UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Art & Architecture Study Tour of



May 12 – 22, 2019

Directed by Laura Gleissner, Assistant Professor of Art







May 2019

Sunday, May 12 Departure from Cedar Rapids

The day of departure has arrived! We'll meet at the airport in Cedar Rapids to check in for our flights to Italy. (D-in flight)



Monday, May 13 Rome

Buongiorno, and welcome to Italy! We'll touch down in Rome and make our own way to Hotel Gioberti, where we'll check in for a two-night stay and drop off our luggage. We'll then see the *Ecstasy* of *St. Theresa* at Santa Maria della Vittoria, as well as the Pantheon. (B-in flight)

Tuesday, May 14 Rome

After a good night's sleep and breakfast, we're ready to do some exploring. We'll start the day by visiting the Coliseum (Colosseum). This amphitheater was inaugurated in 72 A.D. and given the name Colosseo, in reference to the colossal statue of Nero that once stood nearby. We'll then visit the Roman Forum, located in a valley between Palatine Hill and Capitoline Hill. It was originally a marsh, but the Romans drained the area and turned it into a center of political and social activity. The Forum was the marketplace of Rome

as well as the business district and civic center, and it was expanded to include temples, a senate house, and law courts. The rest of the afternoon will be free to explore Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps. (B)

Wednesday, May 15 Rome > Vatican City > Rome > Florence

We'll check out of the hotel and store our luggage while we visit Vatican City, the small but powerful independent state ruled by the Pope. Here we'll visit the Vatican Museums, filled with treasures that are almost incomprehensible. The highlight of our visit will be the Sistine Chapel, whose splendid—and splendidly restored—vault was painted by Michelangelo and illustrates Creation, the Flood, and the Last Judgment. After time for lunch in the museum's cafeteria, we'll explore St. Peter's Basilica and St. Peter's Square, including a climb to the top of the cupola of St. Peter's

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Basilica if time allows. We'll then return to the hotel to pick up our luggage and transfer independently to the train station, where we'll board the train to Florence. Upon arrival in Florence, we'll make our own way to Hotel Eden to check in for a four-night stay. We will have the Firenzecard+ for our time in Florence, the city's comprehensive museum pass that provides access to both permanent collections and temporary exhibits, as well as access to public transportation. (B)

Thursday, May 16 Florence

Our discovery of Florence begins with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia, where Michelangelo's famous *David* is housed. Then we'll continue to the Cathedral of Maria del Fiore (Duomo), including a trip up many flights of stairs to the top of the dome, as well as the Baptistery. Afterward, we'll walk to the Piazza della Signoria to see the replica of *David* and many other magnificent statues located in this city square. (B)

Friday, May 17 Florence

This morning we'll visit the Uffizi Gallery, one of the finest art museums in the world that traces the evolution of Italian art through the Renaissance. It was built from 1560-1580 and used to display the Medici family art treasures, creating what is now the oldest gallery in the world. In the late afternoon, an excursion to a Tuscan farmhouse awaits us, where an Italian chef will show us how to make delicious wood-fired pizza and homemade gelato! (B, D)

Saturday, May 18 Florence

The Pitti Palace and the Boboli Gardens await us today. This palace was built to the plans of Brunelleschi for the Pitti family in 1458 and bought by the Medici family in 1549, at which time terraced gardens were added behind the palace. The gardens contain a collection of sculptures in ancient and Renaissance style, and we'll enjoy a wonderful view of Florence and the surrounding countryside. (B)





Sunday, May 19 Florence > Venice

This morning we'll make our way to the train station in Florence and board the direct train to Venice, which takes about two hours. This remarkable city is built on 117 islands, laced with 150 canals, and connected by 400 bridges. Upon arrival in Venice, we'll make our way to Hotel Abbazia to check in for a two-night stay and drop off our luggage. Then we'll proceed to St. Mark's Square, where we'll visit the Basilica San Marco including the Tesoro and Pala d'Oro, climb the bell tower, and view the Doge's Palace from the exterior. (B)

- ① Ecstasy of St. Teresa, Rome courtesy Livioandronico2013
- ② Pantheon, Rome
- ③ Uffizi Gallery, Florence
- The Birth of Venus, Uffizi Gallery, Florence
- S Piazza Navona, Rome
- Doumo, Florence
- Cover: Venice







Monday, May 20 Venice

We'll have the entire day free to explore Venice. (B)

Tuesday, May 21 Venice

Today we'll have tickets to visit the exhibits of the La Biennale di Venezia, the international art exhibition that was first organized in 1895 and quickly became one of the world's most important art exhibitions. It is known for new trends in art as well as for presenting works and artists from every period with a new perspective. (B)

Wednesday, May 22 Return to Cedar Rapids

After breakfast, we'll transfer to Venice's Marco Polo Airport to check in for our flights back to Cedar Rapids. (B, L-in flight)

- 1) Basilica of San Marco, Venice
- ② Doge's Palace, Venice
- ② Support by Lorenzo Quinn, Venice Biennale 2017



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Payment of \$1,250 per person by January 10

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REGISTRATION FORM UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY ART & ARCHITECTURE STUDY TOUR OF ITALY

May 12 – 22, 2019

From Cedar Rapids, based on multiple occupancy

For office use only



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Passenger Details PRINT CLEARLY

First name Middle 🗆 I do not have a middle name Last	Preferred First Name
Male Female Birthdate mm/ dd/ yyyy Citizenship: U.S. Other	
Known Traveler Number (if you have one)	
【 Home 【 Work 【 Cell	
Billing e-mail	
School e-mail	
Passport Status: Current I do not have a passport My passport has	expired. I am renewing.
LEGAL NAME ON PASSPORT	
ISSUING AUTHORITY	
PASSPORT NUMBER	
ISSUE DATEEXPIRATION DATE (MM / DD / YY) (MM / DD / YY)	
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PASSPORTS must be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return. See "Documentation" in the <i>Terms and Conditions</i> for more information.	
Dietary Needs:	
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Food allergies:	
Mobility concerns: (walker, wheelchair, etc)	
Medical	
Mailing Address	
Home Street Address	
CityState	Zip
During school year	
Street Address	
CityState	Zip
Mail should be directed to the school address from mm/ dd/ yyyy to mm/ dd/ yyyy	
Emergency Contact	
NOT TRAVELING WITH YOU	Phone ()

Accommodations

Based on two persons sharing a room in Rome and Venice, and on four persons sharing a room in Florence.

Quad occupancy. Roommate preference:

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If you do not specify a roommate, you will be assigned one. Final roommate assignments are made at the discretion of your group leader.

Single occupancy (+ \$520 per person)

Double occupancy at all hotels (+ \$120 per person)

Optional Travel Protection

The per person premium for this trave	el protection is \$153'	for multiple occupancy
and \$174* for single occupancy.		

- □ I/we wish to purchase the travel protection at this time. Full payment of the plan cost is included with my deposit. I/we have read and understand the exclusions and limitations listed in the Policy.
- □ I/we wish to decline the travel protection at this time. I/we understand that travel protection can be purchased later, as long as it is done prior to making final payment on the tour.

*It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan for participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. This could increase the plan cost.

The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. To view/download the Policy based on your state of residence at: http://policy.travelexinsurance.com/335S-1217.Travel Insurance is underwritten by, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company (formerly known as Stonewall Insurance Company), 1314 Douglas Street, Suite 1400, Omaha, NE 68102. 100

Travel Protection Information:

- You can enroll in this plan when you register for the tour or at any time prior to making final payment on the tour.
- If plan is purchased within 15 days of initial trip deposit, pre-existing medical conditions are waived when full trip cost is insured and traveler is medically able to travel at the time of plan purchase.
- The travel protection premium is nonrefundable after the 10 day review period, provided you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.
- For more information and an outline of the included benefits, see "Optional travel protection" in the Terms and Conditions of your tour brochure.
- Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Please visit www.travelexinsurance.com/company/fraud-warning to view the state specific fraud warnings or call 844.858.9910.

Special Arrangements

Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply.

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Domestic Flight Connections from_

Special Air Arrangements: To spend additional time abroad, I/we would like to depart on ______ and return on ______. To request special land arrangements (car rentals, hotels, rail, etc.), include a note and we'll contact you.

Signature

I have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the tour brochure. I/we acknowledge receipt of information about Witte's Travel Protection Plan as well as the Price Increase Rules.

Signature of participant ____

Date

Registration and deposits are due by November 1

Return this form to: Laura Gleissner Assistant Professor of Art Upper Iowa University

Enclose your deposit of \$500 per person made payable to Upper Iowa University. If you are purchasing Optional Travel Protection, add the full plan cost to your deposit.