

VENICE STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

March 4, 2013

General Information

Be sure you have a passport that is current. Your passport should be valid at least six months after your return to the U.S. We suggest that you make at least two copies of the important pages of your passport. You should bring one copy to Venice and leave another copy with your parents or a friend who can fax you the documents in the unlikely event that you lose your passport while abroad.

If you plan to use public transportation to get around Venice, you should consider purchasing a [Vaporetto](#) pass, which has passes available for 1-day, 3-day or weekly. The Vaporetto is a waterbus public transportation system. You may purchase a pass when you arrive in Venice. You can purchase a pass either in the airport or at a Vaporetto stop. You will need to submit a passport size photo of yourself with your registration documents. After you apply for the pass, you will receive a receipt. Because you will probably not receive the pass until after you have already left Venice, you will use your receipt to use the Vaporetto.

TIP: When traveling on the Vaporetto, the majority of the time no one will check your pass. However, IF they do check the fine is equal the cost of the monthly pass.

Travel

Flights from the US to Europe tend to fill up quickly, the earlier you book your flight, the cheaper your airfare will be.

Helpful websites to look up flights:

www.kayak.com

www.studentuniverse.com

www.expedia.com

If you are living in Casa Artom, directions on how to get from the airport to the house can be found at http://www.wakeforestvenice.com/en/how-to-get-here_24.htm. The address of Casa Artom is Dorsoduro 699, San Gregorio 30123, Venice.

TIP: traveling with other students in your program may be a good idea, especially to split the cost of transportation to and from airports.

Class

Classes will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, July 1st and all students are expected to be in class that day. Classes meet Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Most

classes are held at the [Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti](#) (a 5-minute walk from Casa Artom). There is also the possibility of one day of instruction at the University of Padua. Exact details of this trip will be forthcoming.

In addition to regular instruction, recently retired President of the U.K. Supreme Court, Lord Phillips will be teaching for a few days in Venice, exact dates are to be decided.

Casa Artom

If you are staying in [Casa Artom](#), you can arrive at the house 9:00am Saturday, June 29th. Someone will be there that day to check you in and give you a key when you arrive.

Room assignments are left to students, but most rooms sleep 3-4 people and just one sleeps 2 people. All rooms are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. There is a small washer and dryer that is available for residents to share.

Classes end on July 25th and all students are expected to leave Casa Artom no later than Friday, July 26th.

Alternate Housing

If you want to find your own housing, past students from other programs have used the “Vacation Rental” section of [TripAdvisor](#). It is a good idea to begin looking for something now. Past students suggest that you try to book something at **least 100 days before** you arrive in London, as rent prices will increase as the time approaches.

TIP Some landlords will want you to pay for your apartment in full when you arrive in London. Because some banks will not allow you to withdraw but so much money each day from the ATM, you may want to consider bringing the cash to cover the cost of your apartment with you. If you are uncomfortable doing this, you can explain the ATM issue to the landlords. Most landlords will understand and give you a couple of days to get the money.

Dress

Venice in July will be hot and humid, so please plan your dress accordingly. Coat and tie is not required, but we do recommend packing a few clothes that are “business casual” for various dinners’, etc. There will be a welcome dinner and possibly an event with Lord Phillips and Wake Forest Law Alumni. In addition, we do recommend that you pack mosquito repellent as it can be very hot and buggy in July.

Travel on the Weekends

Classes finish Thursday’s at 12:00 noon, after which you are free to travel outside of Venice. There are many cheap airlines within Europe so be sure to do some research beforehand. Here is

a good website guide on traveling to and in Europe:
<http://www.ricksteves.com/plan/tips/flights.htm>.

The easiest big city to visit is Florence during your stay. It is recommended that you reserve tickets to any museums you may want to visit in Florence prior to your travelling there in order to avoid long lines.

Students are recommend to stay in Venice during the weekend of July 20th and 21st for the annual “Festa del Redentore” (Feast of the Redemption), which includes many decorated boats and a large fireworks display, Casa Artom is in a prime location to observe the festival activities and for more information, visit their website at
<http://www.travelsignposts.com/Italy/sightseeing/venice-festa-del-redentore>.

Hostels are a great place to stay while traveling, but be sure to read reviews about location, safety and cleanliness before booking a room. Here are a couple of great websites to research:

[-http://www.hostels.com](http://www.hostels.com)

[-www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)

TIP: If you travel within the EU, a visa is not required. However, travel outside the EU to Turkey requires a visa, which you can purchase for approximately \$20 at the airport when you land there. We recommend that you check with the State Department for specific travel requirements for each country you are interested in travelling to.

TIP: you should consider leaving your laptops in Venice when you go on weekend trips.

Phones

Most of the students use internet phone services, such as Skype or Google Chat, to keep in touch with friends and family in the US.

Cell phone providers, like Verizon, will allow you to convert your regular phone to an international phone so that you can use it abroad. One student reported that the fee to do so was around \$100 for the month.

To make local calls in Venice, you can purchase a pay-as-you-go phone.

Financial Aid

For Financial Aid Information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/tuition/>. Email Janet Cromer at cromerjb@wfu.edu if you would like to receive financial aid.

For students not receiving loan funds, summer tuition and housing costs is due April 9, 2013. Otherwise, tuition is due when loan funds disburse. You can pay for tuition and housing at the

Cashiers desk in room 107 of Reynolda Hall (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). If you are a non-WFU student, you can send a check for the full amount to:

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