

SPOLETO STUDY ABROAD ITALY

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What?

The Spoleto Study Abroad summer session is an arts and humanities immersion program for high school students, ages 15-19, interested in visual arts, photography, creative writing, instrumental music (strings), vocal music, drama, and filmmaking.

This program offers students the opportunity to explore the rich cultural and artistic heritage of central Italy; to work closely with talented faculty and peers from around the world; and to grow academically, artistically, and personally.

When?

**JULY
6-31
2017**

Where?

Spoletto, Italy, a gorgeous medieval hillside town in central Italy, will be your home throughout the program. With its steep winding cobblestoned streets and 15th century architecture, Spoleto is the perfect setting for this extraordinary program. This beautifully preserved authentic Italian town puts students in touch with the rich heritage of the renaissance. In an atmosphere of art, history, and culture, the students live and work in a truly captivating and inspiring setting.

Spoletto



Living Life, Italian Style

All students live together European collegial style at the Residence di Sant'Angelo, a gorgeous renovated fifteenth century convent in the heart of the historic medieval section of Spoleto. The residence has been updated with modern conveniences and has spacious courtyards, colorful gardens, and terraces. It is only a short walk to classes, the main piazzas of town, shops, and restaurants. Students are supervised and guided by faculty, and the fellowship teachers who live at the residence with the students.

Italy is known for its cuisine and the province of Umbria lives up to even the highest expectations. An Italian continental breakfast is served in the courtyard of the convent. Lunch and dinner are served in an incredible family-run restaurant in town with menus showcasing the fresh local Umbrian cuisine.

Study Programs

Filmmaking

As students are exposed to the unique landscape and architecture of Umbria, they'll be inspired to develop stories using classic filmmaking techniques. Units exploring camera angles and movement, long takes, montage, and mise en scene will allow young filmmakers to tell their stories against the backdrop of a beautiful Italian town.

Visual Arts

Students explore the conceptual and technical elements of art through studio classes, art history, and field trips. Courses include instruction and exercises in drawing, painting, and two-dimensional design. This hands-on course provides students with a rich tapestry of subject matter, personal instruction, and the time to focus deeply on their works of art. The course is designed to help the students develop stronger individual portfolios. Final works are exhibited in an art show.

Vocal Music

Emphasizing artistic and technical growth, students are immersed in a wealth of musical offerings from the baroque to contemporary. The program includes both group and private lessons exploring a wide range of musical compositions. Students will also be exposed to the rich history and influence of Italian opera. Several performances will be given by the vocal music students in Spoleto.

Photography

You will explore your creativity through lens choice, camera angles, lighting, and custom function settings on your camera. The course is very hands-on through on-location photo assignments and some photo editing. Though image editing will be studied in this course to complete your final photo essay, the emphasis is placed on image capture, and soaking up the exquisite beauty that Italy has to offer!

Creative Writing

This course is designed around the concept of town as the text. During the morning meeting, students look at models of written work and discuss principles such as voice, diction, tone, structure, and audience. The afternoon writing workshops are held on foot with a journal and pen, taking lengthy walks through Spoleto, absorbing and recording the physical and cultural features of the ancient town. Two major pieces are produced and presented during the program.

Drama

The drama program gives students the opportunity to develop solid traditional acting skills. Each student will finish the program with a polished piece for auditions, and heightened acting abilities suitable for a broad range of material from classical to contemporary theatre. Students will perform short pieces throughout the program with their major performance piece at the program's end.

Instrumental Music (strings)

The chamber music program will accept talented piano and strings (violin, viola, cello) players. The aim is to emphasize artistic and technical growth through private individual lessons, group chamber music sessions, and performances. Students will work on some major works of the chamber repertoire with leading musicians in the field. Several concerts will be given throughout the session. Time will be afforded for individual and group practice.

Supplemental curriculum

Introductory Italian, Art & Ideas, theoretical and technical classes and workshops related to each student's chosen area of artistic interest.

Enrollment

Students must have finished the ninth grade and demonstrate marked proficiency in their specific area of interest. A complete application and portfolio/audition must be submitted.

Students can find the application, information on the audition process, and portfolio requirements on our website. There is no language requirement. Students from all high schools are welcome to apply to Spoleto Study Abroad.

Cost

The comprehensive fee for Spoleto Study Abroad is \$5,800 for applications postmarked by 2/20/17. Tuition for applications postmarked after 2/20/16 is \$5,850. This fee includes tuition for courses, meals, lodging, books, materials, entrance fees for group activities, and all field trip related transportation within Italy. Expenses not included are round-trip airfare to Rome, passport fees, travel insurance, and personal expenses.

Application

Early applications are welcome and encouraged. Program space is limited and fills quickly. The program fee for applications postmarked by 2/20/17 is \$5,800. The fee for applications postmarked after 2/20/17 is \$5,850. Applications and instructions may be downloaded from our website. Spoleto Study Abroad will accept applications after 2/20/17, as long as space remains available.

