

WESLEY COLLEGE CULTURAL TOUR TO ITALY, 2002

PROPOSED ITINERARY

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 half day tour to Tivoli is also planned to view the Emperor Hadrian's luxurious Villa. Many sites are closed on Easter Monday, so we will save Baroque Rome for our return and head off instead towards Siena. Travelling north through Tuscany we will stop en route at Orvieto and 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 marvellous example of Gothic architecture. Siena will also provide students with an introduction to the other worldly charms of Sienese painting and the work of the Lorenzetti brothers.

On Day 5, the students will visit the picturesque hill town of San Gimignano, with its distinctive towers and the fortified Medieval hill town of Volterra, with its strong Etruscan heritage and well preserved Roman amphitheatre. At San Gimignano there will be extended time for sketching and photography. A day trip through eastern Tuscany will take us initially to the Abbey of Monte Oliveto to view a fresco cycle on the life of St. Benedict. There will then be an opportunity to take a walk through the Tuscan countryside as we head towards one of the gems of Renaissance idealism, the town of Pienza. From here we will make our way towards the charming hill town of Montepulciano before returning to Siena for the night.

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 three 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 11, the tour will leave Florence and travel south to Arezzo to view a recently restored fresco cycle by the Renaissance master, Piero della Francesca. Then we will travel east into Umbria until we reach the delightful hill town of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. The morning of Day 12 will include a visit to the Basilica di San Francesco, to study the fresco cycle by Giotto. After lunch, we will climb above the town to St. Francis' forest hermitage, where the students can catch their breath and reflect on the beauty of this magical place. The following day we will take a tour through the Umbrian countryside visiting the picturesque towns of Spello, Montefalco and Trevi.

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 take a walking tour of the historic *centro* and will have ample free time to experience life in this thriving University city. On Day 18 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 wonderful 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 21 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 and three further nights in the homes of the local students and their families. The final stage of the journey will take us south towards Rome, but en route we will stop overnight at the historic town of Viterbo. Whilst in this region of Lazio, we will visit two of the most distinctive examples of the Italian Renaissance garden. On Day 25 we will return to Rome for the final few days of the tour. Whilst in the Eternal City, we will explore Baroque Rome, visiting the Vatican and the Museo Borghese. We will also return to Tivoli to visit the Villa d'Este with its extraordinary gardens. Whilst in Rome there will of course be time to complete the all important last minute shopping and sightseeing. Early in the afternoon of Day 28 we will fly out of Italy and return to reality!

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DAY	TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS	O/NIGHT
1	FRI MARCH 29 Depart Melbourne	Transit
2	SAT 30/3 Arrive Rome	Rome
3	SUN 31/3 Rome / Tivoli (Half Day trip)	Rome
4	MON APRIL 1 Rome - Siena (via Sant' Antimo)	Siena
5	TUE 2/4 Siena / San Gimignano (Half Day trip)	Siena
6	WED 3/4 Day trip to Monte Oliveto and Montepulciano	Siena
7	THUR 4/4 Siena - Florence (via Castello di Brolio)	Florence
8	FRI 5/4 Florence	Florence
9	SAT 6/4 Florence	Florence
10	SUN 7/4 Florence	Florence
11	MON 8/4 Florence - Assisi (via Arezzo)	Assisi
12	TUE 9/4 Assisi	Assisi
13	WED 10/4 Day trip to Spello, Montefalco and Trevi	Assisi
14	THUR 11/4 Assisi to Urbino (via Gubbio)	Urbino
15	FRI 12/4 Urbino - Bologna (via Ravenna)	Bologna
16	SAT 13/4 Bologna	Bologna
17	SUN 14/4 Bologna	Bologna
18	MON 15/4 Bologna - Venice (via Padua)	Venice
19	TUE 16/4 Venice	Venice
20	WED 17/4 Venice	Venice
21	THUR 18/4 Venice - Bologna (via Vicenza)	Bologna
22	FRI 19/4 Bologna	Bologna
23	SAT 20/4 Bologna	Bologna
24	SUN 21/4 Bologna - Viterbo	Viterbo
25	MON 22/4 Viterbo - Rome	Rome
26	TUE 23/4 Rome	Rome
27	WED 24/4 Rome	Rome
28	THUR 25/4 Depart Rome	Transit
29	FRI 26/4 Arrive Melbourne	

DAY	TRAVEL DETAILS	DEP.	ARR.	DIST	ACTIVITIES	COST	OPTIONAL COSTS	ACCOMMODATION
							EVENING MEALS	
FRI 29	DEPART MELBOURNE SQ 228 ARRIVE SINGAPORE DEPART SINGAPORE SQ 840	17.20	21.45		TRANSIT	IN LIRE (EURO)		TOUR OPERATOR VALPARAISO VIAGGI VIA DONI 34/F 50144 FLORENCE 055/3215764 BARBARA CHOLLINI 339 2613698
SAT 30	→ ROME	10.30	7.35		TRANSFER TO HOTEL WALK TO COLOSSEUM + FORUM REST AT HOTEL EVENING WALK TO TREVI FOUNTAIN	FREE		ROME HOTEL MANZONI VIA BALILLA 1 06 70451626
SUN 31	ROME → TIVOLI (A24) TIVOLI → ROME	9.00 1.30 4.00	10.00 2.30	40 40	TRAVEL TO TIVOLI VISIT VILLA ADRIANA RETURN TO ROME / FREE TIME BUS TO AVENEZIA / WALK TO ST. PETERS DINNER IN TRASTEVERE (8.30)	8,000		ROME P.P. MEAL 'L'ANTICO MORO' VIA DEL MORO 61/62 TRASTEVERE PIAZZA TRUSSARDI
MON 1	ROME → ORVIETO (A1) ORVIETO → CHIUSI → → SAINT ANTIMO (A1, 146, 323) S. ANTIMO → MONTEPULCIANO → SIENNA (A1)	8.30 12.00 4.30	10.30 2.00	100 100	TRAVEL TO SIENA VIA ORVIETO VISIT ORVIETO CATHEDRAL VISIT ABBEY OF SAINT ANTIMO ART TIME EXPLORE SIENA	3,000		SIENA HOTEL ITALIA VIALE CAVOUR 67 057 741177
TUE 2 *	SIENA → S. GIMIGNANO SANGIMIGNANO → VOLTERRA → COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA → SIENA	9.00 12.30 4.00 5.30	2.00 6.15 8.30 10.30	40 30 70	MORNING IN SIENA VISIT PALAZZO PUBBLICO AFTERNOON TRIP TO VOLTERRA + SAN GIMIGNANO EXPLORE VOLTERRA EXPLORE SAN GIMIGNANO RURAL WALK DINNER IN SAN GIMIGNANO	4,000		SIENA
WED 3	SIENA → MONTEPULCIANO (2, A51) (438, 431) MONTEPULCIANO → PISA PISA → MONTEPULCIANO MONTEPULCIANO → SIENA	9.00 11.30 12.30 5.30 9.30	10.00 12.00 4.00 6.00 11.00	40 30 12 75	DAY TRIP TO MT. OLIVETO, PIENZA + MONTEPULCIANO VISIT ABBAZIA DI MONTE OLIVETO TRAVEL TO BACINO VIGNONI WALK FROM BACINO VIGNONI TO PIENZA EXPLORE PIENZA, VISIT PALAZZO PICOLOMMINI TRAVEL TO MONTEPULCIANO, VISIT S. BIAGIO DINNER IN MONTEPULCIANO	5,000		SIENA
THUR 4	SIENA → CASTELLO DI BARDILIO BARDILIO → VILLA → GREVE → FLORENCE	9.00 12.00 4.30	12.45 6.00	25 65	VISIT TO SIENA CATHEDRAL OPTIONAL VISIT TO EMPLOYERY / FREE TIME TRAVEL TO FLORENCE VIA CHIANTI COUNTRY VISIT CASTELLO DI BARDILIO ART TIME EXPLORE FLORENCE	3,000 2,000		FLORENCE HOTEL ANDREA PIAZZA INDIPENDENZA 9 055 48 3890

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FRI 5	FLORENCE	9.30	4.45		VISIT DUOMO, BAPTISTERY + MUSEO DELL' OPERA DEL DUOMO FREE TIME FOR SHOPPING OR SIGHTSEEING OPTIONAL VISIT TO BARGELLO LATE AFTERNOON VISIT TO UFFIZI GALLERY ARRANGED DINNER (8.30)	10,000 (2.58) (5.55) 14,000 (9.55)	10,000 Dinner OPTIONAL GALLERY VISITS 8,000 SHOPPING?	FLORENCE P.P. MEAL 'IL CANTASTORE'
SAT 6	FLORENCE	8.30 3.30			VISIT SAN MARCO (9.00) ACCADEMIA (11.00) FREE TIME OPTIONAL VISIT TO MEDICI-RICCARDI PALACE VISIT SANTA CROCE + MAZZI CHAPEL WALK TO SAN MINIATO AL MONTE ARRANGED DINNER (8.00) ART TIME	8,000 (5.55) 12,000 (9.55)	6,000 5,000	FLORENCE P.P. MEAL 'IL CANTINONE' VIA SANTO SPIRITO 6/F 218-898
SUN 7	FLORENCE	10.00 1.30	4.00		FREE MORNING OPTIONAL VISITS TO S. MARIA NOVELLA + SAN LORENZO VISIT BRANCACCI CHAPEL + PALAZZO PITTI VISIT TO BOBOLI GARDENS. ART TIME FREE EVENING	5,000 4,000 (3.55)	(7.55) (7.55) 10,000 12,000* (8.05) EVENING MEAL	FLORENCE
MON 8	FLORENCE → AREZZO AREZZO → MONTECATINI → S. MARCO A CATINELLE	8.30 1.00 4.30	10.30 2.30 5.00 7.30	70 45 40 50	TRAVEL TO AREZZO, VISIT SAN FRANCESCO TRAVEL TO MONTECATINI + SANTEPOLCRO VISIT MUSEO CIMICO TRAVEL TO ASSISI VIA UMBERTINE ART TIME ARRANGED DINNER (8.30)	5,000 7,000		ASSISI HOTEL ANTONELLI VIA LOS ANGELES S. MARIA DEGLI ANGELI 075/8043690
TUE 9	ASSISI ASSISI → EREMO → ASSISI	9.00 2.00			VISIT SAN FRANCESCO EXPLORE ASSISI - VISIT ROCCA, S. CHIARA WALK TO EREMO DELLE CARCERI ON MOUNT SUBANO ART TIME ARRANGED DINNER (8.30)			P.P. MEAL 'IL MENESTRELLO' VIA S. GREGORIO 1/A 075/812334 P.P. MEAL 'FONTABELLA'
WED 10	ASSISI → SPELLO (VIA MT. SUBANO) → TREVISO → MONTEFALCO → BEVAGNA → SPELLO → ASSISI	9.00 12.00 3.30 9.30	10.00 7.30 10.00	20 20 15 8 30	TRAVEL TO SPELLO, VISIT SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE TRAVEL TO TREVISO. ART TIME TRAVEL TO MONTEFALCO, VISIT S. FRANCESCO DINNER IN SPELLO RETURN TO ASSISI		EVENING MEAL	ASSISI
THUR 11	ASSISI → GUBBIO (75, 318) GUBBIO → URBINO VIA FERRETTINO	9.30 2.30	11.00 4.00	50 70	TRAVEL TO URBINO VIA GUBBIO EXPLORE GUBBIO TAKE FERRICELLA TO BANCA DI SAN MARCO EXPLORE URBINO		SCENIC RAILWAY EVENING MEAL	URBINO HOTEL LA MERIDIANA VIA TRASPANNI 154/A 072/2320169

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FRI 12	URBINO → PESARO (412) → SAN MARINO → RAVENNA (11) → BOLOGNA (114)	8.30 11.30 2.00 6.00	9.00 1.00 3.30 7.30	35 35 51 76	VISIT PALAZZO DUCALE TRAVEL TO BOLOGNA VIA S. MARNO + RAVENNA VISIT SAN APOLLINARE IN CLASSE + SAN VITALE IN RAVENNA ARRIVE BOLOGNA - MEET STUDENTS OF ARTISTICO STATALE	9,000 5,000 5,000		BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)
SAT 13	BOLOGNA	9.00			WALKING TOUR OF BOLOGNA CENTRO GALLERY VISITS LUNCH AT OSTERIA WITH HOSTS VISIT TO SAN LUCCA FREE EVENING			BOLOGNA
SUN 14	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA
MON 15	BOLOGNA → PADUA (A13) PADUA → VENICE (70)	8.30 11.30	10.30 12.30	116 40	TRAVEL TO VENICE VIA PADUA VISIT ARENA CHAPEL IN PADUA ARRIVE VENICE. VISIT SAN MARCO, PALAZZO DUCALE. EXPLORE SAN MARCO + CASTELLO DISTRICTS. NIGHT TOUR OF GRAND CANAL?	19,000 14,000	GONDOLARIDE EVENING MEAL	VENICE HOTEL AIRONE SANTA CROCE 557 041/5204890
TUE 16	VENICE → MURANO → BURANO → TORCELLO RETURN	8.30 2.00	12.30		BOAT TRIP TO ISLANDS OF MURANO, BURANO + TORCELLO LUNCH IN CAMPO S. MARGHERITA EXPLORE SAN PAOLO DISTRICT. VISIT SCUOLA DI SAN ROCCO + S. MARIA DEI FERRARI OPTIONAL EVENING CONCERT	8,000 21,000	EVENING MEAL CONCERT?	VENICE
WED 17	VENICE	8.30 1.00			VISIT ACCADEMIA GALLERY (9.30) VISIT PEGGY GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION FREE AFTERNOON FOR EXPLORING SKETCHING OR OPTIONAL VISIT TO SAN GIORGIO MAGGIORE. OPTIONAL EVENING CONCERT	12,000 12,000	10,000 OPTIONAL VISIT GALLERY VISITS EVENING MEAL	VENICE
THUR 18	VENICE → STRA (11) STRA → VICENZA (11, E70, A9) VICENZA → BOLOGNA (A4, A13)	8.30 11.30 4.30	9.30 12.30 7.00	25 40 100	TRAVEL TO PADUA VIA BRENTA CANAL VISIT VILLA PISANI AT STRA CONTINUE TO VICENZA. VISIT TEVERO OLIMPICO LUNCH IN VICENZA DRIVE TO MONTE BERICO. WALK TO VILLA VALMARANA + VILLA ROTONDA TRAVEL TO BOLOGNA	5,000 8,000 5,000		BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)

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FRI 19	BOLOGNA	9.00			VISIT TO ARTISTS STUDIO + FOUNDRY FREE AFTERNOON			BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)
SAT 20	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES		SHOPPING?	BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)
SUN 21	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)
MON 22	BOLOGNA → ORTE → VITERBO VITERBO → BOMARZO → BAGNAREGIO	8.30 2.30 4.30	1.00 8.00	310 50 13/12 35 35	TRAVEL TO VITERBO VISIT SACRO BOSCO AT BOMARZO + CIVITA DI BAGNAREGIO ART TIME DINNER AT MONTEFINICONE	10,000 P.P. MEAL	"LA CARROZZA D'ORO" LUNGO LAGO M. FINICONE	VITERBO HOTEL BALLETTI PARK VIA UMBRA 2-2/A S. MARTINO AL CIMINO 0761/3771
TUE 23	VITERBO → CAPRAROLA → ROME	8.30 10.30 3.30	9.00 12.00	20 60	TRAVEL TO ROME VIA CAPRAROLA VISIT PALAZZO FARNESE FREE TIME WALKING TOUR OF CENTRAL ROME VISIT PANTHEON, BERGAMI + CAROLINGIAN SITES DINNER IN PIAZZA NAVONA	4,000		ROME HOTEL TEMPIO DI PALLADE VIA GOLIETTI 427 06/70452758
WED 24	ROME 910 BUS	8.30 1.30 4.30	5.00		BUS TO ST. PETERS FOR VISIT TO BASILICA + VATICAN MUSEUMS FREE TIME VISIT TO BORGHESE GALLERY + GARDENS DINNER IN BORGHESE AREA (8.00)	12,000 (7,000) 12,000 (4,500)		P.P. MEAL 'LA BAYA'
THUR 25	ROME → TIVOLI → ROME	9.00 12.30 7.30	10.00 1.30	40 40	TRAVEL TO TIVOLI VISIT VILLA D'ESTE ART TIME RETURN TO ROME FOR FREE AFTERNOON OPTIONAL CHURCH + GALLERY VISITS FINAL DINNER	8,000		ROME
FRI 26	TRANSFER TO AIRPORT SQ 337 ROME → SINGAPORE SQ 217	12.15	6.25		DEPART ROME FOR MELBOURNE VIA SINGAPORE			TRANSIT
SAT 27	→ SINGAPORE → MELBOURNE	9.55	19.05		TRANSIT			