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**CORNELL COLLEGE**

**ITALY –**

 **OCTOBER 2- 19, 2015**

Prof John GRUBER

**Thursday Oct 1, 2015**

Depart the US

**Friday, Oct 2** **ROME – CERVETERI**

Arrive Rome. Meet your rented bus and depart for **Cerveteri** and **Tarquinia.** Group **welcome dinner** at traditional pizzeria. Overnight with breakfast at hotel Sole, Ortobello (www.hotelsoleortobello.it)

**Sat, Oct 3 ROME - FLORENCE**

Early morning departure with your mini bus to **Florence**. On the way, stop to visit the Roman colony **Cosa** and the **Etruscan Volterra.** Overnight with breakfast at **Foresteria** convent in Florence. [www.firenzeforesteria.it](http://www.firenzeforesteria.it) (B)

**Sun, Oct 4 FLORENCE**

Free day to explore Florence; optional visit to **Bargello, Uffizi**, or **Academia (no guide)**. Overnight with breakfast at Foresteria convent in Florence. (B)

**Mon, Oct 5 FLORENCE -ROME**

*Ancient and medieval Florence*

In the morning, visits to the **Baptistry, Santa Reparata, Roman** scavi under Pal. **Vecchio**; **Duomo** on their own (no guide); in the afternoon, return to Rome by train (train tickets included). Overnight with breakfast in Rome at **Hotel Cinquantatre** (B)

**Tues, Oct 6 ROME**

*Republican Rome: The Triumphal Way*Early morning **visit** of the **Capitoline Museums**. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, visit the triumphal way from Circus Flaminius to **Circus Maximus**, **Forum Holitorium**, **Forum Boarium**. Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatri**. (B)

**Wed, Oct 7 ROME**

*The end of the Republic, the beginning of empire*Morning visit (no guide) of the **Roman Forum**. Lunch on your own. Afternoon visit of the **Colosseum** and the **Palatine Hill**. Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre**. (B)

**Thurs, Oct 8 ROME**

*Augustan transformation of Rome*
Morning visit to **Largo Argentina**, Theater of Marcellus, **Porticus of Octavia**, temples of Apollo Sosianus, and Bellona, solarium, Mausoleum of Augustus, **Ara Pacis** (9.30 to 19.30)(no guide) **Hotel Cinquantatre**. (B)

**Fri, Oct 9 ROME - POMPEII**

Early morning **departure by train (ticket included**) to **Pompeii for visit.** Overnight with breakfast at Hotel Forum in Pompeii (www.hotelforumpompeii.com) (B)

**Sat, Oct 10 POMPEII**

Visits to **Herculaneum** and **Naples Archaeological Museum** via the local rail.( not included ) Return to Rome **by train( included** ). Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre**.(B)

**Sun, Oct 11 ROME**

Free Day to explore Rome. Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre** (B)

**Mon, Oct 12 ROME**

*Imperial Rome: Nero to Hadrian*AM: Domus Aurea, Imperial Fora, Column of Trajan (Markets of Trajan, Museo dei Fori Imperiale open 7 days/wk 9.30 to 19.30)
PM: Trajan’s Markets, Pantheon, Castel Sant’ Angelo (no guide)

Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre**.(B)

**Tues, Oct 13 ROME (Ostia Antica)**

Morning visit by metro to Ostia Antica for visit (no guide). Afternoon free. Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre** (B)

**Wed, Oct 14 ROME**

*High Empire, early Christian Rome*AM: Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Constantine
PM: Santa Costanza, St John Lateran, Castrense Amphitheater, Sessorium (no guide)

Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre**. (B)

**Thurs, Oct 15 ROME - Vatican**

Early morning visit by **public transport ( not included )** to **Vatican Museums**; **Saint Peter’s**, **Scavi Tour**. **Farewell Dinner** at traditional restaurant. Overnight with breakfast at **Hotel Cinquantatre** (B)

**Fri, Oct 16 ROME - US**

Return to U.S. from Rome Fiumicino airport on your own (no transfer included)

**INCLUDES:**

* Accommodation for fourteen (14) overnights in 3 & 4 star hotels in Rome, Florence and in a 4 star hotel in Pompeii in one triple , one single for the students
* Daily breakfast buffet
* Two (2) dinners, including a One dinner in Florence or Rome & farewell dinner with local specialties
* Rail tickets Florence –Rome and Rome-Pompeii-Rome with reserved seats
* Reservation fee for Vatican Museum

**NOT INCLUDED:**

* Airfare to / from Italy
* Mini bus for transfer from Rome to Florence with stops on the way to Cerverteri etc
* Entrance fee to sites and museums (**approx. 100-120 E per person** )
* Other guide services not mentioned
* Tickets for Circumvesuviana (for Pompeii and Ercolano and Naples visit)
* Gratuities for BUS DRIVER recommended **2-3E per person per day for each**
* Meals and other services not mentioned
* City taxes in Rome presently Euro 3 per day and per person, and in Florence 3 Euro per person and day are to be paid upon departure in cash!
* METRO Cards in Rome value or ROMAPASS , weekly: 34 Euro and daily: 10 Euro to be paid on the spot
* Public transport in Florence

**DEPOSIT OF $500 PER PERSON DUE by JULY 1st , 2015**

**BALANCE DUE BY August 15th, 2015**

**Cancellation conditions:**

No cancellation fee if the cancellation is made before July 1st, 2015.

Cancellation after July 1st 2015- August 15th, 2015 the deposit of $500 per student is forfeited.

Cancellation after August 15th, 2015 –Sept 1st 10th, 2015, there is a 50% of total tour cost fee.

From Sept 2nd 2015 until day of arrival, full cancellation fee applies, no refund.

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