

WESLEY COLLEGE ART STUDY TOUR TO ITALY, 1997

PROPOSED ITINERARY

DAY	TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS	O/NIGHT
1	Melbourne - Rome	Transit
2	Arrive Rome	Rome
3	Pompeii (Day trip)	Rome
4	Rome - Siena (via Sant' Antimo)	Siena
5	Volterra and San Gimignano (Day trip)	Siena
6	Siena - Florence (via Castellina)	Florence
7	Florence	Florence
8	Florence	Florence
9	Florence - Assisi (via Pienza and Montepulciano)	Assisi
10	Assisi	Assisi
11	Assisi - Urbino (via Gubbio)	Urbino
12	Urbino - Bologna (via Ravenna)	Bologna
13	Bologna	Bologna
14	Bologna	Bologna
15	Bologna - Venice (via Padua)	Venice
16	Venice	Venice
17	Venice	Venice
18	Venice - Bologna (via Vicenza)	Bologna
19	Bologna	Bologna
20	Bologna	Bologna
21	Bologna - Rome (via Bomarzo and Viterbo)	Rome
22	Rome	Rome
23	Depart Rome	Transit
24	Arrive Melbourne	

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The tour will commence in Rome, where the students will be introduced to the art and architecture of Roman Antiquity with visits to the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Capitoline Museums and the Forum. A tour to the Ancient city of Pompeii will occupy the second day and present students with a glimpse of everyday life during the Roman Empire. On Day 3, the tour will travel north through Tuscany as far as Siena. En route we will stop at the beautiful abbey church of Sant'Antimo, one of the finest Romanesque buildings in the region. Siena is an ideal place to gain an understanding of life in a Medieval city, and its Cathedral is a fine example of Gothic architecture. Siena will also provide students with an introduction to the other worldly charms of Sieneese painting and its great master, Duccio. On Day 5, the students will visit the fortified Medieval hill town of Volterra, with its strong Etruscan heritage and well preserved Roman amphitheatre. A detour on the return journey to Siena will take us to the picturesque hill town of San Gimignano, with its distinctive Medieval towers. Here there will be extended time for sketching and photography.

The following morning will see the tour move further north to Florence, travelling through the famous wine making region of Chianti. The students will spend the next two days in Florence surveying the art and architecture of the Early Renaissance. Special attention will be paid to the architectural work of Brunelleschi, the sculpture of Donatello and Michelangelo, and the painting of Masaccio and Fra Angelico. On Day 9, the tour will leave Florence and travel south to view two gems of Renaissance idealism - the town centre of Pienza, and the church of Madonna di San Biagio at Montepulciano. Then we will travel east into Umbria until reaching the delightful hill town of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. The morning of Day 10 will include visits to the Basilica di San Francesco, to study the fresco cycle by Giotto, and to St. Francis' forest hermitage. The afternoon will be set aside for the students to explore their own visual responses to this magical place.

The next stage of the journey will take us north into the Umbrian hills as we wind our way into the region of the Marches and our next destination, Urbino. En route we will visit the tough Medieval town of Gubbio, and then pass through some stunningly beautiful valleys as we approach the splendid hill town that was home to one of the most enlightened courts of the Renaissance. The following day the students will travel east to the coastal resort town of Pesaro, then the tour will move north into the Emilia-Romagna region. After a break at Ravenna, where we will view the impressive Byzantine mosaics in San Vitale, we will head inland again towards the major centre of Bologna. At Bologna we will be met by students from the local "Liceo Artistico", with whom we will stay for the next three nights. During our time in Bologna the students will attend some classes at the school, but will have ample free time to experience life in a thriving Italian city.

On Day 15, we will leave Bologna and travel north towards the mighty Po River and the Veneto region. Our first stop will be at Padua, where we will inspect the Arena Chapel and its marvellous cycle of frescos by Giotto, but our major objective will be Venice. During our sojourn in this unique city the students will become acquainted with its fascinating history, and be introduced to the characteristic art and architecture of the Venetian Renaissance. The tour will also include a boat trip to the historic islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello. Opportunities will of course be provided for students to record their impressions of this most inspiring of cities!

On Day 18 we will depart Venice for Vicenza, stopping to view several of the Villas designed by the influential 17th Century architect, Palladio. In Vicenza we will also visit his wonderful Teatro Olimpico. From here the tour will return to Bologna for three further nights in the homes of the local students and their families. The final stage of the journey will involve a return to Rome to enjoy the splendours of the Baroque period, but a detour en route will allow the students to visit two of the most distinctive Italian gardens near the town of Viterbo. Day 22 will be spent in Rome visiting St. Peter's, the Vatican museum and several other Baroque landmarks. The following day we fly out of Rome and back to reality!



DAY	TRAVEL DETAILS	DEP.	ARR.	DIST	ACTIVITIES	MEALS	COST	ACCOMMODATION
MON 31	QANTAS QF15 MELBOURNE → BANGKOK BANGKOK →	5.30am	12.30am		TRANSIT			TRANSIT
TUE 1	→ ROME TRANSFER TO HOTEL		7.15		TRANSFER TO HOTEL WALK TO COLOSSEUM + FORUM (OPTION: WALK TO PANTHEON, CAPOLINE MUSEUMS, TRAJAN'S COLUMN + SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE) (REST) EVENING WALK TO TRIVIFONTANA PIAZZA DI SARNA		10,000 10,000	ROME HOTEL DINIA VIA PRINCIPE AMEDEO 62 (06) 4740694
WED 2	ROME → NAPLES (A1) NAPLES → POMPEII (18) POMPEII → SORRENTO (145) SORRENTO → ROME VIA ?	7.30		219 25 32 270	TRAVEL TO NAPLES. VISIT MUSEO ARCH. TRAVEL TO POMPEII. VISIT ARCH. SITE DRIVE TO SORRENTO RETURN TO ROME		9,000 10,000	ROME " "
THUR 3	ROME → ORVIETO (A1) ORVIETO → ACQUAFEDENTE → SAN ANTIMO (11, 74, 2) SAN ANTIMO → MONTALCINO → SIENA (2)	8.00	11.30	100	TRANSFER TO SIENA VIA ORVIETO + MONTALCINO VISIT ABBEY OF SAN ANTIMO POSSIBLE VISIT TO ABBEY OF MONTE OLIVETO ARRIVE SIENA EXPLORE SIENA. VISIT DUOMO + PALAZZO PUBBLICO		6,000	SIENA HOTEL VICO ALTO VIA DELLE REGIONI 26 (0577) 48571
FRI 4	SIENA + MONTEPULCIANO (2) → ASSADIA ISOLA → SAN GIMIGNANO (8) → VOLTERRA → SIENA	9.30	11.00	11. 2 22	DAY TRIP TO SAN GIMIGNANO VIA MONTEPULCIANO + ABBADIA ISOLA EXPLORE SAN GIMIGNANO - VISIT ROCCA, TORRE GROSSA + SAN AGOSTINO WALK TO PIEVE DI CELLOLE FOR SKETCHING. RETURN TO SIENA VIA VOLTERRA FREE EVENING IN SIENA			SIENA " "
SAT 5	SIENA → MONTAPERTI → BROLIO → RABDA → GREVE → FLORENCE	10.30		15 20 20 20 30	VISIT MORNINA MARKET IN SIENA TRAVEL TO FLORENCE VIA CHIANTI COUNTRY VISIT MONTAPERTI + CASTELLO DI BROLIO CONTINUE JOURNEY VIA MELETO CASTLE, RABDA + GREVE ARRIVE FLORENCE. VISIT DUOMO + BAPTISTRY DRIVE TO PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO + SAN MINIATO AL MONTE		4,000 5,000	FLORENCE HOTEL GENESIO VIA XXIII APRILE 9 (055) 496208
SUN 6	FLORENCE	9.00			VISIT CONVENT OF SAN MARCO, ACADEMIA + BARGELLO SKETCHING IN BOBOLI GARDENS (OPTIONAL: SANTA CROCE, PIAZZI CHAPEL, S.MARIA MADDALENA, BATTI PIAZZI) FREE EVENING IN FLORENCE		8,000 12,000 8,000 4,000 3,000	FLORENCE " "

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MON 7	FLORENCE	9.00			AM. VISIT S. MARIA NOVELLA + SAN LORENZO (OPTION: PALAZZO MEDICI-RICCARDI) (SHOPS) PALAZZO RUCELLAI P.M. BRANCACCI CHAPEL, SANTO SPIRITO, SANTA FELICITA		6,000 8,000 5,000	FLORENCE " "
TUE 8	FLORENCE → SIENA (2) SIENA - S. QUIRICO (2) → PIENZA (146) → MONTEPULCIANO → CHIUSI → MAGIONE (599) → ASSISI (75)	8.30 1.00	3.30	68 45 10 12 25 32 40	VISIT UFFIZI GALLERY TRAVEL TO ASSISI VIA PIENZA, MONTICHIELLO + MONTEPULCIANO VISIT PALAZZO PICCOLLOMANI IN PIENZA, + SAN BIAGIO NEAR MONTEPULCIANO ARRIVE ASSISI		3,500	ASSISI HOTEL CENACOLO FRANCESCO ANO, VIALE PATRINO D'ITALIA 70 SANTA MARIA DELLA ANGELI (075) 8041083
WED 9	ASSISI	9.00			VISIT SAN FRANCESCO EXPLORE ASSISI - VISIT ROCCA, SANTA CHIARA SAN DAMIANO VISIT EREMO DELLE CARCERI FOR SKETCHING (OPTION: BUSH WALK)		3,000	ASSISI " "
THUR 10	ASSISI → GUBBIO (75/298) GUBBIO → URBINO (298/3) (VIA SCHEGGIA)	9.00	10.30	50	TRAVEL TO URBINO VIA GUBBIO EXPLORE GUBBIO - VISIT PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA, DUOMO, PALAZZO DUCALE TAKE FUNICULAR TO BASILICA DI SANT'UCCO + ROCCA ARRIVE URBINO - VISIT CASA RAFFAELLO FATEZZA		6,000	URBINO HOTEL LA MERIDIANA VIA CALBIANCONI 154/A (0722) 320169
FRI 11	URBINO → PESARO (423) → RIMINI (A14) → RAVENNA (16) → BOLOGNA (A14)	8.30 11.00	2.00	35 35 51 76	VISIT DUCALE PALACE TRAVEL TO BOLOGNA VIA RAVENNA VISIT SAN APOLLINARE IN CLASSE, + SAN VITALE IN RAVENNA ARRIVE BOLOGNA - MEET STUDENTS OF ACCADEMIA STATALE		5,000	BOLOGNA HOMESTAY (LICED ARTISTICO STATALE VIA TOLMANO, 7 41 0440
SAT 12	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA HOMESTAY
SUN 13	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA HOMESTAY



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MON 14	BOLOGNA → PADUA (A13) PADUA → VENICE (70)	8.00		116	TRAVEL TO VENICE VIA PADUA VISIT ARENA CHITTELINI PADUA ARRIVE VENICE. VISIT SAN MARCO, PALAZZO DUCALE. EXPLORE SAN MARCO + CASTELLO DISTRICTS. VISIT S. ZACCARIA, PIETA + S. GIOVANNI ET PAOLO NIGHT TOUR OF GRAND CANAL		10,000 10,000	VENICE HOTEL CASA MESSNER DORSODURO 216/237 (041) 522 7443
TUE 15	VENICE	8.30 3.00			EXPLORE DORSODURO DISTRICT. VISIT S. MARCO, CA' REZZONICO + CAMPO SAN MARCO FREE TIME FOR SKETCHING (OR SHOPPING) VISIT SCUOLA DI SAN ROCCO + S. MARIA DEL FELARI FREE EVENING		10,000 8,000 1,000	VENICE " "
WED 16	VENICE	8.30			BOAT TRIP TO TORCELLO, MURANO + BURANO (OPTION: VISIT S. GIORGIO MAGGIORE, IL REDENTORE + PEGGY GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION)		2,000 10,000	VENICE " "
THUR 17	VENICE → PADUA (11) PADUA → VICENZA (E70) VICENZA → PADUA (11) → PRAGLIA (VIA JONIA VERDE RD) → VALSARZIBIO → MONTELUCE MONTELUCE → BOLOGNA (A13)	8.00		30 33 12 10 15 40	TRAVEL TO PADUA FOLLOWING BRENTA CANAL CONTINUE TO VICENZA. VISIT VILLA ROTONDA, VILLA VALMARANA + TEATRO OLIMPICO TRAVEL TO BOLOGNA VIA ABBADIA DI PRALLIA, VILLA BARONIO + ARCA PETRARCA + MONTELUCE ARRIVE BOLOGNA		5,000 8,000 5,000	BOLOGNA HOMESTAY
FRI 18	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA HOMESTAY
SAT 19	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA HOMESTAY
SUN 20	BOLOGNA → ORVIETO (A1) ORVIETO → VITERBO (71) X → BOMARZO → ATTIALIANO → ROME (A1)	8.00		300 48 12 7 85	TRAVEL TO ROME VIA ORVIETO + VITERBO VISIT VILLA LANTE + SACRO BOSCO AT BOMARZO ARRIVE ROME		10,000	ROME HOTEL XX SETTEMBRE VIA DEL MACAO 6 (06) 445 7281

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MON 21	ROME	8.30			VISIT ST. PETERS + VATICAN MUSEUMS CAMPO DI FIORI, PIAZZA NAZIONALE, TREVI FAN + PIAZZA DI SPAGNA RELAX IN BORGHESE GARDENS (OPTION: S. MARIA DELLA VITTORIA, S. ANDREA, S. IGNAZIO DI LOYOLA, SAN LUDOVICO DEL FRANCESE, S. ANDREA D. VANCE, IL GESU) FREE EVENING		13,000	ROME " "
TUE 22	TRANSFER TO AIRPORT QANTAS QF 16 ROME	11.30 2.55 AM			PACK UP. LAST MINUTE SHOPPING			TRANSIT
WED 23	→ BANGKOK BANGKOK → MELBOURNE		6.45 AM 7.55 AM 7.25 AM		TRANSIT			