

WESLEY COLLEGE CULTURAL TOUR OF ITALY 2004
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DAY	TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS		O/NIGHT
1	THUR MARCH 25	Depart MELBOURNE	Transit
2	FRI 26/3	Arrive ROME	Rome
3	SAT 27/3	ROME / TIVOLI (AM Half day tour)	Rome
4	SUN 28/3	ROME (Afternoon walk along Appian Way)	Rome
5	MON 29/3	ROME - SIENA (via ORVIETO, SANT' ANTIMO & MONTALCINO)	Siena
6	TUE 30/3	SIENA / SAN GIMIGNANO (PM Half day tour including rural walk)	Siena
7	WED 31/3	SIENA / PIENZA / MONTEPULCIANO (Day tour incl. rural walk)	Siena
8	THUR APRIL 1	SIENA - FLORENCE (PM departure via Chianti region)	Florence
9	FRI 2/4	FLORENCE	Florence
10	SAT 3/4	FLORENCE	Florence
11	SUN 4/4	FLORENCE	Florence
12	MON 5/4	FLORENCE - ASSISI via AREZZO, MONTERCHI & SANSEPOLCRO	Assisi
13	TUE 6/4	ASSISI (PM rural walk)	Assisi
14	WED 7/4	ASSISI / SPELLO / TREVISO / MONTEFALCO (Day tour)	Assisi
15	THUR 8/4	ASSISI - SIGILLO (via GUBBIO)	Sigillo
16	FRI 9/4	MONTE CUCCO NATIONAL PARK (Outdoor activities)	Sigillo
17	SAT 10/4	MONTE CUCCO NATIONAL PARK (PM departure for URBINO)	Urbino
18	SUN 11/4	URBINO	Urbino
19	MON 12/4	URBINO - FERRARA (AM departure via SAN MARINO & RAVENNA)	Ferrara
20	TUE 13/4	FERRARA - VENICE (AM departure via PADUA)	Venice
21	WED 14/4	VENICE (AM half day boat tour to lagoon islands)	Venice
22	THUR 15/4	VENICE	Venice
23	FRI 16/4	VENICE - BOLOGNA (AM departure via VICENZA)	Bologna (HS)
24	SAT 17/4	BOLOGNA	Bologna (HS)
25	SUN 18/4	BOLOGNA	Bologna (HS)
26	MON 19/4	BOLOGNA - VITERBO (via BOMARZO & BAGNOREGIO)	Viterbo
27	TUE 20/4	VITERBO - ROME (AM departure via CAPRAROLA)	Rome
28	WED 21/4	ROME	Rome
29	THUR 22/4	ROME / TIVOLI (AM half day tour)	Rome
30	FRI 23/4	ROME / Depart ROME	Transit
31	SAT 24/4	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 *Roman Forum* and the *Via Appia*. A half day tour to **Tivoli** is planned to view the Emperor Hadrian's luxurious villa and we hope to attend a Sunday service in *St. Peter's*. On Day 5 we will travel north toward **Siena**, driving through **Tuscany** and stopping enroute at **Orvieto** and at the beautiful abbey church of *Sant'Antimo*, one of the finest Romanesque buildings in the region. Following a brief stop at **Montalcino** we will move on to Siena where we will be based for the next three nights. Siena is an ideal place to gain an understanding of life in a Mediaeval 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 Siennese painting and the innovative work of the Lorenzetti brothers. On Day 6, the students will visit the picturesque hill town of **San Gimignano** where there will be an opportunity for sketching and photography. Later in the afternoon we will enjoy a walk in the surrounding countryside. 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 and then on to one of the gems of Renaissance idealism, the town of **Pienza**. During the afternoon there will be an opportunity to take an extended walk through the Tuscan landscape in the direction of **Montepulciano**, where we will enjoy an evening meal before returning to Siena.

The following morning will see the tour move further north to **Florence**, travelling through the famous winemaking 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 12, 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 13 will include a visit to the *Basilica of San Francesco* to study the frescos 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 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 Mediaeval town of **Gubbio**, and then pass through some beautiful valleys as we approach the splendid hill town that was the home to one of the most enlightened courts of the Renaissance. The following day the students will travel north east towards the region of **Emilia Romagna**, stopping briefly at **San Marino** en route to **Ravenna**, where we will take another break to view the impressive Byzantine mosaics in *San Vitale*. Our next stop will be the major inland city of **Bologna**. Here we will be met by students from the local "*Liceo Artistico*", with whom we will stay over Easter. 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 20 we will leave Bologna and travel north towards the 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 23 we will depart Venice for **Vicenza**, stopping for extended art time at the famous *Villa Pisani* on the Brenta Canal. In Vicenza we will visit the wonderful *Teatro Olimpico* designed by the influential 17th. Century architect, Palladio. From here the tour will return to **Bologna** through the Euganean Hills for a further three 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 near the historic town of **Viterbo**. Whilst in the region of **Lazio**, we will visit two of the most distinctive examples of the Italian Renaissance garden, before returning 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 water 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 30 we will fly out of Italy and return to reality!

DAY	TRAVEL DETAILS	DEP.	ARR.	DIST.	ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITY COSTS	OPTIONAL COSTS ■ EVENING MEALS ■	OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION
MARCH THUR 25	DEPART MELBOURNE FLY VIA SINGAPORE	17.20 01.00	21.50		IN TRANSIT			TRANSIT
FRIDAY 26	→ ROME	10.30 7.00	7.20 4.30		TRANSFER TO HOTEL WALK TO <i>COLOSSEUM & FORUM</i> / REST AT HOTEL EVENING WALK TO <i>TREVI FOUNTAIN</i> . PREARRANGED MEAL	Col/Pal 8/\$13	<i>La Lanterna</i>	ROME
SAT. 27	ROME → TIVOLI TIVOLI → ROME	9.00	10.00	40	COACH TO TIVOLI . VISIT <i>VILLA ADRIANA</i> RETURN TO ROME / FREE TIME COACH TO <i>P.VENEZIA</i> . WALK TO <i>ST.PETERS</i> WALK TO <i>TRASTEVERE VIA JANICULUM</i> PREARRANGED EVENING MEAL	N/C	<i>L'Antico Moro</i>	ROME H. Tempio Pallade <i>Via Giolitti 427</i> 06/70452758
SUN. 28	ROME	11.30			OPTIONAL SLEEP IN / CHURCH SERVICE AFTERNOON VISIT TO <i>VIA APPIA, CATACOMBS & FOSSE ARDEATINE</i> . ART TIME	Callisto 5/\$8.5	Metella Tomb \$3.5	ROME
MON. 29	ROME → ORVIETO O — CHIUSI → SANT'ANTIMO S.A. → MONTALCINO M → SIENA	8.30 12.30 4.00 6.30	10.30 2.00 5.30 8.00	100 100 10 50	COACH TO SIENA VIA ORVIETO / VISIT <i>ORVIETO CATHEDRAL</i> VISIT <i>ABBEY OF SANT' ANTIMO</i> / ART TIME WALK TOWARDS MONTALCINO (3-4k) EXPLORE SIENA	Fun. Cath. \$1 \$7 N/C		SIENA Hotel Italia <i>Viale Cavour 67</i> 057 741177
TUE. 30	SIENA → S.GIMIGNANO → CELLOLE C → S.GIMIGNANO S.G → SIENA	9.00 1.00 4.30 8.15	2.00 7.30 8.30 11.00	40 10 10 40	MORNING IN SIENA / VISIT <i>PALAZZO PUBBLICO</i> P.M. TRAVEL TO SAN GIMIGNANO / S.GIMIGNANO ART TIME RURAL WALK FROM CELLOLE TO CERTALDO (7k) RETURN BY COACH TO SAN GIMIGNANO FOR EVENING MEAL RETURN TO SIENA	P.Pub. 4/\$6.5	Tower 9.5/\$15 Collegiata \$4	SIENA
WED. 31	SIENA → MONTEOLIVETO M → PIENZA P → MONTEPULCIANO M → SIENA	9.00 11.30 1.30 9.30	10.00 12.00 5.00 11.00	40 35 12 75	DAY TRIP TO MT.OLIVETO, PIENZA & MONTEPULCIANO VISIT <i>ABBAZIA DI MONTE OLIVETO</i> COACH TO PIENZA . EXPLORE PIENZA . LUNCH IN PIENZA WALK TO MONTEPULCIANO via MONTICCHIELLO (12k) VISIT <i>SAN BIAGIO</i> . DINNER IN MONTEPULCIANO	N/C		SIENA
APRIL THUR . 1	SIENA → PIEVASCIATA P — GREVE IN CHIANTI G → VICCHIAMAGGIO →	9.00 12.00 3.30	12.45 4.30	15	VISIT TO <i>SIENA CATHEDRAL</i> / FREE (SHOPPING) TIME COACH TO <i>CHIANTI SCULPTURE PARK</i> .. LUNCH & ART TIME TRAVEL THROUGH CHIANTI REGION VISIT <i>CASTELLO VICCHIAMAGGIO</i> FOR TOUR & DINNER TRAVEL TO FLORENCE	5/\$9	Piccolomini Library \$3 <i>Castello Vicchiamaggio</i>	FLORENCE Hotel Andrea <i>Piazza Indipendenza</i> 055 483890

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FRID. 2	FLORENCE	9.30 4.00	5.00		VISIT <i>DUOMO</i> , <i>BAPTISTERY</i> & <i>MUSEO DELL' OPERA DEL DUOMO</i> FREE TIME FOR SIGHTSEEING / OPTIONAL MUSEUM VISITS LATE AFTERNOON VISIT TO <i>UFFIZI GALLERY</i> PREARRANGED DINNER	6/\$10 N/C	<i>Alfredo</i>	FLORENCE
SAT 3	FLORENCE	8.30 3.30			VISIT <i>SAN MARCO</i> (9.00) / <i>ACCADEMIA</i> (11.00) ART TIME / OPTIONAL MUSEUM VISITS <i>BARGELLO</i> / <i>RICCARDI-MEDICI PALACE</i> AFTERNOON VISIT TO <i>SANTA CROCE</i> & <i>PAZZI CHAPEL</i> WALK TO <i>SAN MINIATO AL MONTE</i> / ART TIME PREARRANGED DINNER	2/\$3.5 N/C	2.5/\$4	FLORENCE
SUN 4	FLORENCE	10.00 1.30	4.00		FREE MORNING OPTIONAL VISITS TO <i>S. MARIA NOVELLA</i> & <i>SAN LORENZO</i> AFTERNOON VISIT TO <i>BRANCACCI CHAPEL</i> / <i>PALAZZO PITTI</i> ART TIME IN <i>BOBOLI GARDENS</i> FREE EVENING	1.5/\$2.5	1/\$1.5	FLORENCE
MON 5	FLORENCE → AREZZO A → MONTERCHI M → SANSEPOLCRO S → TUORO T → ASSISI	8.30 1.00 2.40 4.15 7.00	10.30 2.00 3.00 5.30 7.50	70 45 70 55	TRAVEL TO AREZZO . VISIT <i>SAN FRANCESCO</i> TRAVEL TO MONTERCHI & SANSEPOLCRO . VISIT <i>MUSEO CIVICO</i> TRAVEL TO TUORO ON LAKE TRASIMENO. VIEW SCULPTURE PARK & HANNIBAL'S BATTLEFIELD TRAVEL TO ASSISI . DINNER AT HOTEL	3/\$5 1.5/\$2.5 1.8/\$3		ASSISI <i>Hotel Antonelli</i> Via Los Angeles S. Maria degli Angeli 075 8043690
TUE 6	ASSISI ASSISI → EREMO → ASSISI	9.00 2.00	3.00	4	VISIT <i>BASILICA OF SAN FRANCESCO</i> EXPLORE ASSISI. / ART TIME WALK TO <i>EREMO DELLE CARCERI</i> ON MT.SUBASIO (4k) ART TIME PREARRANGED DINNER	N/C	<i>La Menestrello</i>	ASSISI
WED 7	ASSISI → SPELLO S → TREVİ T → MONTEFALCO M → SPELLO S → ASSISI	9.30 12.00 4.00 7.15 10.30	10.00 4.30 8.00 11.00	15 20 15 20 15	COACH TO SPELLO . VISIT <i>SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE</i> TRAVEL TO TREVİ . LUNCH IN TREVİ / ART TIME TRAVEL TO MONTEFALCO . VISIT <i>SAN FRANCESCO</i> RETURN TO SPELLO FOR DINNER RETURN TO ASSISI	1.6/\$2.6	2/\$3.5	ASSISI
THUR 8	ASSISI → GUBBIO G → FABRIANO F → SIGILLO	9.30 2.45 5.30	10.45 3.45 6.15	50 40 20	COACH TO GUBBIO . TAKE FUNICULAR TO <i>SANT' UBALDO</i> EXPLORE GUBBIO . LUNCH. TRAVEL TO FABRIANO . VISIT PAPER FACTORY TRAVEL TO SIGILLO . FREE EVENING.	1.8/\$3		SIGILLO <i>The Hostel Where</i> <i>U Learn How to Fly</i> Via Flaminia Sigillo 0759170761

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FRI 9	SIGILLO → CORNERO RIVIERA → SIGILLO (OPTIONAL)	10.00 4.30	11.30 6.00	90 90	FREE DAY ACTIVITIES IN <i>MONTE CUCCO NATIONAL PARK</i> OR COACH TRIP TO <i>CONERO RIVIERA COASTAL PARK</i>		Bike hire / Caving Hang gliding	SIGILLO
SAT 10	SIGILLO → MONTE CUCCO SIGILLO → URBINO	10.30? 6.00	7.30	70	FREE DAY ACTIVITIES IN <i>MONTE CUCCO NATIONAL PARK</i> EVENING DEPARTURE FOR URBINO . MEAL AT HOTEL		Bike hire / Caving Hang gliding	URBINO <i>Hotel La Meridiana</i> Via Trasanni 154/A 072 2320169
EASTER SUN 11	URBINO	3.00	9.30		EXPLORE URBINO LATE MORNING VISIT TO <i>PALAZZO DUCALE</i> (11.30) AFTERNOON WALK TO <i>SAN BERNADINO</i> . ART TIME FREE EVENING IN URBINO	\$1		URBINO
MON 12	URBINO → SAN MARINO (via Mercatino) S.M. → RAVENNA R → FERRARA	9.00 1.30 5.00	11.00 3.15 6.30	50 75 75	COACH JOURNEY TO SAN MARINO EXPLORE SAN MARINO . LUNCH IN SAN MARINO TRAVEL TO RAVENNA . VISIT <i>SAN VITALE</i> TRAVEL TO FERRARA . FREE EVENING	5.5/\$9		FERRARA <i>Ostello Estense</i> Corso Biagio Rossetti 0532204227
TUE 13	FERRARA → PADUA P → VENICE	8.45 12.30	10.15 1.30	75 40	COACH TO PADUA . VISIT TO <i>SCROVEGNI CHAPEL</i> LUNCH IN PADUA TRAVEL TO VENICE . VISIT <i>SAN MARCO, PALAZZO DUCALE</i> . EXPLORE SAN MARCO & CASTELLO DISTRICTS FREE EVENING. GONDOLA RIDE / CONCERT	5/\$9 5.5/\$9.5	Concert Gondola ride	VENICE <i>Hotel Airone</i> Santa Croce 557 041 5204890
WED 14	VENICE → MURANO → TORCELLO → BURANO → VENICE	8.30 2.00	RETURN 12.30		BOAT TRIP TO ISLANDS OF MURANO, BURANO & TORCELLO LUNCH IN <i>CAMPO S.MARGHERITA</i> EXPLORE SAN POLO DISTRICT. VISIT <i>SAN PANTALON</i> <i>GOLDONI MUSEUM</i> & <i>S.MARIA DI FRARI</i> . FREE TIME PREARRANGED DINNER	1.5/\$2.5 1/\$2	<i>Ai Scalzi</i>	VENICE
THUR 15	VENICE	8.30 1.00			VISIT <i>ACCADEMIA GALLERY</i> (9.30) VISIT <i>PEGGY GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION</i> OPTIONAL TOUR OF <i>LA FENICE THEATRE</i> FREE AFTERNOON FOR EXPLORING & ART TIME OPTIONAL EVENING CONCERT	8.5/\$14	5/\$9	VENICE

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FRI 16	VENICE → STRA S → VICENZA V → MONSELICE M → BOLOGNA	8.30 11.30 2.30 5.00	9.30 12.30 3.30 7.00	25 40 55 95	COACH TO PADUA VIA BRENTA CANAL VISIT <i>VILLA PISANI</i> AT STRA / ART TIME TRAVEL TO VICENZA . LUNCH. VISIT <i>TEATRO OLYMPICO</i> TRAVEL TO MONSELICE . VISIT <i>VILLA DUODO</i> TRAVEL TO BOLOGNA . MEET WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES	N/C 2/\$3.5		BOLOGNA (HOMESTAY)
SAT 17	BOLOGNA	9.00			WALKING TOUR OF BOLOGNA CENTRO VISIT TO <i>TEATRO COMUNALE</i> & ARTIST'S STUDIO DINNER / FREE EVENING WITH HOSTS			BOLOGNA
SUN 18	BOLOGNA				OWN ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOMESTAY FAMILIES			BOLOGNA
MON 19	BOLOGNA → BOMARZO B → VITERBO V → BAGNOREGIO B → MONTEFIASCONE M → VITERBO	8.30 2.30 4.00 7.30 10.30	1.00 3.00 4.45 8.00 11.00	300 12 39 22 17	COACH TO BOMARZO . LUNCH EN ROUTE . VISIT <i>SACRO BOSCO</i> . ART TIME TRAVEL FROM VITERBO TO CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO RETURN TO VITERBO STOPPING FOR A PREARRANGED MEAL AT MONTEFIASCONE	\$10		VITERBO <i>H. Balletti Palace</i> Via F. Molini 8 0761344777
TUE 20	VITERBO → CAPRAROLA → ROME	8.30	9.00	20	COACH TO CAPRAROLA . VISIT <i>PALAZZO FARNESE</i> ART TIME TRAVEL TO ROME . WALKING TOUR OF CENTRAL ROME VISIT <i>PANTHEON</i> , BERNINI & CARAVAGGIO SITES DINNER IN <i>PIAZZA NAVONA</i>	\$6		ROME <i>H. Tempio Pallade</i> Via Giolitti 427 06 70452758
WED 21	ROME	8.30 1.30	5.00		COACH TO THE VATICAN FOR VISIT TO MUSEUMS, <i>SISTINE CHAPEL</i> & BASILICA. FREE TIME LATE AFTERNOON VISIT TO <i>MUSEO BORGHESE</i> PREARRANGED DINNER	9/\$15PP 9/\$16PP		ROME
THUR 22	ROME → TIVOLI → ROME	9.00 12.30	10.00 1.30	40 40	COACH TO TIVOLI . VISIT <i>VILLA D'ESTE</i> . ART TIME RETURN TO ROME FOR FREE AFTERNOON. OPTIONAL CHURCH AND GALLERY VISITS FINAL DINNER	\$12		ROME
FRI 23	TRANSFER TO AIRPORT ROME →	9.30 12.00			DEPART ROME FOR MELBOURNE VIA SINGAPORE			TRANSIT
SAT 24	SINGAPORE → MELBOURNE	9.55	6.05 7.05pm		TRANSIT			