

## **A SEMESTER IN ATRI, ITALY – YEAR 3**

- Who?** Grade 11 Students in 2010-2011
- What?** 4 Credit Academic Program Package
- Courses:**
- English 3U or 3UP (Advanced Placement)
  - World Religion/Art (Interdisciplinary)
  - Classical Civilization LVV4U1
  - Italian (Introductory or Advanced)
  - 6 major excursions to different Regions of Italy (Amalfi Coast, Verona, Florence, Rome, Venice, Siena, Assisi and others).
  - Many smaller excursions within the Region
- When?** September to December 2010
- Where?** Italy - (Atri or Porto San Giorgio)
- Located in the provincia di Teramo in the Region of Abruzzo
  - Situated 444m above sea level on a sub-Appennine balcony
  - Beautiful views of the mountains and 20 minutes from the Adriatic Sea.
- Faculty:** The Principal and:
- 3 qualified, experienced teachers from TCDSB staying on premises in Atri
  - 1 person from Centro Scuola also will be on-site in Italy during excursions
- Maximum #  
Of Students:** 40 - from TCDSB
- Accommodations:**
- 3 Star Hotel in Atri (Hotel du Parc) - double occupancy with full en suite bathrooms or 4 Star Hotel Garden in Porto
  - Ground transportation in a private luxury motor coach
  - 3 meals daily- prepared on-site
  - On-site laundry services
- Cost of Entire  
Package:** \$9000.00 per student  
Includes:
- Flight and all Airport Taxes
  - All other ground transportation
  - All accommodations listed above
  - All excursions
  - All entrances to museums etc...
  - 3 meals daily (except lunches while on excursion)

## **EXCURSIONS IN ITALY**

The students will visit:

### **ROME** (*Region of Lazio*) – twice:

- First Visit: The Pantheon, The Colosseum, The Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona, and St. Peter's Basilica.
- Second Visit: The Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel.

### **FLORENCE** (*Region of Toscana*) – Birthplace of the Renaissance and Dante Alighieri

- Piazza della Signoria -the square of the old city council.
- Santa Croce - amazing church with the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and Puccini as well as Frescos by Giotto.
- Santa Maria del Fiore - Florence's main cathedral.
- Accademia di Belle Arti - museum which houses Michelangelo's David.
- Ponte Vecchio - Florence's oldest and most beautiful bridge home to Italy's most distinguished goldsmiths.

### **SAN GIMIGNANO** (*Region of Toscana*)

- A perfect model of a walled medieval city with old towers left intact, a GORGEOUS cathedral covered in Frescos as well as some of the best views and gelato in Italy.

### **VENEZIA** (*Region of Veneto*)

- The Basilica of San Marco – The city's HUGE mosaic covered Byzantine inspired basilica which took 900 years to finish.
- Piazza San Marco - one of Italy's biggest and most beautiful piazzas.
- Ponte di Rialto - the main bridge of Venice over the Grand Canal
- Students will also have the opportunity to ride gondolas at their own expense.

### **ASSISI** (*Region of Umbria*)

- Birthplace of Saint Francis and home to the Basilica in his name.
- The Basilica has three parts: a crypt with the remains of St. Francis; the original basilica of the 1230's; and the newest addition from the late 1400's.

### **POMPEI** (*Region of Campania*)

- Visit the site of the city trapped in time by lava after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD.
- Have a guided tour of the town and see, in great detail, the town's buildings, streets, vendor's stands, art and homes.

### **AMALFI COAST** (*Region of Campania*)

- Visually stunning and historically important as hosting some of the oldest cities in Italy's history.
- Gorgeous fishing towns carved into rock and birthplace of some of Italy's most famous folk songs.

### **VERONA** (*Region of Veneto*)

- Termed the gateway to Europe for its location in northern Italy where it was a very important military post for the Romans and then gained importance for its shipping capabilities.
- A very rich city, impeccable to look at with beautiful piazzas to admire.
- The Arena di Verona, the best preserved Roman built stadium in Italy (built contemporarily to the Colosseum but in much better shape).
- Setting of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.