



# KIIS ITALY Program Summer 2026 – Draft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 17	<b>May 18</b>  Depart USA	May 19  Florence: Arrival, pizza, rest...	May 20  Florence: <b>10:00-12:00 Orientation</b> . 1:00: Walking tour, <b>Basilica di Santa Croce, 3:00 entry</b> ;	May 21  Florence: classes 10-12, 2-4;	May 22  Florence: <b>classes: 9-11, 1-3; Duomo climb @ 5:45</b> , tic for 3 days incl. today – baptistry, bell tower, Cathedral museum	May 23  Florence: <b>Free day</b>
May 24  Florence: <b>Free day</b>	May 25  Florence: visit town of <b>Fiesole</b> (Roman + Etruscan Ruins): 9-12  <b>Classes 2-3:30, 3:30-5</b>	May 26  Florence: <b>Uffizi Museum: 8:30 entry</b> (+ tic good for Pitti Palace, Boboli Gardens, etc. for 5 days – check w/profs)	May 27  Florence: A Block Class Day	May 28  Florence: B Block class Day	May 29  Florence: Classes <b>10-12, 2-4; Accademia 4:45 entry</b> (Michelangelo's David! and more)	May 30  Florence: <b>Free day</b> / (twilight stroll Piazzale Michelangelo?)
May 31 Siena: Depart 8:30 Visit San Gimignano en route  Siena Night stroll	June 1 Siena: Palazzo Pubblico + Duomo visit Cooking class at night?	June 2 Siena: Classes TBA Contrada Tours  Cooking class at night?	June 3 Siena Classes TBA Contrada Tours  Cooking Class at Night?	June 4 Rome Depart 9:00 Lunch in Tivoli, visit <b>Villa d'Este (1-4)</b> Arrive at hotel, 5:30 <b>Night Hike 8:00</b>	June 5 Rome Classes 9-11, 11-1	June 6  Rome <b>Free Day</b>
June 7  Rome: <b>Free day</b>	June 8  Rome: <b>Free Day</b>	June 9  Rome: <b>Colosseum, Forum and Palatine Hill, 2 groups 10:15</b>	June 10  Rome: Papal audience in morning (optional) <b>Vatican Museums/ Sistine Chapel 1:30</b>	June 11  Rome: Classes 10-12, 1-3	June 12  Rome: Classes TBA	June 13  Rome: <b>Free Day</b> (Roma Pride Festival)
June 14  Rome: Final classes in a.m.; Arrivederci banquet ?	<b>June 15</b>  Depart Rome, Arrive USA.	June 16	<p><b>*Please note: This itinerary is <u>not final</u>; all elements are provisional. While the overall dates will not change, any and all calendar events above may change. Students should <u>not</u> make independent plans without first contacting the Program Director.</b></p> <p><b>Bolded times for classes in Florence = classrooms reserved at the Foresteria</b></p> <p><b>NOTE: All elements are subject to change!</b></p>			

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- All classes will participate together in planned excursions to museums, cathedrals, city tours, ancient ruins, etc.
- Class sessions will be divided into A and B blocks, typically with A in the morning and B in the afternoon.
- Some excursions are optional (as noted).
- For each date, the city name is provided (where we will be staying that evening)
- Florence Hotel – [Foresteria Valdese](#) (in the Oltrarno district, "Florence's coolest/hippest neighborhood," near Piazza Santo Spirito, just across the river from downtown, very walkable)
- Siena Hotel – [Hotel Alma Domus](#) (great location in the noble 'Oca' contrada, near the home of St. Catherine, across the 'Silva' valley from the cathedral)
- Rome Hotel – [Hotel Trastevere](#) (in the heart of Trastevere, right next to Piazza San Cosimato)

The KIIS summer program in Italy begins in the Oltrarno quarter of Florence with an exploration of the Renaissance city's world-class art and architecture and surroundings. It then moves to the Trastevere district of the ancient and modern capital of Rome, visiting museums, classical ruins, historic churches, palaces and other destinations. By investigating Italian art and history and taking part in the local culture, students become acquainted with the Italian people, their culture and their way of life.