# Get ready for take off!

florence summer orientation 2020



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#### the villa

41 viale milton







## villa tour

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https://vimeo.com/307332370



# Community Bonding



## FACULTY CONVERSATION ON COMMUNITY



#### INFO HUNTING

In groups of 3-5, find information from IP's website and other sources on these topics. Present findings to the group!

- Study locations near house
- Local lunch options
- Where and how to get cash
- Phone plan options
- 3-5 cultural facts
- Airport to facility directions

- Popular in-country travel destinations
- Where and how to get cash
- How to get around the city
- What to pack/not pack



#### service

in florence

- Big Brother, Big Sister
- Food service
- Ambulance
- Olive & grape picking



## mail

in florence

- there are several drop-off
   mail locations in the city
- incoming mail is delivered to the villa and placed in a basket outside of the program office



## G.e. program meals in florence

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Breakfast	Provided in mensa						
Lunch	Resp. of student	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Provided in mensa	Resp. of student	Resp. of student
Dinner	Provided in mensa	Resp. of student	Resp. of student				



#### academics

in florence

DO NOT expect overseas classes to be EASY!

Classes are held **Monday - Thursday** for European programs

2.0 GPA requirement (cumulative and semester) before and during program.



#### cash or card?

in florence

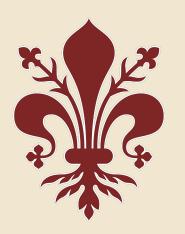
- There is an ATM across the street from the villa so you can pull cash out (large amounts at a time)
- Taxis usually only take cash
- Most small stores and restaurants only take cash
- Venmo!





in florence sleep/health,

classes



social

travel



## phones

in florence

- You can set up an international plan with your carrier
- You can swap your SIM card with the Italian one the one in Italy is called TIM- Elizabeth will help you about 35 \$ but varies based on your minutes plan.



## what to bring

- Bring converter/adaptor for anything electrical
- Special hygiene products
- Warm and cold-weather clothes & 1 nice outfit
- Enough medications for length of program
- Good walking/hiking shoes
- Learning supplies
- Credit/Debit Card with International chip
- Check program website for other items

## what not to bring

- •Linens or towels
- •Pillows or blankets
- •Expensive jewelry or valuables
- •Too many shoes
- •Anything you don't absolutely need



## health & wellness

- There is a gym that you can walk to from the villa!
- You walk everywhere in Florence
- There are therapy services available



## study habits

- Beautiful villa library
- ITIT, Cafe Rosano, Cafe Liberta
- Read on the train or plane





## spiritual life

- There are tons of churches near the villa that you can attend
- There is worship service every monday in the villa
- Try to go to Italian mass in the Duomo for a cultural experience !

## community

- Meals are together: you eat meals together almost every day every week you are in the villa , so it builds strong community
- Try to sit with a different group / person at every meal time!









#### travel

- Use trains to travel in italy
- Use flights to travel out of Italy (more convenient)
- If you think you will use a train often, use the Eurorail pass
- Skyscanner is good for cheap flights (incognito mode)



#### culture

Things close on sundays, midday family



#### finances

- There is a grocery store near the Villa
  - Esselunga
- All meals are provided except for a few on the weekends
- Travel within Italy to see more but save \$



#### alumni conversations

Use your orientation worksheet for specific questions!



## explore with a purpose

#### Develop goals for yourself:

- Get in groups of 3-4 people and share your initial ideas about goals for 1-2 developmental areas and what potential mechanisms are there to help you achieve your goals. (5 minutes total for activity)
- Take 5 minutes to draft at least 3 goals for yourself



#### Activity time

Write yourself a letter!



#### stay connected

share your adventures.



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#### how did we do?

-Check your e-mail now and take the IP Orientation Survey and Orientation Quiz

-You can leave orientation once you show the orientation student leader your 100% score and the submission page at end of survey on your smartphone or computer

