

**American River College
5-Week Florence Program
Summer 2008**



Application Procedure

1. Complete the AIFS application form, securing the signature of your college's study abroad program director and thus certifying your eligibility to apply.
2. Attach a check for \$450 payable to "AIFS," or charge the payment by completing Part C of this application. Please note: AIFS will charge a \$35 returned check fee on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds. **Please see Agreement & Release form for the complete refund policy.**
3. Attach a photocopy of the information page of your passport (the page with your picture). If you do not yet have a passport, please apply for one immediately and mail a copy once you have received it.
4. Mail or give the completed application form and receipt to the contact person at your school: Bill Wrightson, Behavioral/Social Science, American River College, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841, Phone (916) 484-8429, E-mail: wrightb@arc.losrios.edu
5. The balance of fees should be sent before the dates indicated directly to: American Institute For Foreign Study, Partnership Programs, College Division, River Plaza, 9 West Broad Street, Stamford, CT 06902-3788.

The AIFS program fee of \$3,695.00 includes the following (based on an enrollment of 20-24 participants):

- ⇒ accommodation in shared self-catering apartments within the historic center of Florence in twin-bedded rooms with typically 4 students sharing a 2-bedroom apartment;
- ⇒ orientation program in Florence consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff; student information packet including comprehensive student handbook and local area information, etc.; a welcome dinner; and a guided half-day walking tour of central Florence;
- ⇒ survival Italian language course meeting three hours a week for four weeks and including materials;
- ⇒ entrances to the Accademia and Opera dell' Duomo;
- ⇒ entrances and guided tours of the Uffizi Gallery and the Bargello;
- ⇒ museum passes with unlimited entry to the Uffizi, Bargello, San Marco, Accademia, and Pitti Palace, among others;
- ⇒ guided day-trip by private bus to Siena and San Gimignano;
- ⇒ guided excursions to: a local vineyard and olive grove for wine tasting and olive oil tasting; and to Cinque Terre including entrance to the paths, train tickets and a group dinner (*both excursions include round-trip transportation by private bus*);
- ⇒ a Tuscan cooking class;
- ⇒ five-day/four-night guided excursion to Rome including round-trip transportation, accommodations in a centrally located tourist-class hotel with en suite facilities and daily breakfast, entrances to the Colosseum and Vatican Museums with guided tours, a group dinner, and the services of an AIFS representative for the duration of the excursion;
- ⇒ a group farewell dinner in Florence at Il Latini;
- ⇒ medical and program fee refund insurance policies;
- ⇒ \$50 application fee.

Program fee does not include the following:

- ⇒ optional transportation package including round-trip transatlantic airfare between San Francisco and Florence, and round-trip transfers between the airport overseas and your program site on the specified program date(s) at a cost of \$1,425.00*;
- ⇒ mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of \$348.00 (subject to change);
- ⇒ \$125 refundable damage deposit;
- ⇒ optional meal plan consisting of 15 vouchers for some lunches or dinners in local trattoria in Florence for \$265;
- ⇒ tuition fees to your college;
- ⇒ textbooks;
- ⇒ meals not listed above;
- ⇒ passport and visa fees if applicable;
- ⇒ additional field trips or excursions required by your instructors;
- ⇒ personal expenses such as laundry;
- ⇒ optional personal effects coverage and medical insurance upgrade.

* AIFS offers round-trip transportation between San Francisco and Florence including overseas transfers between the airport and your program site, at a cost of \$1,425.00 excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of \$348.00 (subject to change) for which you will be billed separately. Please mark your application form if you wish to purchase the flight, and you will be billed accordingly. A minimum of 10 participants must take the flight for it to be offered.

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