

CUSTOMIZED & FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES IN ITALY IS A DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZED IN DESIGNING AND MANAGING SPECIAL, CUSTOMIZED, AND FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS, WITH TWO MAIN LOCATIONS IN ITALY: FLORENCE AND CINQUE TERRE.

LOCATIONS

FLORENCE, ITALY

Florence is a unique city where past, present, and future seamlessly intertwine. With its central location and rich history, artistic heritage, and intellectual legacy, Florence continues to captivate and inspire visitors, offering a dynamic setting for both learning experiences and cultural immersion.

CINQUE TERRE, ITALY

Cradled between the Alps and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea, the city of La Spezia offers a learning experience unlike any other. Its strategic location, coupled with its proximity to the breathtaking Cinque Terre and the picturesque Tuscan Riviera, creates an ideal environment for both academic pursuits and cultural exploration.

DEVELOPING A SPECIAL PROGRAM

Academic Experiences in Italy's Special and Faculty-Led Programs Department offers academic packages for institutions and organizations that seek a personalized option for their students. Special, customized, and faculty-led programs can be designed for groups of all sizes and students of all ages. AEI unique and dynamic offerings give participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian culture through hands-on learning and community engagement.

PROGRAM TYPES INCLUDE

FACULTY-LED:

A program where a faculty member acts as a program leader, supervising participants without teaching an on-site course. Faculty represent their home institution and are responsible only for their own students, who enroll in at least one course with Academic Experiences in Italy, either directly or through it.

COOPERATIVE FACULTY-LED:

A program where a faculty member designs and participates in the program as an instructor. The faculty represents their home institution and teaches a course on-site exclusively to their own students. Students take one class with their accompanying faculty member(s) and one class with Academic Experiences in Italy.

CUSTOMIZED ENRICHMENT:

Non-credit programs tailored for students or adult learners which can feature Italian food, wine and culture, fashion, Italian language, art and architecture, business, journalism, and science topics. These programs can be tailored for adult professionals and students of all levels.

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DURATION

Academic Experiences in Italy Programs can be developed year-round throughout Italy, anytime and anywhere in the country. Programs that include apartment housing are generally offered during the following sessions:

> *Enrichment programs (non-credit) typically range from 1 week to 14 days in length, but offer a greater degree of flexibility and may be run at any time of year for shorter or longer periods.*

PROGRAM CONTENT

Program activities will depend on the specific needs of the home institution and on the program type. Programs may include, but not be limited to: non-credit lessons, including experiential learning, field learning and/or service learning courses; customized or group enrichment lessons (non-credit), and educational field learning activities:

- Art and Art History Lessons
- Italian Language Lessons
- Food & Wine Lessons (Cooking and Wine workshops, Market Tours, Lectures and Tasting)
- Walking Tours (Fashion, Art & Architecture, and Food & Wine Tours)
- Museum Visits
- Field Trips

Housing and Meal Plans

Depending on program type, length, time of year, and budget, housing can be arranged in centrally located hotels, residence-style apartments, or unique accommodations within walking distance (maximum 40 minutes) or a short bus/tram ride to campus facilities.
Accompanying Faculty and/or chaperones are accommodated in one-bedroom or studio apartment in the city center.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Participants and faculty will have full use of all Academic Experiences in Italy facilities including computer labs and printing facilities, wi-fi internet connection, free use of the library and gym. Additional optional elements include:

- Community Projects / Experiential Learning
- Non-credit activities such as workshops, lectures, and visits
- Meal plan units
- Welcome/farewell aperitivo or dinner
- Airport pick-up and/or drop-off
- Italian cultural and language classes
- International health insurance
- Educational field learning activities
- Museum visits and guided tours

Program Cost

The program cost depends on a number of elements and on the combination of services chosen according to the financial limitations and academic objectives of the institutions. Seasonal tourism demand may also impact the cost.

STUDENT LIFE AND EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

The Student Life and Development Department provides comprehensive support services, including health and counseling, 24-hour emergency assistance, and a variety of extracurricular activities. These services are available to all students, including those enrolled in Special and Faculty-Led Programs. Additionally, the Department facilitates airport pickup, housing check-in, and orientation at the beginning of any program that aligns with academic sessions.