



## Upcoming Opportunities with The Center for Gifted Studies



### **SUPER SATURDAYS**

Winter 2020: February 1, 8, 15, & 22, 2020

Fall 2020: Dates TBA



### **THE SUMMER CAMP FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (SCATS)**

June 7-19, 2020



### **THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR VERBALLY AND MATHEMATICALLY PRECOCIOUS YOUTH (VAMPY)**

June 21 - July 11, 2020

# Spring Break in Italy

*April 3 - 12, 2020*



*A Travel/Study Program to  
Selected Points of Interest in Italy  
for Eighth Grade and  
High School Honors Students  
as well as Interested Adults*

**Sponsored by:**

**The Center for  
Gifted Studies  
at WKU**



## SPRING BREAK IN ITALY APRIL 3 - 12, 2020

This program is an opportunity for eighth grade and high school honors students as well as interested adults to spend eight days learning about the history, culture, and people of Italy. This program, sponsored by The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, is designed to provide participants with a carefully structured experience. Twenty-five qualified participants will be accompanied by the program director.

### PROGRAM COST

The program cost is \$4,250. This cost includes the following:

- Roundtrip airfare from Nashville, TN;
- Accommodations in double rooms (an adult may request a single room for an additional charge);
- Breakfast each day at the hotel;
- Admission to historic sites, museums, and other points of interest listed on the itinerary; and
- Travel by motor coach for excursions.

This cost is subject to increase should there be changes in airfares, monetary exchange rates, or service costs that are not now anticipated. The itinerary is subject to minor changes insofar as the daily activities are concerned.

All travelers must be able to participate in normal physical activities. In addition, student applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade;
2. Involvement in high school honors or gifted services; and
3. Two signatures from teachers, counselors, principals, and/or G/T coordinators recommending participation.

### APPLICATION

A copy of the information page of the passport and a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 are due with the application. Eligible participants will be admitted to the program in the order in which applications are received. The deposit will be returned if the study tour has reached capacity.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$500 deposit and a passport-size photograph are due with application
- \$2,000 payment due: February 1, 2020
- \$1,750 payment due: March 1, 2020

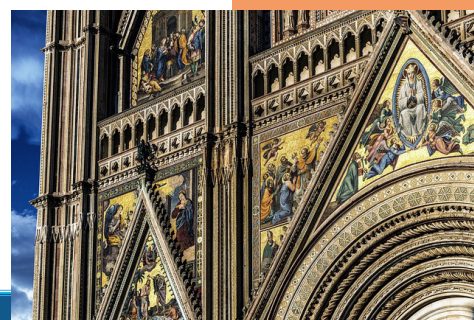
### Applications and requests for further information should be sent to:

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# TRAVEL ITINERARY

## Friday, April 3

Depart the USA for Rome.

## Saturday, April 4

Arrive in Rome and travel by motor coach to visit **Pompeii**. In 79 A.D., this Roman city of 20,000 people was buried by volcanic ash from an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The incredibly well-preserved remains of this town provide a real feel for Roman life in the 1st Century. Return to Rome and check into our hotel.

## Sunday, April 5

In the morning, walk through the massive **Coliseum** completed in 80 A.D. Visit the **Basilica San Clemente**. The present basilica, built in the 11th century, rests on top of a 4th century basilica which in turn was built over the remains of a 1st century pagan temple. Walk through the impressive ruins of the **Roman Forum**, the political and social center of the Republic. From the Forum, climb the Capitoline Hill to see the **Piazza del Campidoglio** designed by Michelangelo. In the afternoon, tour one of the catacombs, subterranean burial places used by early Christians for meetings and worship. End the day with a visit to the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, established in 314 A.D. over the tomb of the Apostle Paul.

## Monday, April 6

In the morning, visit the **Vatican Museums** to see a wide range of treasures including the **Sistine Chapel** with the famous Michelangelo frescoes on its ceiling and the wall behind the altar. The Vatican Museums are connected to **St. Peter's Basilica**, the world's largest and most significant Christian church. St. Peter's was established in 319 A.D. by Emperor Constantine. Leaving St. Peter's Basilica, walk through **St. Peter's Square** which is surrounded by the "arms" of the **Bernini Colonnade**. In the afternoon, visit the **Pantheon** and **Piazza Navona**. End the afternoon with a visit to the **Spanish Steps** and **Trevi Fountain**.

## Tuesday, April 7

Travel from Rome to **Orvieto**, a magnificent example of an Umbrian hill town located on

a 934 foot plateau. Have a guided tour of the **Duomo**, noted for its ornate exterior and the frescoes of the Last Judgment by Luca Signorella in **St. Brizio Chapel**. Have time to eat lunch and stroll through the narrow streets of the old town before traveling to Assisi. Spend the night in Assisi.

## Wednesday, April 8

After breakfast, visit the **Basilica of St. Francis**, the church built to honor Italy's patron saint, St. Francis. The basilica houses the tomb of St. Francis and some of the finest frescoes in the world. Have lunch in Assisi before going from Assisi to Florence. Arrive in Florence, check into our hotel, and take a walking tour of Florence.

## Thursday, April 9

Spend the morning on a guided tour of the **Uffizi Gallery**. Have lunch near the **Duomo**, the **Church of Santa Maria del Fiore**. In the afternoon, visit the **Baptistery**, the oldest standing building in Florence dating to the 6th century A.D. End the day with a tour of the **chapel mausoleum of the Medici**, renowned for its architecture and statues by Michelangelo.

## Friday, April 10

In the morning, tour the **Church of Santa Croce** which holds the tombs of Galileo, Ghiberti, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli as well as memorials to Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael. In the afternoon, tour the **Bargello**, the oldest surviving seat of government in Florence that now houses Italy's leading collection of Renaissance sculpture. Close out the day with a visit to the **Museum Academia** to view Michelangelo's David.

## Saturday, April 11

After breakfast, depart Florence for Rome, stopping at **Plaza Michelangelo** for a final view of Florence. En route visit **Pisa** to see the impressive cathedral and the famous **Leaning Tower**. Arrive in Rome in the afternoon and check into our hotel.

## Sunday, April 12

Depart Rome for the USA.

# Spring Break in Italy 2020

## APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(as it appears on your passport)

Previous Participation in The Center's programs \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS SECTION SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT APPLICANTS.

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in 2019-2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from applicant)

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## TWO RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS.

My signature verifies that the applicant is recommended for participation in the Spring Break in Italy 2020 in travel/study program.

Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher, Counselor, Principal, or G/T Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian  
(if applicant is a student)

