

VENICE STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

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 monthly Vaporetto pass. The [Vaporetto](#) is a waterbus public transportation system. You should plan to 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 Most times, no one checks your pass when you use the Vaporetto. IF they check, however, the fine you will be charged will 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. Direct flights from Newark and New York are available.

If you are living in Casa Artom, here is a good website on how to get from the airport to the house: <http://www.casaartom.com/?sez=6>. The address of Casa Artom is Dorsoduro 699, San Gregorio 30123, Venice.

TIP Layovers/transfers in airports in big cities, such as London, Paris, and Amsterdam, might be difficult.

Helpful websites to look up flights:

www.kayak.com

www.studentuniverse.com

www.expedia.com

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 2nd. **You should arrive in Venice no later than Sunday, July 1st.** Your classes will meet Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. **Classes are held** in classrooms at the [Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti](#) (a 5-minute walk from Casa Artom).

Those of you in Prof. Newman's "Funding Government around the World" class will be taking a trip to Amsterdam on Friday, July 20th. You are responsible for making your own travel and hotel arrangements for this trip. Take a look at the section below, "Travel on the Weekends", for some tips about traveling around Europe.

US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be teaching two classes during the week of July 9th.

Casa Artom

If you are staying in [Casa Artom](#), you can start living in the house on Saturday, June 30th. Either Professor Newman or Professor Peeples will be there that day to check you in and give you a key when you arrive. The professors will leave room assignments up to the students.

There is a small washer and dryer in Casa Artom for all of the residents to share.

Classes will end on July 26th. You will have to be out of Casa Artom by Friday, July 27th.

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.

Travel on the Weekends

After Thursdays at 12:00 noon, 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. Prof. Newman recommends that you get online and reserve tickets to any museums you may want to visit in Florence before you get there to avoid long lines.

We recommend staying in Venice the weekend of July 14th and 15th for the annual “Festa del Redentore” (Feast of the Redemption). Casa Artom is in a prime location to observe the festival activities that weekend. For more information, go to <http://www.travelsignposts.com/Italy/sightseeing/venice-festa-del-redentore>.

For those of you in Prof. Newman’s course, be sure not to plan a trip on July 20th as that is when you will be going to Amsterdam with the class.

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 As long as you stay in the EU, you will not need a visa to travel. If you go somewhere like Turkey, you will need to get a visa, which you can purchase for approximately \$20 at the airport when you land there.

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.

To Do

Submit the required forms to the International Graduate Programs office by March 1st.

For more information, go to <http://studyabroad.law.wfu.edu/general/forms/>

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, 2012. 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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