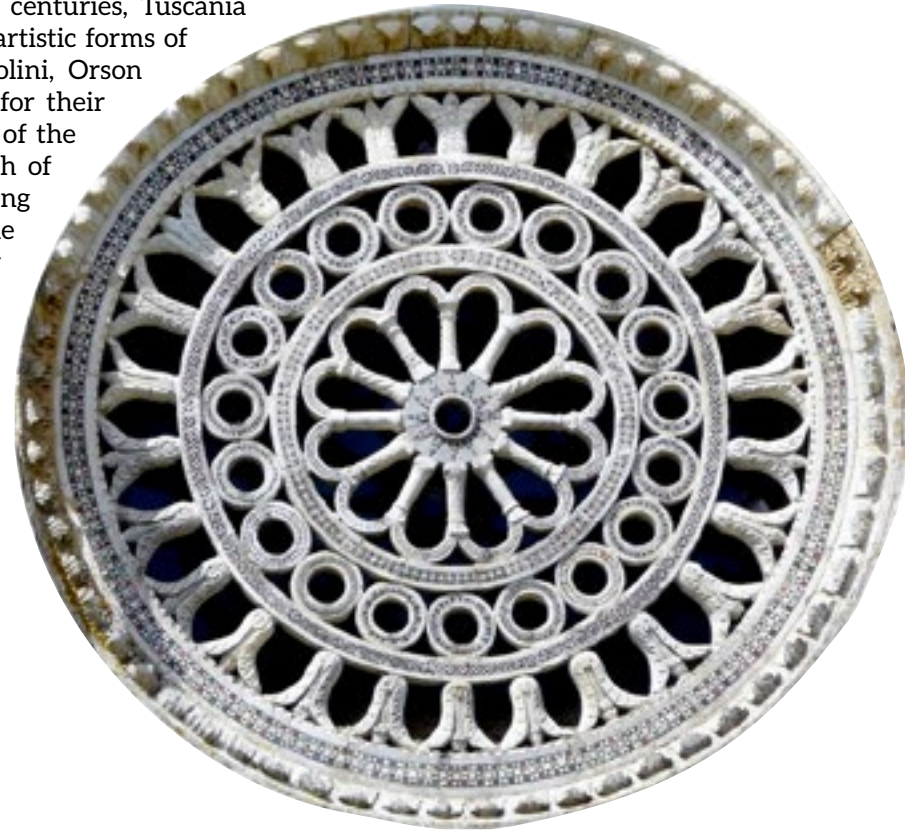
Hillside city untouched by time





## Things to Do in the City

As a place that has inspired famous artists for centuries, Tuscania has developed a reputation as a center for new artistic forms of expression; filmmakers such as Pier Paolo Pasolini, Orson Welles and Franco Zeffirelli have all chosen it for their films. This hilltop town is located on the border of the Tuscany and Lazio regions of central Italy, south of Florence and not far from Rome, in the breathtaking countryside of the southern Maremma. The surrounding countryside forms part of a nationally protected nature reserve and has one of the richest collections of archaeological remains in Italy. The location of LdM Tuscania is convenient for day trips to the beach, volcanic lakes and hot springs, as well as for visits to the nearby towns of Viterbo and Tarquinia, Rome, Florence, Siena, Pisa and Assisi.



**TIP:**  
Most attractions and museums in Italy cost around \$15-20 to enter. Wine tours will cost around \$65-80.

### Try it:

- ✦ Try local specialties lombrichelli and panzanella
- ✦ Study within medieval town walls
- ✦ Explore Etruscan necropoli and archaeological excavations
- ✦ Take a walk to the Mediterranean sea
- ✦ Admire the beauty of the San Pietro and Santa Maria Maggiore churches
- ✦ Visit the Cattedrale di San Giacomo

## Semester Options

API students have the opportunity to study abroad in Tuscania at Lorenzo de' Medici - The Italian International Institute in Tuscania (LdM). Lorenzo de' Medici opened in Tuscania in 2004, an ideal city and place to inspire the creative, intellectual and personal development of each student. The school is situated in the old town center within the stone medieval walls.

"Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."

Jack Kerouac

### Year/Semester Programs

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### Summer Programs

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#### TWO ELECTIVE PROGRAM (6 CREDITS)

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# Things to Do in the Cities

The 3 Cities program is the perfect option for the student who wants to experience as much of Italy as possible in one semester while discovering the roots of Western civilization and culture as it evolved through the great empires of antiquity.

This semester-long study abroad experience allows students to retrace the steps of Greek, Etruscan, Roman, Medieval and Renaissance cultures by living and studying in three cities that embody these civilizations in all their richness and splendor: Tuscania, Rome and either Florence or Venice.

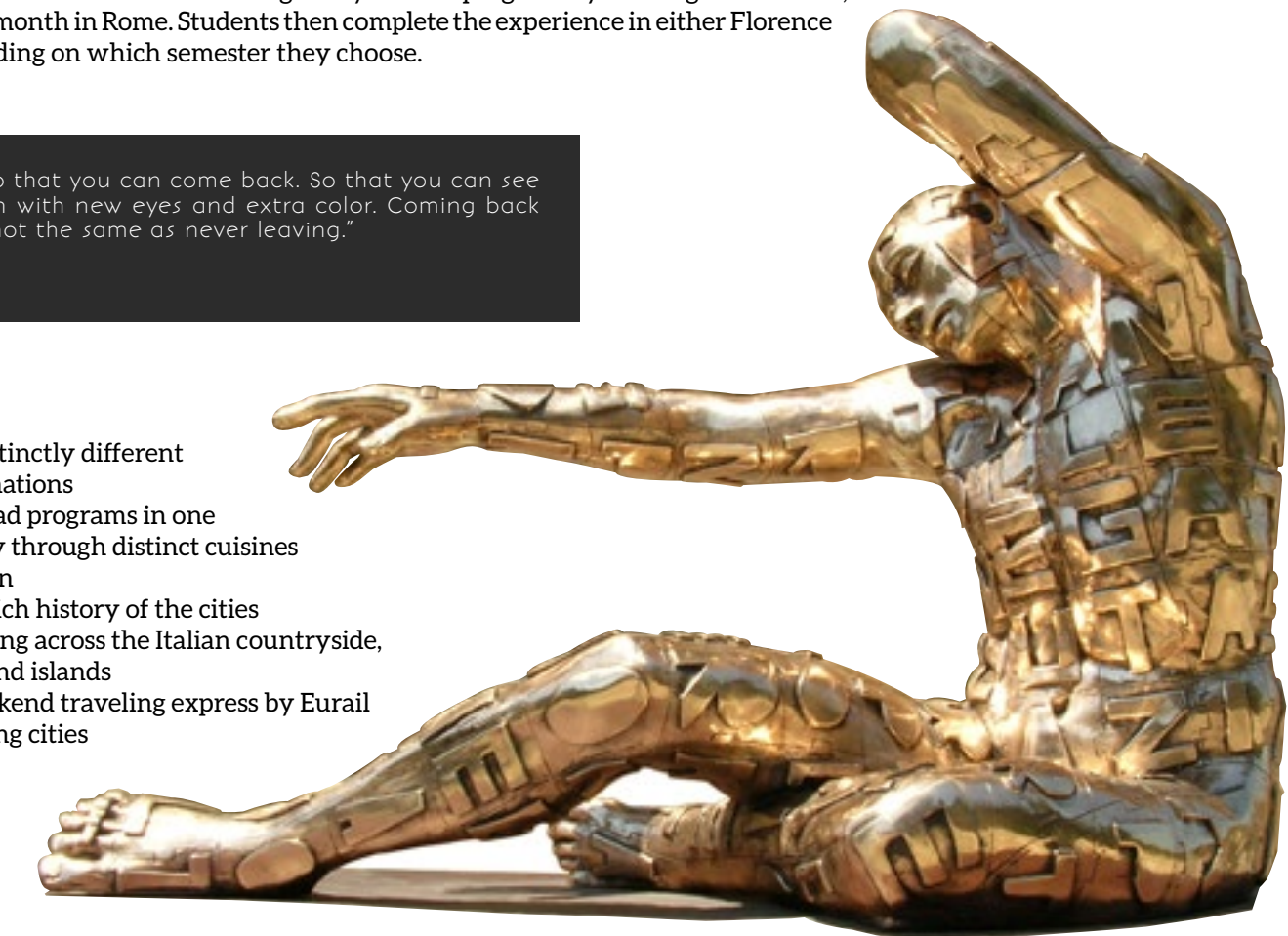
Students spend one month on a traveling study abroad program by starting in Tuscania, followed by one month in Rome. Students then complete the experience in either Florence or Venice depending on which semester they choose.

"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra color. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."

Terry Pratchett

## Try it:

- ✦ Explore 3 distinctly different Italian destinations
- ✦ 3 study abroad programs in one
- ✦ Eat your way through distinct cuisines of each region
- ✦ Take in the rich history of the cities
- ✦ Enjoy traveling across the Italian countryside, metropolis and islands
- ✦ Spend a weekend traveling express by Eurail to neighboring cities



Variety in Experience

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# Semester Options

Students spend one month on a traveling study abroad program by starting in Tuscany, followed by one month in Rome. Students then complete the experience in either Florence or Venice depending on which semester they choose. Students complete a structured and integrated program of five 3-credit courses.

## Year/Semester Programs

3 CITIES SEMESTER PROGRAM (15 CREDITS)

### TUSCANIA

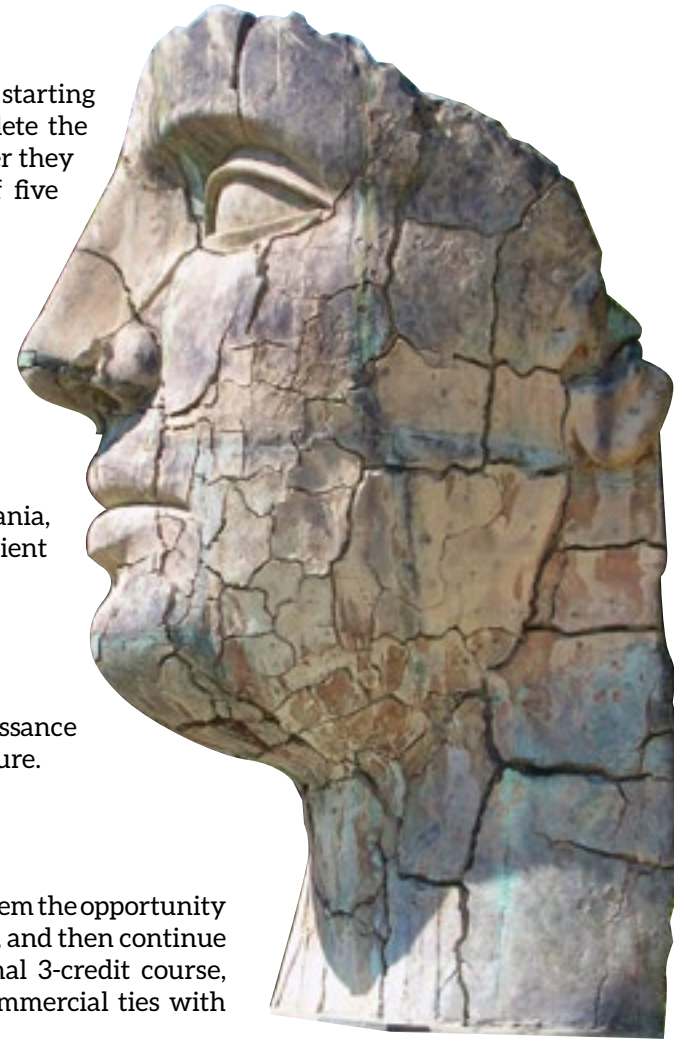
There are two mandatory 3-credit courses in the first center, Tuscany, including an Italian language course and an introduction to the ancient civilizations of the Greeks, Etruscans and Romans.

### ROME

Students take one 3-credit course on the Medieval and Renaissance Transitions and a second 3-credit course in Italian Language and Culture.

### FLORENCE OR VENICE

Students in Florence choose one additional 3-credit course that gives them the opportunity to explore a late Renaissance figure and his/her links with modernity, and then continue with language instruction. Students in Venice choose one additional 3-credit course, Venice and the East, which explores the city's rich cultural and commercial ties with Asia, and then continue with language instruction.



# Make a Getaway

In addition to staying in program cities, each semester students have the opportunity to broaden their experience through several organized excursions, which are included in the price of the program. All accommodations are included.

### CINQUE TERRE

The Cinque Terre, five villages hidden in little coastal inlets and clinging to the rocks overhanging the sea, are located near of the Ligure Riviera. Monterosso, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore form the heart of the National Park.

### PADOVA

Padova claims to be one of the oldest cities in northern Italy. It offers a dense network of arcaded streets opening into large communal piazzas, and many bridges crossing the various branches of the Bacchiglione, which once surrounded the ancient walls. Padua is the setting for most of the action in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

### VERONA

Verona was home to most famous lovers in history: Romeo and Juliet (visitors can still find their famous balcony here). Today's Verona has much more to offer than just references to Shakespeare, including the Roman Amphitheater, the market at Piazza delle Erbe, and the medieval streets by the Adige river.

### POMPEII

Pompeii is one of the most significant proofs of Roman civilization and provides outstanding information on the art, customs, trades and everyday life of the past.

### SORRENTO

Sorrento is a resort town set atop rocky, picturesque cliffs along the Amalfi Coast. South of Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast is dotted with numerous beach towns that offer great shopping and dining, as well as breathtaking views of the sea.





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